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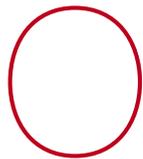


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Wagner Returns to Historic Synagogue That's Once Again Center of Jewish Life



In the corner of 6th and I streets, Northwest, sits a building that served as a

Conservative synagogue, then became an African Methodist Episcopal Church, and then was nearly converted to a nightclub. The first wedding ever held there was that of a Wright Brothers test pilot, in 1907. Today, as it was a century ago, the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue is a hub of social activity—if there's not a concert underway, there's probably a Hebrew class, a "Milkshake Mixer" or an evening of trivia.

"Back when it opened, this neighborhood was the center of Jewish life in D.C.," says Shelton Zuckerman, one of the three local businessmen who saved the building from becoming a nightclub. "And today, we've turned it into a new model, open to everyone. It's now a national and international model for engagement."

Throughout its colorful history, the synagogue (whose sanctuary draws on Moorish and Byzantine influences) has remained one of the most beautiful structures in the city.

6th and I Historic Synagogue

Location: 600 I Street, NW

Roofing: Removed, salvaged and relayed tile on domes. Replaced all deteriorated rafters, purlins and sheathing under domes and metal roofs. Installed new 20-ounce copper over flat portion of roof and 16-ounce standing seam over sloped portions.

And for nearly four decades, Wagner Roofing has been involved with it, in various ways. Most recently, Wagner replaced deteriorated rafters and installed new purlins (a horizontal beam in a roof structure that supports the common rafters) and a

new copper roof. All three of the building's domes were restored, during which the crew salvaged the original clay tiles. Wagner also installed new rafters, drains and base plates. Finally, the crew developed a

system so the building's operations manager could easily change the light bulbs inside

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Sixth and I Synagogue photo taken in 2006.



CHUCK WAGNER

Under the Roof at Wagner

Bill Sause

Job: Service Tech. We get a service call, and then we investigate and repair any leaky areas. We take pictures of everything—before and after.

Years at Wagner: 8 (with a break in between to work at Gallaudet University).

Favorite Roofing Job Service Call: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, especially the huge Tiffany skylights.

Lives in: Cobb Island, MD. It's like Mayberry. The biggest crime that occurs is someone siphoning gas or stealing an outboard motor.

Commute: One hour and 45 minutes. I listen to the radio.

Daily Wake-Up: 4 a.m.

Tool He Can't Live Without: My gift of gab. A lot of times I have to talk to customers that aren't happy with the situation they're in—maybe they just had a roof put on by another company and it leaks—and you have to go in and talk to them, assure them that it's going to be OK. As everyone at Wagner can attest, I love to talk.

Pastimes: I love the Jets. I love Ohio State football. I like to fish. Fortunately, I have friends with boats. When I bought the house on Cobb Island, people said don't bother getting a boat; just get friends with boats. So that's what I did.

Family: I'm a homebody. Generally we get movies on demand or get a DVD and hang out at home. Or we go to the mall with our 16-year-old daughter.



LINDSAY KEISER

Wagner Crew Completes Rural Virginia "Sleepover" Job

It's not often that a Wagner Roofing job has anything in common with sleep-away camp, but recent work at Staunton Hill changed that. The 1848 Castlelated Gothic house, located in rural southern Virginia, is far enough away from Wagner's Washington base that the crew had to live on site for much of the time that it took to replace the roof. (It was about a nine-hour round-trip drive for site foreman Tony Consentino—slightly too long for a daily commute.)

"They lived there for a weeks at a time," says the owner.

The Wagner crew stayed in a small cottage where they cooked their own meals. Sometimes they went home on the weekends, and other times they would work straight through.

During the year-long project, finished this spring, Wagner replaced 8,600 square feet of roofing and replaced one-third of the structural deck. The 12 conductor heads

(open-topped boxes that collect storm water from a gutter and funnel it into downspouts) were custom-fabricated to match the existing structures. The crew also engineered a new roofline that cannot be seen from the ground but that has enough of a slope so that water can run off in two directions.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the magnificent workmanship," the owner says. "And living there on site was quite an endurance test for them. They were cooperative and considerate. I never had to worry about a thing." ●

Staunton Hill Farms

Location: Southern Virginia
Roofing: Fabricated and installed new 20-ounce flat seam copper roof, gutters and downspouts.



