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# The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and Memorial Center

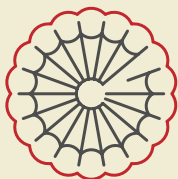
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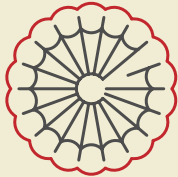


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# Introduction

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During World War II paratroopers Hannah Senesh, Haviva Reich and other Jewish paratroopers parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe to assist in the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust.

Not long after the war, Zahal (Israel Defense Forces) Paratrooper Corps was created. The Corps has evolved into a combat unit whose remarkable sense of purpose, distinctive values and outstanding standards of excellence, has become a model for the Israeli armed forces. Generations of officers have emerged from its ranks, forming the backbone of IDF's combat units.

The commanding officer's battle call "Acharai" (Follow Me), has become a national symbol.

The "Acharai" call epitomizes the personal example of courage, daring determination, and spirit of voluntarism. It has underscored a sense of brotherhood shared by comrades-in-arms. The paratrooper tradition "All for One" eventually became the hallmark of the IDF.

This same sense of mission still inspires the IDF, Today and will be at the core of the Israel Paratroopers Heritage and Memorial Centre. The center will be an everlasting monument to the Paratroopers glorious past, serving as a beacon to Israeli society and its youth.

Among the Center's main objectives is to demonstrate the paratrooper code of conduct and values as a model for the younger generation.

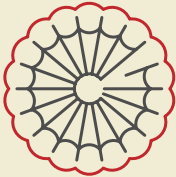
These unique values will serve as a source of inspiration, instilling youth with a more profound sense of awareness of their responsibilities and commitments to their country and to the world in which they live.



## Objectives

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- To create a fitting monument to commemorate fallen paratroopers
- To convey paratrooper traditions and values to soldiers and youth
- To establish a paratrooper-related information and research center for the use of the military, students and researchers
- To reenact the “Paratrooper Experience” for visitors from Israel and other countries



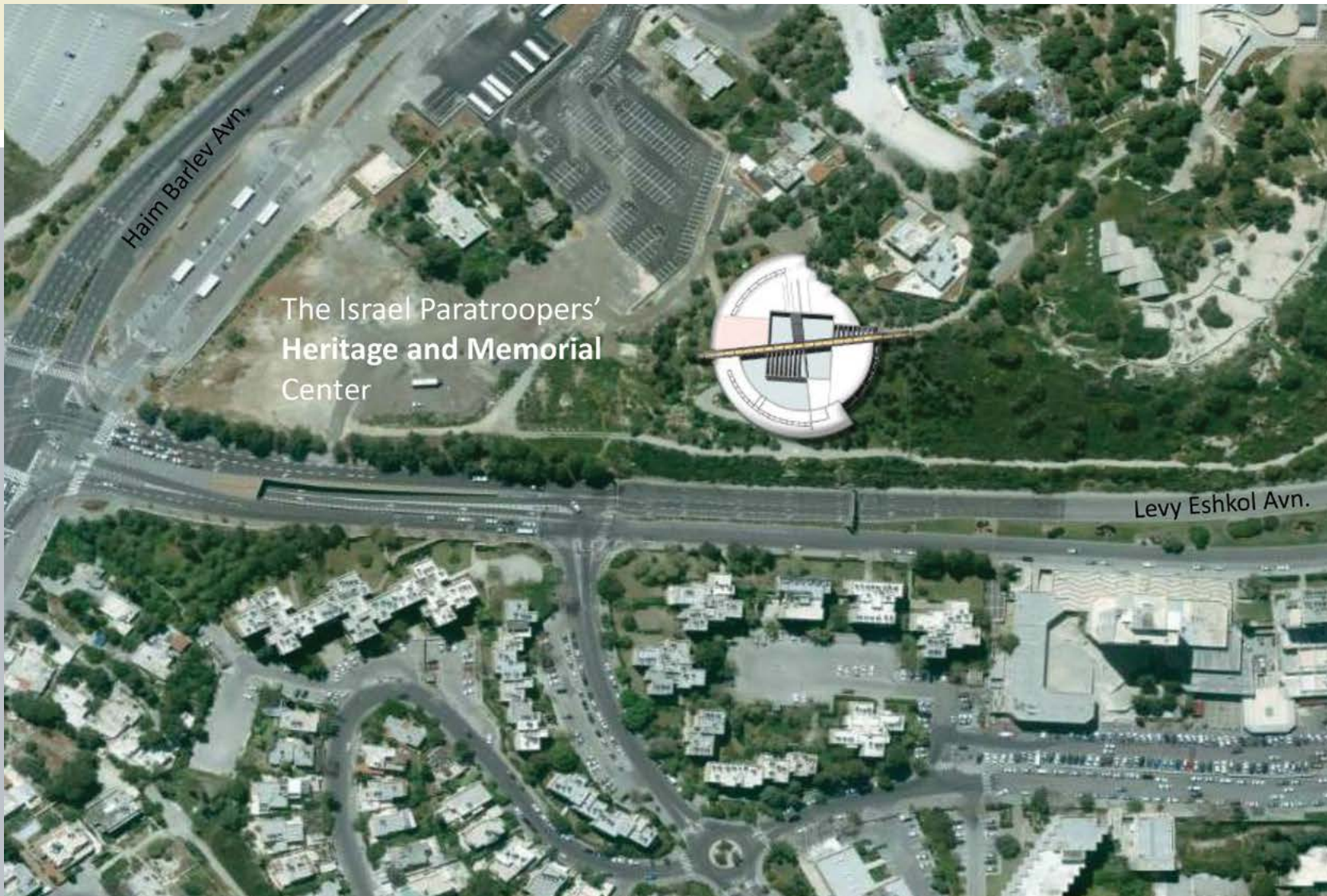
## Target Audience

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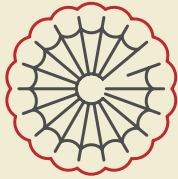
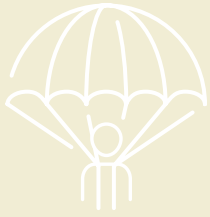
- IDF soldiers and officers of educational programs
- High-school students, within the framework of pre-army preparatory programs
- Youth groups from abroad, within the framework of educational projects
- Visitors from Israel and other countries
- Researchers, students and commanding officers studying paratrooper-related topics
- Bereaved families and comrades-in-arms attending memorial ceremonies at the site

# Site

The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and Memorial Center will be located on Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem. This location is a fitting memorial site for paratroopers, many of whom died in the fierce battle for the liberation of the city in 1967.



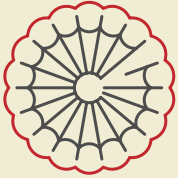




## Building Model - Aerial View





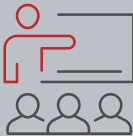


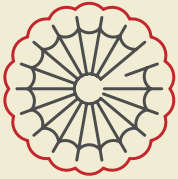
# Center Complex

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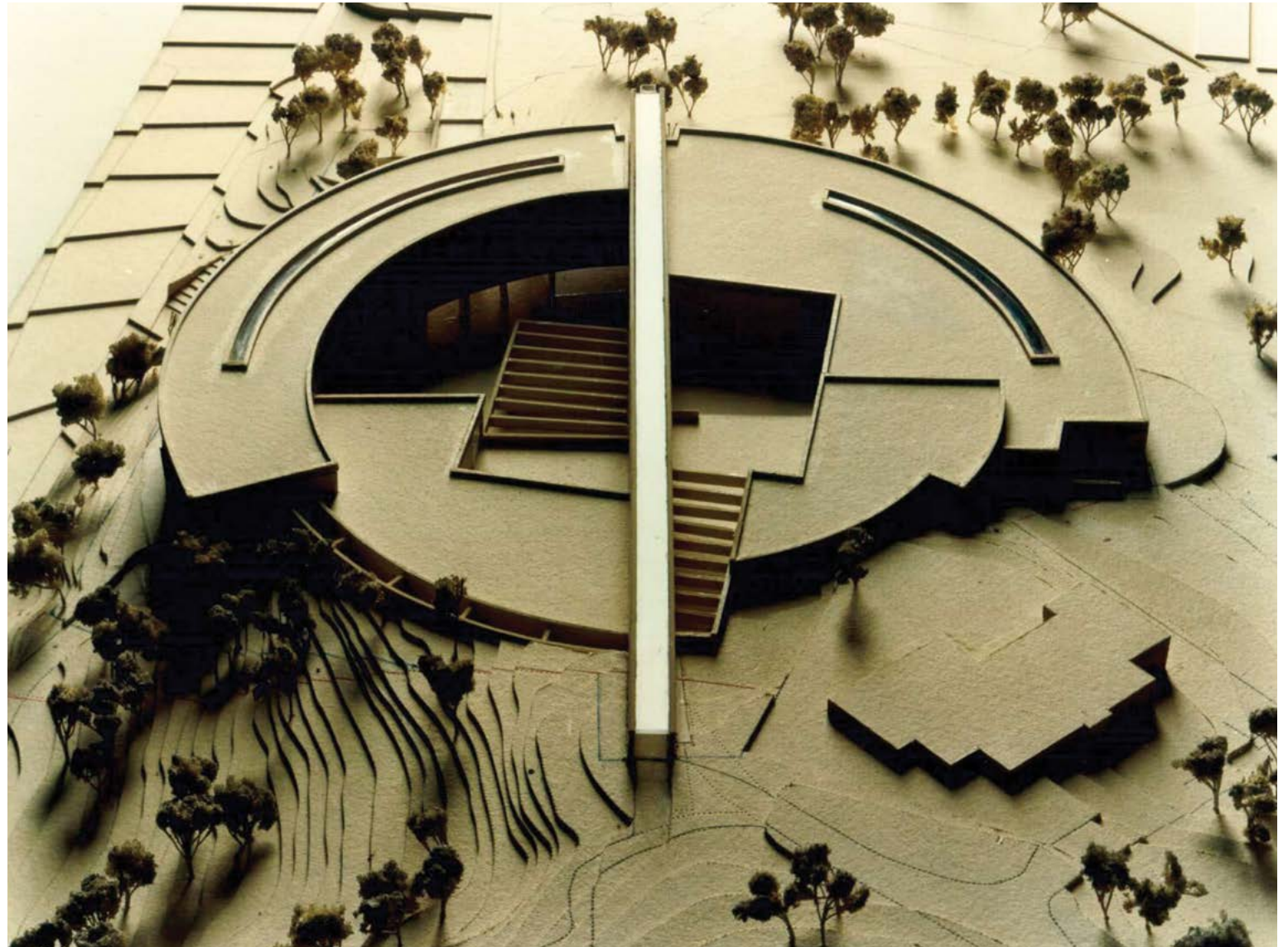
The complex will include three wings:

