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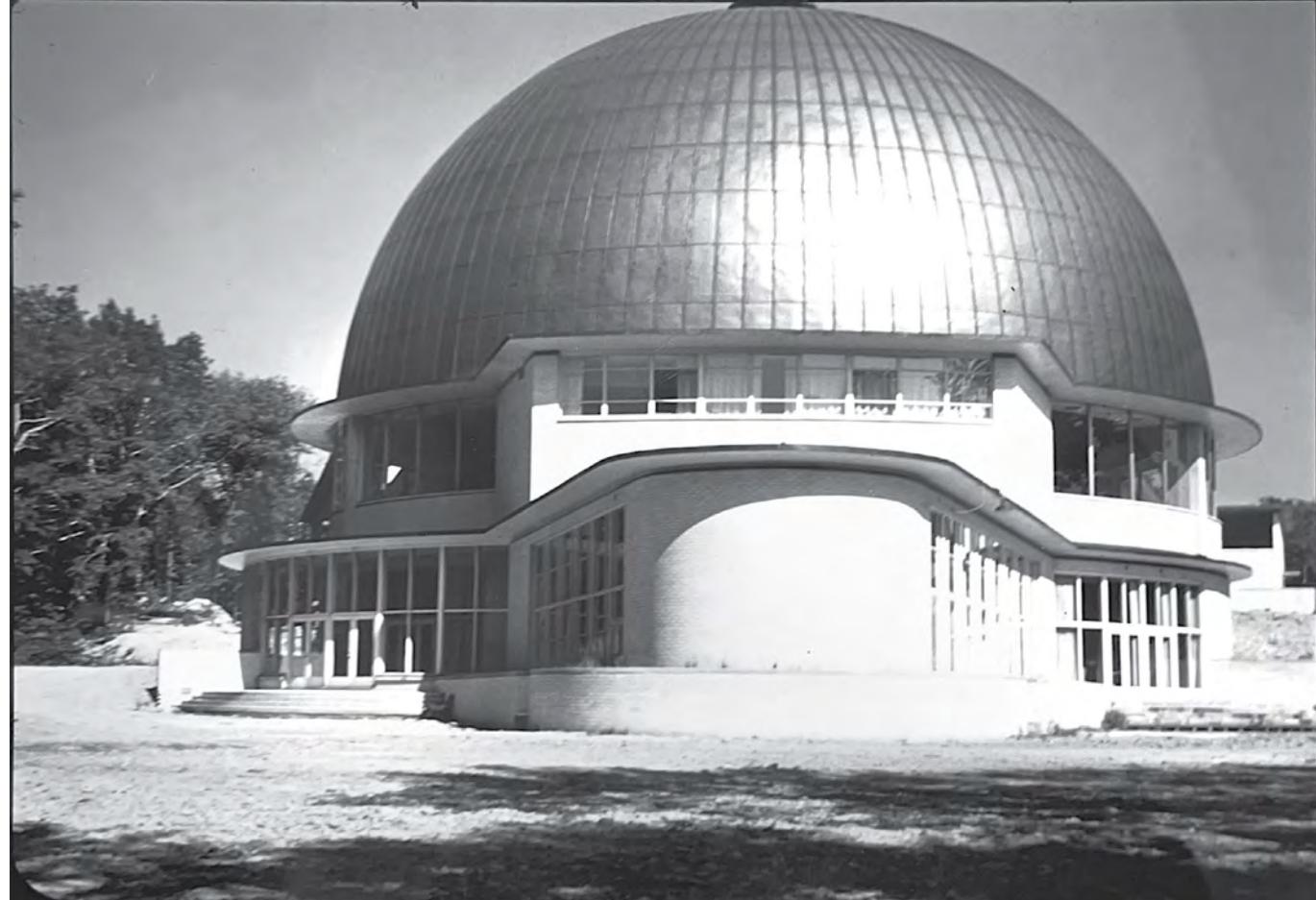
Scanned Photos of Park Synagogue from the Western Reserve Historical Society Archive Compared to Present Day Photos to Identify Alterations over time for the Historic Preservation.

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Historic Photo c.1950



Present Day Photo



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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

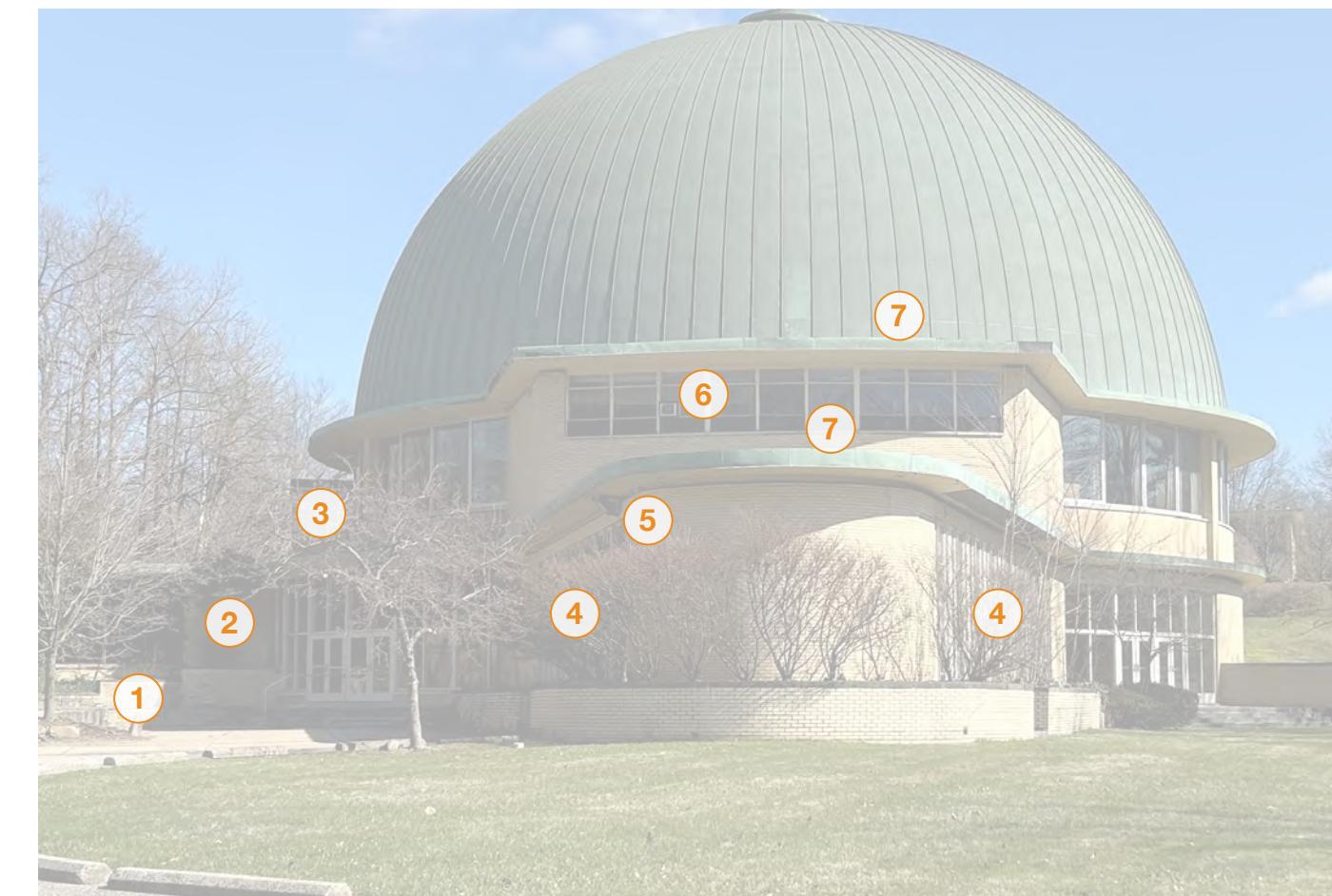
1. Added Site Walls for Ramp
2. Bridge Addition*
3. Elevator Addition
4. Non-Period Window Replacement
5. Facade Lighting
6. AC Unit in Window
7. Thickened Fascia

*1968 Bridge and Kangesser Hall addition.

