

The Remez Arlozorov Civic Centre

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The Remez Arlozorov Civic Center was the winning entry of a major public competition, held by the Tel Aviv Municipality, for designing a communal, mixed use complex at the center of Tel Aviv, next to some major iconic buildings from the sixties.

The scheme organizes the compound's buildings, the auditorium, the sports center, the residential tower and the education wing, around a public space which serves as the vital hub of the complex.

The first constructed building of the complex is the children education wing. The 100m long horizontal, serene structure of the building is juxtaposed with the lightly sloped site, enabling differentiation of scale and a series of terraced spaces along the long building.

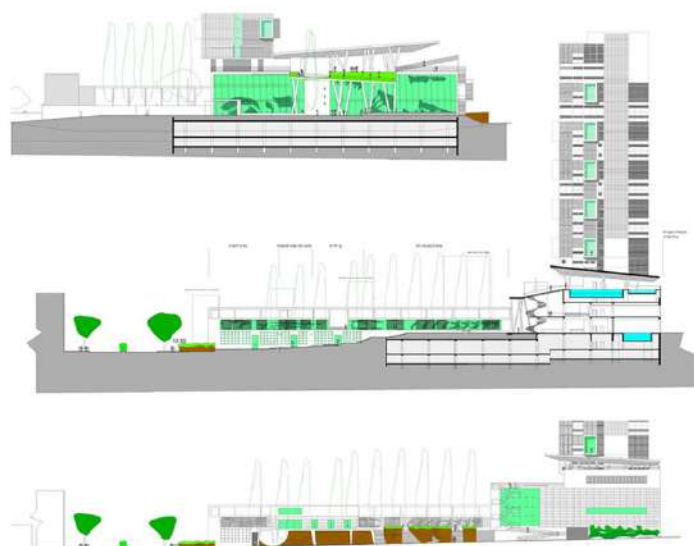
The dense plot and the tight public budget posed a challenge and led the search of feasible yet inspiring design solutions. The kindergartens are therefore built on two levels and offer an urban version of the familiar childcare programmes, while composing a playful series of spaces.

A unique woven timber fabric separates the public space from the children's realm, creating a sunlight filter and playful articulation of horizontality and linearity, as well as a passive solar protection.

The color spectrum is used in various ways and locations throughout the building, serving both as an orientation device as well as a sensual stimulus, operating within the framework of creating an inspirational learning environment for the children.



The winning proposal for the complex





The unique woven timber fabric separates the public space from the children's realm



An inspiring environment is designed with a careful composition of materials and surfaces



The 100 m long horizontal building of the children education wing, juxtaposed with the lightly sloped site



The eastern façade and the kindergartens' entrance: a contemporary variation of the Tel-Avivan brise-soleil tradition





The kindergartens, built on two levels, are interwoven with a series of playful spaces

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Location: Arlozorov st., Tel Aviv, Israel

Program: Kindergarten cluster, Daycare complex and social welfare center

Architects: Mayslits Kassif Architects

Client: The Tel Aviv Foundation

Status: Complete - 2009

Budget: 4,000,000 E

Site Area: 6,000 sqm

Design Team: Udi Kassif, Ganit Mayslits Kassif; **Project Architect:** Maor Roytman

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