1. The Memorial & Heritage Wing
2. The Education & Convention Wing
3. The Cultural Wing with Auditorium

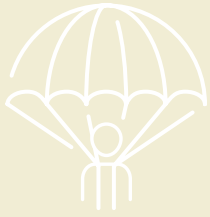




## Building Model - Top View







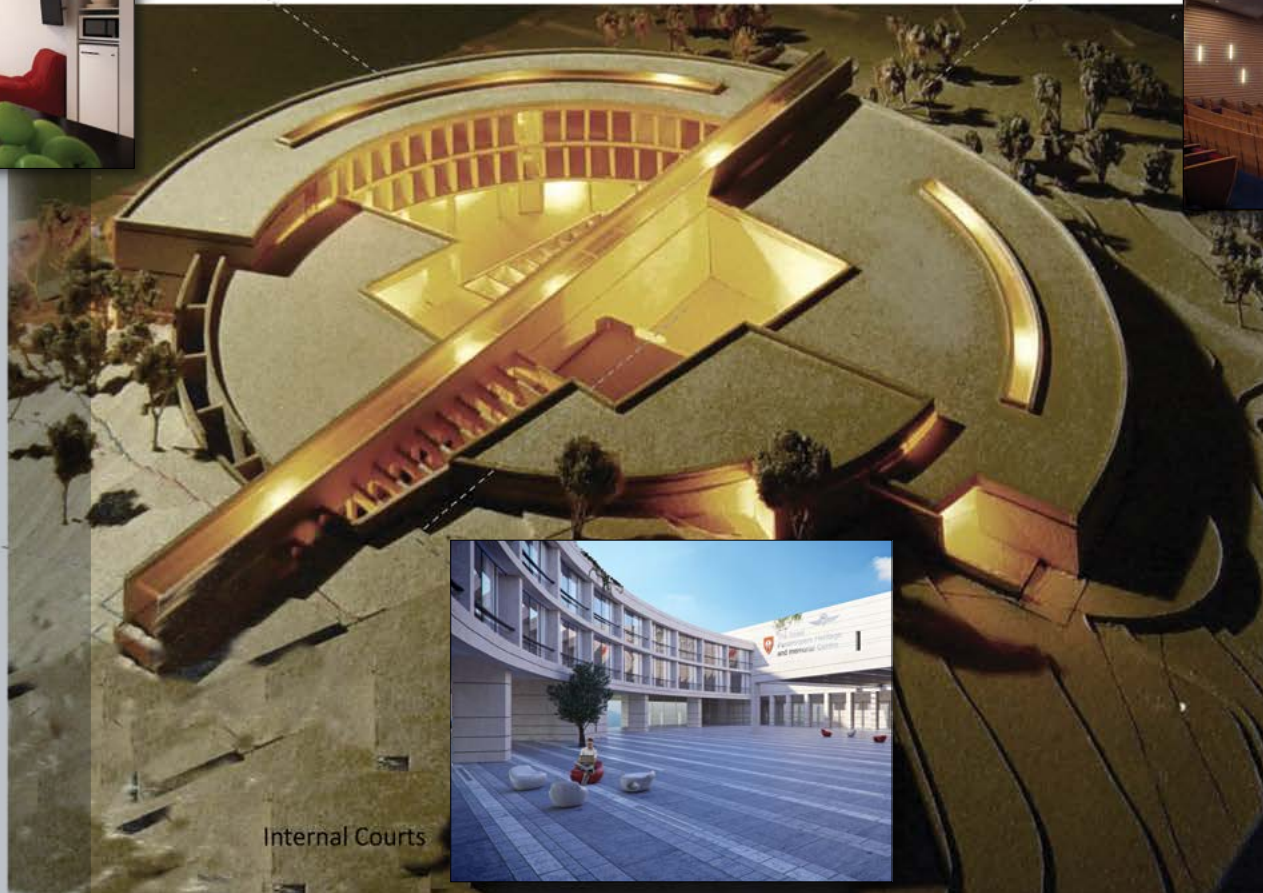
# Center Complex -Details



Typical Guestrooms



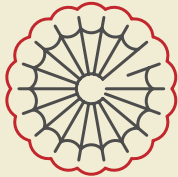
Auditorium



Memorial Wall

Internal Courts





# Memorial & Heritage Wing

**Memorial** This wing will commemorate the paratroopers who have been killed in action. The wing will be designed for memorial services. The wing will also serve as a venue for individuals, families, and groups to grieve for their lost loved ones. The Memorial Wing will consist of a commemoration hall, a synagogue, and a computerized information-retrieval system. The auditorium and outdoor plaza will be used for memorial services and special ceremonies.

## **Records and Research**

This wing will house comprehensive documentation relating to paratrooper units, their history, and operations, critical for research purposes. As the core of the center's information and activities, this wing will incorporate four sections: a library, archives, history, and operation record section and an interactive - computerized information center.

## **Educational and Training Programs**

While this wing is designed primarily for the use of young people and soldiers, it will also welcome the general public. Educational programs, tours, and multi-media presentations will tell the Paratrooper story from World War II to the present day. Important and inspiring facets will be included here: the outstanding Paratrooper Operations Information, including a particular focus on personal experiences, will serve to highlight the values, exceptional code of conduct, leadership, and professionalism displayed by the soldiers, will inspire visitors to this wing.

## **Exhibits**

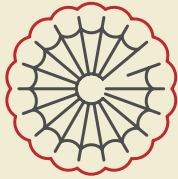
Permanent exhibits in different locations throughout the center will provide a comprehensive visual and interactive illustration of the paratrooper experience:

- The Parachuting Experience: a state-of-the-art interactive simulation system to give visitors the thrill of experiencing the parachuting experience
- The Paratrooper Exhibit: a step-by-step account of the paratrooper's rigorous training program, from their daily routine to anti-terror operations
- Special Operations Exhibit: an interactive multi-media presentation on the most daring of paratrooper operations, from the 1950s to the present day
- Paratrooper Heritage Exhibit: the focal point of this exhibit will be the traditions, values, and beliefs of the Paratrooper Corps.
- The Noble Heritage: will serve as the role model for the IDF as a source of pride, strength, and inspiration for the Jewish people, worldwide. Here visitors will walk through a number of halls depicting major Paratrooper operations in the Sinai, the Suez Canal, Jerusalem, Lebanon, the Golan Heights, Entebbe, and others.
- The Brainstorming Room Exhibit: this exhibit includes a series of documentary films, which will provide visitors with a visual history of 12 paratrooper campaigns and inspire group discussions.

## **Special Events Wing**

This wing will serve as a venue for special events aimed at perpetuating the paratrooper heritage and be used for soldiers, school children, students and visitors from Israel and other countries.





## Educational and Convention Wing

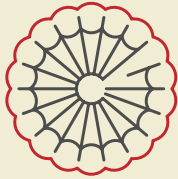
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The Educational and Convention Wing will include all of the elements needed for all educational activities and special events. The wing contains dormitories with over 200 beds.

This wing will serve all IDF units, with a emphasis on Paratrooper Units. Organized groups of students will also use the center including tourists, students from all over the world and other groups including school students of all ages, youth groups, companies and organizations, and organized groups.

The center will include:

1. Dormitories: 68 rooms with more than 200 beds
2. Class Rooms and Club
3. Event rooms
4. Kitchen and Dining Room
5. Internal and Outdoor Courts



## Cultural Wing – Auditorium

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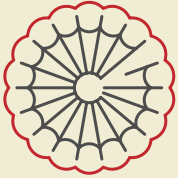
The cultural wing will serve as a center for educational and cultural activities, conventions, lectures, shows, concerts, and musical events.

The auditorium will have 800 seats, a multi-functional, high functioning stages and dressing rooms to allow for all types of performances and lectures.

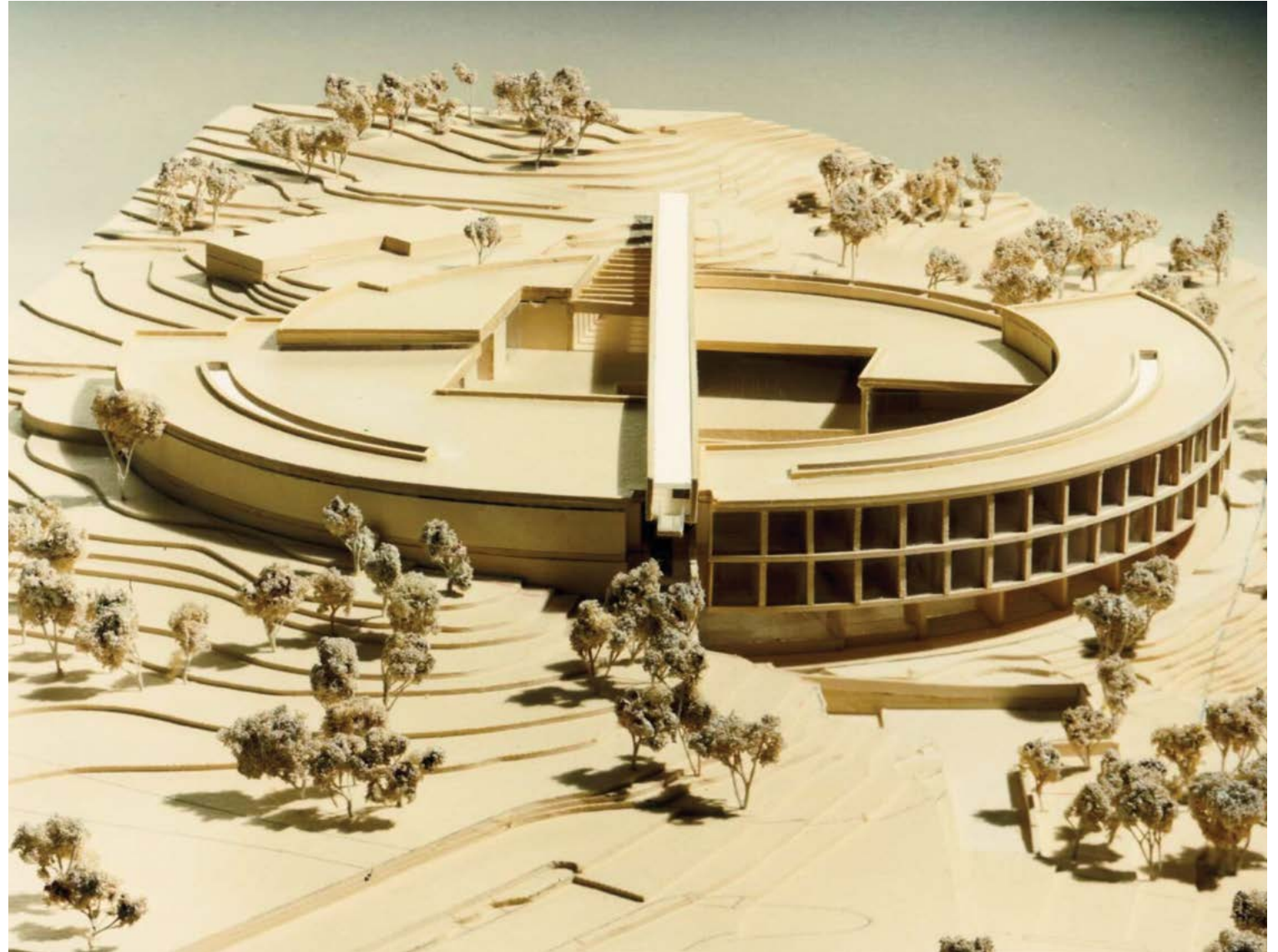
A grand entrance will allow for large gatherings.

