



SUKKAH VILLAGE PRINCETON 2021

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION



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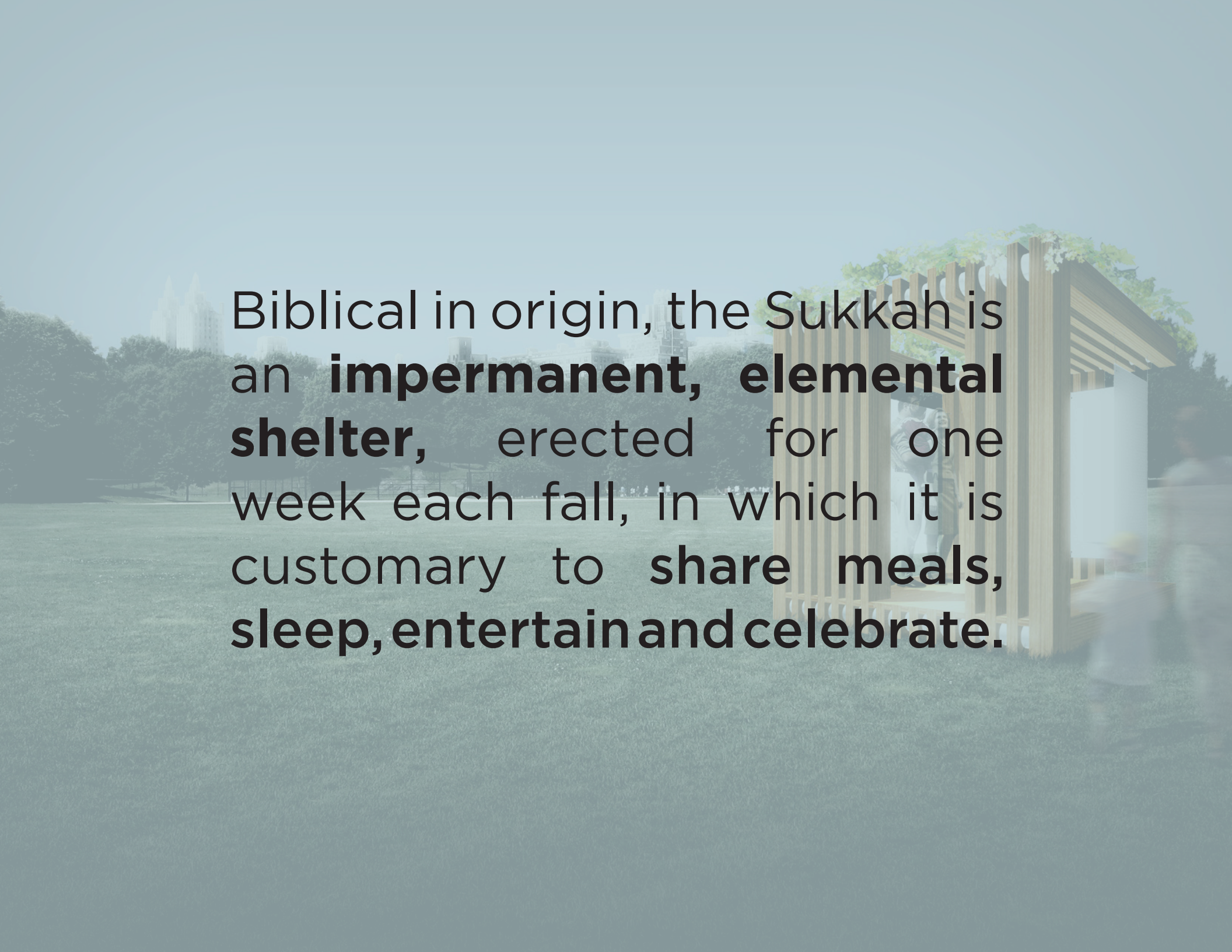
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A modern wooden Sukkah structure is shown on a grassy field. The structure is made of vertical wooden slats and has a flat roof with some greenery on top. In the background, there is a city skyline with several tall buildings. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Biblical in origin, the Sukkah is an **impermanent, elemental shelter**, erected for one week each fall, in which it is customary to **share meals, sleep, entertain and celebrate.**

WHAT IS A SUKKAH?

A Sukkah is a hut-like structure that the Jews lived in during the 40 years of travel through the **wilderness** after the exodus from Egypt. As a **temporary dwelling**, the Sukkah also represents the fact that all **existence is fragile**, and **Sukkot** is a time to **appreciate the shelter** of our homes and our **bodies**.

WHAT IS SUKKOT?

Sukkot is a week long Jewish **holiday** that is held in the autumn beginning on the 15th day of the seventh month, Tishri (Lunar Calendar). Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the **harvest** as well as commemorates the **sheltering** of the Israelites in the wilderness.

