

REPORT OF SCHOOL VISIT BUILDING CONSULTANT

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The building contains one interior stair which runs up to the 5th floor and one interior stair which terminates at the balcony level. One interior iron stair runs to the top floor. There is no elevator in the building.

The plan is to begin an all-day school in addition to the present Talmud Torah; the times will be adjusted so that there will be no conflict between the hours of the Yeshiva and the Talmud Torah.

The rooms facing south were those selected for the kindergarten. They consist of 2 rooms separated by a wood folding partition. One space is about 13 ft. by 31 ft. and the other 15ft by 31, the total area is about 865 square feet. Based on 30 square feet per pupil the space will accommodate about 30 pupils for kindergarten class. The other classrooms on the floor will be used in the future for 1st and 2nd grade and will accommodate 20 pupils in the first rear room and 26 pupils in the second rear room (based on 15 sq. ft. per pupil.)

The lighting is very poor and it is recommended that the kindergarten space be provided with 8 fluorescent fixtures each 4 tube 40 watts.

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occupancy card giving the size of the room and the number of pupils permitted. The colored glass in one of the windows should be replaced with clear glass as to secure as much daylight as possible.

Since meals are served at the school kitchen, it is necessary to provide a sterilizer in the kitchen to sterilize the food before it is served. The sterilizer should be pointed out that the meals will have to be carried from the kitchen on the first floor to the classroom on the 4th floor.

Toy storage shelves and necessary materials for the children's room can wait until after the school is started in the fall.

Toy storage shelves are necessary and will be placed in the school building. The school building will be used for the children's clothing. There are closets that can be used at the beginning.

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The plan is ~~to be~~ to be adjusted so that there will be no conflict between the hours of the Yeshiva and the present Talmud Torah; the times will be adjusted to add to address the following:

Painting kindergarten	400.00
Asphalt tile	400.00
Lighting	400.00

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The radiators (this can be done by the superintendent) are now exposed and must be protected by enclosures or shields. Window shades must be provided as well as a thermometer and an Asphalt tile is recommended for the floor since the present wood flooring is rough and uneven. This can be done after the class is started. The walls and ceiling must be painted immediately.

With 8 fluorescent fixtures each 4 tube 40 watts. The lighting is very poor and it is recommended that the kindergarten space be provided some of them immediately and some in the future.

In order to start the kindergarten class certain alterations will have to be completed, per pupil.).

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THE PROPOSED WEST SIDE KINDERGARTEN

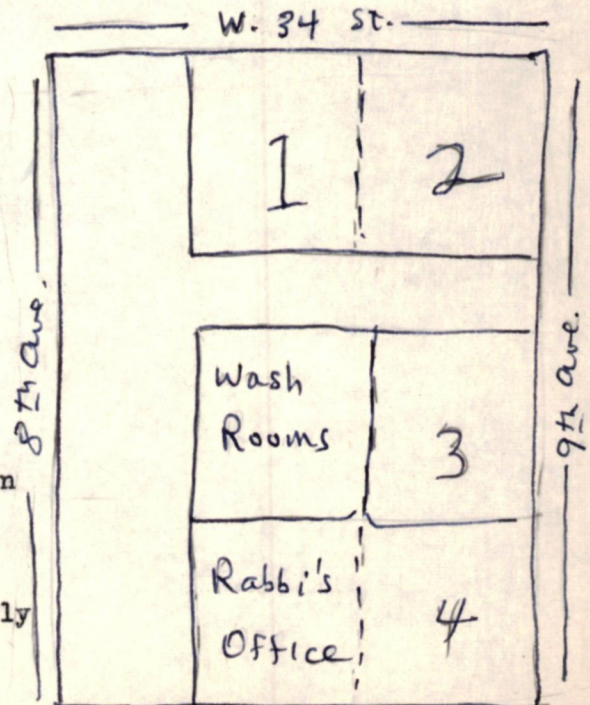
1. Purposes. The plan is to establish a kindergarten for the academic year beginning Sept. 1953 and to follow it up progressively with grade school classes. The educational philosophy of this school will combine the most progressive of modern techniques with the most traditional Jewish spirit. This particular enterprise is aimed at two groups:

A - All of the Manhattan residential Jewry, from the lower East side, until the 70's and 80's, East and West. There is no All-Day School between Jacob Joseph and Ramaz. Many of those who live close to the lower East Side yeshivos are reluctant to send their children to those schools. The Stuyvesant area in particular has to be exploited.

B - There are, no doubt, many small businessmen, manufactures, and employers, and employes of all grades who spend the entire day in our area and who have young children of kindergarten age. It would be a valuable service for them if it could be arranged that the parents bring the children with them to the garment area in the morning, and pick them up in the late afternoon.