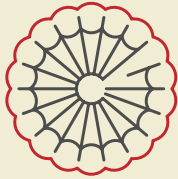
The Cultural Wing will be used predominantly for IDF units, as well as for schools, groups from abroad, and for the general public.



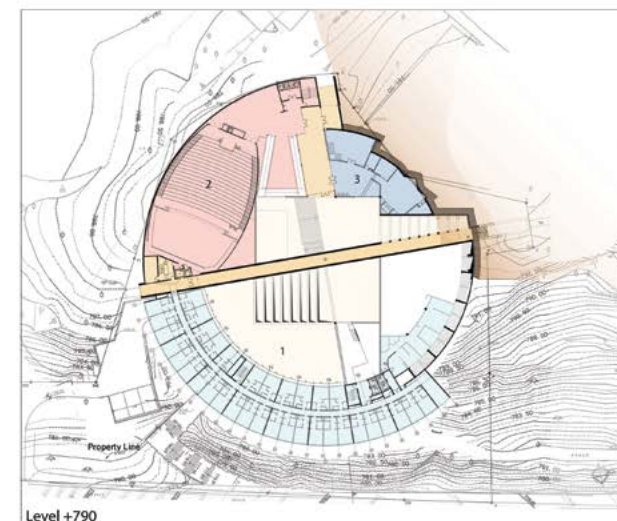
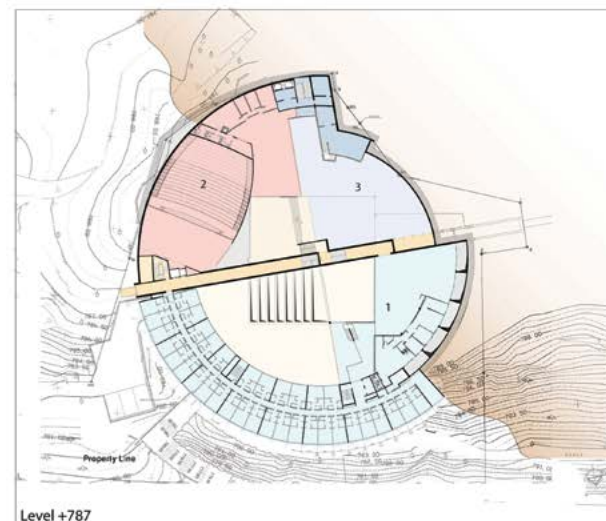
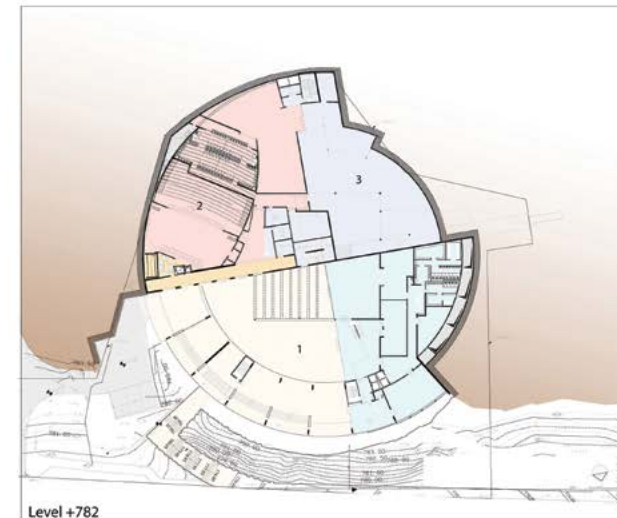
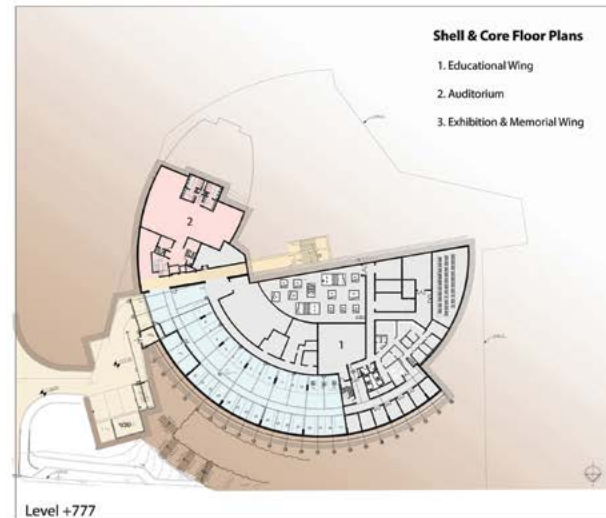


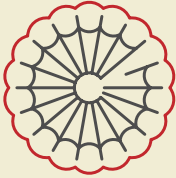
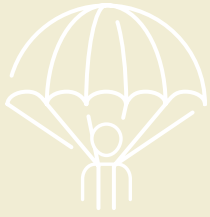
## Building Model - View from East





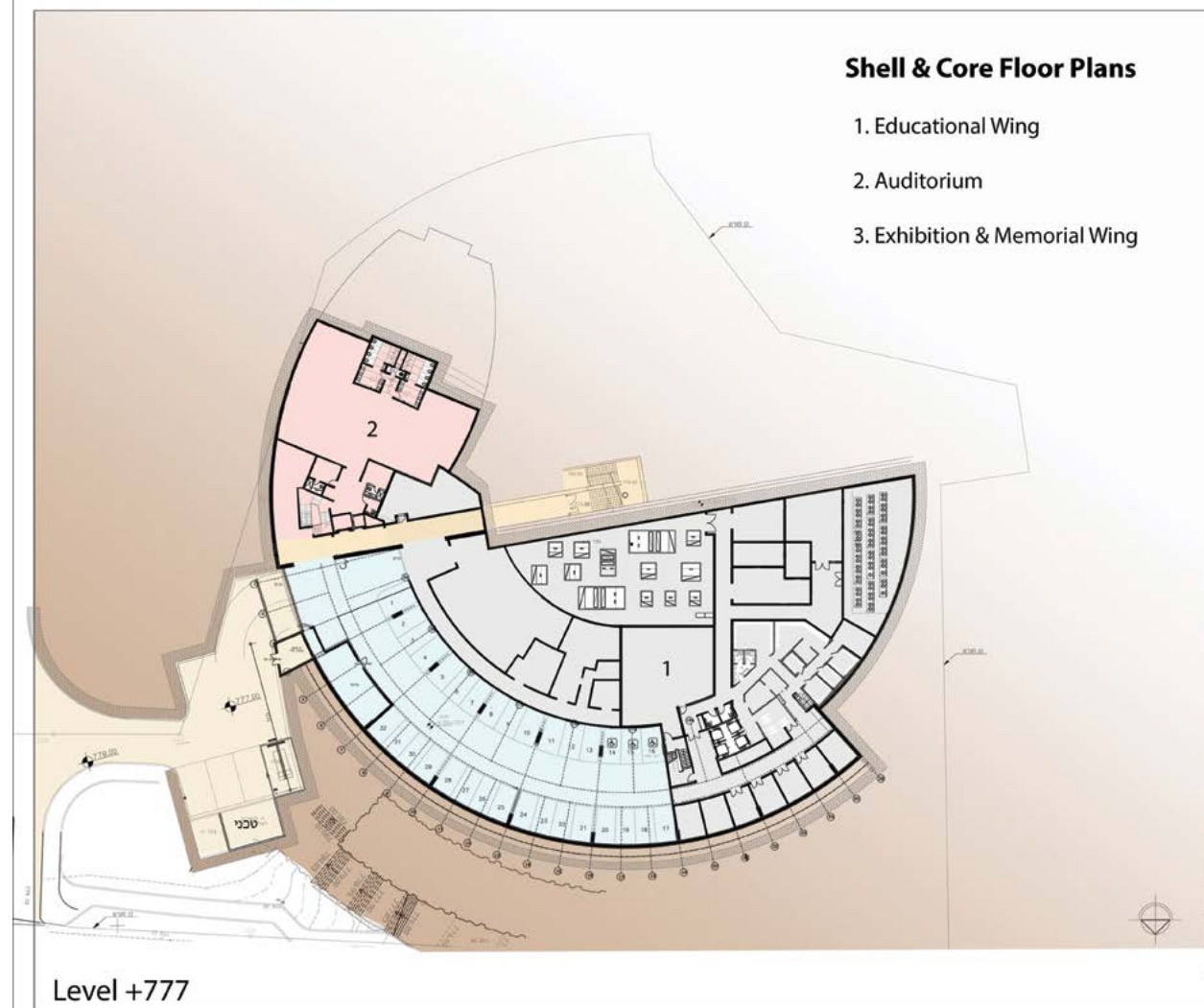
# Shell and Core Floor Plans





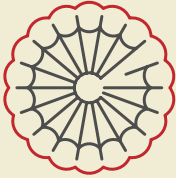
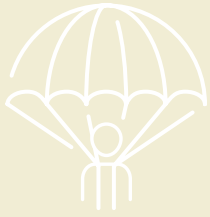
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2. Auditorium
3. Exhibition & Memorial Wing