The goal is to spend as much time as possible in the Sukkah, at the very minimum eating all meals in the sukkah—particularly the festive meals on the first two nights of the holiday, when we must eat at least an olive-sized piece of bread or mezonot (grain-based food) in the sukkah. Some people even sleep in the sukkah. You are encouraged to invite **friends** and **family** to spend time with you in the sukkah. It is considered a **Mitzvah** (good deed) to have guests join you in your Sukkah.

Today we are confronted with many issues and themes that Sukkot addresses such as **homelessness, hunger, refugees, sustainability** and even **affordable housing**.



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The **Sukkah Village Princeton** competition, participants are tasked with presenting innovative and original designs for a Sukkah that can be built by an individual, using materials and building methods that are sustainable and easily available.

Each project will need to include details explaining the building method, ensuring that the structure can be built and taken apart with tools readily available.

A board of NJ AIA architects, community partners and local clergy will select winning design submissions which will receive a stipend of \$1,800 to build their Sukkah.

The winning designs will be constructed as a part of the Princeton Sukkah Village event in September, along with other Sukkah built by NJ AIA Architecture Firms and Architects.

ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open to all New Jersey students (High School, Attending NJ College, NJ Resident attending out of state school). Design proposals can be developed individually or in teams. (16 team members maximum).



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Sukkah Village Princeton is a statewide competition that re-imagines the ancient tradition of Sukkot. Open to all NJ students. *(High school, attending NJ College, NJ resident attending out of state school)*



1 or 2 student designed Sukkah will be chosen by a panel of selected architects and community members to be built.



14 Sukkahs will be built by New Jersey Architecture firms and Architects.

Sukkah winners will be given a budget of **\$1,800** each to build their winning entry to be displayed in **Princeton in September.**

SCHEDULE

2021

MARCH 19TH
REGISTRATION OPENS

MAY 14TH
REGISTRATION CLOSES

JUNE 4TH
SUBMISSION DEADLINE

JUNE 25TH
WINNERS ANNOUNCED

JUNE 26TH - SEPT 19TH
FABRICATION OF SUKKAHS

SEPT 19TH - 29TH
WEEK OF SUKKOT
PRINCETON SUKKAH VILLAGE

Schedule subject to change.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Deadline: May 14rd, 2021


Submission Deadline: June 4th, 2021

Registration can be completed at
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Upon registration, each applicant will receive an application number which will serve as the only identifying factor on the submitted presentation board.

For additional questions please contact us at info@sukkahvillage.com

DESIGN RULES

- 1 A **whale** may be used to make a Sukkah's walls. Also a living **elephant**. 
- 2 The Sukkah must enclose a **minimum** area of at least 7x7 square handbreadths. 
- 3 A sukka may be built on top of a **camel**. 
- 4 If the Sukkah has only 2 complete walls, and they face each other, a third wall of at least 4 **handbreadths** must be within 3 handbreadths of one of the complete walls. 
- 5 The roof cannot be made of bundles of straw or sticks that are tied together (although untied may be okay). 
- 6 The roof cannot be made of **utensils**, or anything conventionally functional when it is not part of a Sukkah. 
- 7 The roof cannot be made of **food**. 
- 8 The Sukkah must have at least 3 walls, but the third doesn't need to be complete. The walls must remain **unshaken** by a steady wind. 
- 9 At night one must be able to see the **stars** from within the Sukkah, through the roof. 

The following guidelines are considered Kosher by Jewish law. Creative interpretation allowed. Entries are encouraged to follow the themes of homelessness, hunger, refugees sustainability and affordable housing.

- 10 The Sukkah must have a roof made of **schach**: the leaves and/or branches of a tree or plant, something that once grew in the ground, and is no longer attached to the earth. 
- 11 If there are only two complete walls and they form a corner, a third wall of at least 1 **handbreadth** must be within 3 handbreadths of one of the complete walls. 
- 12 A Sukkah may be built on a **boat**. 
- 13 A Sukkah may be built on a wagon. 
- 14 A Sukkah may be built in a tree, like a **treehouse**. But it cannot be built under a tree, or any overhanging surface. 
- 15 During the day, the roof must provide **more shade** than sunshine. Its individual construction elements must be less than 4 handbreadths in width. 
- 16 The Sukkah must draw the eye up to its roof, and to the **sky** beyond. 
- 17 The **base** of the walls must be within 3 handbreadths of the ground, but need not reach the roof. 

PRINCETON SPECIFIC RULES

1 **Footprint** of Sukkah shall be 10' x 10', height may be determined by designers although review by municipality may be required.



