Stepping foot onto the campus and looking towards the entry to the Boulevard. The outdoor connection is capped on both ends with the Tree of Life at the entrance and the Tree of Wisdom towards the exit.
The new Pressman School and Gymnasium define the western edge of the Boulevard that runs through the center of the Temple Beth Am campus, connecting all the major public spaces.
View of the Temple Beth Am & Pressman campus set in the dense West Los Angeles neighborhood. The campus Boulevard and green spaces provides a quiet respite from the noise and traffic of the surrounding streets.
Ground floor plan showing the Gym, Beit Knesset, School Commons, supporting Maker spaces, and Administration area which all posses a strong indoor / outdoor connection.
View of the Campus Boulevard looking north towards the school commons and Beit Knesset (prayer space) beyond.
At the entry, having just stepped into the ground floor educational commons. It will serve a variety of functions for the school and Temple including catered and night time events. A slide adds a playfulness for the middle schoolers to enjoy. Opening onto the Boulevard, large functions can be easily accommodated.
Second floor plan of Pressman Academy with neighborhoods for the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades surrounding the watering hole, a shared space on the educational level where the entire middle school can gather.
View from the 2nd floor watering hole shared by the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. An emphasis was placed on including large blank walls for ample student display.
Because this is a religious academy, the prayer space and Judaic studies rooms are planned so that they can operate independently while the school is completely locked and secured over the weekend.
What was once a narrow dark alley will become the heart of the TBA/Pressman campus with a broad landscaped Boulevard that serves as an outdoor room for informal community interaction and special events.