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TODDLER PROGRAM

SUMMER 2007:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am-11:30am
(ages approx-18months-33 months)**

[2007-2008 Fall/Spring Registration Form](#)

Liz Rios will teach the younger group. As many parents know, Liz has been working with children in the congregation for many years and has taught in the Toddler program since its inception in 1999.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue
Congregation Shearith Israel
 8 West 70th Street
 New York, NY 10023

TODDLER PROGRAM

Fall and Spring Registration
 For ages 16 months-33 months
Caregiver attendance required
Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:30-11:30
2007/08 (Sept. 10 – June 4)

Name of Child: _____ DOB: m d y _____
 Name of Parent/s: _____
 Home Address: _____
 Home Telephone No: _____
 Work Telephone No./s: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Caregiver attending (if other than above): _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency No: _____
 Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's No: _____
 Allergies? _____
 Anything else we should know? _____

Please mark your selection from the following choices:

Full Year : 2007/08 (Discount with Full Year enrollment)

(2 day)	Member: \$2230 _____	Non-Member: \$2700 _____
(1 day)	Member: \$1340 _____	Non-Member: \$1620 _____

Fall 2007: Sept. 10th - Dec. 19th: (No groups: Oct. 8 Columbus Day)

(2 day)	Member: \$1085 _____	Non-Member: \$1300 _____
(1 day)	Member: \$655 _____	Non-Member: \$790 _____

Spring 2008: Jan. 7th – June 4 (No groups: Jan. 21 MLK Day; Feb. 18 President's Day; May26 Memorial Day)

(2 day)	Member: \$1265 _____	Non-Member: \$1520 _____
(1 day)	Member: \$760 _____	Non-Member: \$900 _____

Registration is on a continuous basis as places are available. Preference is given to 2-day enrollment.

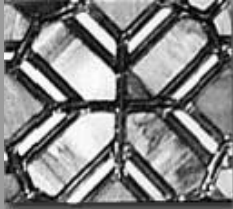
Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Synagogue: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please complete this form and submit to the Synagogue office with a check made out to: Early Childhood Programs, Cong. Shearith Israel. Questions? Call the office @ (212) 873-0300

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NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

By Alana Shultz

Winter is here, and while it may be cold outside, we certainly did our part to add some warmth and light over the Hanukkah season, literally and spiritually!

Our Hessed initiative is coming along very nicely! We had a wonderful group in attendance at the Bikur Holim conference. Members of the congregation have stepped up to dedicate their time to visit some homebound from the community, members volunteered to deliver Hanukkah packages to the elderly through DOROT, and our Coat Drive enabled many needy New York Jews to stay warm this winter. The holidays are always festive at Shearith Israel. We watched the Thanksgiving Parade march on, and celebrated Hanukkah many times over.

The annual Sephardic Music Festival entertained us with Sephardic slam poetry of Vanessa Hidary, The Hebrew Mamita, and the spirited sounds of Spain with musician Gerard Edery. Our children helped construct one of the world's largest menorot, out of Lego! And our teenagers introduced Hanukkah Poker at Shearith Israel sponsored NCSY Hanukkah Party (NCSY is a Jewish Youth movement for High school students. Please contact Alana for more information).

As usual, our kids away in college were in our hearts, as we sent them gifts from the congregation. Our Hanukkah Shabbat Hospitality Dinner brought in a full house! We welcomed members of the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue as our guests and enjoyed one another's company over delicious food, interactive table games and lively Hanukkah songs!

Over November and December, we celebrated not only song, but poetry as well. As usual, our monthly Poetry Shmooze with Janet Kirchheimer continued to enlighten us, but we had at the additional treat of hearing a reading from students from her Master Poetry Class, and celebrated Janet's published book at her Book Party! Other events included a screening of the Oscar-nominated Brazilian film, *The Year My Parents Went on Vacation*. All who attended raved about the movie, which opens in theaters in January. Shearith Israel was also happy to host hundreds of young internationals at our annual collaborative Shabbat dinner with the Jewish International Connection which provides a community in NY for young Jewish adults from abroad.

Coming up, you can look forward to our annual Rollerblading party for the kids, and many more joint youth programs with other UWS synagogues, including movie nights, off-site trips and more. Sunday, January 20th will be the Tu b'Shebat Youth Party, and a congregational Tu b'Shebat seder held in the Spanish and Portuguese tradition will be held Monday, January 21st, led by our own Rabbi Ira Rohde and Rev. Salomon Vaz Dias. Hospitality Shabbat dinners will be held on Friday, January 18th and February 15th. Look out for flyers and emails on these events and more, such as a series of lectures in celebration of Israel's 60th birthday, a series of parenting classes, future Poetry Shmooze dates, Family Learning and an evening of wine tasting.