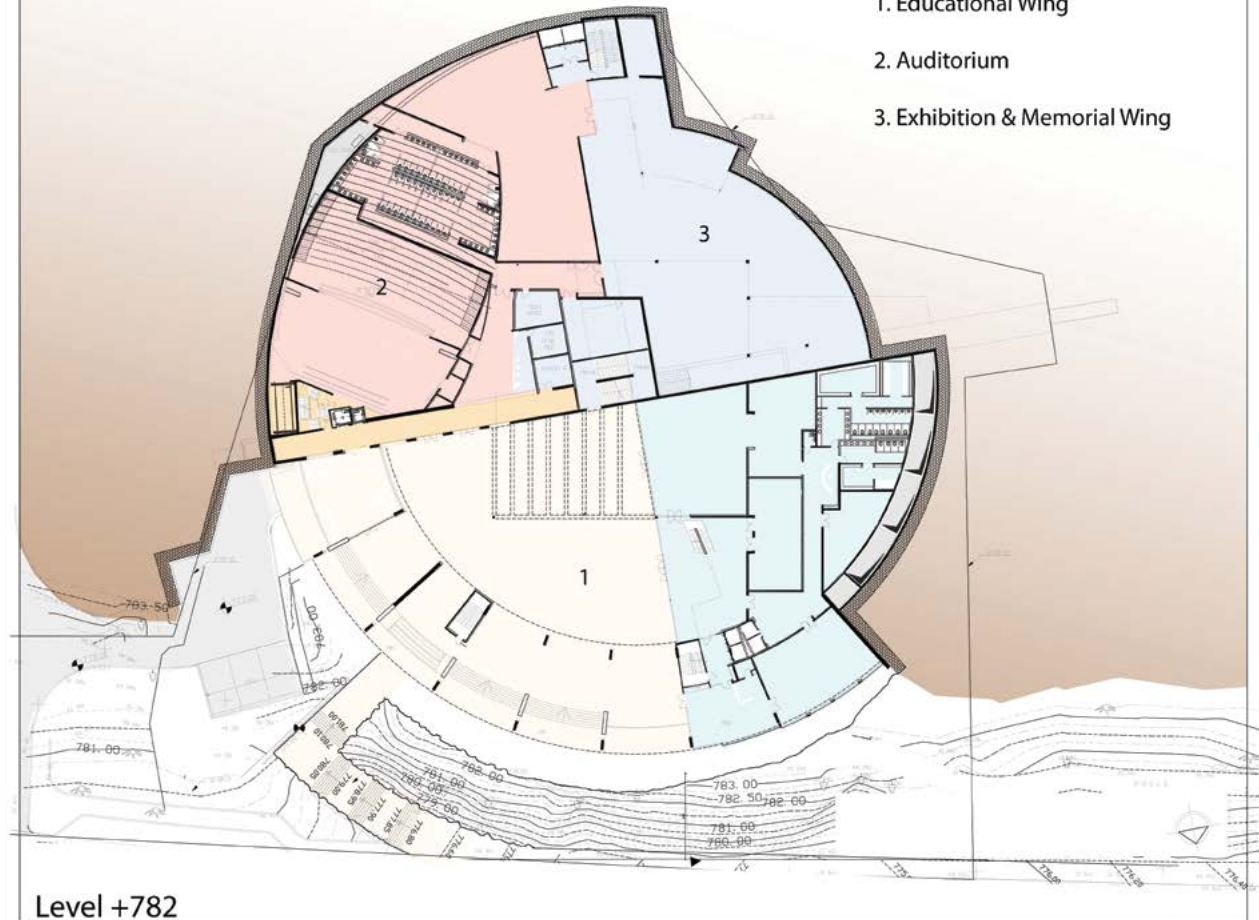
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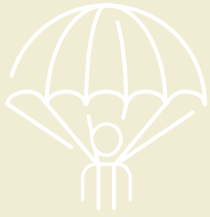


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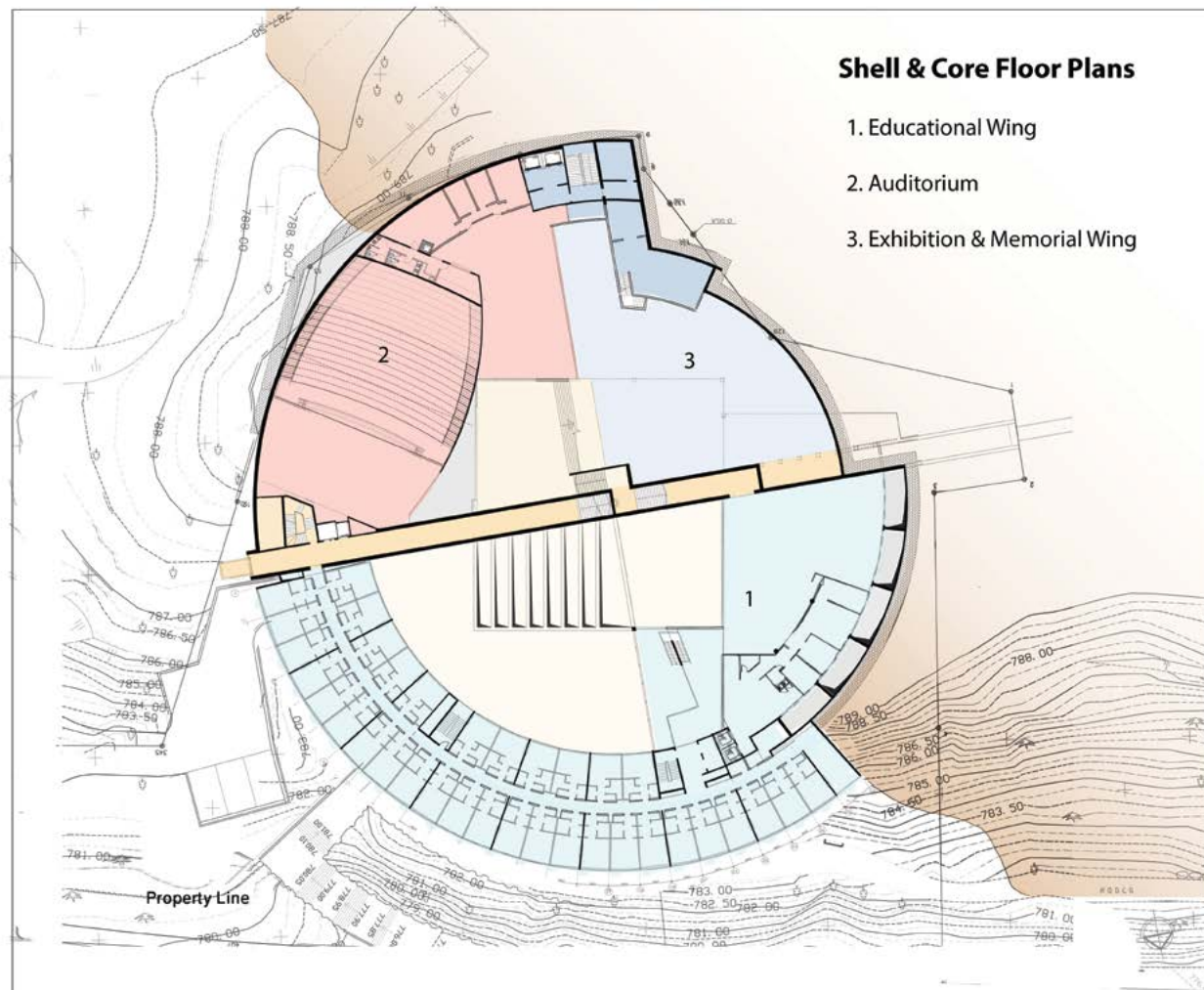


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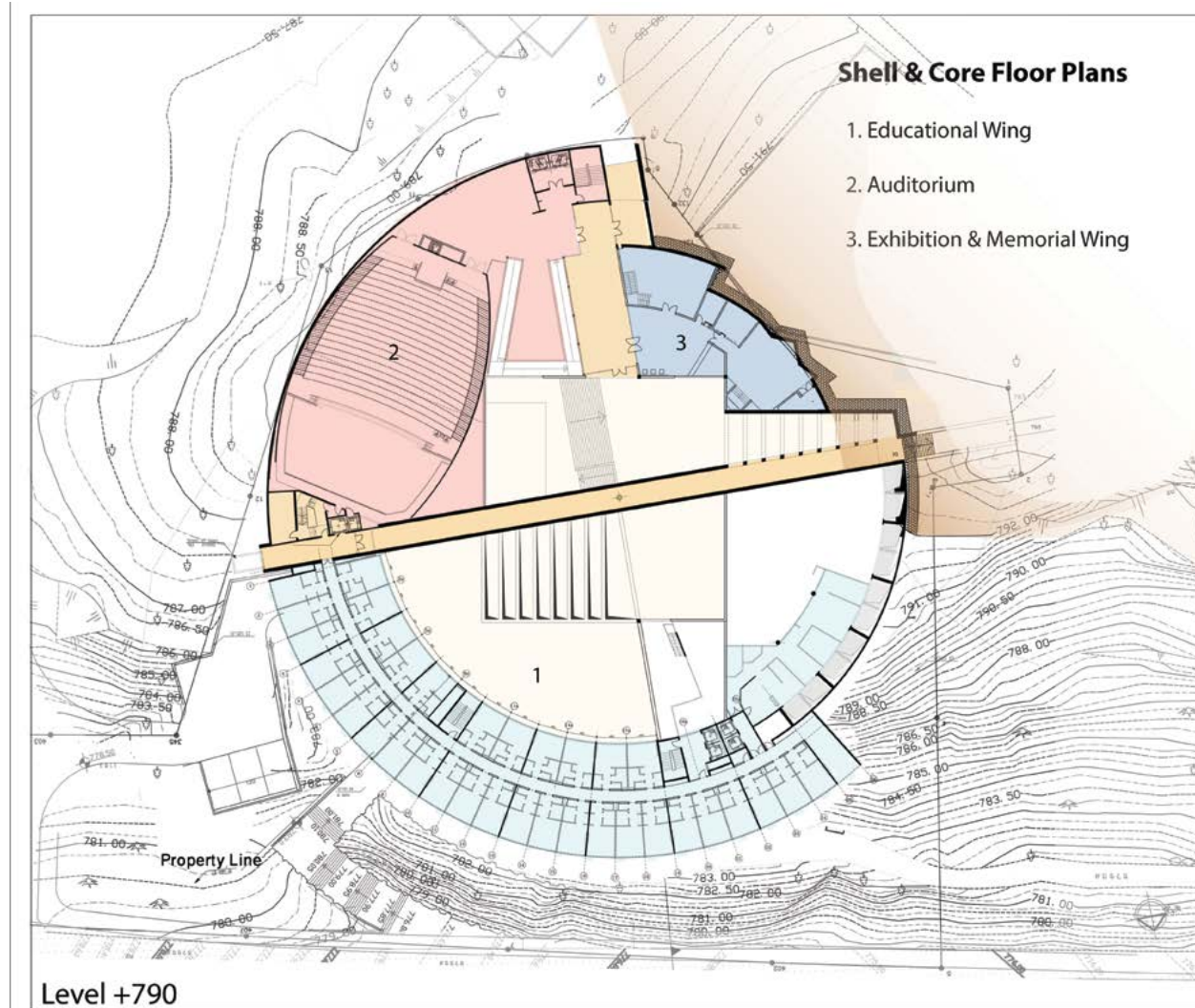
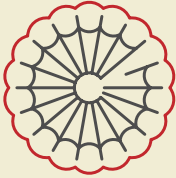
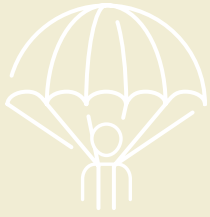


