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1	community. Hebrew school tends to be
2	after school and have weekend function,
3	and that is the primary purpose of the
4	space in the community house.
5	And it's the primary purpose
6	of the expanded space with the new
7.	classrooms we'll be seeking. Those
8	classrooms lie dormant during the
9	regular school day when children are in
10	other schools in their regular
11	education.
12	The synagogue has arranged a
13	relationship with a day, scheduled day
14	school to use those spaces that are
15	already there. So it's not so the
16	priority there and the zone of the space
L7	is not as a rental facility, and oh, by
L8	the way, this is not as a Hebrew school,
L9	the synagogue has the Hebrew school and
20	have been recently able to find a tenant
21	to be able to use all that space during
22	the daytime.

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1	Both institutions are
2	responsible for the present situation
3	which is significant overcrowding, as
4	you know the Landmarks Commission gave
5	approval to put two temporary trailers
6	in the vacant lot because the school
7	conditions are as run down as they are
8	and underserved.
9	The both communities,
10	primarily the Hebrew school community at
11	the synagogue, so in conclusion that is
12	based synagogue space provided for the
13	Hebrew school, needs to be expanded.
14	The tenant will be accommodated to the
15	extent it can be accommodated and to the
16	extent that space is already there.
17 '	With regard to the second
18	question about the height setback
19	requirements, we will we have to
20	maintain and will continue to maintain
21	provisions of residential housing.
22	The residential space is a

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1	for are two basic categories. One is
2	lot coverage in rear yard, which are
3	related. The second is height and set
4	back, which also are related. We'll
5	talk about the first group. Go ahead.
6	Lot coverage and rear yard.
7	This diagram shows the
8	synagogue in this location, the proposed
9	addition here. This line here is the
. 10	demising line between the two districts,
11	both of which, within the interior
12	portion require a 70 percent maximum lot
13	coverage. What we're asking for here is
14	to increase that to 80. Go ahead.
15 ,	That in the the next is the
16	rear yard in the R8B portion, which is,
17	in fact, related to that. The rear yard
18	required in the R8B is 30 feet. We ask
19	it be reduced to 20 for programmatic
20	reasons primarily, so we can get the
21	classroom space we need at the base of
22	the building.

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1	So if you can see this is the
2	portion, it's ten feet in this
3	direction, times the width of the
4	district in that direction. And this is
5	what it represents in section.
6	Okay. This is the same issue.
7	It's the rear yard in the R10A. It is
8	the same ten-foot requirement we're
9	seeking just through the balance of the
10	width of the site. This is the R10A
11	portion of this relief that we're asking
12	for and here it is in section. Next.
13	The lot coverage and the
14	reduced rear yard address programmatic
15	needs. Without it, we have requirements
16	in the building for stairs, of course,
17	and bathrooms. Without this, we get a
18	substandard and very small classroom
19	floors toward the south.
20	This is what the desired
21	solution is that we're asking for.
22	Next.

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161 1 it's a Hebrew school, toddler classes 2 and adult seminar rooms and youth room. 3 The supplemental offices also have a particular place there's one office 4 5 which would be dedicated to the tenant 6 school, but that's all. 7 MS. COWLEY: Again, if the 8 variances were not given to use ten feet 9 of that rear yard, it is conceivable 10 that you would be able to accommodate that by summary organization of the 11 space planning that you've got on these 12 13 particulars, on the second, third and fourth floors. 14 MR. DOVELL: All of those 15 classroom floors are in the area where 16 we're pushing out into the back. That 17 area is all needed for classrooms. 18 19 MS. ROSENTHAL: I think what Page is asking is, so pull it back ten 20 feet and what happens? 21 22 MR. DOVELL: The classrooms

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1	becomes substandard in width, they're
2	marginal on the front of the building
3	now.
4	MS. COWLEY: That's what I
5	don't understand. You've given more
6	space in the rear for office space,
7	sacrificing classrooms.
8	MR. DOVELL: Look at the floor
9	above.
10	MS. COWLEY: I'm looking at
11	the second floor now and the third
12	floor.
13	MS. ROSENTHAL: On the third
14	floor, it makes sense. How about on the
15	second floor then?
16	MR. DOVELL: On the second
17	floor, there is a requirement for fairly
18	substantial office spaces in connection
19	with those spaces.
20	MS. ROSENTHAL: Requirement to
21	whom?
22	MR. DOVELL: For the synagogue

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163 1 to support their educational mission. 2 MS. ROSENTHAL: Square footage 3 requirement. 4 MR. DOVELL: They would like 5 the larger rooms on the second floor. 6 MS. ROSENTHAL: What's the 7 requirement for the classrooms? 8 MR. FRIEDMAN: Programmatic . 9 requirement. MS. COWLEY: You're dealing, 10 with all due respect here, trying to fit 11 12 a gallon in a pint and what we're trying 13 to do is find the actual base where 14 you're required to make that 15 programmatic, that program fit what 16 we're trying to wrestle with is what is 17 the minimum variance you need to get you there. 18 MR. FRIEDMAN: The minimum 19 variance can be, can become a sliding 20 scale as soon as you just tell the 21

synagogue, start figuring out how to do