Weekly Shabbat activities will continue as usual, with children aged 5-12 on the second floor classrooms with our Group Leaders, while Toddlers join Liz in the New Auditorium, both starting at 10am. A Tot Shabbat service, consisting of singing, learning berakhot, and learning the Parashah, is held on a weekly basis. Junior Congregation takes place roughly every other week, beginning around 10:15am.

The Spring Semester of the Toddler Program, for children aged 16 months to 33 months and their caregivers, will begin in January and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Contact the office to register. Our ever-popular Tai Chi class will also continue on Thursday mornings at 11:00am.

To get in touch with me regarding these programs or to share any ideas you may have, please email alana.shultz@shearithisrael.org or call 212-873-0300 x209. I look forward to a fun and active year ahead!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL -PTTS

In 1802, Meir Polonies donated \$900 to fund our Religious School. 201 years later, the school still carries his name (the Polonies Talmud Torah School), a dedication to the continuity of the educational programs at Shearith Israel. Today, approximately forty children aged 3-16 attend our school, comprised of families from a wide range of religious observances. Our school specializes in exciting Jewish content and Hebrew reading, close teacher-student relationships, and a greater connection to the wider community. Our emphasis is on a deep understanding of our traditions, critical thinking, and the ever-relevant applicability of the Torah's teachings to contemporary life. We encourage children to remain in the school beyond their Bar and Bat Mitzvah, to further develop their religious identities. For more information, please contact Rabbi Hayyim Angel (212-873-0300 ext. 206), Principal.

PTTS Update

Rabbi Hayyim Angel, Principal

We would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2006-2007 leadership awards: **Alexandra Banin**, for her participation in our Shabuoth Ruth reading, setting the tone for other girls in her class and the class below her to participate in future years. **Michael Okin**, for his outstanding attendance and achievement in Hebrew reading and Bible study. **Danny Etzioni, Riva Goldman, Sophie Maxman & Stephanie Slepian**, for joining the new generation of post-Bar and Bat Mitzvah study in our school. You set the standard for other students to emulate, and we are proud of your achievements and commitment to the school and congregation!

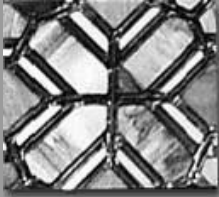
Leadership skills developed in our school often mature into more substantial commitments as our students grow older. **Adam Towne**, a long-time student in our Religious School who has entered his Sophomore year at Cornell University, has been elected Engagement Chair of the Cornell Hillel Jewish Student Union. He is in charge of getting Jewish students of all backgrounds

to become more involved in the Jewish clubs on campus. **Lizzy Maxman**, who has entered tenth grade at the Beacon School, is now the Vice President of the Upper West Side chapter of the National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY). She also received their annual *hesed* award for character last year.



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YOUTH & FAMILY

Weekly Shabbat Clubs

10:00am-12:00pm

Fun and meaningful Shabbat activities for children of all ages

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

We now are entering our sixth year of the Junior Congregation, which has enabled boys and girls aged 5-15 to learn parts of the services and participate in an educational setting in the Small Synagogue. Seth Haberman and Lisa Rohde will be joined by Lynn Kaye in leading the Junior congregation.

The dates for this year's Junior Congregations: December 22; January 5, 19; February 2, 16; March 1; April 12, 25; May 3, 17; June 9 (1st day Shabuoth, with girls' Ruth reading to follow services), June 14 – end of the year luncheon.

We now have beautiful new Junior Congregation prayer books that Seth Haberman helped to arrange. They have been dedicated to the memory of our late Hazan, Rev. Abraham Lopes Cardozo—who, aside from serving our Congregation for sixty years, also helped teach our children in the Junior Congregation.

Family Education for all ages

at Congregation Shearith Israel

Educational programming where adults and children learn together and from each other - bringing Jewish education home

Kick off: Fun-filled Hospitality Shabbat Dinner Dec 7

Shabbat Family Programs: After kiddush 2/2, 2/16, 3/1, 5/17

Special Sunday Breakfast: 4/6 at 9am

Our Shabbat and Sunday family program consists of a 20 min. family educational activity, followed by a 45min. adult class led by Aaron Finkelstein, rabbinical student at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah. During the adult class we offer a concurrent children's activity for 45 min. For further information contact lynn.kaye@shearithisrael.org

All events at the Levy Auditorium at Congregation Shearith Israel

Guitar Lessons

Noah Solomon from the well-known band Soulfarm will be teaching beginners' guitar.