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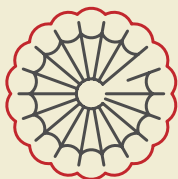
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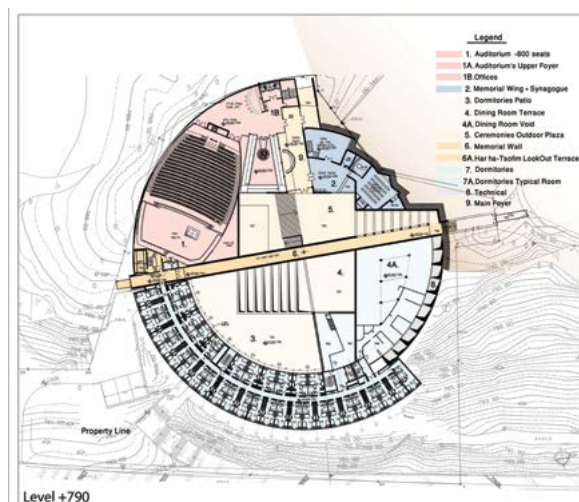
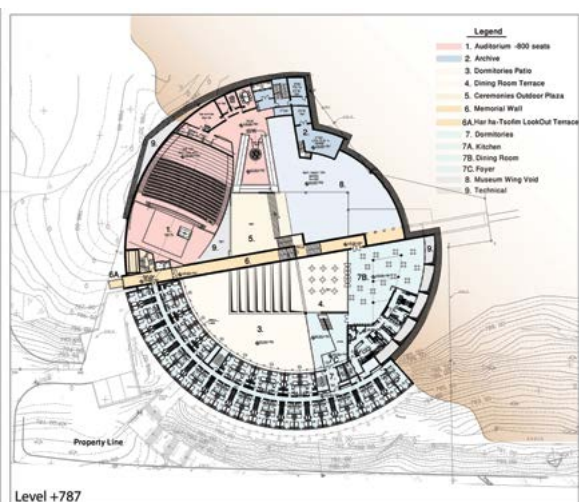
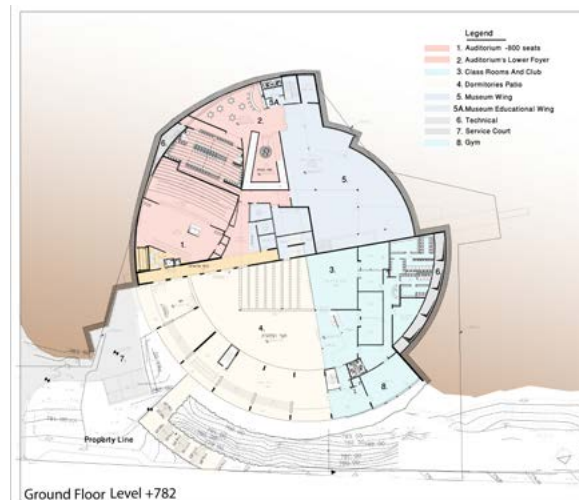
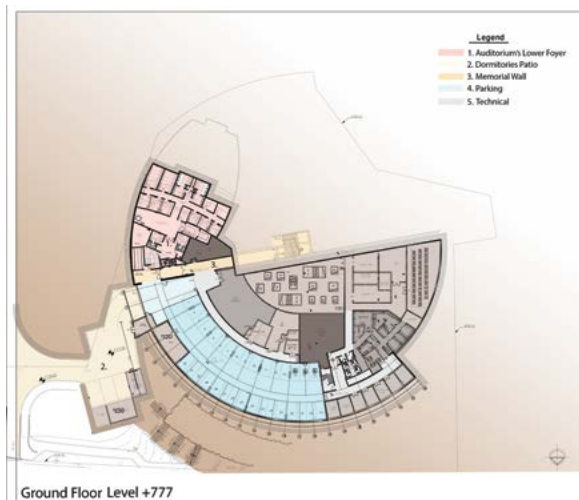
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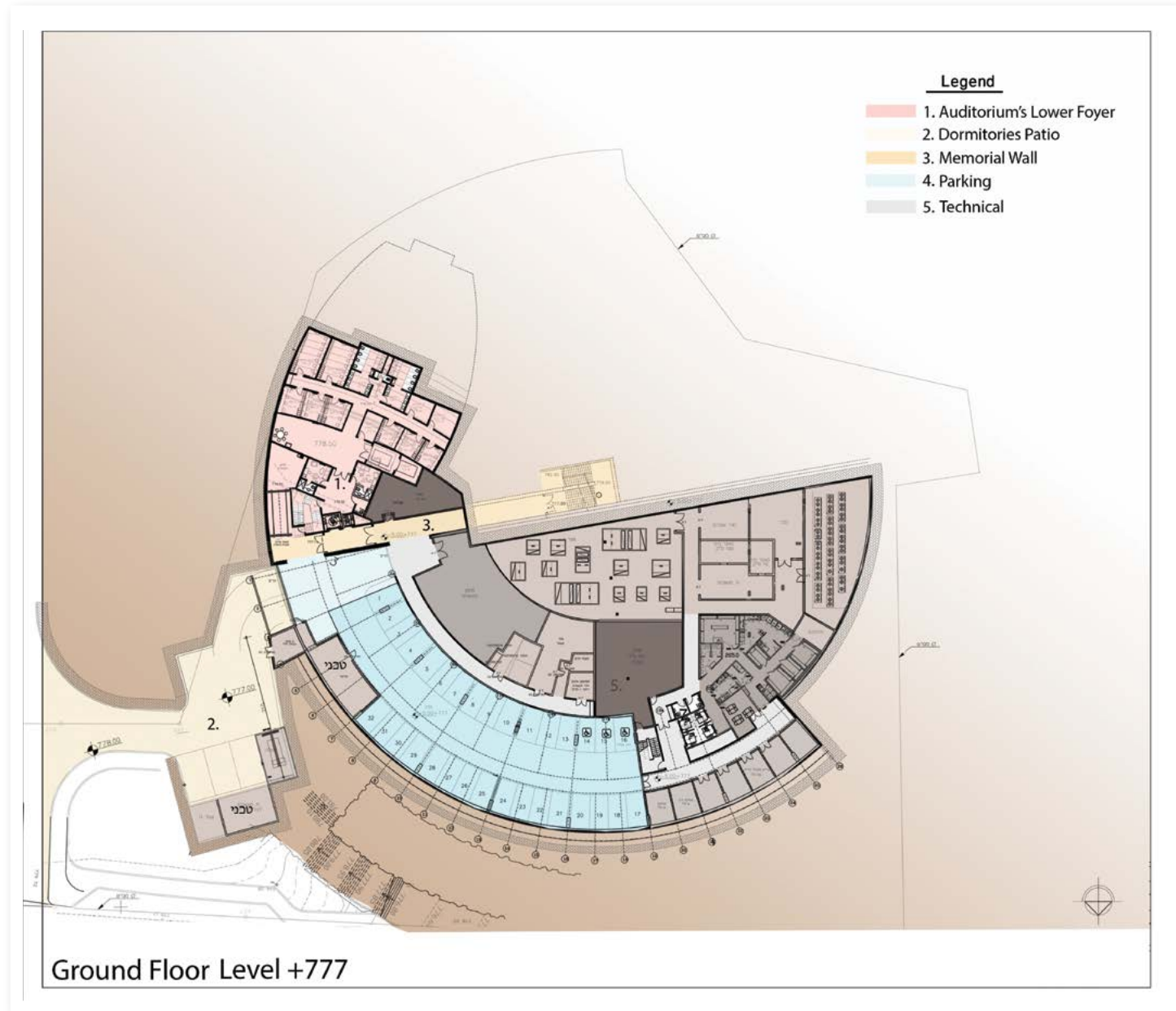
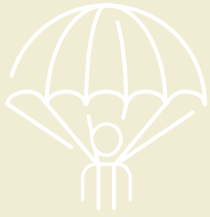


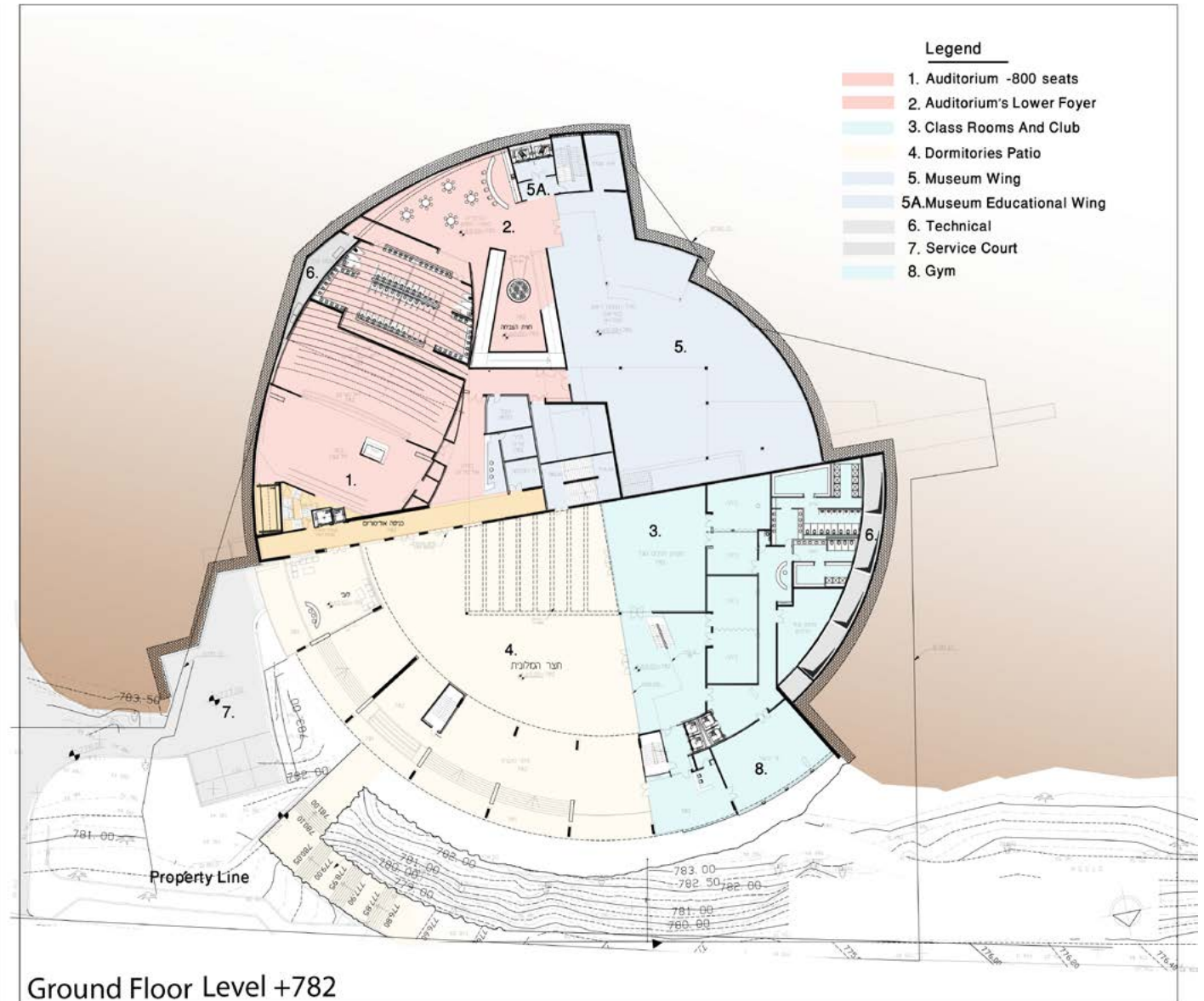
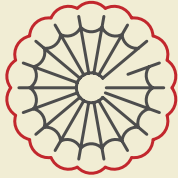
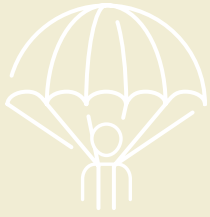




