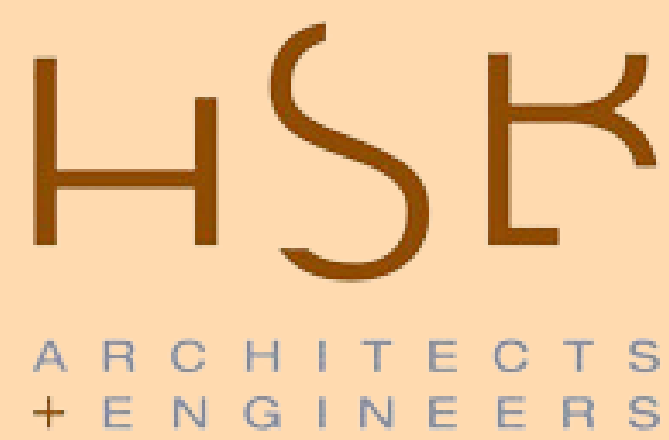
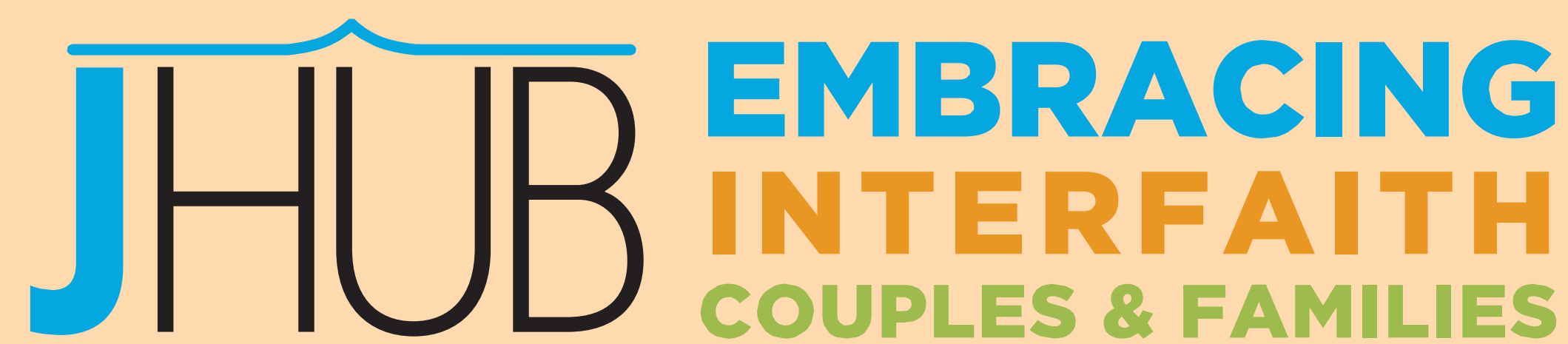


WELCOME TO SUKKAH VILLAGE!

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jHUB partnered with HSB Architects + Engineers and University Circle Inc. to conceptualize and construct this magnificent Sukkah Village. A sukkah is a temporary shelter families build to celebrate Sukkot, the Jewish fall harvest festival. The week-long celebration is a time to give thanks and to commemorate the 40 years the children of Israel wandered through the desert after the Exodus from Egypt.

THE HORN OF PLENTY:

A Celebration of Surplus

While the Sukkah provides space for friends and family to gather and celebrate the luxury of the harvest, it simultaneously represents the time spent in the wilderness with barely enough resources. The reminder of the temporary nature of luxury provides more reason to celebrate and appreciate the times of abundance. This Sukkah design embraces this idea by adjusting the amount of space provided. This is achieved by drawing parallels in both form and symbolism between the Sukkah and the cornucopia, a prevailing symbol for harvest and abundance.

The lower, narrower entrance of the Sukkah feels tighter and cramped, representing the scarcity of goods and resources. As visitors continue through the Sukkah towards the back, they experience an abundance of space for gathering and celebration.