Right now we have Tuesdays at 5:15pm scheduled.

Depending on interest, we may open up another day.

A guitar is not needed for the first class, but you should purchase one thereafter.

Noah suggests going to Sam Ash or Guitar Center to buy a \$100-150 guitar. The class will cost approximately \$18/session.

RSVP to Alana




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What is the length of the school day?

Children in the Gan at Beit Rabban attend school five days per week. The regular school day is immediately followed by an optional Enrichment Program which provides additional active learning engagement for those children who are developmentally ready for a longer and more intensive day.

Gan regular hours: 9:00 am to 12:30pm

Gan Enrichment Program: 12:30pm to 2:00pm (1:30 on Fridays)

Early drop off available at 8:30am

Children in the elementary school have varying hours depending on age as follows. Optional after-school activities are offered at additional charge by the Parents Association.

Garinim (Kindergarten/1st grade) and **Shtillim** (2/3rd):
8:30 am to 3:30 pm (1:30 on Fridays)

Nitzanim (4th/5th):
8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Mon, Tues, Wed)
8:30 am to 3:30 pm (Thurs)
8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Friday)

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What is the tuition for a Beit Rabban education?

For the 2007-2008 school year, tuition costs are as follows:

Gan at Beit Rabban (12:30pm dismissal): \$12,800

Gan with Enrichment Program (2:00pm dismissal): \$13,950

Elementary school (K - 5): \$19,950

Financial aid is available.

Tuition costs are subject to change on an annual basis.

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What are the transportation options to and from school?

Three school buses run every day to and from Beit Rabban, from the following neighborhoods: The Upper West Side (Manhattan), the Lower East Side (Manhattan), Riverdale (Bronx).

Buses are available to children in the elementary school (K and up) only. Afternoon buses are available for all dismissal times. Parents of children in the Gan at Beit Rabban must arrange their own transportation to and from school. Please call us if you have questions or concerns about transportation.

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How many children are in the school and in each class, and how many teachers in each class?

In the 2007-2008 school-year, The Gan at Beit Rabban will have three classes with 8-9 children in the two younger Gan classes, and 12-14 children in the older Gan class. Each of these three classes has two full-time teachers.

In the 2007-2008 school-year, the elementary school will have two Garinim (kindergarten/1st grade) classes with 15-18 children in each, two Shtillim (2/3rd grades) classes with 15-18 children in each, and one Nitzanim (4th/5th grades) class with 15 children. Each of these classes has two full time teachers, and the Garinim classes each have one Teaching Assistant as well.

We are dedicated to keeping a low teacher/student ratio and to having classes that are large enough to provide a variety of personalities and interests and diverse social possibilities for the children, while remaining small enough that all participants in the community, children and teachers alike, know each other well and are comfortable in their environment.

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Can I speak with current Beit Rabban parent to hear about their experience of the school?

Yes! We are happy to connect you to a current parent from the Beit Rabban community. This is one of the best ways to learn about the liveliness of Beit Rabban learning and the school community.

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Where is Beit Rabban located?

We are located in the community building of Congregation Shearith Israel, The Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, at **8 West 70th Street**, just off of Central Park West. Though we are not affiliated with the synagogue, we are grateful to be housed

on their historic, beautiful site. Please click on "Contact Us" for a map.

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How can I get an information/application packet?

Please call our office at 212.595.1386 or email our Director of Admissions, Molly Weingrod, at admissions@beitrabban.org specifying your child's name and age with exact birth-date, and your address and telephone number so that we can get in contact with you. We will be happy to send you an information/application packet.

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partake in the Jewish traditions which are integral to their faith. The multi-function room will be the site of after-service components of Sabbath *Kiddush*, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, baby namings and other Life Cycle events. As indicated in the October 25, 2007 submission to the Board, CSI will not lease the multi-function room to outside catering entities. CSI's bylaws specify that all ceremonies must be conducted under the auspices of CSI's rabbi and with CSI's Sephardic customs, all but assuring the celebrants are CSI congregants.