Note: landscape alterations not included.



Reference photos of ramp alteration.



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Exterior Temple Entry View
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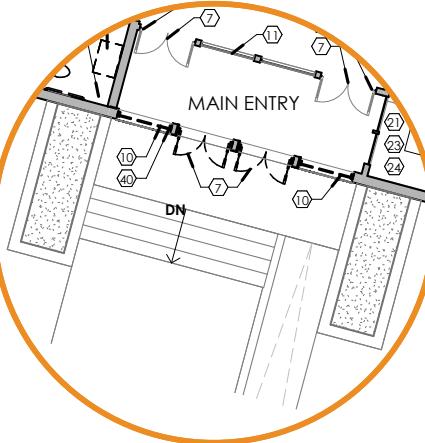
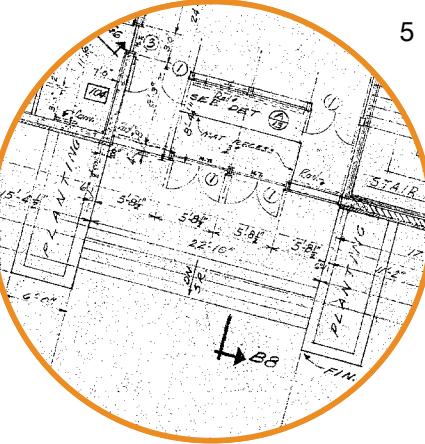
HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. ADA Ramp Over Stairs
2. Step Lighting
3. Ramp/Garden Wall
4. Stair Handrails
5. Thickened Fascia
6. Roof lighting
7. Double-Thick Fascia
8. Exposed Electrical

Note: landscape alterations not included.

Incomplete Elements In Historic Photo:

- Sacred Letters in Copula
- Sacred Words Above Entry
- Patterned Grills Over Glass



Reference drawings/photos of ADA ramp.



Present Day Photo

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Historic Photo c.1955



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Exterior Temple Entry Elevation
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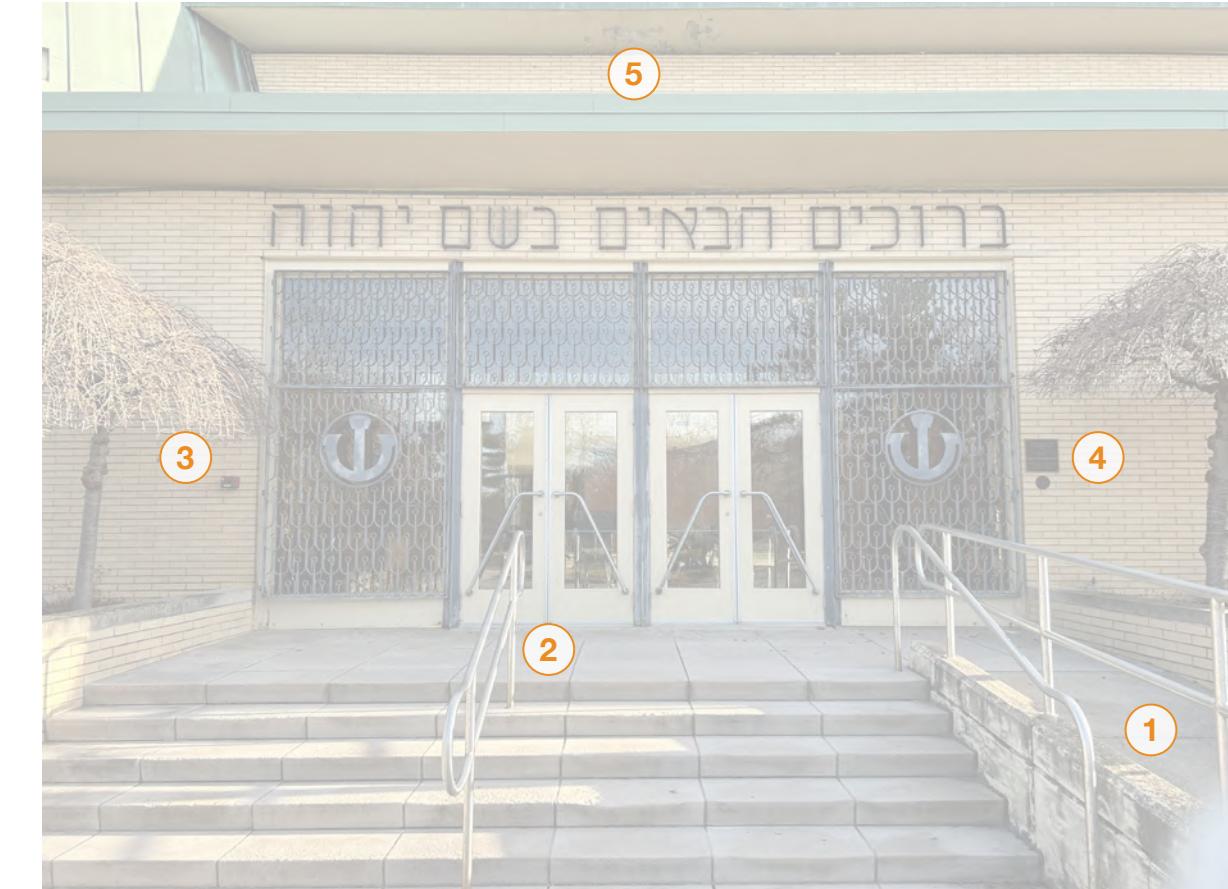
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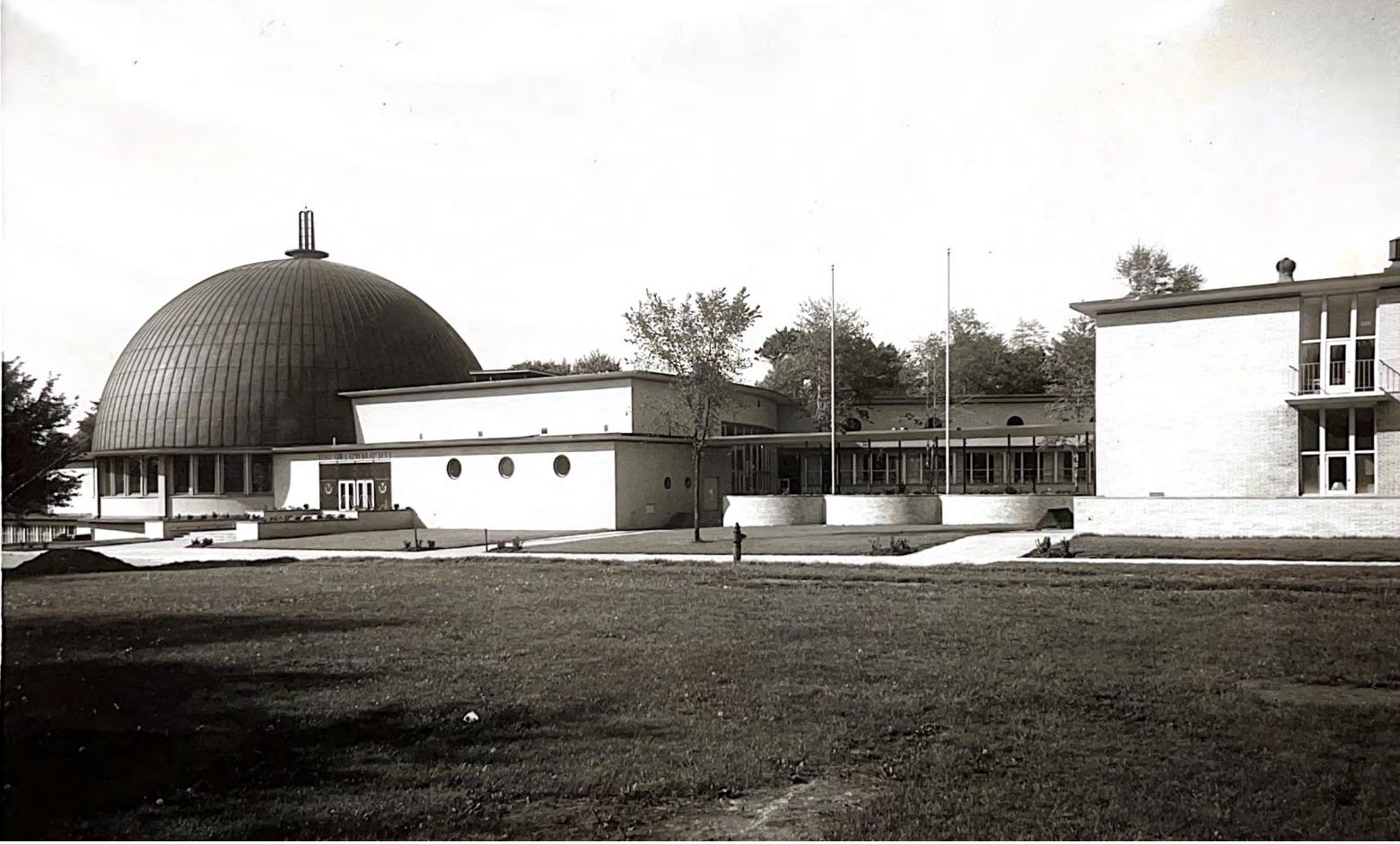
1. Ramp Over Stairs
2. Stair/Ramp Handrails
3. Knox Box for CHFD
4. Historic Building Marker
5. Double-Thick Fascia