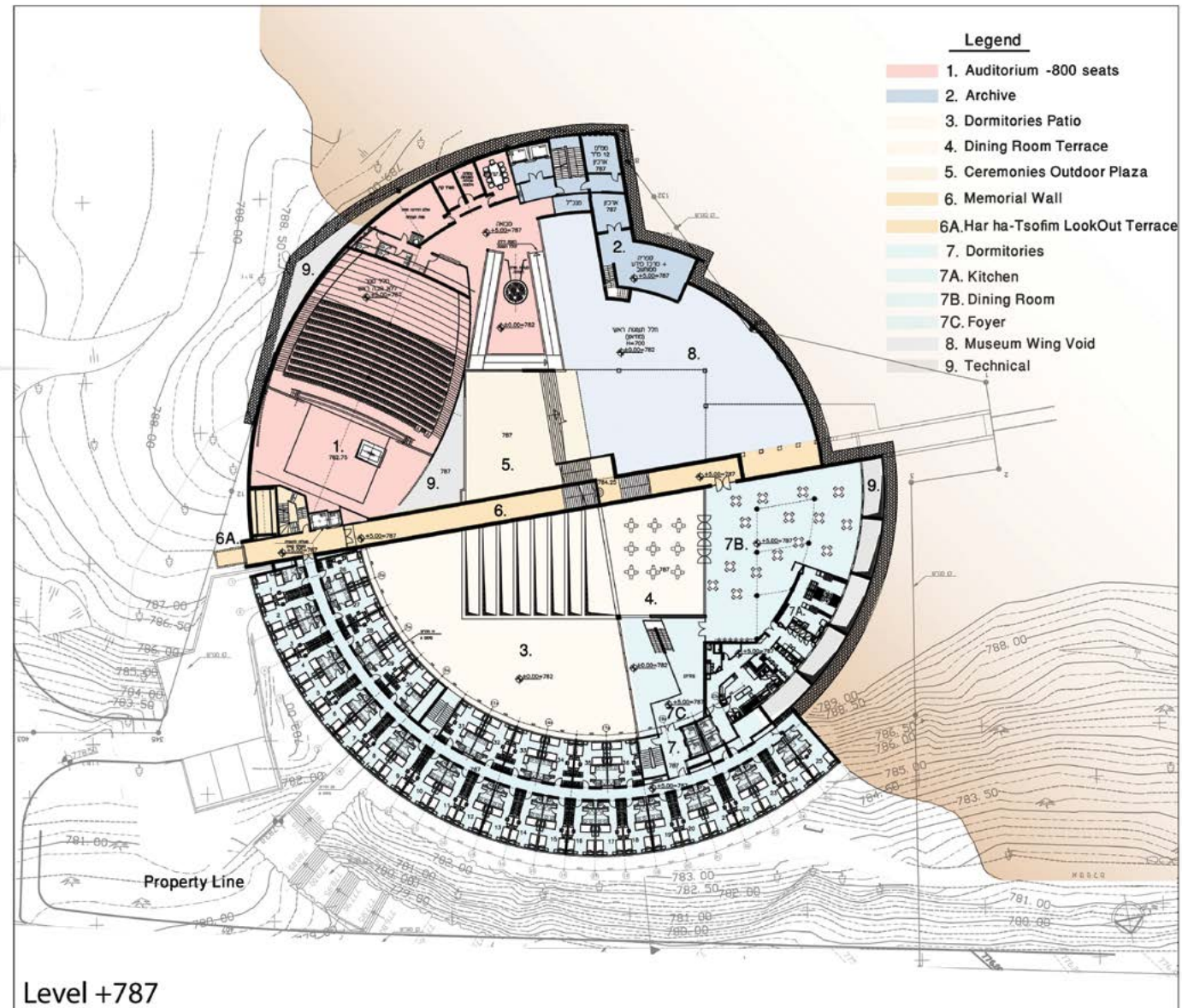
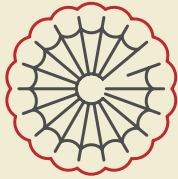
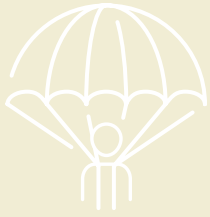
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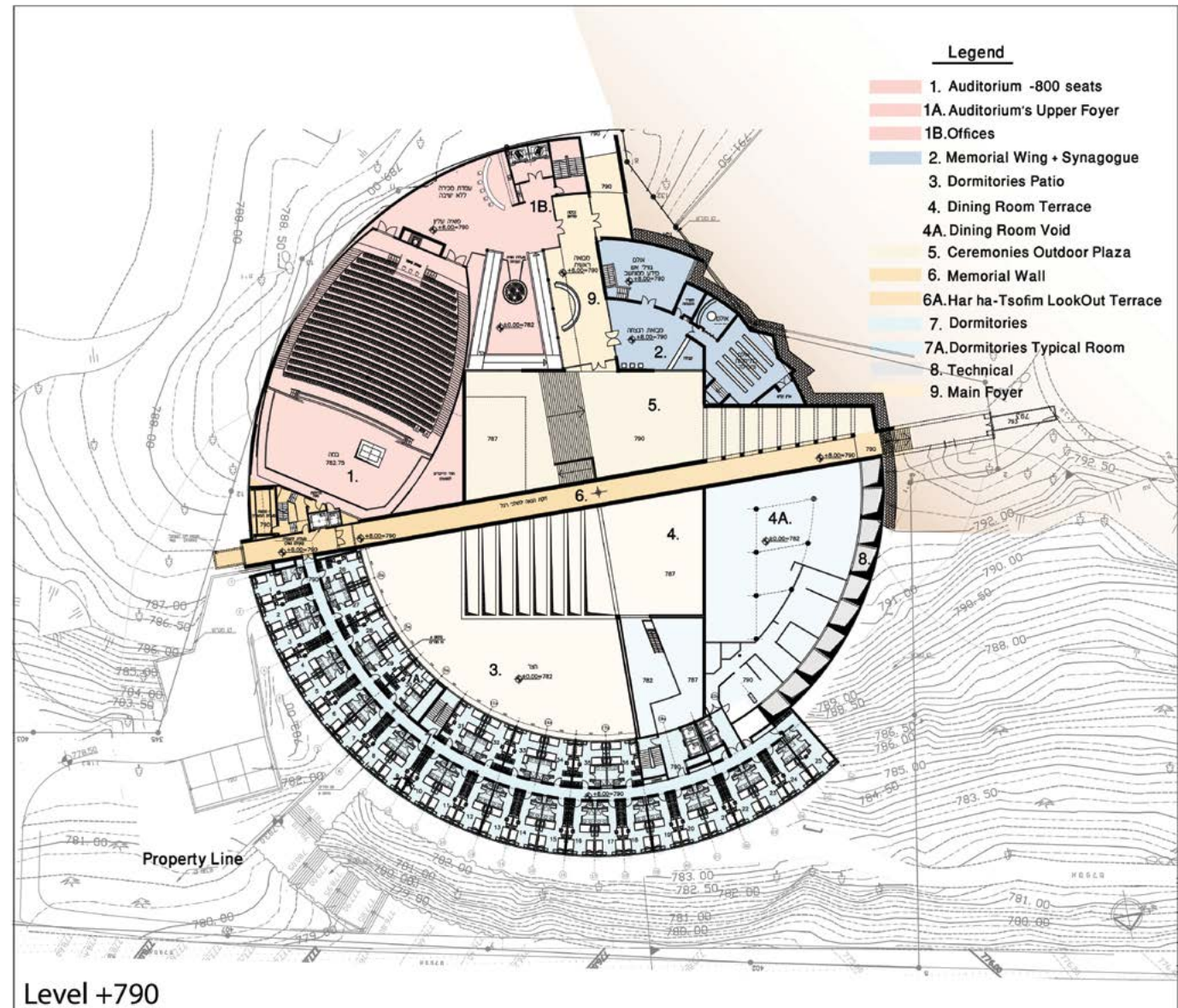
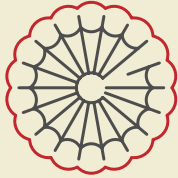
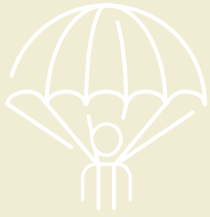


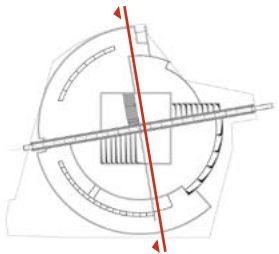
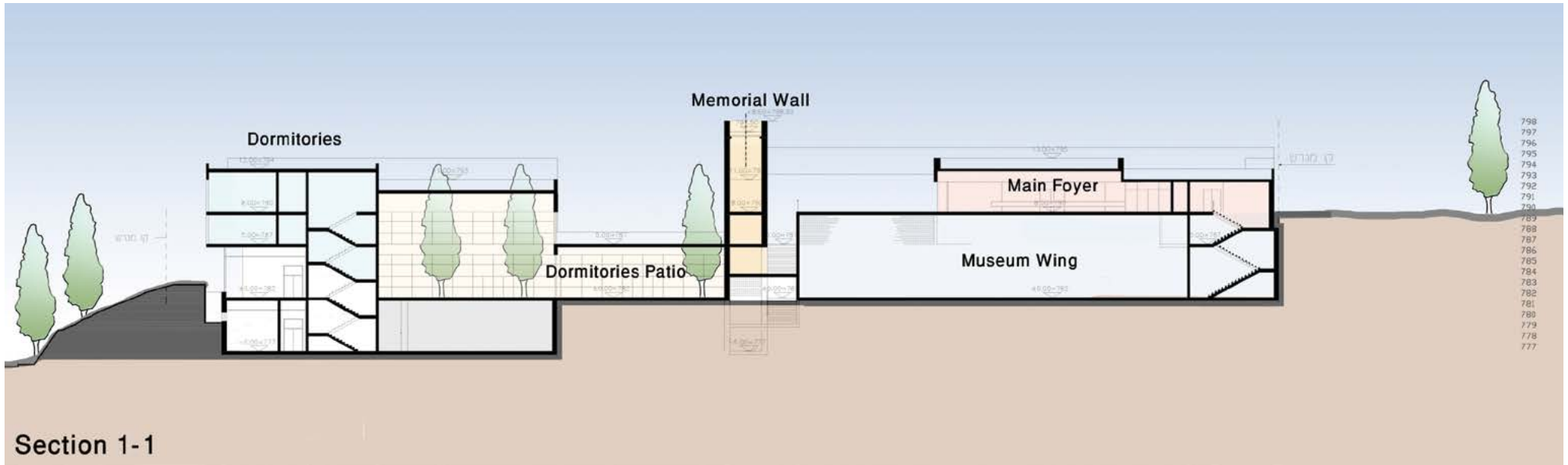