In addition to the additional religious and life cycle programming the new multi-function room will allow, there are two other communal/family programs which are currently severely compromised by the limitations in the Levy Auditorium (in addition to the accessibility limitations discussed elsewhere):

1. Family Education: The Congregation-wide program currently brings up to 50 children and 100 adults together. Due to the scheduling difficulties associated with the Levy Auditorium, the classes need to be arbitrarily subdivided into Saturday sessions from 12:30 to 2 PM following *Kiddush* and Sunday mornings. The New Building will enable CSI to schedule the entire Family Education Program on Saturday afternoons following services and *Kiddush* in the multi-function room.
2. Music, Film and Lecture Series: Approximately three to eight evening events are scheduled each month in the Levy Auditorium with attendance ranging from relatively few to 200 persons. The New Building will allow for fluidity: smaller events can take place in the adult fourth floor classrooms and larger events can take place in the multi-function room.

B. CSI Hebrew School

CSI's Hebrew School currently serves approximately 35 to 50 students between grades one and ten under significantly substandard learning conditions. Sunday classes are held in the existing Community House from 9:30AM to Noon in four 3rd floor classrooms and a single 4th floor classroom. Weekday classes are held from 3:30 to 6:00PM in these same classrooms.

Conflicts with the Hebrew School Program. Due to the age disparity among the children and age-specific learning requirements, classes need to be broken into seven separate learning groups. These groups exceed the number of available classrooms in the existing Community House. Older children cannot share rooms dedicated to younger students because the lower grade rooms have smaller tables and chairs which are unsuitable for the older students. Moving furniture from room to room has been tried but is counter-productive and disruptive to classes in session. Combining grade levels within a classroom or relocating to either existing auditorium has proven detrimental to classroom order and destroys the intimate learning environment every school seeks. These same classrooms are occupied by Beit Rabban most weekdays from approximately 8:00AM to 5PM. It must be noted that while men's' and ladies' bathrooms are located on

the third floor, no facilities are located on the fourth floor and none are appropriate for the younger children.

Future Hebrew School Programming Needs. The New Building will provide appropriately sized and barrier-free classrooms will be dedicated to specific grade levels. The third floor provides individual classrooms for first through third grade children; fourth through fifth grade children; eighth grade children; and ninth through tenth grade children. Two classrooms for sixth through seventh grade children are also provided on this floor. In contrast to the current rationing of too few classrooms, flexible scheduling will permit the Adult Education Program, Hebrew School and private study sessions to co-exist in the three 4th floor classrooms as need arises and as the respective programs expand and grow. Programmatic and accessibility issues that face current and future students are resolved in the New Building: (1) all classrooms are accessible by elevator and/or stairs; (2) seven large, well-ventilated classrooms will allow for more focused learning and social interaction; and (3) bathroom facilities for boys and girls are located on both the third and fourth floor.

Ongoing Supplemental Tutoring for Children. Approximately 20 boys and girls now meet individually with the Cantor for private lessons in preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah. These learning sessions take place in the Cantor's study. The students also participate in ongoing supplemental tutoring and voice training, which is available on Sunday mornings, every afternoon and on weekends (daytime or evenings). Due to program deficiencies with respect to the availability of smaller, private study areas, one-on-one tutoring often occurs in shared settings, which compromises learning due to distractions and noise. The New Building's additional classrooms will provide the necessary facilities for one-on-one study.

C. Adult Education

Adult education is a mainstay for any religious community and CSI's inability to provide an adult educational setting for congregants from ages 19 to 90 is an indisputable hardship. In line with CSI's mission, the Adult Education program also includes a social action component, which is dedicated to facilitating outreach and providing assistance to members and non-members alike. Under the umbrella of the Social Action Justice League, various CSI sub-groups pay visits and deliver food to homebound elderly, mourners and new mothers within the community. The social action programs are also hindered by the existing Community House deficiencies, to the detriment of the entire West Side community it serves.

Adult education currently takes place in the Synagogue's first floor Elias Meeting Room (the "Elias Room," approximately 775 sf) and serves as the only social and cultural activity for many of CSI's most senior members. To reach the Elias Room, one must enter the existing Community House, walk up a flight of stairs into the main Synagogue building and pass through the Small Synagogue, which is often also in use at the same time. This pathway is extremely challenging for some and impossible for others (seniors and non-seniors alike), denying participation in the adult education program

entirely due to the physical constraints of entering and passing through the two buildings. Currently, the following adult education classes occur in the Elias Room:

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| 1. Sundays | Courses in Jewish Thought & Law
8:40-9:40AM; 40-50 adults
9:45-11AM; 5-15 adults |
| 2. Monday | Courses in Jewish Law & Lore (Talmud)
7:30-9:00PM; 17 adults (once/month) |
| 3. Wednesday | Poetry Group
3:00-4:00PM; 15-20 adults |
| 4. Thursdays | Meditations
11:00AM-Noon; 10-20 adults |
| 5. Saturdays | Bible Class (following Saturday service)
1.25 hrs; 20-50 adults |