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Historic Photo c.1955



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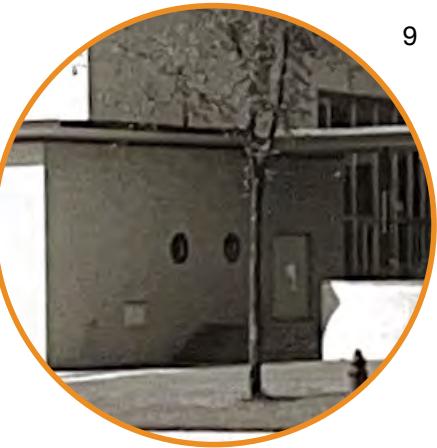
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Exterior Temple + School View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Site Lighting Poles
2. Stair Handrails
3. Ramp Over Entry Stairs
4. Enlarged Facade Vent
5. Roof lighting
6. Double-Thick Fascia
7. Enlarged Service Panel
8. Facade Lighting
9. Chase Under Roof

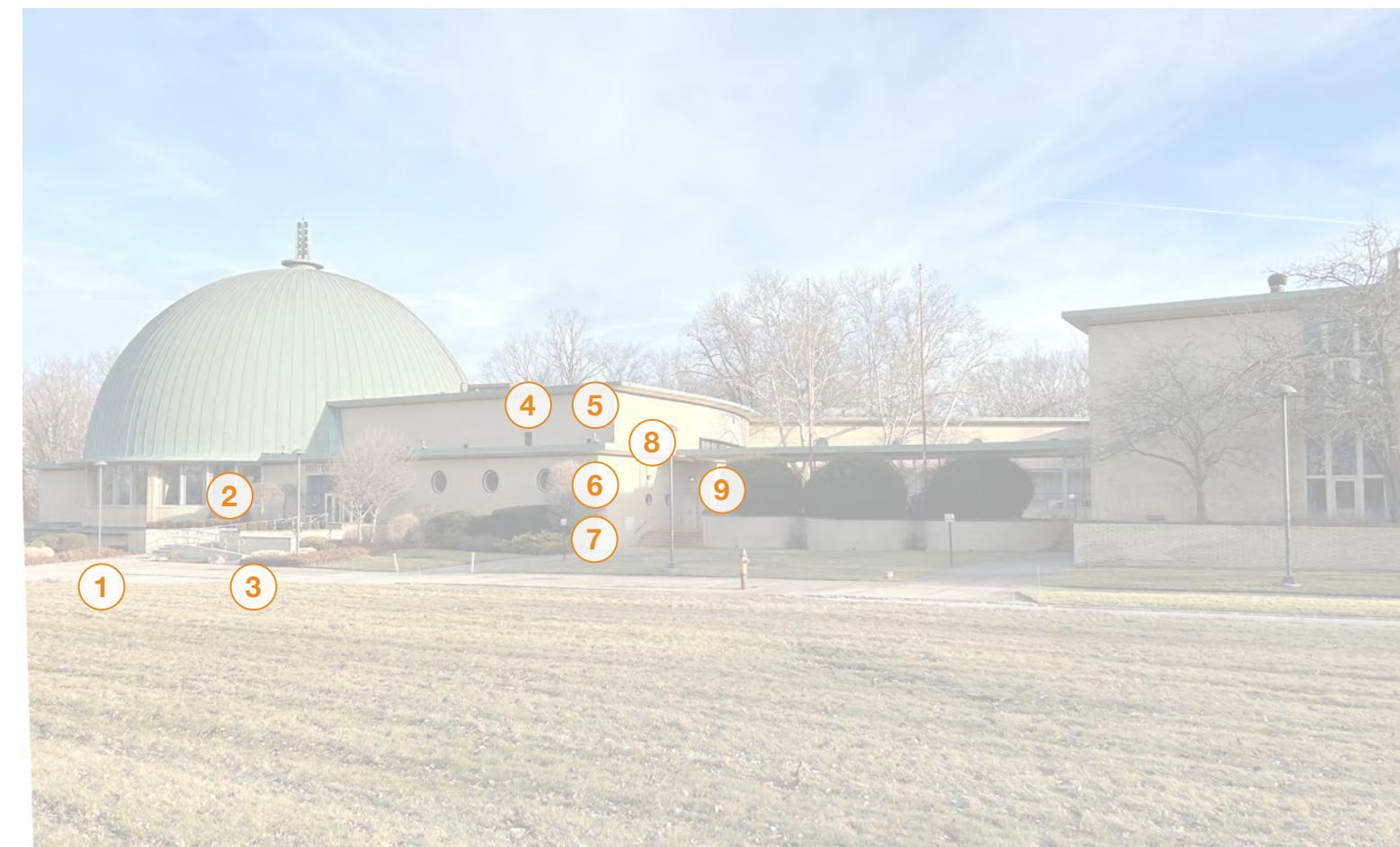
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Enlarged detail photos for reference.



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Historic Photo c.1970



Present Day Photo



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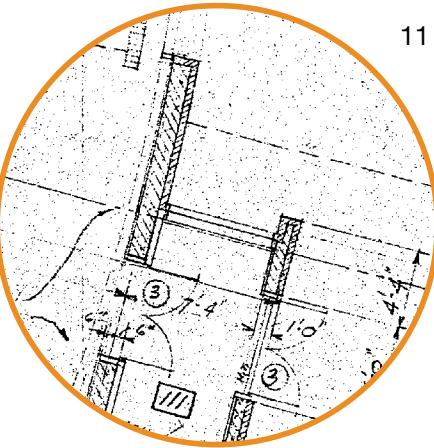
Exterior Temple + Courtyard View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Site Lighting Poles
2. Ramp Over Entry Stairs
3. Double-Thick Fascia
4. Facade Lighting
5. Chase Under Roof
6. Courtyard Storage Addition*

*2003 Storage addition removed large window and converted a public connection to courtyard into a janitorial/service entry.

Note: landscape alterations not included



Enlarged photos and drawing/photos of storage room addition for reference.