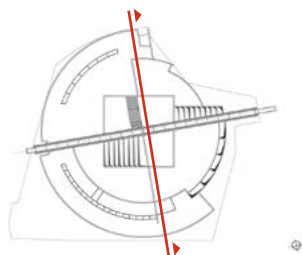
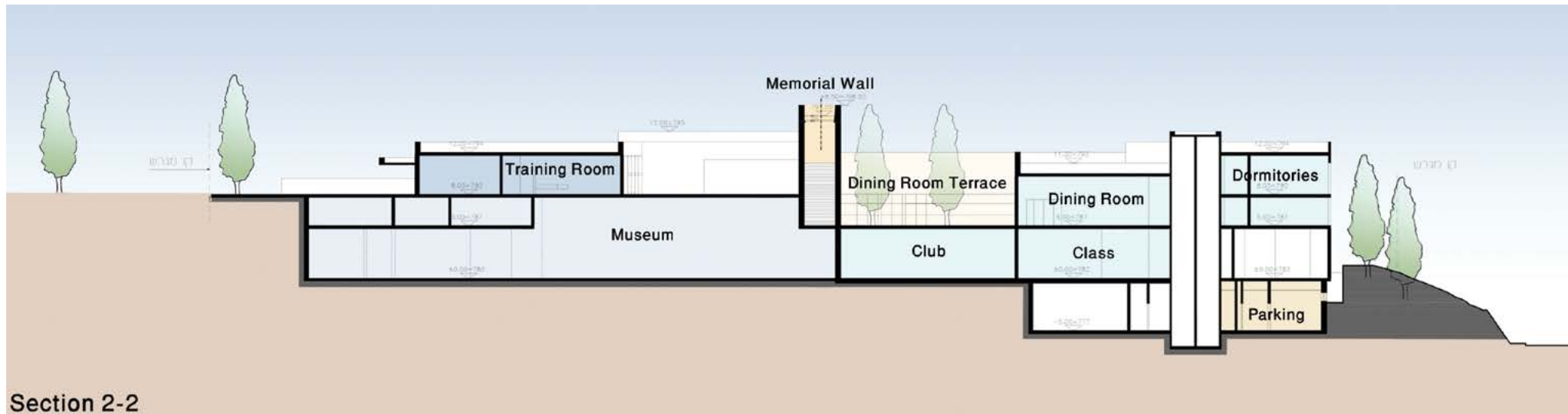




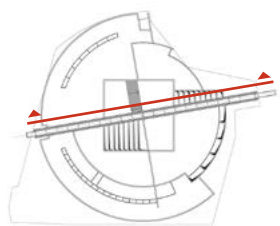
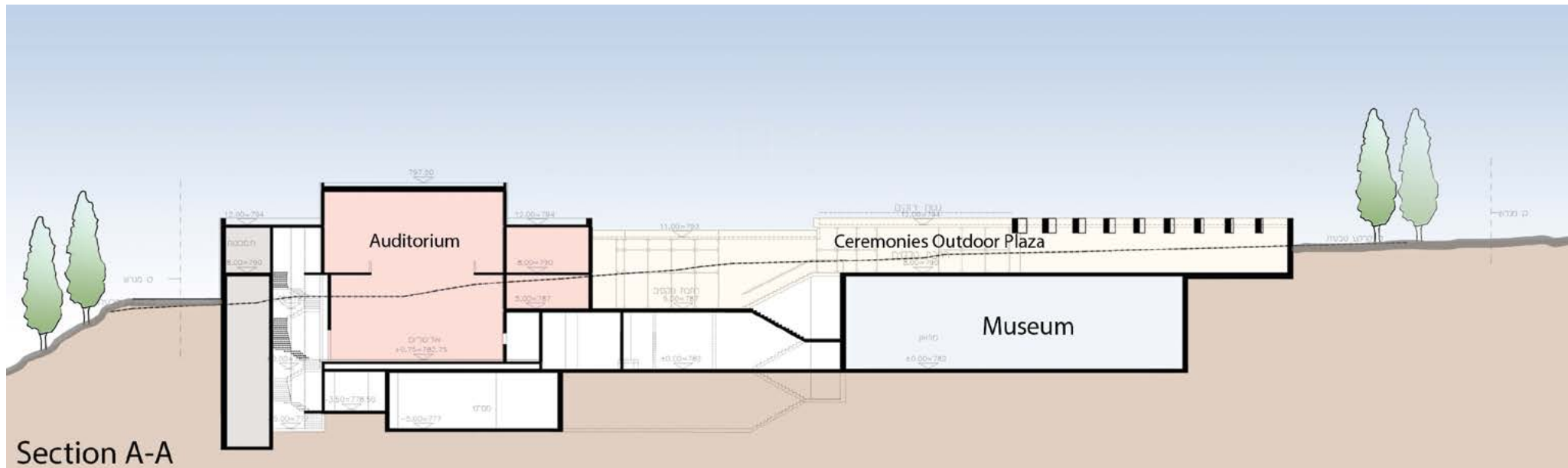




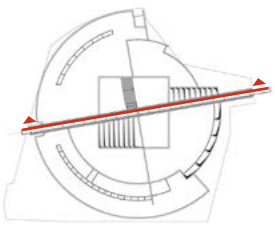
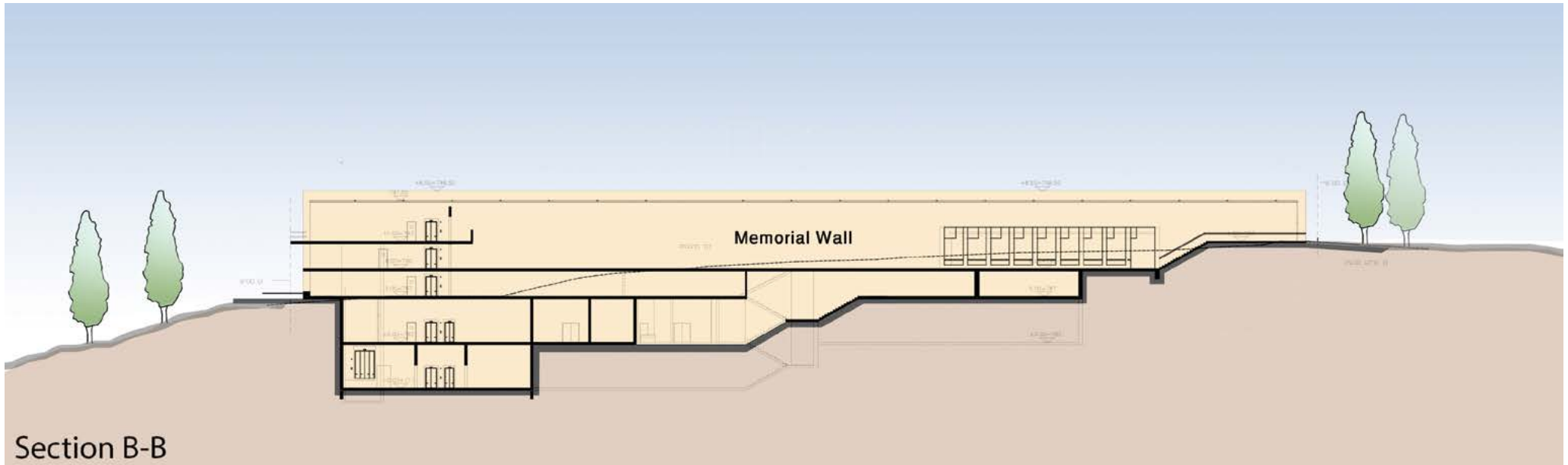


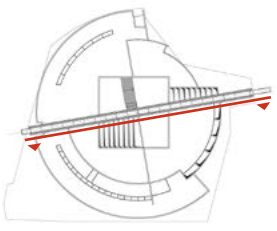
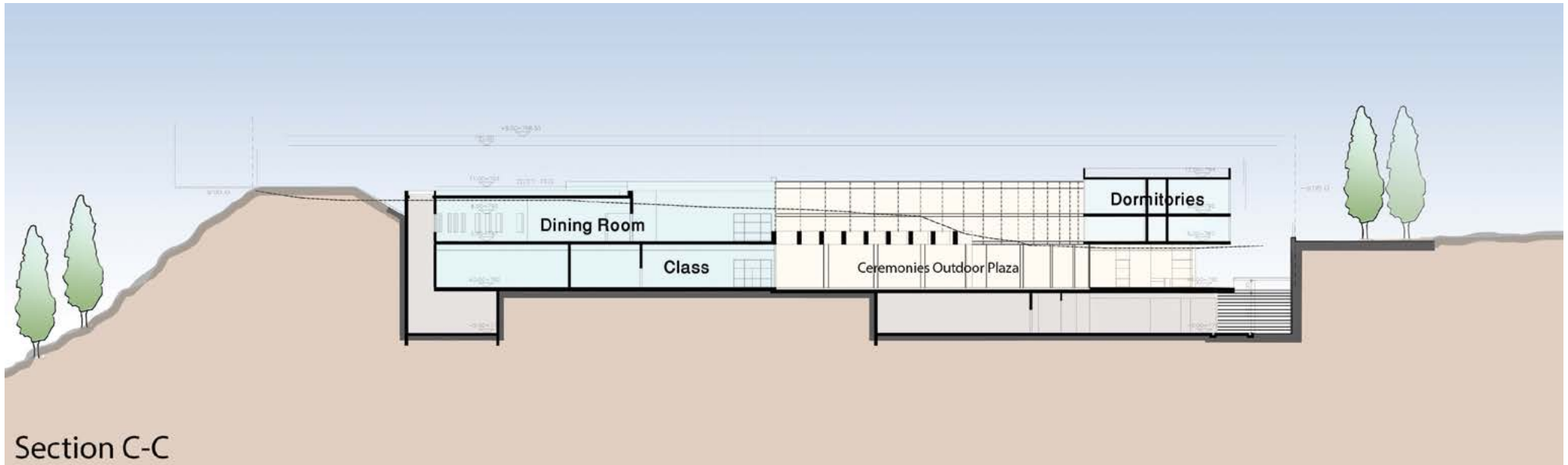










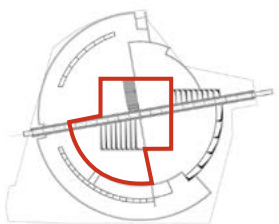


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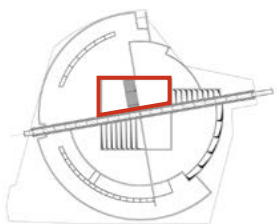
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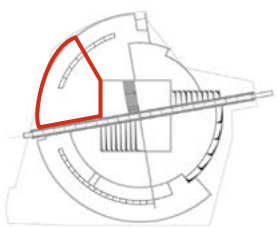
View - Court & Patio