Conflicts with Adult Education Programming. The Elias Room is also the only room available for meetings by CSI's Board of Trustees; CSI's Sisterhood Board of Trustees and other CSI-affiliated organizations. Cumulatively, difficulties arise because the Elias Room is the only appropriately sized and furnished setting for adult group activities other than worship, which results in overbooking and scheduling conflicts. At other times, it is inappropriate for a respective gathering's size (either too many or too few attendees), particularly with respect to the Adult Education Program and Social Action Justice League for which attendance is very high. On high capacity days (*i.e.*, Saturday and Sunday) when services/programs/classes occur simultaneously, shifting activities from the Elias Room to the existing Community House is not a viable option. The second floor classrooms have desks and chairs suitable for Early Childhood/Toddler events rather than adult programs and the Saturday Youth Group (see below) occupies the entire third floor on Saturdays with children divided by age into the four existing classrooms. The proposed New Building will permit relocation of the Adult Education Program to upper level classrooms while making the Elias Room more available for smaller meetings and conferences.

Future Adult Education Programming Needs. New and expanded adult programs are necessary, all of which project increased member participation based on the current size and demographics of the CSI congregation and community. CSI's Rabbi has indicated that he would like to offer concurrent adult education classes (*e.g.*, Beginners' Judaism, Hebrew Learning and Prayer, Jewish Law and Philosophy, Talmud and Bible). Current attendance, for example, has amounted to as many as 50 students participating in Jewish Thought and Law classes. Past reliance on the Elias Room as the focal point for adult education has basically allowed one class at a time to be scheduled there. Neither the Levy Auditorium nor the existing Community House Auditorium are appropriate spaces for smaller classes. With increased adult classroom availability and scheduling

flexibility, more adults will be able to participate, for example, in an expanded Jewish Thought and Law program, as well as avail themselves of private study sessions. While it is difficult to estimate the projected increase in member participation, the Rabbi has further indicated that the members will be polled to see which additional nights are preferable for specific study programs and classes will be scheduled accordingly in appropriately sized rooms within the New Building. The Social Action Justice League (and its sub-groups) will be able to schedule regular meetings in the New Building rather than gathering in private homes as is now required.

D. The Toddler Program

CSI's toddler program takes place in the existing Community House lower level auditorium, an open space serviced by stairs down from the door. The stairs are extremely difficult to negotiate for toddlers, most of whom have to be carried up and down by caregivers with other children in tow, limiting drop-off and pick-up to a narrow mezzanine-like foyer packed with strollers at the top of the stairs. There is no natural light or air in this sub-grade space. Storage space for the program is wherever there is unused space in the Synagogue's lobby. There are no adjacent bathrooms. The children must utilize an adult bathroom at the Synagogue's cellar level.

CSI's Toddler Program is open to all in the community and enjoys a diverse and multicultural membership. It currently operates three mornings each week (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00AM to Noon) with 20 children, ages 2-4, in attendance. The program is over-subscribed.

Conflicts with the Toddler Program. The entranceway used for the Toddler Program is the main entrance used by all building visitors. Because it is crammed with baby strollers and at designated times those dropping off and picking up children, there is a considerable conflict in the immediate egress and entrance. There is also an inherent security conflict as the attention of staff and caregivers on the children negotiating the stairs means less attention is being given to other children in strollers immediately inside or outside the doors. All schools and daycare programs must provide a safe environment for entering and leaving their buildings, and at the moment the situation for the Toddlers is far from ideal. Finally, the Toddlers must use the Synagogue's lavatories, which bring them into contact with other visitors and users of the facilities.

Future Toddler Programming Needs. The proposed New Building's design would enable CSI to offer daycare to a greater number of families within the surrounding community, for more hours per day and more days per week. Approximately 60 toddlers (a 66% increase) would be able to attend on Mondays through Thursdays from 8AM to 6PM and on Fridays from 8AM to 4PM. Both the programmatic and accessibility issues that now face these very young children are resolved in the New Building: (1) the second floor toddler classes would be accessible by elevator (or stairs) with stroller storage located at designated storage area; 2) six large individual classrooms would allow the children to be grouped for age-appropriate play and more focused learning; (3) the smaller groupings would allow for a more conducive rest/nap period associated with full

or half day programs essential for small children; and (4) bathroom facilities for boys and girls would be located in the classrooms.