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Historic Photo c.1955



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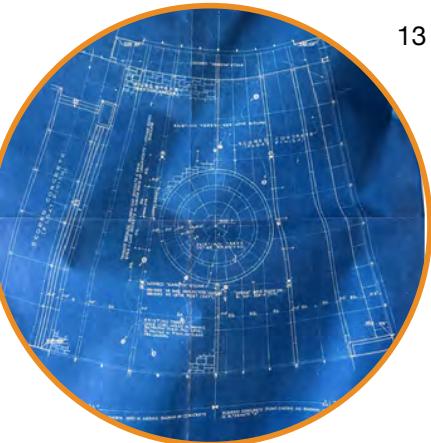
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Exterior Courtyard View

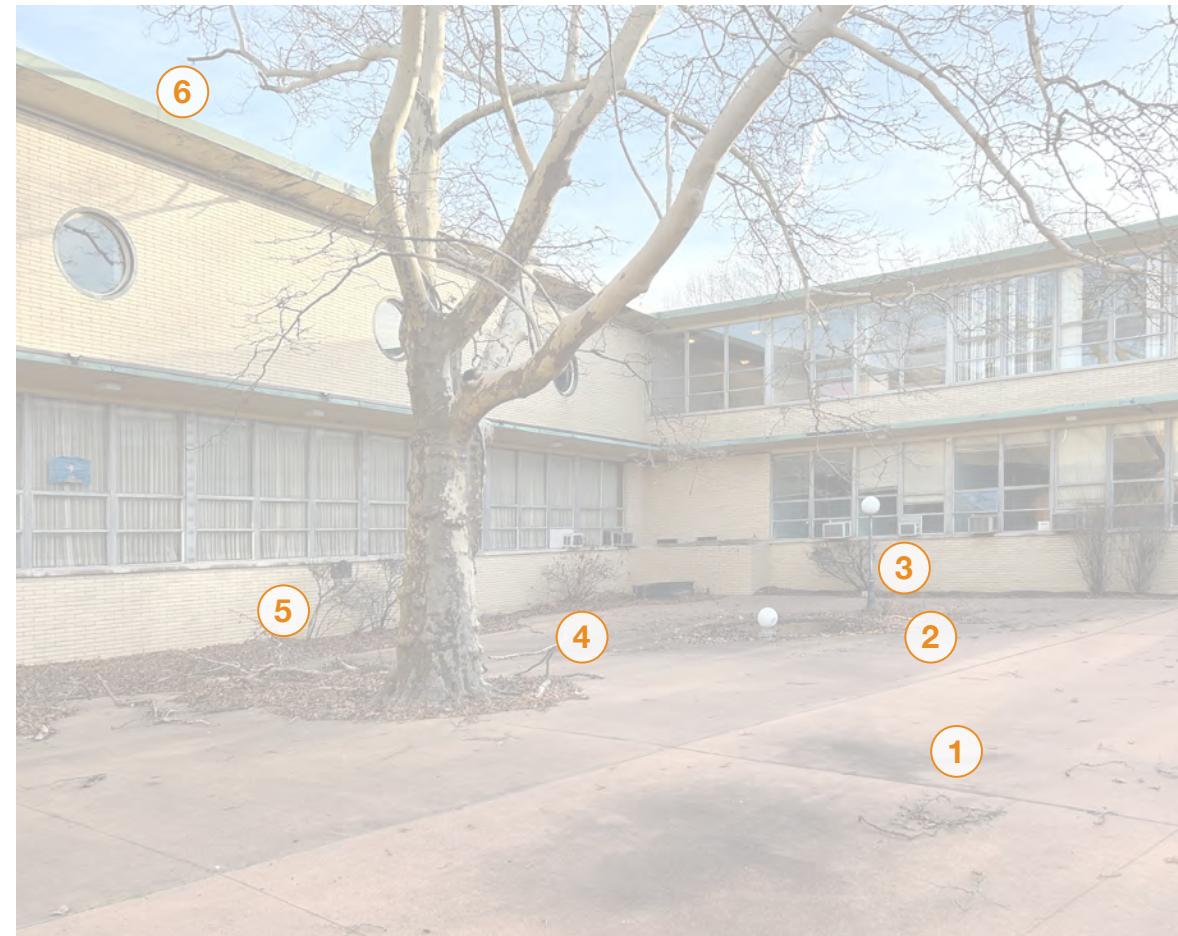
HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Paving Infill of Circular Lawn Area
2. Removal of Existing Trees*
3. Addition of Non-period Fixtures
4. Change in Concrete Pattern/Shape
5. Inconsistent Perimeter Plantings
6. Thickened Fascia

*According to Mendelsohn's design drawings, existing trees were to remain at random locations in the courtyard. The two remaining trees appear to be original.



Reference drawing/photos of courtyard from c1955 to present.



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Exterior Courtyard View



Historic Photo c.1950



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Interior Rosenthal Ballroom View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Removal of Curtains
2. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
3. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
4. Repositioned Flush Doors
5. Removal of Projection Windows

Incomplete Elements In Historic Photo:

- Sliding partition wall for ballroom
- Wood cladding at corner behind curtain
- School wing under construction

Enlarged detail photos for reference.



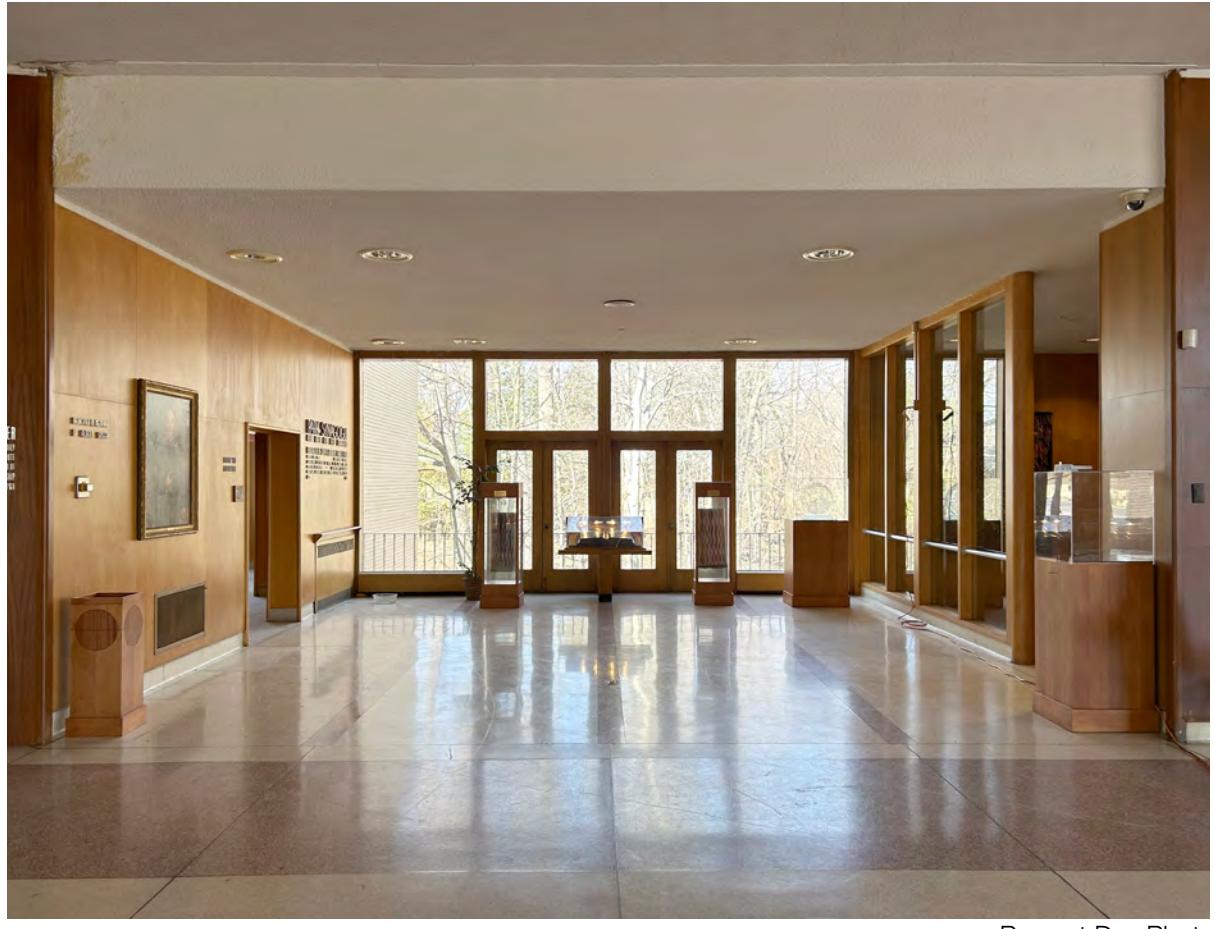
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Interior Rosenthal Ballroom View
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Historic Photo c.1955



