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June 2 - 4

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WELCOME

We look forward to a stimulating conference as we convene academics, practitioners and researchers from many disciplines and institutions to share the latest studies in the field of Jewish educational research.

SESSION FORMATS

- 1. PAPER SESSIONS:** presentations of completed or nearly completed work by several researchers and a discussant providing feedback.
- 2. ROUNDTABLE:** collegial discussion on a shared topic of interest or work in progress.
- 3. SKILLS SESSION:** a session led by a senior scholar where a specific skill is taught and junior scholars have the opportunity to ask questions. This could include something like “how to turn a dissertation into a book/article” or “how to secure a publishing contract.
- 4. CONSULTATION:** This format has traditionally been geared towards early career students and researchers but we also welcome more established scholars who just need a thought partner to take advantage of this session.

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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

3:00PM REGISTRATION

5:00PM OPENING RECEPTION

5:30PM DINNER

6:30PM KEYNOTE

MONDAY, JUNE 3

8:15AM JOURNAL OF JEWISH EDUCATION
BREAKFAST

8:30AM BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:30AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

11:15AM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

12:45PM LUNCH AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

2:00PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

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10:45AM NRJE BOARD MEETING

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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3:00PM REGISTRATION

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KRAMER GALLERY

5:00PM OPENING RECEPTION

LIBRARY STACKS

5:30PM DINNER

CHOMSKY
READING ROOM

6:30PM KEYNOTE - DAVID ZVI KALMAN
(SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE)

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9:30AM - 11:00AM SESSIONS

**S 1.1 PAPER SESSION - Desired and Realized
Outcomes of Jewish Education**

Chair: Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute)
David Graham (University of Sydney) and
Adina Bankier-Karp (Monash University);
Bryan Oren (University of Haifa); and
Gabor Kerekes (Touro University)

LANDAU
BOARDROOM

**S 1.2 SKILLS SESSION - How to Use, Read, and
Talk About Surveys in the Jewish Communal
Sector**

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Rosov Consulting)

ROOM 114

**S 1.3 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Beyond Borders:
The Role of Educational Emissaries (*Shlichim*) in
the Diaspora During Wartime in Israel**

Chair: Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT)
Daniel Steiner (Haifa University); and
Michal Shapira Junger (Ariel University)

ROOM 115

**S 1.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Prizmah: Center
for Jewish Day Schools Roundtable**

Odelia Epstein (Prizmah); Beth Rivkind
(Prizmah); Mitchell Daar (Perelman Jewish Day
School); Mindy Zukin Andelman (Perelman
Jewish Day School); Marshall Lesack (Jack M.
Barrack Hebrew Academy); and Missy Present
(Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy)

ROOM 116

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 3 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION

S 1.5 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - The Contemporary Role of Jewish Education in Heritage Language Maintenance

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Chair: Barry Holtz (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Ariela Ronay-Jinich (Olamim) and Hannah Kober (Stanford University)

11:15AM - 12:45PM SESSIONS

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S 2.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Thinking Materiality: The Potentials, Pitfalls, and Praxes of Materiality in Jewish Educational Contexts

Facilitator: Sharon Avni (City University of New York)
Anastasia Badder (University of Cambridge);
Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College);
Laura Levitt (Temple University/Carleton College);
Jennifer Rich (Rowan University);

S 2.2 PAPER SESSION - Jews, Education, and the State: Lessons from the 1960s

ROOM 114

Chair: Julie Golding (Azrieli Graduate School, Yeshiva University)
Ari Y Kelman (Stanford University);
Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University);
Lila Berman (Temple University)

S 2.3 PAPER SESSION - Teaching and Using Hebrew in the Classroom

ROOM 115

Chair: Barry Holtz (Jewish Theological Seminary)
Tamara Frankel (Jewish Theological Seminary);
Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University);
Andrew Ergas (Jewish Theological Seminary)

S 2.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Teaching Israel After October 7

ROOM 116

Chair: Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT)
Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion); Amin Tarzi (Marine Corps University), Laura Novak Winer (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion);
Bethamie Horowitz (CASJE, GWU); Joshua Ladon (Shalom Hartman Institute); Abby Pitkowsky (Covenant Foundation) and Ezra Kopelowitz (Research Success Technologies)

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 3 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION

11:15AM - 12:45PM SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

S 2.5 CONSULTATION - Levisohn's Orientations to the Teaching of Rabbinic Literature in the Modern Orthodox High School Talmud Class

Jeremy Bruce (Central Connecticut State University)

LIBRARY STACKS

12:45PM - 1:45PM LUNCH AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS

CHOMSKY READING ROOM

2:00PM - 3:30PM SESSIONS

S 3.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Addressing "Wicked Problems" in American Jewish Education

Facilitator: Bethamie Horowitz (CASJE, GWU)
 Talia Hurwich (CASJE, GWU); Tal Vaizman (CASJE, GWU); and Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU)

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S 3.2 PAPER SESSION - Israel in Day Schools after October 7

Chair: Benji Davis (University of Haifa)
 Matt Reingold (TanenbaumCHAT); Meir Muller (University of South Carolina), Lyndall Miller (Independent Researcher) and Alana Gelnick (SAR Academy); and Rona Novick (Yeshiva University)

ROOM 114

S 3.3 CONSULTATION - A Collaborative Inquiry into Issues that Matter for Jewish Children and Their Teachers

Lauren Applebaum and Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

ROOM 115

S 3.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Jewish Families Today: Exploring the Implications for Research and Practice of a New Study

Chair: Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting);
 Annie Jollymore (Rosov Consulting),
 Evelyn Maria Dean-Olmstead (Rosov Consulting);
 and Lev Paasche-Orlow (Rosov Consulting)

ROOM 116

S 3.5 PAPER SESSION - Exploring Jewish Student Experiences in Higher Education

Chair: Ilana Horwitz (Tulane University)
 Jenny L. Small (Brandeis University);
 Kimberley Kushner (University of Missouri, Kansas City); and Rebecca Kobrin and Daniella Tziona Coen (Columbia University)

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PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 3 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION

3:45PM - 5:15PM SESSIONS

S 4.1 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - October 7th and the Ensuing War: The Impact for “Local” Understandings of Being Jewish and the Implications for Jewish Education

Ezra Kopelowitz (Research Success Technologies), Alex Pomson (Rosov Consulting), Dasi Fruchter (Shteibel) and Megan GoldMarche (Tribe 12)

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S 4.2 PAPER SESSION - Preparing Educators and Administrators for Working in Jewish Schools

Chair: Meir Muller (University of South Carolina) Benji Davis (University of Haifa); Dafna Meltzer (Gratz College); and Lyndall Miller (Independent Researcher)

ROOM 114

S 4.3 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Education and the Arts

Chair: Ofra Backenroth (Jewish Theological Seminary) Sharon Avni (City University of New York); and Tal Vaizman (CASJE, GWU)

ROOM 115

S 4.4 PAPER SESSION - Teacher Identities in Jewish Education

Chair: Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU) Saul Kaiserman (Jewish Theological Seminary); Mindy Gold (University of Louisville) and Kathy Schwartz (Jewish Learning Works); and Joseph Reimer (Brandeis University)

ROOM 116

CHOMSKY READING ROOM

S 4.5 PAPER SESSION - The American Jewish Gap Year in Israel

Chair: Ari Y Kelman (Stanford University) Jon Levisohn (Brandeis University); Ayelet Shachar (Orthodox Union); and Jonathan Schwab (Yeshiva University)

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9:00AM - 10:30AM SESSIONS

S 5.1 SKILLS SESSION - How to Prepare Your Manuscript for the Journal of Jewish Education: A Conversation with the Journal's Senior Editors

Jonathan Krasner (Brandeis University) and Sivan Zakai (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)

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S 5.2 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Identities and Their Intersections in Jewish Educational Institutions

Chair; Judd Kruger Levingston (Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy); Lindsay Metzker (Temple University); Elana Rand (Yeshiva University); and Ariela Ronay-Jinich (Olamim)

ROOM 114

S 5.3 PAPER SESSION - When a Reader Meets the Bible: Text, Identity and Thinking Skills

Esther Friedman (CASJE, GWU) and Ziva Hassenfeld (Brandeis University)

ROOM 115

S 5.4 PAPER SESSION - Teacher Educators Engage Students in Challenging Conversations to Explore Racism and Antisemitism

Meredith Katz (Queens College, CUNY); Rebecca Shargel (Towson University); and Meir Muller (University of South Carolina)

