The client describes the nature of the Metivta Center “a place of silence and eternity, a the expression of a new form of Jewish community that honors and supports contemplative practice, promotes honest friendship and interaction, conducts traditional rituals, and encourages service as a cornerstone of life. Program elements are layered from profane spaces to sacred spaces both from bottom to top and from outside to inside. The volumes study the relationship between positive and negative spaces, establishing a hierarchy of stacked spaces for the self, for the self as one in a group, and for the group as a whole.