

HISTORY OF THE TIKKUN V'OR TORAH סֵפֶר תּוֹרָה



1991

Ithaca Reform Temple is established in Ithaca.
A Torah תּוֹרָה is borrowed from a congregation in New Jersey.
The *aron* (ark) אָרוֹן is made by carpenter Grace Cooper.

1995

Sofer (scribe) סוֹפֵר Neil Yerman scribes a Torah.

1996 The arrival of the TvO Torah is celebrated, with many members writing some of the Hebrew letters to complete it.

Sally Dutko designs the Torah *mikseh* (mantel) מִכְסָּה, and *parochet* (curtain) פֶּרֶכֶת, with other quilters, with stitches added by members.

The *Ner Tamid* (Eternal Light) נֵר תָּמִיד is made by glass artist Lisa Burns.



TVO

members donate pieces of jewelry to be made into a *choshen* (breastplate) חֹשֶׁן by goldsmith Mickey Roof, following the tradition of contributing to the *mishkan* (tabernacle) מִשְׁכָּן





July 24, 2005

The Tikkun v'Or building is completed. As part of the dedication ceremony, dozens of community members walk with the Torah from its previous location (at the Unitarian Church) to the new home in Lansing, a journey of 5 miles.

2023

A Torah is borrowed from Temple Beth-El of Ithaca, while *sofer* (scribe) Julie Seltzer made repairs to the TvO Torah

Rabbi Shifrah Tobacman, Sally Ezra and Cyndi Slothhower repair the Torah cover, with assistance from Kenny Berkowitz and Menzie Berkowitz. Mihal Ronen makes new purple outer curtains, new white outer curtains to be used for High Holidays.



September 2025

A new, white holiday Torah cover is donated by Rabbi Lenore Bohm and David Phillips, in honor of Miranda Phillips, for her 50th birthday and her High Holidays leadership.