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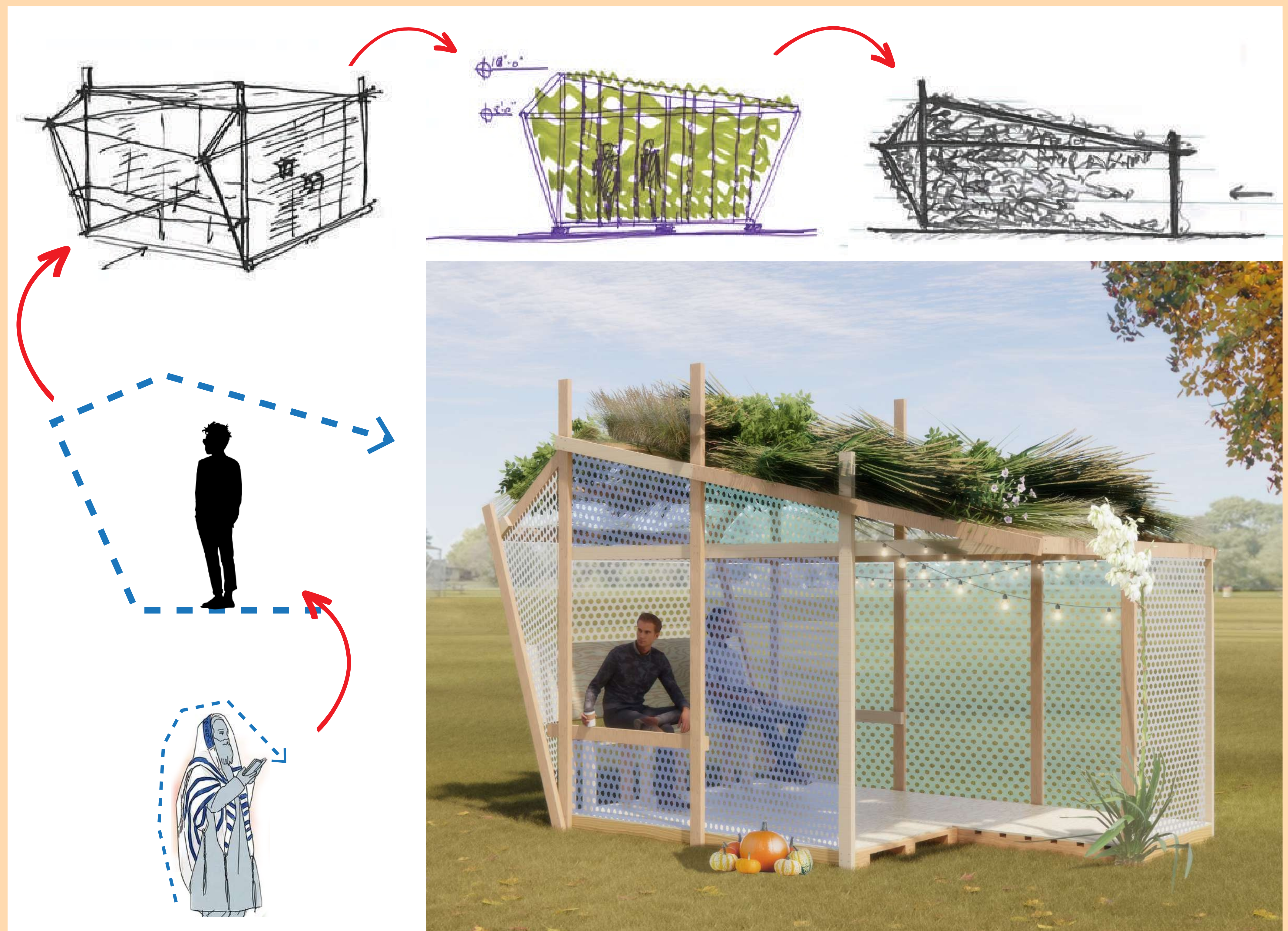


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ENVELOPING SUKKAH

The Hebrew blessing said by Jews upon entering a *sukkah* ends with the phrase “...for commanding us to dwell in the sukka.” The concept of dwelling evokes a feeling of being enveloped by a space, leaving yourself surrounded by a full-sensory experience. Millennia ago, the Israelites were enveloped in the sights and sounds of the wilderness and in the hard work of living in the fields during harvest.