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Letter From the Vice President

Wagner Office Staff Tours Job Sites

In May we took seven members of our office staff on a tour of Wagner jobs in Washington. Our first stop was the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, which we have been working



on for nearly eight months, installing new copper roofing and re-installing historic tiles

on the three domes. We were given a tour of the interior by Shana Porter and then were escorted to the roof. We were met by Kevin Morgan, Bob Woolbridge and Randy Herald of the Wagner team. Not only did we get to see this beautiful historic building and the fine architectural details, but we were able to see first-hand the fine work of Wagner's craftsmen.

We took a break for lunch

and then went to the Belgian Ambassador's residence on Foxhall Road, NW. We observed the metal being fabricated in our sheet metal shop, which consisted of 15 lead-coated dormers with intricate radiused detailing. It was fun to see the metal work. We were met at the job site by Wagner's Tony Consentino and Whiting Turner's project manager, Patricia Hartlove. They provided an excellent description of the metal and new Freedom Gray slate work being performed.

Of course, during our driving between the synagogue and Ambassador's residence, we passed many current and former Wagner jobs, including the Methodist Home on Military Road, for Donohoe Construction; the Kogod residence on Massachusetts Avenue, NW; and Saint Alban's School and



PATRICIA HARTLOVE

Company Tour: Wagner's office staff in front of the Belgian Ambassador's Residence. From Left: Chuck Wagner, Sheila Wagner, Jeremy Lee, Sarah Reynolds, Lindsay Keiser, Kamaren Kelton, Mary Day, Tahnje Boggess and Colleen Kennedy.

the National Cathedral School on Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

While we don't expect our office staff to be climbing scaffolding every month (and frankly, we don't think they want to be there, either), our field trip to a higher elevation was educational

and helped remind us of the critical and beautiful work that's going on atop our city's buildings.

Sheila Wagner

Serving the Community

After working on the building's roof, Wagner Roofing was proud to attend the June 24 dedication ceremony of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. NICoE is dedicated to the research, diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress. In attendance at the ceremony were more than 2,000 guests from all walks of life who made this center possible.

Wagner installed a 20-year

TPO Cool Roof system, which helped the building become LEED-certified. Additionally, the company supported the project and contributed to its earlier-than-expected completion.

Wagner would like to thank all of the wounded warriors and their families for their service, bravery and commitment to our nation's freedom. Furthermore, we are grateful to a great American, Mr. Arnold Fisher, for making this center possible. (See *The Washington Post*, Friday June 25, 2010: *Center for 'invisible wounds' Opens.*)

Commentary from our Customers

Austin Kiplinger:

"Once again I say: Your *Rooflines* is the best publication of its kind I have ever seen. I not only read it, I relish it!"

Nikitas C. Manitas:

"Your technician Bill Sause is truly outstanding. We are glad that he is back at Wagner Roofing."

Paul and Chand Tagliabue:

"Your men are *so* pleasant and professional. We appreciate the extras... they performed as needed when on site."

William Trimble:

"You are the single *best* provider of all services to us in the D.C. area."

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the large dome, accessing them from roof, through six-foot-tall stained glass windows (rather than trying to reach the bulbs from inside the sanctuary).

Wagner's Bob Wooldridge led the project with a seven-man crew that began work in January, working around weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and all the weekday events that are held at Sixth & I. They took off two weeks during the early 2010 blizzards but otherwise worked in aching cold and blisteringly hot weather, sometimes watching the thermometer on the roof (where the sun is reflected off the copper) hit 120 degrees by 8:30 a.m.

"Despite extreme weather conditions, Wagner has done a great job helping to preserve the synagogue through roofing artistry," says John Stranix of



Shelton Zuckerman congratulates Wagner's team on progress of renovations. From Left: Bob Wooldridge, Chuck Wagner, Shelton Zuckerman, Lindsay Keiser and project manager Kevin Morgan

Stranix Associates, the owner's representative (who has served the same role at Nationals Park and the Corcoran Gallery of Art). "Wagner's master craftsmen rebuilt the classic domes of this iconic building and coppered the roof to perfection. Their work will ensure that

the building will be here for generations to come."

Chuck Wagner says it's been an honor working on a synagogue with so much history—and one that his father once repaired (with the younger Wagner working as a helper). "The developers are committed to doing the restoration correctly," he says. "This building is a real treasure in Washington."