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Interior Foyer Sitting Area
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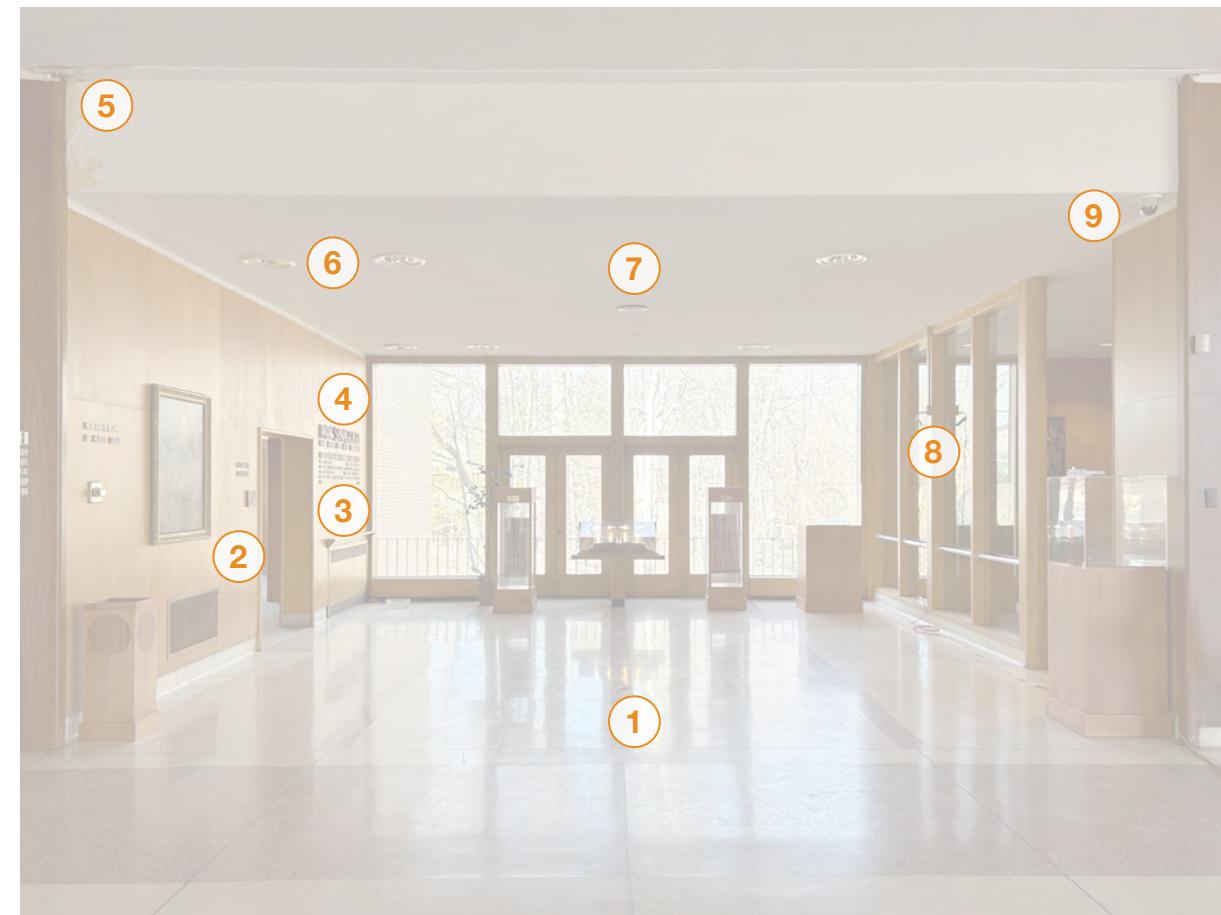
HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Added Floor Outlet
2. Enlarged Opening to Elevator Lobby*
3. Added Hood Over Wall Heater
4. Original Signage Moved from Entry
5. Removal of Curtains
6. Non-Period & Added Lighting Fixtures
7. Added HVAC Diffuser
8. Added Exposed Electrical
9. Added Security Camera

*1998 Renovation of former men's restroom to lobby for elevator addition.



Reference photos of lounge area with enlarged opening to elevator lobby.



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Historic Photo c.1955



Present Day Photo



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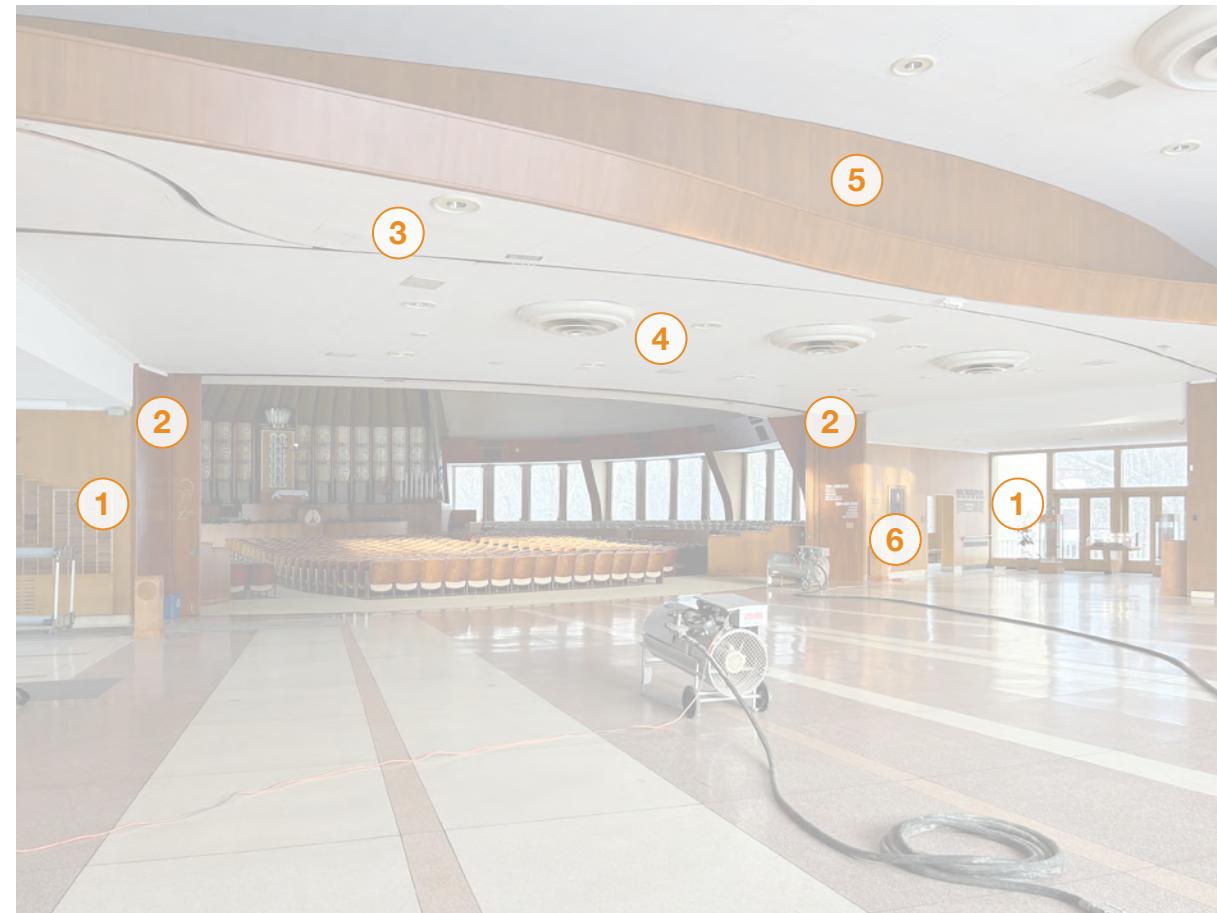
Interior Ballroom to Temple View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Original Signage Moved for Memorial
2. Removal of Curtains
3. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
4. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
5. Removal of Speaker [Organ Tone Box]
6. Enlarged Opening to Elevator Lobby

