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Architecture as a way out of the puzzle

We all, as human beings, tend to make mistakes. Our race is not perfect yet we have the great ability to think and analyze in logical manner our own faults. The prison, through its architecture, aspires to provoke the inmates a deep state of reflection to become better humans.

The prison should be understood as a process of several stages that contribute to heal and prepare for the outside everyday life: freedom. The first stage starts when the inmate commits the crime and he collapses into a deep hole named prison. Once he hits the ground, he falls into a state of confusion, a state of disaster. On the second stage the inmate is isolated in a basic cell where he experiences different emotions, such as loneliness, abandonment and he starts getting psychological help. He sees nothing but the four walls that surround him and the goal is to create a contact with his inner and reflect about the mistakes he has done and what he can do to fix them. The inmate starts analyzing his own situation and is embrace by a feeling of remorse and a strong desire to change.

Once the inmate gets psychological help, he acknowledges that by working his behaviour, he is not only working his way out of the prison but he is building his future life as an appropriate citizen. Here is where the inmate starts showing a change of attitude and, as a reward, he starts being trusted and moves to a bigger cell where he gets more light and sees the exterior. This motivates him to keep going until reaching real life again: freedom.

Cell

Components
1. Sally port
2. Administration
3. Medical facilities
4. Rabbi's room
5. Doctor's
6. Workshops
7. Library
8. Spiritual space
9. Recreational area
10. Cells
11. Restrooms
12. Front office
13. Exercise yard
14. Kitchen