

Today's News - October 19, 2006

Philip Johnson synagogue deconstructed; avant-garde ensemble of aesthetic and ritual objects finds a new home. – Gehry is a bold choice for Philadelphia; and he's a big part of big plans in St. Louis. – Chicago architects invited to rethink Navy Pier (but will they all get along?). – Doomed De Portzamparc plan for NYC an operatic tragedy. – Even Safdie is o.k. with dropping the Safdie Plan for West Jerusalem. – University of Calgary has big, green plans. – The first cradle-to-cradle house takes shape in Virginia. – Brooklyn mansions to bite the dust to make way for a supermarket. – Not all are pleased with mega-resort proposed for British Virgin Islands. – Glancey sees glorious light in two new galleries, and eyes cinematic towers in Moscow. – Maki's Kemper Art Museum ready for its close-up. – Google goes gaga for solar power. – Report from India on future of healthcare architecture. – Corrected link to Fast Company's masters of design and their design ethos (our apologies for yesterday's glitch).

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[Deconstructing Philip: ...less than two years after Johnson's death, the congregation has gutted the 1956 Kneses Tifereth Israel synagogue in Port Chester, N.Y...central architectural elements...have not been substantially changed. By Michael Z. Wise -- Michael Berkowicz- The Forward \(NY\)](#)

[Gehry is a bold stroke for Philadelphia Museum of Art: Architect of Guggenheim Bilbao to design its underground galleries...architectural and cultural leaders hailed the museum for departing from the city's habitual caution... By Inga Saffron- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Philadelphia Museum Job Sends Gehry Underground: ...will handle not only an underground expansion of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, but also a renovation of its existing neo-Classical building under an ambitious 10-year master plan. -- Olin Partnership; Atkin Olshin Lawson-Bell Architects; Gluckman Mayner Architects- New York Times](#)

[A Whole New Ballgame: Riverfront Times uncovers secret plan for Ballpark Village cultural landmark. Frank O. Gehry has signed on to design the \[10-acre\] project. Estimated price tag: \\$765 million. \[images, links\]- Riverfront Times \(St. Louis\)](#)

[Changes on way in Navy Pier plan: Controversial ideas appear likely to sink: ...officials have begun meeting with leading Chicago architects to get their ideas for redeveloping the state's top tourist attraction... it remains to be seen...whether the architects, all strong-minded, will be able to cooperate. By Kathy Bergen and Blair Kamin -- Forrec Ltd.; Helmut Jahn; Dirk Lohan; Laurence Booth- Chicago Tribune](#)

[New York Tragedy: Doomed De Portzamparc Plans for City Opera: ...design, never publicly unveiled, suggests just how exciting this lost opportunity might have been...effort makes it all too clear...why the self-proclaimed world capital of culture has so much trouble nurturing it. By James S. Russell -- Hugh Hardy/H3 collaborative- Bloomberg News](#)

[Safdie: The man against the plan: "I have no problem with the West Jerusalem plan being postponed and canceled," says the man behind the plan... By Esther Zandberg- Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[Design innovation comes to the University of Calgary: ...hiring world-renowned architects to bring visionary design to major projects in the campus's \\$1.5-billion capital expansion. - Saucier + Perrotte; KieranTimberlake Associates; Kasian Architecture; Cohos Evamy; Busby Perkins + Will; Baird Sampson Neuert; Riddell Kurczaba- Archiseek \(Canada\)](#)

[Walking the Cradle: First cradle-to-cradle house takes shape in Virginia -- C2C Home; SmithLewis Architecture; William McDonough; Matthew Coates/Tim Meldrum; Richard Rife/Stephen Feather \[image\]- Grist Magazine](#)

[Forgotten Brooklyn: Will a Supermarket Replace the Once-Grand Navy Yard Mansions? An open request for proposals will be made...but after the site has been cleared.- Preservation magazine](#)

[Mega-Resort Proposal Draws Criticism in British Virgin Islands: Beef Island Golf & Country Club, a 650-acre \(260-hectare\) resort...planned for a sparsely developed spit of land...would distort the local housing market and destroy wildlife habitats. \(AP\) -- Tim Peck- Environmental News Network](#)

[The living daylight: Jonathan Glancey on two striking new art galleries making extraordinary use of light...Louise T Blouin Institute and White Cube are obsessed with the quality of light, whether natural or artificial. -- Borgos Dance/James Turrell; MRJ Rundell & Associates/Minds Eye 3D Lighting Design- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Russian banks on seductive old lady: The Seven Sisters are a cluster of late-blooming Stalinist skyscrapers that continue to dominate the skyline of central Moscow...cinematic towers have regained their lustre in the avid eyes of Moscow's young and dressy super-rich. By Jonathan Glancey -- Edwin Lutyens- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Cutting-edge art museum to be dedicated Oct. 25: Fumihiko Maki...has returned to campus with the new Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum...For the first time in decades, all of the University's undergraduate design and visual arts programs will be located in a single, central location. \[image\]- Washington University in St. Louis](#)

[Search Power Takes a Stand for Sun Power: Google \[to\] build a large solar electricity system to provide about 30 percent of the electricity used each day at its one-million-square-foot office complex...would use 9,200 solar cells -- capable of powering 1,000 average California homes...- New York Times](#)

[A Conference With Futuristic Solutions: The International Conference on Planning and Designing of Healthcare Facilities in Goa witnessed an exchange of ideas on the](#)

[profound impact of health architecture](#)- Express Healthcare Management (India)

[Design Ethos: Paula Scher/Pentagram; Steve McCallion/Ziba Design; Clive Wilkinson; David Adjaye; Jennifer Siegal/Office of Mobile Design; etc. \[slide shows, articles\]](#)- Fast Company



-- [Exhibition: CO-EVOLUTION, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)
-- [Foster and Partners: Hearst Tower, New York, NY](#)

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