Note: the original ceramic tile artwork shown on the wall of the historic photo has been relocated to the lobby of the administration wing.

Enlarged detail photos for reference.



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Historic Photo c.1955



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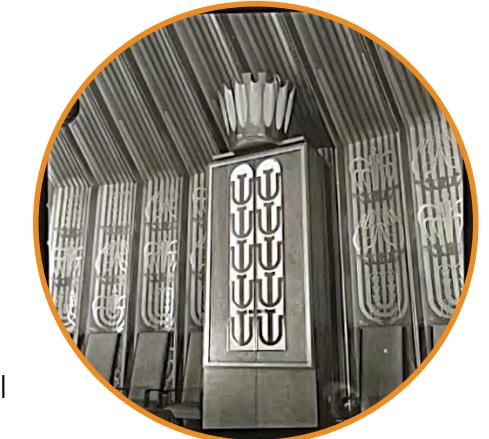


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Interior Ark Elevation
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Expanded List of Names in Memoriam



Enlarged historic c1955 and present detail photos for reference.



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Historic Photo c.1950



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Interior Miller Chapel Front View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Non-Period Replacement Windows
2. Former Door Closed In
3. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
4. Added Return Air Vents
5. Added Non-Period Lighting Fixtures

Incomplete Elements In Historic Photo:

- Decorative Grille Over Ark Speaker
- Decorative Metal Shin on Ark Doors
- Decorative Metal Hands on Lectern
- Menorah Candelabras

Enlarged historic c1955 and present detail and approach photos for reference.



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Interior Miller Chapel Front View
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Historic Photo c.1950



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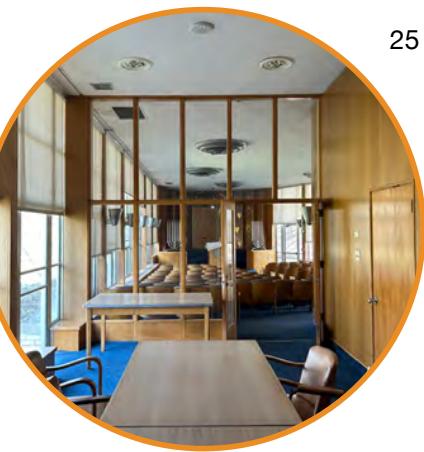


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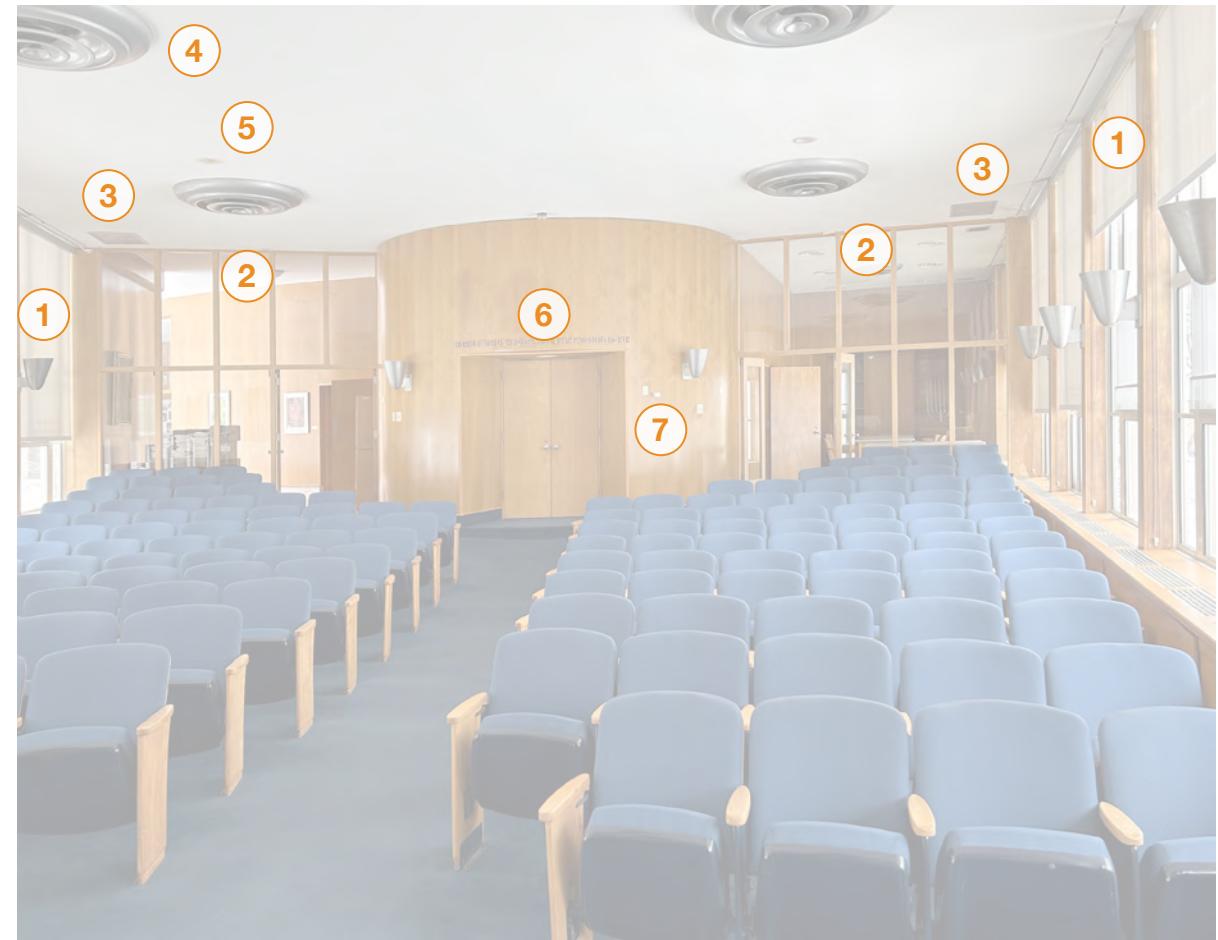
Interior Miller Chapel Rear View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Added Window Shades
2. Removal of Privacy Curtains
3. Added Return Air Vents
4. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
5. Added Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
6. Added Dedication Signage
7. Added Wall Switches/Controls



Reference photos included for chapel entries, corridor, and conference room.