IV. Neighborhood Impacts

A. Traffic

Although the proposed plans would theoretically allow for larger events in the New Building multi-function room (up to a maximum occupancy of 360), attendance numbers will not create an adverse situation. CSI's Application makes it clear that it considers its inability to serve as the site for its Congregant's (and no others') significant ceremonies and events a hardship in fulfilling its mission as a house of worship. However, neither the events it hosts nor the addition of the five residential units comprise circumstances requiring mitigation as neither generates impacts under the CEQR methodology.

Adverse conditions are further unlikely to occur because as the Board notes few houses of worship are so well suited to be accessed by mass transit. There are numerous subway and bus lines within CSI's vicinity. The entrance to the Subway Station serving the B and C trains is located adjacent to the Synagogue at the corner of Central Park West and West 70th Street and mere yards from its entrance. The Nos. 1, 2 and 3 trains stop at Broadway and West 72nd Street. Bus service on Central Park West, West 72nd Street, Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues, and Broadway provide additional access to mass transit. The occasional horse and buggy is also available in this unique transit cornucopia. Car and/or taxi drop-offs occur both along Central Park West in front of the Synagogue and along West 70th Street in front of the existing Community House. The Orthodox proscription against driving to worship on Sabbath and the significant holidays assures traffic congestion will be all but non-existent for the most consistently high-volume days.

B. Trash Removal

CSI is sensitive to concerns raised regarding trash removal following the larger weddings and life cycle events at the Synagogue. Two alternatives for trash removal are being considered by CSI: (1) garbage bags will be "cold-stored" in the New Building's enlarged cellar level trash room; and/or (2) CSI will contract with a private carter for morning removal of garbage following each event. These alternatives will enable CSI to manage the post-function environment in a manner that provides the least disruption, physically and visually, along the West 70th Street block front.

C. Precedents – The Other Alleged Development Sites

The Chair requested that we research the prevalence of other sites owned by nonprofits as sites for similar expansions and, if located, distinguish those sites from the Application. We have identified those sites relevant to the Chair's request to be those fronting on Central Park West that are within or partially within the R10A district

Title 27 / Subchapter 6

§[C26-600.2] 27-355 **Definitions.** - For definitions to be used in the interpretation of this subchapter, see subchapter two of this chapter.

§[C26-600.3] 27-356 **Inadequate exits for existing structures.**- Every structure existing on December sixth, nineteen hundred sixty-eight which is not provided with exit facilities as prescribed in this code, and in which the exit facilities are, in the opinion of the commissioner, inadequate for the safety of the occupants, shall be provided with such means of egress or fire protection as the commissioner shall direct.

ARTICLE 2 DETERMINATION OF EXIT REQUIREMENTS

§[C26-601.1] 27-357 **Exit requirements.** -

The determination of exit requirements for a building shall be based upon the occupancy group classification of the building, the number of occupants, the floor area, the travel distance to an exit, and the capacity of the exits, as provided in table 6-1 and herein. Every floor of a building shall be provided with exit facilities for its occupant load. The occupant loads of floors shall not be cumulative for the purpose of designing vertical exits, except where one floor is used by another as a means of egress. Vertical exits provided from any floor above grade may serve simultaneously all floors above grade, and vertical exits provided from any floor below grade may serve simultaneously all floors below grade.

(a) **Mixed occupancy.** - When a building is classified in more than one occupancy group in accordance with the provisions of section 27-239 of article two of subchapter three of this chapter, the exit requirements for the entire building shall be determined on the basis of the occupancy group having the strictest exit requirements, or the exit requirements for each building section shall be determined separately.

(b) **Incidental occupancies.** - When a building contains incidental occupancies classified in occupancy groups other than that under which the building is classified, the exit requirements for the floor on which such occupancies occur shall be based upon those of the occupancy group under which the building is classified; but the access and exit requirements for the incidental occupancy shall be based upon the occupancy group classification of the incidental occupancy.

(c) **Multiple occupancy or use.** - Where a building, floor, or space is used for multiple purposes involving different activities at different times, that occupancy involving the greatest number of occupants shall be used in determining the exit requirements.

*****(d) Building access.** - All buildings classified in other than occupancy groups A, mechanical and electrical

equipment rooms and boiler and furnace rooms of D-2 or J-3 shall have at least one primary entrance accessible to and usable by individuals who use wheelchairs. Such entrance shall provide access to a level that makes elevators available in buildings where elevators are provided. Where ramps are used to comply with this requirement, they shall have a slope not greater than one in twelve and shall otherwise conform to the provisions of section 27-377 and reference standard RS 4-6.