2 Sukkah must be **demountable** and be able to be stored in as small of a space as possible (someone's garage, under a porch or similar)



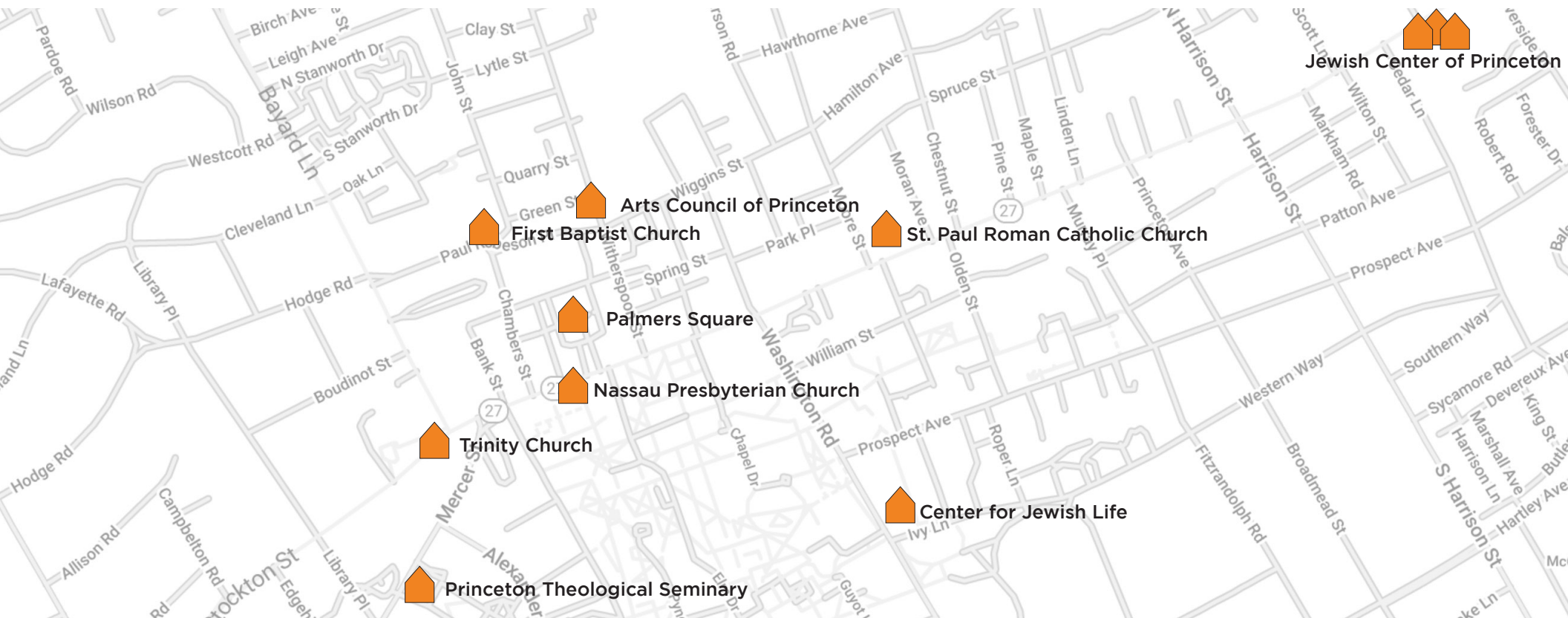
3 Designers are to provide **instructions** for assembly and demounting, so Sukkah may be reused in the future.



At the end of Sukkot, each built Sukkah will be auctioned off to raise money for their assigned charity.

Sukkahs will be displayed at various sites around Princeton, with the main Sukkah Village being featured at the Jewish Center of Princeton.

Locations subject to change. There will be no guarantee of specific locations for particular designs. Jurors, Committee and Event Organizers will be deciding locations of specific Sukkahs after competition is completed.



SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE PROVIDED WITH ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION #

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Submission Deadline: June 4th, 2021

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Formatted on a digital landscape 24"x36" presentation board:

1. 250 Word Description on inspiration behind your Sukkah
2. Assembly & Disassembly Instructions
3. Rendered 3D View
4. Plan, Sections & Elevations
5. Optional Details & Descriptive Drawings
6. Optional Views

Submission Format:

1. Digital Landscape 24" x 36" Board File
2. Separate file of primary image used on board

Submission Requirements:

1. Registration # to be put in upper right hand corner (30 pt and clearly legible)
2. All information provided in writing must be in English.
3. All Submissions to be submitted to info@sukkahvillage.com
4. Submission files not to exceed 5 MB.
5. Presentation boards must not indicate any information related to individual's/ team's identity.
6. Participants who do not comply with these requirements will be disqualified.
7. The jury and sukkah village committee reserves the right to not award a finalist upon receipt of all submissions.



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