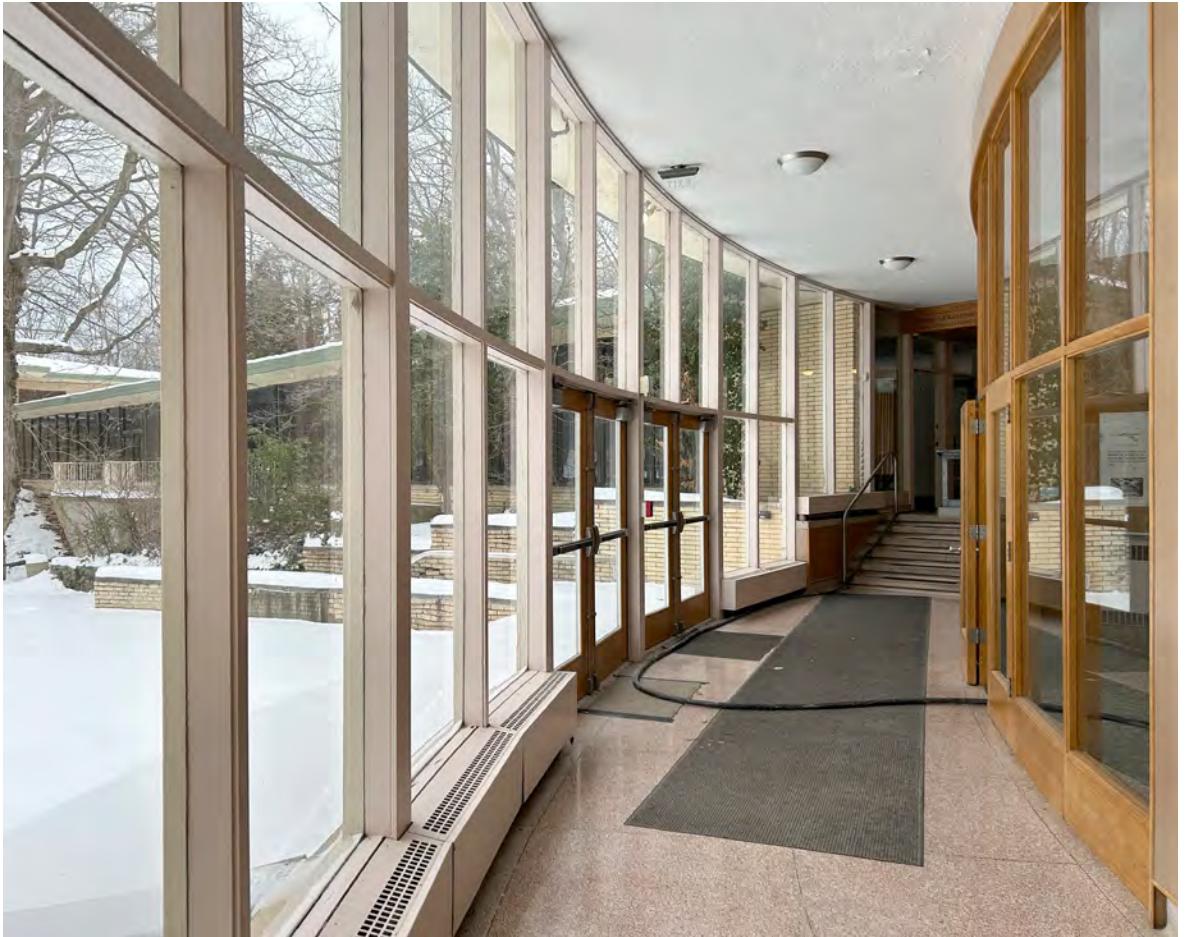


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Historic Photo c.1950



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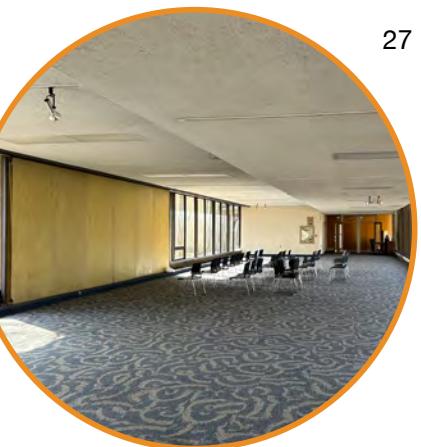
Interior Ground Floor Corridor Entry View
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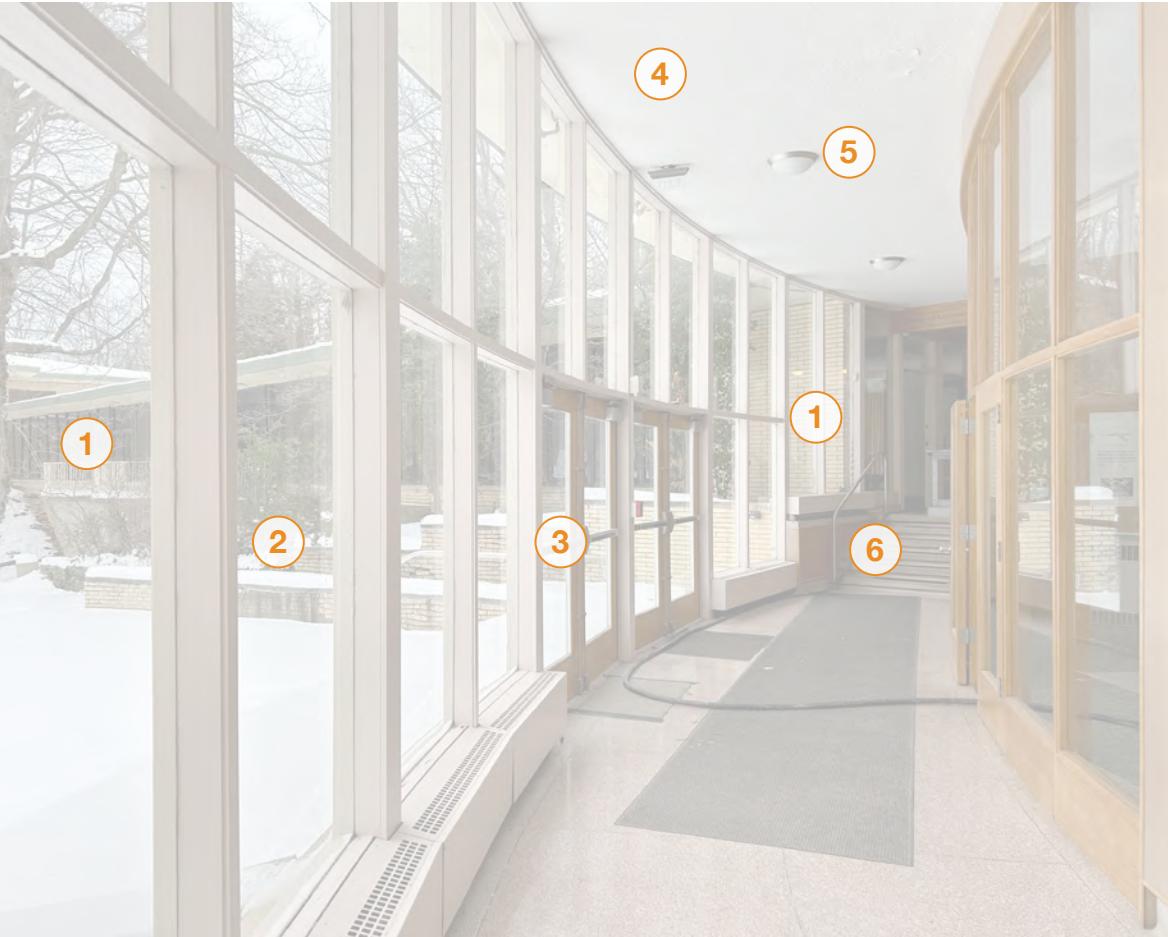
1. Bridge Addition*
2. Added Site Walls for Ramp
3. Panic Hardware on Exit Doors
4. Ceiling Painted Lighter Color**
5. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
6. Added Stair Handrail

*1968 Bridge and Kangesser Hall Addition.