The commissioner may waive the requirements of this section in the alteration of buildings existing on the effective date of this code in accordance with section 27.292† of this code.

****Local Law 58-1987.*

†*As enacted but "27-292" probably intended.*

§[C26-601.2] 27-358 **Occupant load.** -

The number of occupants for whom exit facilities shall be provided shall be established either (1) by the actual number of occupants for whom each occupied space, floor, or building, as the case may be, is designed, or (2) by using the appropriate occupant-area ratios from table 6-2, whichever is larger. The occupant load of any space shall include the occupant load of all spaces that discharge through it in order to gain access to an exit.

(a) **Unlisted occupancies.** - Where data regarding the sq. ft. per person for an occupancy is not listed in table 6-2, the occupant load shall be established by an architect or engineer, subject to the approval of the commissioner.

(b) **Modifications.** -

(1) When the actual occupant load of any space will be significantly lower than that listed in table 6-2, the commissioner may establish a lower basis for the determination of the occupant load.

(2) When a building existing on December sixth, nineteen hundred sixty-eight is altered or changed in occupancy or use so as to require enlarged exit facilities, the commissioner may authorize the alteration or change in occupancy or use without an enlargement of exit facilities, provided the occupant load is limited to that accommodated by the existing exit facilities as determined by the provisions of this code, and the building or space is posted accordingly with a sign. Such signs shall be at least twelve inches in width and sixteen inches in height. The lettering shall be red on a white background. The letters shall be not less than one inch high and the numerals not less than one and one-quarter inches high.

(c) **Nonsimultaneous occupancy.** - The occupant load of toilets, locker rooms, meeting rooms, storage rooms, employee cafeterias, and similar rooms or spaces that are not occupied at the same time as other rooms or spaces on the same floor of a building, may be omitted from the occupant load calculation of the floor on which they are located to the extent that such spaces serve occupied rooms on the same floor.

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TABLE 6-1 DETERMINATION OF EXIT AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Occupancy Group of Building or Space	Group Designation	Maximum Travel Distance (ft.) ^a		Capacity Number of Persons per Unit of Width				Corridors ⁱ	
		Unsprinklered	Sprinklered	Doors Openings ^m		Stairs, Escalators ^k	Ramps, ^b Corridors, Exit Passage- ways, ^j Horizontal Exits	Min. Width (in.)	Max. Dead End ^h (length in ft.)
				To Outdoors at Grade	All Other Exit and Corridor Doors				
High Hazard	A	N.P.	150	50	40	30	50	36	N.P.
Storage	B-1 ^c	100	150	75	60	45	75	36	50
	B-2 ^c	125	175	75	60	45	75	36	N.R.
Mercantile	C	150	200	100	80	60	100	36	50
Industrial	D-1	125	175	100	80	60	100	44	50
	D-2	150	200	100	80	60	100	44	50
Business	E	200	300	100	80	60	100	44	50
Assembly*	F	150	200	100	80	60	100	44	30
Educational	G	150	200	100	80	60	100	66 ^e	30 ^d
Institutional	H-1	125	175	50	40	30	50	36	40
	H-2	125	175	30	30	15	30	96 ^f	30 ^g
Residential	J-1	150	200	50	40	30	50	36	40
	J-2	150	200	50	40	30	50	36	40
	J-3	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.

N.P. — Not Permitted

N.R. — No Requirements (except as provided in section 27-375)

*See Table 8-1 for exit and access requirements applying to places of assembly.

**Notes:

^aFor method of measurement, see subdivision (c) of section 27-360 of this article.^bReduce listed capacity of ramps by twenty-five percent when slope exceeds one in ten.^cExcept for public garages. (See article ten of subchapter seven of this chapter.)^dThere shall not be more than one classroom on each side of a corridor between an exit and the end of the corridor (dead end).^eApplies to corridors serving classrooms. Other corridors shall have a minimum width of forty-four inches.^fApplies to corridors serving patients. Other corridors shall have a minimum width of forty-four inches.^gThere shall be no patient bedrooms between an exit and the end of the corridor (dead end).^hSee subdivision (d) of section 27-369 of article five of this subchapter for permissible increase.ⁱSee section 27-369 of article five of this subchapter.^jSee section 27-370 of article five of this subchapter.^kSee section 27-378 of article five of this subchapter.^mWhere a door opening is divided by mullions into two or more doors openings, each such opening shall be measured separately in computing the number of units of exit width.

