

Symbolic structure

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The Jewish harvest festival Sukkot just ended, but a sukkah still sits in Pocket Park on the uptown campus to commemorate the celebration.

Designed and built by Tulane architecture students, in partnership with Tulane Hillel, the structure is symbolic of the portable shelters the Israelites constructed in the desert following their exodus from Egypt. The sukkah serves as a gathering place for festive meals and relaxation during the weeklong observance.

Yonah Schiller, executive director at Tulane Hillel, said of the 10-year tradition, "It is always inspiring to see how architecture students bring their knowledge, creativity and passion in helping to define and imagine the contemporary sukkah structure."