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Louis Kahn's Trenton Bath House

Louis Kahn's summer-camp changing rooms near Trenton got him fired. Now they're being restored, hailed as the architect's launching point from modernism.

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The Trenton Bath House designed by Louis Kahn for Ewing Township's Jewish community center BEFORE it was restored this year. It was completed in 1958. (Brian Rose)



The new snackbar at Lous Kahn's Trenton Bath House in Ewing Township, N.J. It was designed by Farewell Mills Gatsch of Princeton and features an inverted butterfly roof - the opposite shape that Kahn used at the ... [Read more](#)



The exterior of Louis Kahn's Trenton Bath House in Ewing Township just before its restoration. (Brian Rose)

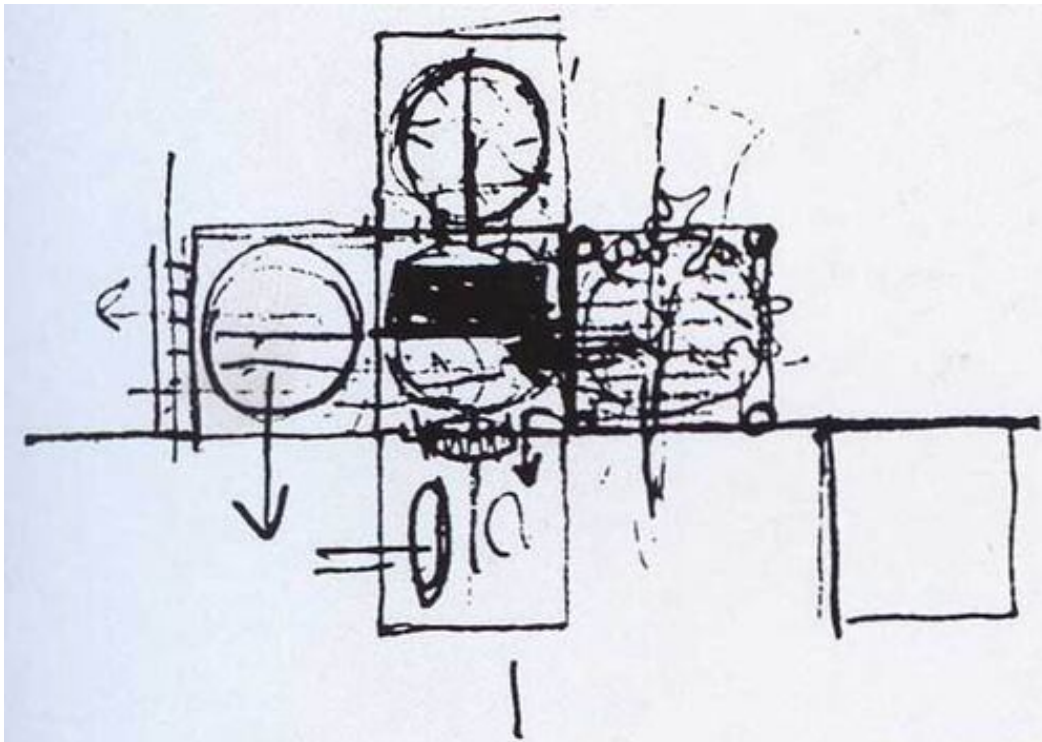
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A woman walks through the central court of the Trenton Bath House. (Courtesy of the Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania)



Boys enter the men's changing room through Kahn's baffled entrance of the Trenton Bath House. (Courtesy of the Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania)



Sketch plan of the Adler House, Philadelphia 1954: drawing by Kahn. This is Kahn's first use of the cruciform in plan. (From the book LOUIS I. KAHN by Robert McCarter)

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