2. Building facilities. The accompanying plan is that of the floor above the balcony. It is equivalent to the 4th floor. It is contemplated to remove the folding partition between rooms 1 and 2 and use that for the kindergarten. The only real difficulty, is that of height. Had there been an elevator there would certainly be no problem today. City authorities would normally give their consent to our project only

grudgingly because of this factor. However, they will be satisfied by the one



mitigating factor which is the excellent roof which we have. The roof is only one flight above the school floor, is well tiled, and is well guarded by high parapets. Properly equipped, the roof becomes an excellent outdoor playground, and the children do not have to climb the 4 flights more than once a day. The capacities of the rooms are as follows:

Room 1	400 sq. ft.
Room 2	465 " "
Room 3	297 " "
Room 4	388 " "



Rooms 1 and 2 combined (by removing the partition) are 865 sq. ft. Based on the capacity of 30 sq. ft. per pupil of kindergarten age, the combined rooms can hold 30 children (and even, legally, over 40) of kindergarten age. The southern exposure also makes these rooms best fitted for the kindergarten. For grade school classes, legal capacity is 15 Square feet per pupil. Room 3 can thus carry \approx 20 pupils, and Room 4 can hold 26 pupils. We thus have sufficient place for a school running from kindergarten through 2nd or even 3rd grade in our building with possibilities for further development in the two buildings next door.

3. Initial Expenses. The figures given below are based on a rough estimation of an attendance of 20 children. Items mentioned are of immediate necessity unless stated otherwise.

A. CHAIRS - at \$6.00 each.	.....\$120.00
B. TABLES-(24" x 48") at \$22.00 each	..... 110.00
C. COTS - at \$10.35 each	111..... 200.00

(cots are necessary only if we will run an all-day kindergarten, about which see later. Even with an all-day outfit, it is preferable to buy only ten cots to begin with. However, above figure is for 20)

C. CUBBIES. (clothing) at \$7.00 per child 140.00
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(There are two alternatives to this item. One, the superintendant

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can build them himself, and the only expense is lumber. Two, with slight renovation the existing closets can be used for this purpose. However, this is not preferable unless absolutely necessary.)

E. CUBBIES (toys) 3 units at \$35.00 each	.....\$105.00
F. BLOCKS - at \$150.00 a set, only half a set necessary to begin with	..... 75.00
G. SUPPORTING BLOCKS (not urgent)	..... 50.00
H. MUSIC EQUIPMENT? PAINTS AND ART EQUIP.? DOLLS? AND MISCELLANEOUS - (necessary)	..... 200.00
I. FLOORS - 2 alternatives - scraping will involve a cost of... or, asphalt tile, which may reach	50.00.....200.00
J. PAINTING -(rough estimate on cost of paint alone)	..... 15.00
K. RADIATOR COVERS -	..... 40.00
L. SHADES (for windows)	..... 30.00
M. STERILIZES (for kitchen) maximum figure	..... 200.00
N. OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT (for Roof Playground)- a minimum of	..... 250.00
O. PIANO. It is possible that one can be donated. Good, but not urgent.	.....

TOTALS FOR ABOVE:

A. Absolute necessities, bare minimum;

Total \$1075 plus lumber for cubbies

B. Add Clothing & Toy Cubbies:

Total \$ 1330

C. Add 10 cots.

Total \$ 1430

D. Add. 20 cots - \$ 1530

E. Add asphalt tile plus additional toys needed.

Total \$ 1730

F. It would be very good if we could install fluorescent lighting in the kindergarten which should cost about \$ 400.

TOTAL : \$2,130.00

4. Maintenance Expenses, Day Plans, and Tuition.

PLAN A. The following expenses are estimated on the basis of 15 children in an all-day kindergarten.

1 Teacher	111.....	\$ 4000
1 Cook	.....	1000
Food	.....	700
Miscellaneous.....		300

Total.....\$ 6000

(for five mor childeren, add salary for one assistant for only latter part of the year, and small expense additional food.....\$ 1000

Total for 20.....\$ 7000)

The tuition to cover above is calculated on the basis of nine months attendance and 15 children. The tuition would be \$ 45.00 per month per child. This is not too high, but it would best to reduce to \$ 40.00 (as a "Come-on") depending on how much we can subsidize.

PLAN B. On basis of 15 children, one-half-day.(morning only)

Teacher	.....	\$ 3000
Misc. (incl..milk.and.juice.etc).		\$500

Total \$ 3500

Tuition to cover above - \$ 25 per child per month

PLAN C. On basis of ^{two}~~ten~~ half-days, 15 children each (30 children total)

Teacher	.....	\$ 4000
Misc.	.....	500

Total \$ 4500

Tuition at rate of \$20 per child per month (calculating ³⁰~~20~~ children, 9 months) would not only cover expenses, but leave an operating profit.

PLAN D. Ten children all day, ten children, half-day

Total Expensesjust under \$ 7000

Tuition on basis of \$ 45 per child for the ten all-days, and \$25 per child for the ten half-days, will leave us a deficit of \$100.00 per month.

5. Relative Merits of the Plans.

Plan A - Excellent in its appeal to garment people. Half day school will not do for them.

Plan B - Tuition makes the school available for residential Jews of lower income brackets, but no appeal to garment people.

Plan C - Same fault as Plan B, but with additional financial benefits and also with possibility of development of human material for following 1st grade.

Plan D - Appeals to all classes. However, the financial situation is not too good, and in general, it is not good to mingle half-day and all-day groups.

6. Age. The kindergarten is for 4 and 5 year olds, and if there is a sufficiently large registration, even for 3 year olds.

7. Publicity. The bulletin, letters, pamphlets, advertisements, and JEC publicity, should all be exploited.

8. Outside Financial Aid. The JEC is willing to give us an as yet unspecified amount to send us off on our project. I do not believe that we can count on more than a few hundred dollars. My personal recommendation is that we cover the minimum ourselves and take whatever they give us for needed additional items.

Submitted Dec. 29, 1952

Rabbi Norman Lamm