

Congregation Anshe Chesed, Building Restoration 251 West 100th Street, New York, NY

Located in the Riverside-West End Historic District, this 1927 Landmark building is home to Congregation Anshe Chesed, a 90-year old synagogue. The building design, a synthesis of Byzantine and Romanesque styles, features a distinctive sanctuary, which seats 1,600 worshippers. BGA was selected to bring new life to this grand landmark structure, notably the under-used original main entrance to restore it to its original design. Project features include:



- Restoration of the original entrance lobby. Two walls and the sets of double doors therein, which were not part of the original design, were removed to return the entrance lobby and archway to its former historic grandeur
- Re-surfacing of the entry walls and vaulted ceilings to reclaim the original plaster details and color scheme
- Modernization of the original pendant lighting with new LED lighting technology. A warm color LED was utilized to maintain the warmth of the original incandescent light source
- Reconfiguration of the Lobby restrooms for ADA compliance, including new energy-efficient plumbing fixtures and lighting, plus bright, new finishes
- Specification of new hardware for the heavy duty Oak and Stained Glass entrance doors, resembling the original hardware, and introduction of custom millwork bookcases and storage cabinets