ROOM 116

10:45AM - 12:15PM NRJE BOARD MEETING

LIBRARY

10:45AM - 12:15PM PAPER/ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

S 6.1 PAPER SESSION - Jewish Education Outside of Day Schools

Chair: Laura Novak Winer (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion); Dafna Meltzer (Gratz College); Laurie Fisher (Gratz College); and Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz (Rosov Consulting)

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PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION

**S 6.2 PAPER SESSION - Voices Inside Schools:
Research by and for Educational Leaders**

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Chair: Lauren Applebaum (Hebrew Union College-
Jewish Institute of Religion)

Lori Green (Temple Sholom,
Broomall, PA); Eileen Sadowsky and
Stacey Steggert (Temple Emanu-El,
Cleveland, OH); and Jonathan Parker (Bnei Akiva
Schools, Toronto, ON)

Discussant: Sharon Feiman-Nemser, Brandeis
University

ROOM 115

**S 6.3 PAPER SESSION - Researching New/Old
Questions in the Israel Experience Field**

Chair: Amanda Winer (The Jewish Education
Project)

Alex Pomson, Annie Jollymore and Wendy Rosov
(Rosov Consulting)

ROOM 116

**S 6.4 ROUNDTABLE SESSION - Racial and Ethnic
Diversity and Jewish Early Childhood Education**

Chair: Ilana Dvorin Friedman (Jewish United Fund
of Chicago)

Sharon Bacharach (American Jewish University);
Ariela Ronay-Jinich (Olamim); Michal Avera
Samuel (University of Wisconsin - Madison);
Shahanna McKinney-Baldon (University of
Wisconsin - Madison); and Ilana Dvorin Friedman
(Jewish United Fund of Chicago)

**CHOMSKY
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12:30PM LUNCH

1:45PM LUGGAGE PICK UP AND DEPARTURES

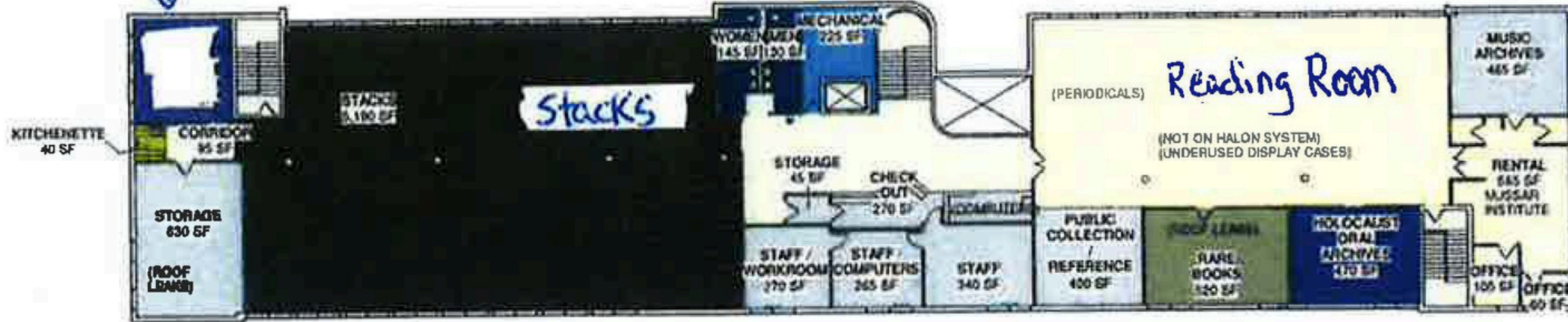
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We'll see you again next year.**