When construction began on the synagogue in 1906, it became the District's first experience with poured-in-place concrete. After serving a thriving community for several decades, the Adas Israel congregation moved to Cleveland Park and sold the building to the Turner Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1951. The church contacted Jack Wagner, Sr. (Chuck's father) in 1959 to help replace the steel nails on the domes. In 2002, when the church decided to move to Prince George's County, the building was sold to three local developers: Zuckerman, Douglas Jemal and the late Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin.

The sanctuary still has its original 1908 carved oak benches, and most of its original stained glass. The 31 by 36-inch original copper Star of David, placed on

the roof in 1908, was replicated by Wagner in 2004 to mark the rededication of the synagogue.

Zuckerman says there is something about the space that makes it hard for people to leave. Maybe it's the architecture, the remarkable acoustics or the interior warmth—but it's happened to artists, speakers and even a former president.

"George W. Bush was here [in 2005], and I was talking to him about the coziness of the space," Zuckerman says. "And he agreed that new churches are so big, with no sense of community. He didn't want to leave." Zuckerman says the sanctuary is proof that architecture impacts the way people feel. But people also come for the strong sense of community. High holiday services every year generate a long waiting list, and in a short time, it has become one of the city's favorite spots for the arts.

As he sits in the building's green room, which is dedicated to his grandmother, Leah, Zuckerman says Sixth & I has been an adventure he never expected in his wildest dreams. "I'm not religious, but what I do care about, and what Abe cared about, is Jewish life and culture. We wanted to keep that alive." ●



**Completed
Southeast Dome**

CHUCK WAGNER

MELANIE KAPLAN

In the Works

Other Wagner jobs in progress or recently completed.

American Red Cross: 431 18th St., NW—Installed Raychem heat tape on eave of roof to avoid winter ice dams. Repaired glazed tile that was damaged during the winter storm.

Geneson Residence: Alexandria, VA—Installed 30-pound felt, replaced copper valleys and restored slate roof on the 1920s home, which was built on one of George Washington's personal farms.

Apple Store: 1229 Wisconsin Ave., NW—Installed stainless steel flat seam and membrane roofing for Shawmut Design and Construction



Belgian Ambassador's Residence: 2300 Foxhall Rd., NW—Installing new Buckingham slate, built-in copper gutters and batten seam copper roof as seen in photo to the right. Replicated and installed 15 copper dormers and window trim for Whiting Turner Construction Company.



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CHUCK WAGNER

Embassy of Swaziland: 1712 New Hampshire Ave., NW—Installing new hand-cut radiused red shingle tile on turret, Spanish tile and copper built-in gutters on the mansard, and new EPDM roofs for Monarc Construction.



STEVE DASGUPTA

Phillips Collection: 1600 21st St., NW—Installing sea green Vermont slate and copper built-in gutters on mansard roof for Structural Preservation Systems Group.



JISA ARCHITECTS

Methodist Home: 2701 Military Rd., NW—Installing salvaged Buckingham slate, new Ecostar slate and Thermoplastic Membrane for Donohoe Construction Company.

In the Office, On the Roof: Wagner's More Green. Here's Proof!

Wagner Roofing is making strides to become more environmentally friendly in the office and on its job sites. Since January, when a new sustainability statement was added to our employee handbook, Wagner has been committed to choosing green alternatives to lower energy costs and decrease waste.

In the office, employees now participate in a new recycling program and are more aware of their energy consumption and waste. All paper is recycled or purchased from a managed growth source, and all office supplies are shipped from within a 500-mile radius to lower Wagner's carbon footprint. The main office received all new washable tableware in the break room, and new long-burning energy efficient light bulbs were installed throughout the office. An energy audit will be

performed this summer to further increase our energy savings and make us eligible to become a Certified Green Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors.

Although Wagner has recycled copper since 1914, we are now diverting other construction waste from the landfill as well, such as steel and aluminum. Last month alone we recycled more than 709 pounds of various metals.

The changes have lowered our overhead costs and have decreased our carbon footprint and our trips to landfills. Also, Wagner employees say that the more environmentally friendly approach at work is helping them lead more sustainable lives at home.

If you have any questions about Wagner's green initiatives or environmentally friendly roofing alternatives please contact Lindsay Keiser, LEED AP Project Manager. Lindsay.Keiser@wagnerroofing.com. ●



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