**Ceiling color appears to have originally matched between exterior and interior.



Reference photos included of bridge interior.



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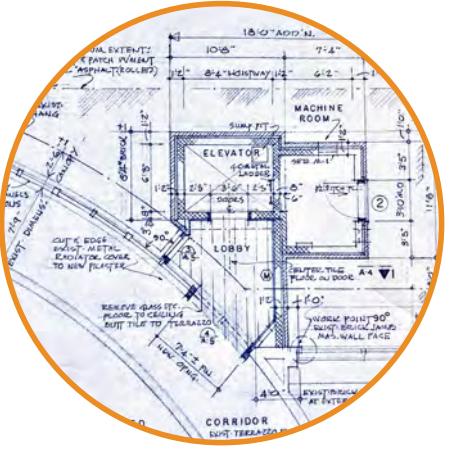
Interior Ground Floor Corridor View
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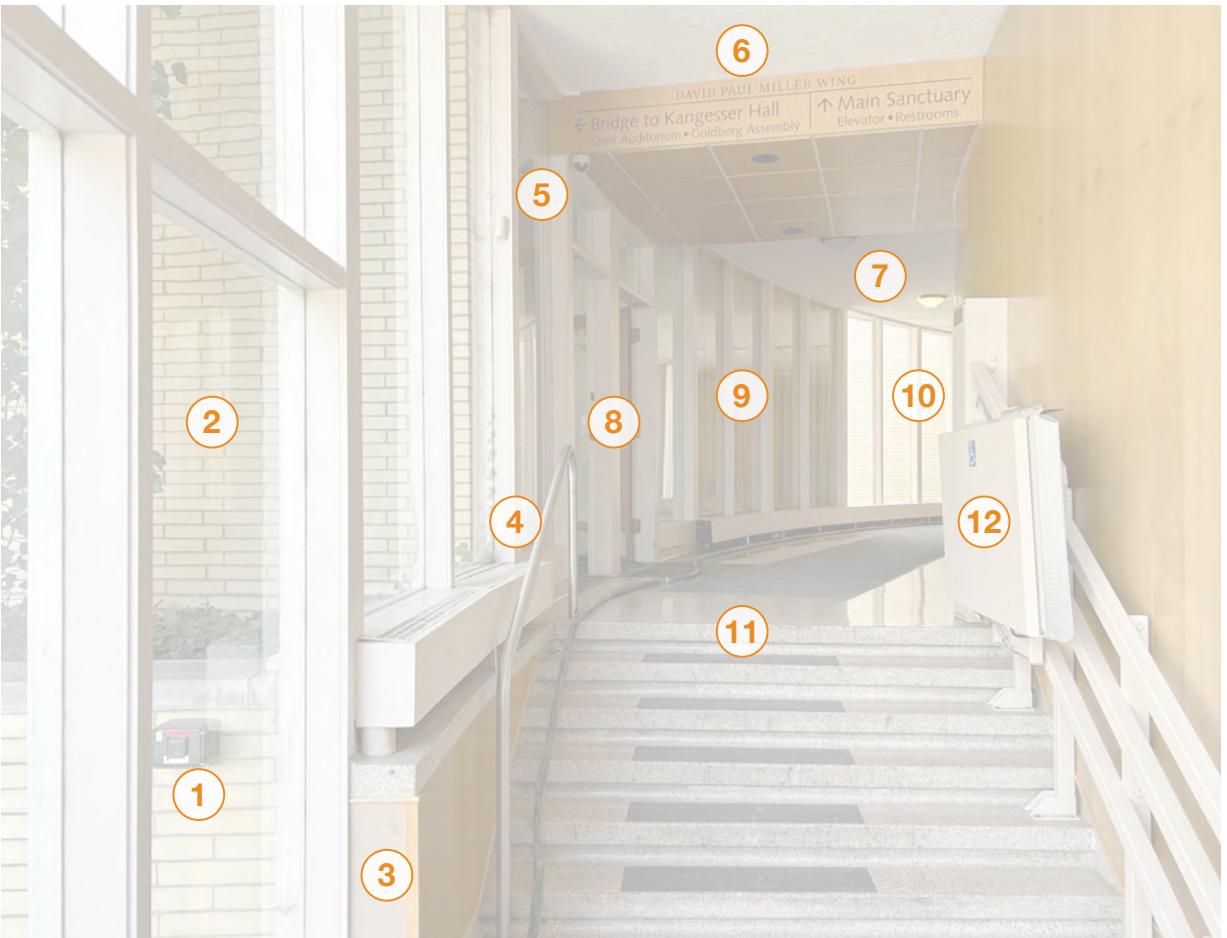
1. Knox Box for CHFD
2. Bridge Addition*
3. Discolored Wood Panel
4. Added Handrail
5. Motion Detector & Security Camera
6. Non-Period Ceiling Signage Feature
7. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
8. Window System Altered for Doors
9. Curtains of Office in Bridge
10. Elevator Addition**
11. Slip-Resistant Pads on Stairs
12. Handrail Replaced with ADA Lift

*1968 Bridge and Kangesser Hall Addition.

**1998 Elevator Addition



Reference photos/drawing of elevator addition between main and ground floors.



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Interior Ground Floor Corridor View
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Historic Photo c.1955



Present Day Photo



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Interior Ladies Lounge View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Replaced Wood Paneling
2. Wood Cove Lighting
3. Added Hood Over Wall Heater
4. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
5. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
6. Removed Curtains
7. Panic Door Hardware



Reference photos/drawings of former
"Mens Club Parlor" & "Sisterhood Parlor".



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Interior Ladies Lounge View
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Historic Photo c.1950



Present Day Photo



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Interior Coat Check View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Removed Millwork Doors
2. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
3. Alarm Device with Exposed Conduit
4. Removed Drinking Fountain



Additional photos of coat check for reference.



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Interior Coat Check View
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Historic Photo c.1955



Present Day Photo



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Interior Administration Waiting Area View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Window Blinds Replaced Curtains
2. Added Storefront System
3. Added Dedication Plaque
4. Non-Period Lighting Fixture
5. Added *Shin* Decorative Grill
6. Added Mirror Glass at Display
7. Replaced Wood Paneling
8. Non-Period Exit Sign

Additional photos of administration entry and reception for reference.



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Interior Administration Waiting Area View
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Historic Photo c.1955



Present Day Photo



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Interior Rabbi's Office View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Added HVAC Ceiling Return Air
2. Removed Privacy Curtains
3. Added HVAC Wall Diffuser
4. Removed Lighting Fixture Reflector
5. Removed Built-In Desk



Additional photos of the former Rabbi's office for reference.



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Interior Rabbi's Office View
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Historic Photo c.1955

HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Non-Period Lighting Fixtures
2. Casework Blocking Door
3. Added Radiators
4. Added Electrical Outlets
5. Removed Built-In Desk



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Interior Library View
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Interior Library View
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Historic Photo c.1955



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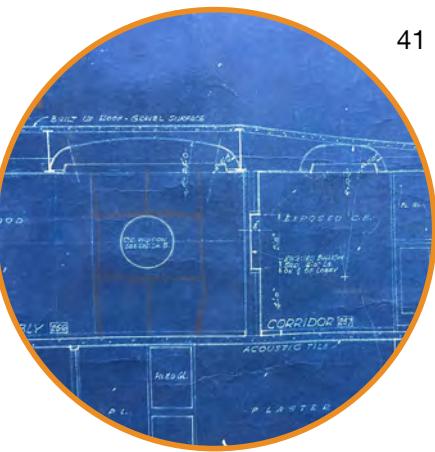


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Interior Glass Auditorium View
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HISTORIC ALTERATIONS

1. Enlarged HVAC Diffusers
2. Added ACT Ceiling in Lighting Coves
3. Removed Wall-Mounted Speakers



Additional photos of Glass Auditorium stage and drawing/photo of the lighting coves in the lobby and auditorium for reference.



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