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KITCHEN & BATH by DEGABLI CELEBRATES ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

If America is the land of opportunity, then Arie Degabli is living proof of how someone can achieve the American dream. Arriving in the United States from Israel in, June 1989, and settling in the Chicagoland area, Degabli started Degabli Construction in 1996 by installing cabinetry for homes and offices as well as doing general home repairs. His goal was to have his own design store one day to make it easier for his clients to visualize how kitchen and bathroom cabinetry will look in a specific space.

This June, Kitchen & Bath by Degabli (KBD), a 4,000-square-foot showroom at 3026 Commercial Ave. in Northbrook, is celebrating its first anniversary. "We are determined to make any design dream a reality," says owner Arie Degabli, who traveled to many different countries including the fashion capitals of Milan and Paris. Degabli was always interested in new up and coming European designs. "Interior design and fashion work hand in hand- and because they are always changing- it's important to stay current and know the trends before they hit the states."

The design staff at KBD knows the purpose of any project is to make the space esthetically pleasing as well as functional-and to keep in mind- that each client has his or her own unique concerns when undertaking a new kitchen or bathroom project. The company's goal is to meet those needs and exceed each client's expectations."

KBD works with clients who are building a new home or remodeling an existing one. In

addition to designing cabinets for the kitchen, bath, laundry room, home office and library, the company can create custom pieces for your living room such as hutches and entertainment centers. KBD offers custom cabinets from Dewils, Cuisines Laurier and Heritage. All are built to fit the specifications of each project.

The 12-foot-by-12-foot kitchen vignette is designed with the Dewils cabinet line, a Stanisci hood, Sub-Zero refrigerator, Wolf range and Bosch dishwasher. KBD also carries Viking stoves/ovens, and Liebherr appliances. Fixtures for the bathroom and kitchen are from Kohler, Grohe, Kallista, Jacuzzi and Dorn Bracht. KBD can complete a project by installing countertops in granite, silestone, Corian, Qwinque wood or Eco-friendly products such as PaperStone, Caesar Stone Cambria and Vetrazzo. Experienced remodelers can add or remove walls, take care of any electrical work as well as exterior projects or general remodeling.

The firm's designer, Marianna Gariti, is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Art in Schaumburg with a Bachelors Degree in Interior Design. She attended study abroad programs in design and architecture Italy, Greece, Germany Holland the Czech Republic and the Netherlands. "I look forward to providing personalized service to our clients," she says. "Because our clients are so pleased with their finished projects, new clients are using our service due to these many recommendations."

KBD offers an advanced rendering program where floor plans and elevations can all be viewed 3-D with a click of a mouse. KBD's hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday or by appointment during non- business hours. For further information visit email degablikb@yahoo.com or phone (847) 205-2238.