This sukka was designed to help you experience the feeling of being enveloped in the traditions of the holiday. The roof structure is slanted so the space feels intimate while helps all who dwell inside to experience the cornstalk *schach* (roof covering). The bench inside creates a relaxing place to sit and dwell in nature while looking through the semi-transparent blue mesh siding that enwraps three sides of the Sukkah



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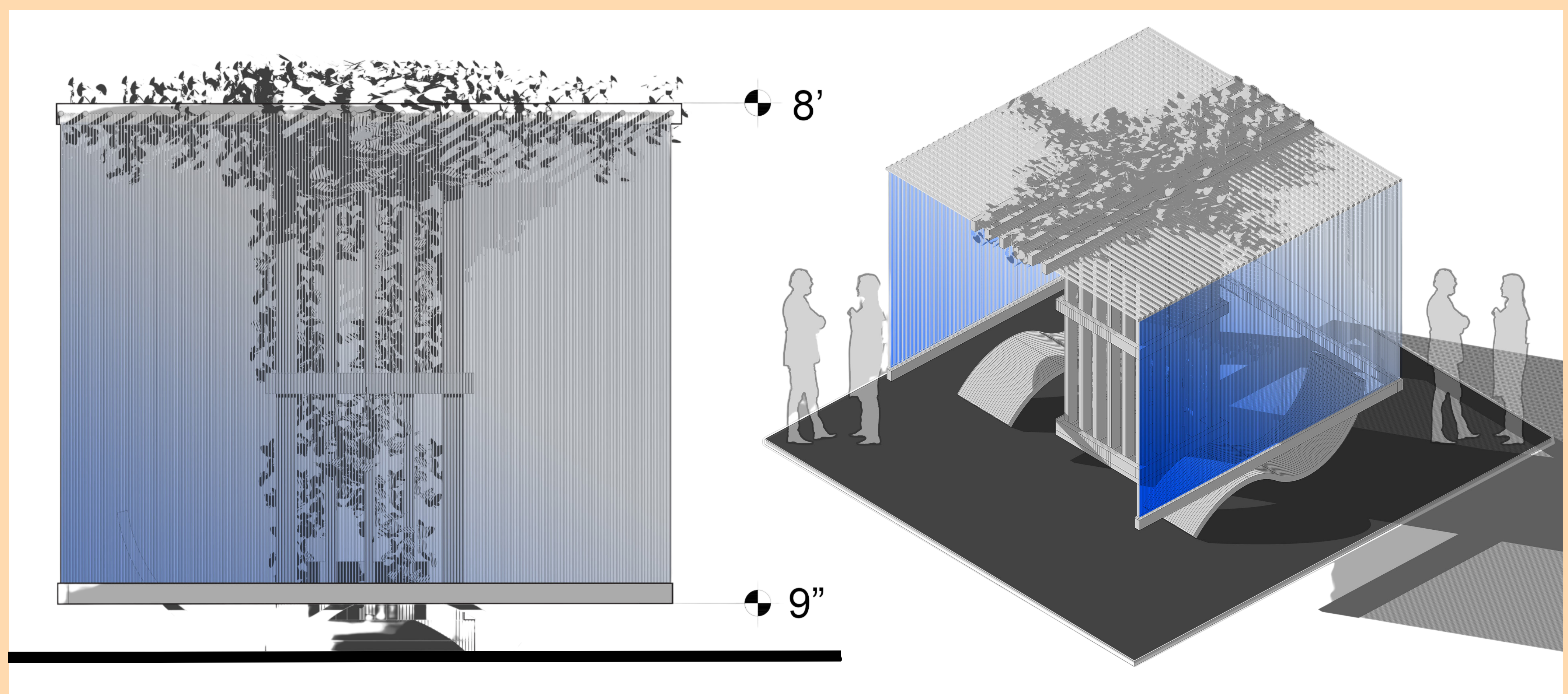
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SUSPENDED THRESHOLD

The existence of the Sukkah, on its most basic level, is meant to protect and shelter individuals from their harsh exteriors. Simultaneously, the history of these structures entwines humans and their surroundings by using natural materials and items the earth can provide.

This contemporary concept encapsulates both the idea of a light-scale temporary shelter, juxtaposed with the intent to bring users close to nature. A multi-faceted function was developed to allow users the flexibility of sitting or standing within the shelter. At the center, sits the grounding foundation of the structure- a sturdy pillar base allows free mobility along the perimeter of the Sukkah. Walls are defined with natural twine in varying densities that create a thin threshold between the interior and exterior.

The permeability of the sukkah's string walls invokes a sense of enclosure and shelter when inside the sukkah, while simultaneously maintaining a feeling of connection to the environment by allowing inhabitants to see through each wall to their surroundings. The central support system transports a window to nature into the core of the Sukkah. This is a callback to the prominence of the Israelites' environment in their daily life while dwelling in makeshift shelters in the wilderness for forty years.



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