**There is no note 1.

§[C26-601.3] 27-359 Capacity of exits. -

The capacity of exits and access facilities shall be measured in units of width of twenty-two inches, and the number of persons per unit of width shall be determined by the occupancy group classification and type of exit as listed in table 6-1. Fractions of a unit of width less than twelve inches shall not be credited. Where twelve inches or more are added to one or more full units of width, one-half unit of width may be credited.

Where computations of total required width give fractional results, the next larger integral number of exit units or integral number plus one-half, shall be used. A fraction less than one-half may be neglected in cases where such fraction constitutes less than ten per cent of the total required number of units. Notwithstanding any of the above computations, no exit or access facility shall be narrower than the minimum width requirements specified in table 6-1, or elsewhere in this code.

**TABLE 6-2 OCCUPANT LOAD REQUIREMENTS
NET AREA TABLE**

Occupancy	Net Floor Area per Occupant (sq. ft.)
Billiard rooms.....	50
Bowling alleys.....	50
Classrooms.....	20
Dance floors.....	10
Dining spaces (nonresidential).....	12
Exhibition spaces.....	10
Garages and open parking structures..	250
Gymnasiums.....	15
Habitable rooms.....	140
Industrial shops.....	200
In schools.....	30
Institutional sleeping rooms	
Adults.....	75
Children (except as listed below)...	50
Day Care	
a. under 6 mos.....	50
b. 6 mos. *- 2 yrs.....	40
c. 2 yrs. *- 6 yrs.....	30
Institutional staff, all.....	30
Kindergartens.....	35
Kitchens (nonresidential).....	200
Laboratories.....	50
Preparation rooms.....	100
Libraries.....	25
Locker rooms.....	12
Offices.....	100
Passenger terminals or platforms.....	1.5xC
Sales areas (retail).....	
1 st floor or basement.....	25
All other floors.....	50
Seating areas (audience) in all places of assembly	
Fixed seats.....	D
Moveable seats.....	10
Skating rinks.....	15
Stages (See subchapter eight).....	—
Standing room (audience) in all places of assembly.....	4
Storage rooms.....	200

Notes:

C—capacity of all passenger vehicles that can be unloaded simultaneously.

D—designed number of seats or occupants.

*Dash not enacted but probably intended

§[C26-601.4] 27-360 Travel distance. -

(a) General requirement. -

The maximum travel distance from the most remote point in any room or space to the center of a door opening directly on an open exterior space, a vertical exit, an interior stair, an exit passageway or to a horizontal exit shall not be greater than the limit specified in table 6-1 for the occupancy group classification of the room or space.

(b) Travel distance within dwelling units. -

In buildings classified in occupancy groups J-1 and J-2, the maximum travel distance from the centerline of a door from any habitable room within a dwelling unit either to the centerline of a door opening on a corridor or to the center of a door opening on an exit shall not be greater than forty feet, except that for buildings classified in occupancy group J-2 of construction class I-A, the distance may be increased to fifty feet. Such travel distances shall be included in the maximum travel distance established in subdivision (a) of this section.

(c) Measurement. - Travel distance shall be measured along a natural and unobstructed path of travel. Where the path of travel is over an access stair, it shall be measured along an inclined straight line through the center of the outer edge of each tread.

ARTICLE 3 LOCATION OF EXITS

§[C26-602.1] 27-361 Arrangement. -

All exits and access facilities shall be located so that they are clearly visible, or their locations clearly indicated, and they shall be kept readily accessible and unobstructed at all times.

§[C26-602.2] 27-362 Tenant spaces. -

When more than one tenant occupies a building or floor area, each tenant shall have direct access to the required number of exits without passing through premises occupied by other tenants, except as permitted for balconies in subdivision (g) of section 27-369 of article five of this subchapter.

***§[C26-602.3] 27-363 Remote location. -**

(a) When more than one exit is required from a floor of a building, each such required exit shall be placed as remote from the others as is practicable. Where this results in a distance between exits exceeding the maximum travel distances required by section 27-357, additional remote vertical exits shall be provided.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (a) of this section:
(1) For exits serving spaces classified in occupancy groups G or J-2, in no event shall such exits be less than fifteen feet distant from each other.

(2) For exits serving spaces classified in other occupancies, in no event shall such distance be less than thirty feet or one-third the maximum travel distance required by section 27-357, whichever is greater.

(c) On any floor containing ten thousand square feet or more in a high rise building classified in occupancy group E (office space), each exit that is required to be remote from another exit shall not share any common walls, floors, ceilings, scissor stair assemblies, or other enclosures.

*Local Law 26-2004.