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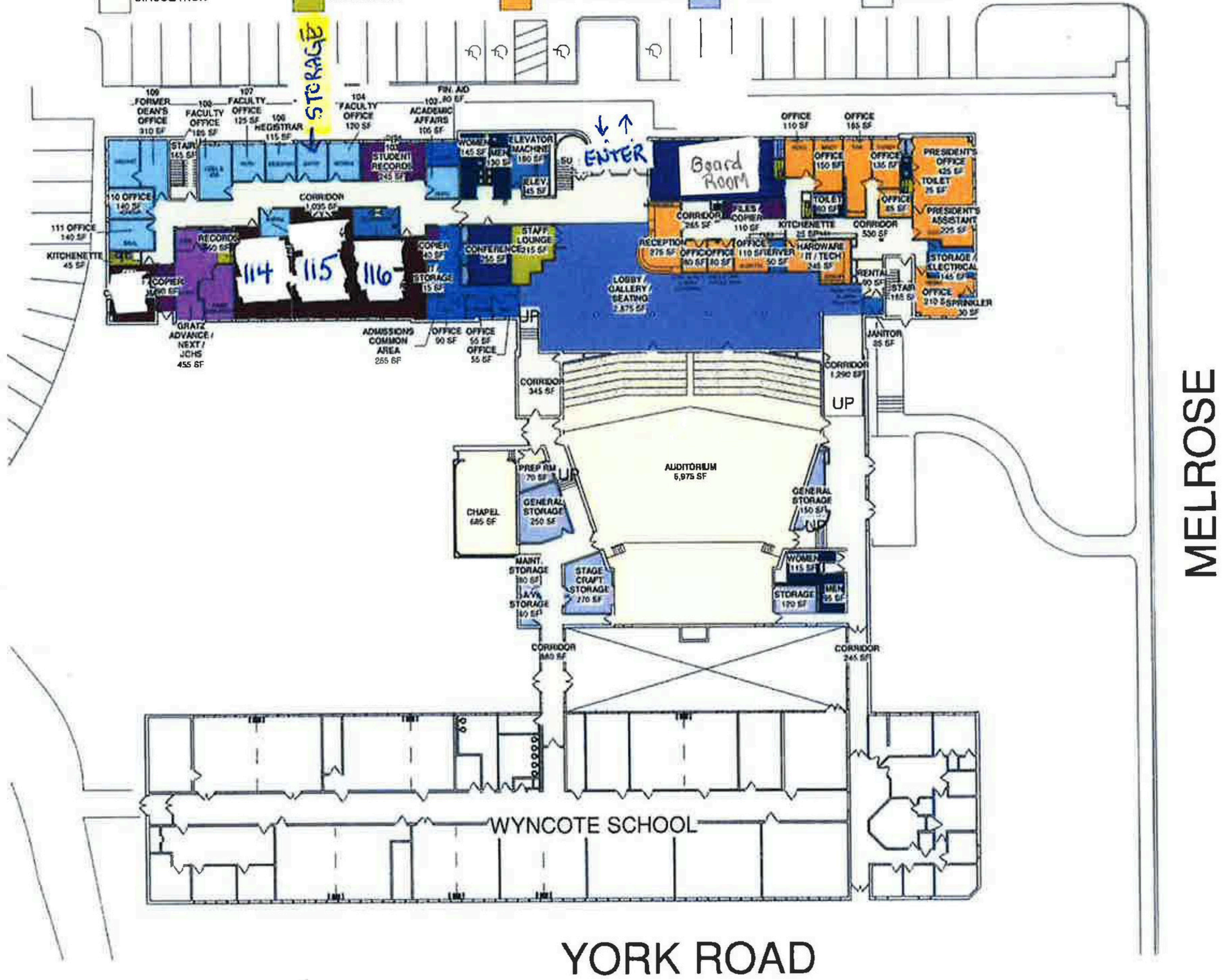
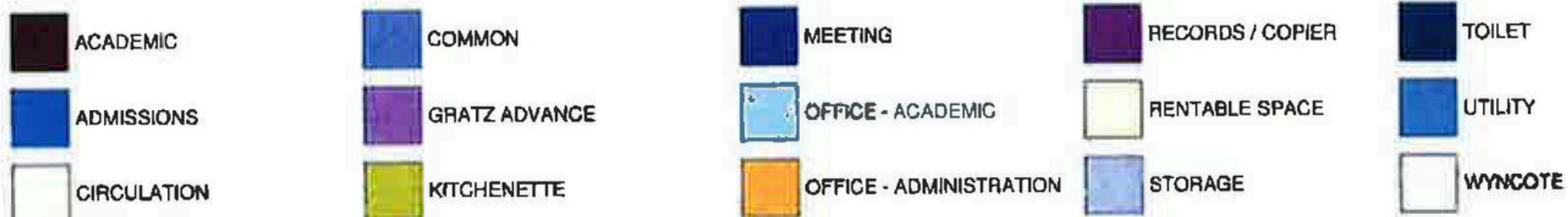
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Level 1 - Existing

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