

# City of Madison Engineering Division: Focuses on Gates of Heaven for Historic Preservation Month

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MADISON, WI – The City of Madison Engineering Division would like the community to join in celebrating Historic Preservation Month as we focus on the recent restoration work at Gates of Heaven.

Gates of Heaven was built in 1863 and is one of the oldest surviving synagogue building in the nation and is located in the James Madison Park, 302 E. Gorham Street, Madison, Wis., 53706. Gates of Heaven is a locally designated landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Throughout May, City Engineering will focus on different parts of the Gates of Heaven restoration work with social media posts and a video highlight. The community can expect unique information they've never seen before about the following topics on the City Engineering Facebook and Twitter pages:

- May 3: Celebrate Historic Preservation Month with Engineering
- May 7: History of Gates of Heaven and its relocation
- May 14: Exterior restoration: brick
- May 21: Exterior restoration: stone
- May 28: Exterior restoration: windows and doors
- May 31: Thank you for celebrating with us!

Gates of Heaven is undergoing restoration work which includes restoring the masonry, windows and doors. The work also includes cleaning and consolidation of the Madison sandstone, limited repairs to stone, cleaning of brick, repointing of

stone and brick, rehabilitation of the wood sash, doors, and related trim, and installation of exterior storms on all windows.