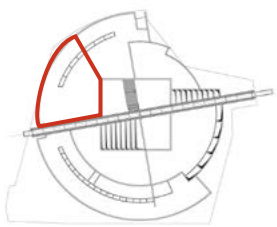
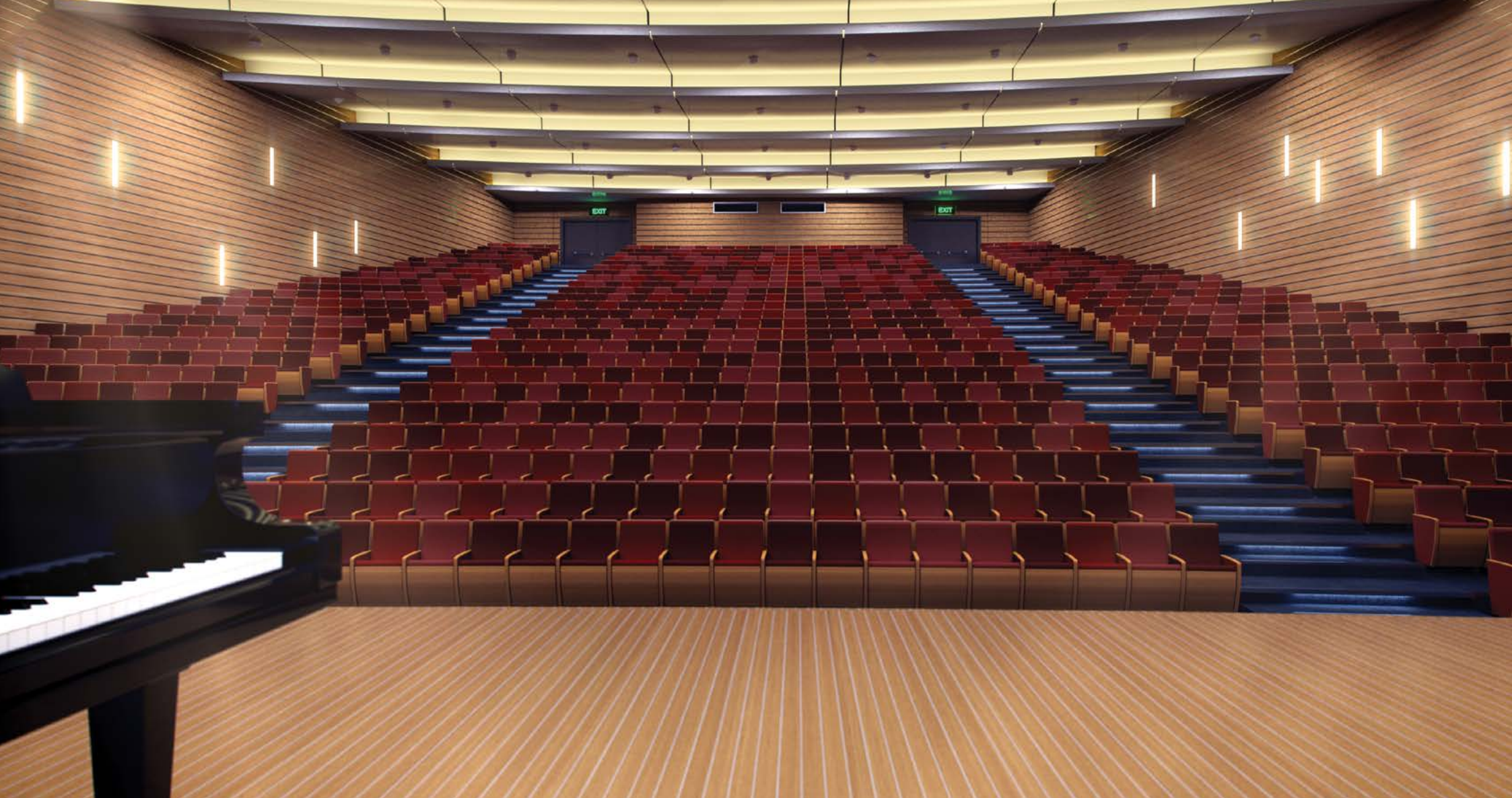
Ceremonies Outdoor Plaza





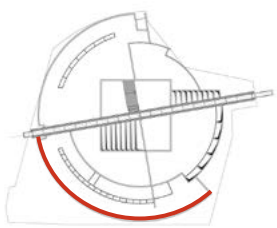
Auditorium – View from Upper Level





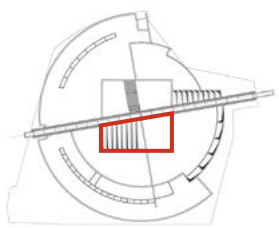
Auditorium – View from Lower Level





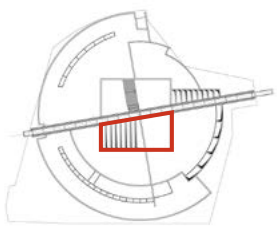
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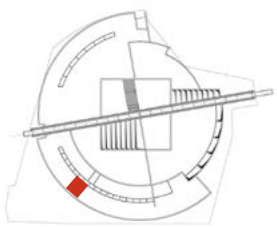


Dormitories Patio





Dormitories Patio - Night View



Typical Room







## THE PARATROOPERS HERITAGE AND MEMORIAL CENTER BUILDING COSTS

### MEMORIAL AND HERITAGE WING

Item	Area Per Square Meter	Units	Level	Total Cost in US \$
Ceremonies Outdoor Plaza	650	1	782	1,140,000
Museum	1,201.8	1	782	3,600,000
Interactive Training Center	93.9	1	782	300,000
Interactive Skydiving Center	74.9	1	782	250,000
Skydiving Elevator	90.9	1	782	250,000
Library	311.3	1	787	850,000
Offices	155.5	2	790	400,000
Main Entrance Hall	130	1	790	420,000
Commemoration Center Hall	111.2	1	790	360,000
The Fallen Soldier Information Center	104	1	790	340,000
Memorial Office	14.7	1	790	70,000
Prayer Hall	24.4	1	790	180,000
Synagogue	28.2	1	790	200,000
Total	2,990.8			<b>\$8,360,000</b>

### THE EDUCATION & CONVENTION WING

Item	Area Per Square Meter	Units	Level	Total Cost in US \$
Lobby Education Center	80.2	1	782	500,000
GYM/ Workout Center	156.3	1	782	500,000
Welfare Center (Classroom and Club)	393.7	1	782	1,600,000
Entrance and Gallery	176.3	1	782,787	600,000
Classrooms	169.3	5 (x180)	782	900,000
Dormitory Guest Rooms A	433.0	10(x180)	787	1,800,000
	433.0	10(x180)	790	1,800,000
Dormitory Guest Rooms B	977.6	24(x180)	787	4,320,000
	977.6	24(x180)	790	4,320,000
Multipurpose Hall and Kitchen	1,007.9	1	787	2,750,000
Educational Center Plaza	858.0	1	783	2,300,000
Total	5,662.9			<b>\$21,390,000</b>

Price includes the full cost of construction, electro-mechanical and furniture, according to specification.

The price includes VAT and does not include maintenance costs.

The price calculation was made by Gadish Group

## THE PARATROOPERS HERITAGE AND MEMORIAL CENTER BUILDING COSTS

### THE MEMORIAL & HERITAGE WING

Item	Area Per Square Meter	Units	Level	Total Cost in US \$
Memorial Wall	333.5	1	790	1,000,000
Heritage Wall	168.4	1	790	750,000
Har Ha Tsofim Lookout Terrace (Mount Scopus)	169.0	1	790	750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>670.9</b>			<b>\$2,500,000</b>

### THE CULTURAL WING WITH AUDITORIUM

Item	Area Per Square Meter	Units	Level	Total Cost in US \$
Auditorium	2,457.9	1	782,790	11,000,000
Auditorium Upper Foyer	401.2	1	782	1,300,000
Auditorium Lower Foyer	181.2	1	790	600,000
Lobby	183.45	1	782	600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,296.65</b>			<b>\$13,750,000</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,000,000</b>
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## MYS Architects

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Moore, Yasky, Sivan Architects (MYS) was established in 2006 following a merger of two highly experienced and prestigious architect firms. These two original firms, founded respectively by Yitzhak Moore and Abraham Yasky in the 1950's, are responsible for an impressive portfolio of diverse projects in Israel and abroad, including the Azrieli Center, IBM Buildings, Israel Police HQ, the Ministry of Defense and IDF General Staff Building, Air Force towers, Platinum Tower, Alrov House, and Avnat Mall and many more. Today, MYS is the leading firm in Israel, employing 130 people in designing projects in Israel, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. The firm operates in an organizational structure of planning divisions (studios), managed each by a partner and specializes in dedicated areas. This unique project was designed by Arch. Abraham Yasky, who was awarded the Israel Prize in Architecture in 1982, and his partner Arch. Shemtov Tzrouya.

### Design Concept

The complex will be located on "Givat Hatahmoshet" hill in Jerusalem. This is a fitting memorial site for the paratroopers, many of whom fell in the fierce fight for the liberation of the city in 1967.

It will include a number of wings:

- A memorial hall, a records and research wing.  
(This will include a fully computerized information center)
- Educational and training programs facilities.
- Museum and an exhibition hall with multimedia presentation.
- Ceremonial events courts.
- Dormitories and amenities.

The memorial wall crossing the central axis of the complex will act as a spine, while serving as a natural division between its two main sections, the commemoration wings and the general activities wings. It will also connect between them.

The project is situated on top of „Givat Hatahmoshet“. The importance of this scenic hill is one of the project drivers. The massing of the structure is designed as terraces of the natural topography. The structure and its wings are set with inner courtyards that surround its center. The scheme geometric form of a circle associates with the form of a parachute canopy. Green building and environmental design factors were taken into consideration from the very early stages of design. These codes and design drivers will accompany the project through its completion.

The complex structure enables a modular and building phases.

MYS views sustainable design as a critical element in planning processes.

The firm is one of the founders and an active partner in the Israel Green Building Council (ILGBC), and a leader in green construction in Israel.

Our firm employs a dedicated team of architects specializing in this area and qualified to supervise Israeli and foreign green construction projects.

The sustainable design approach is assimilated in the various projects from the preliminary planning stages, combined with all other traditional disciplines.

### Design Team:

Abraham Yasky (deceased) – Architect Senior Partner

Shemtov Tzrouya – Architect Partner

Olga Erlich



# Paratrooper Brigade Commanders

Name	Command period
Maj. General (Ret.) Ariel Sharon.**	1954 - 1957
Brig. General (Ret.) Menachem aviram.	1957 - 1960
Maj. General (Ret.) Eli Zeira.	1960 - 1962
Maj. General (Ret.) Yitzhak Hofi.	1962 - 1964
Lt. General (Ret.) Rafael "Raful" Eitan.**	1964 - 1967
Maj. General (Ret.) Danny Matt.**	1967 - 1969
Maj. General (Ret.) Haim Nadal.	1969 - 1971
Brig. General (Ret.) Levi Hofesh.	1971 - 1972
Col. Uzi Yairi. *	1972 - 1973
Brig. General (Ret.) Arie Sidon.	1973 - 1975
Maj. General (Ret.) Matan Vilnai.	1975 - 1976
Maj. General (Ret.) Amos Yaron.	1976 - 1977
Lt. General (Ret.) Amnon Lipkin-Shahak**	1977 - 1979
Maj. General (Ret.) Doron Rubin.	1979 - 1981
Maj. General (Ret.) Yoram (Ya-Ya) Yair.	1981 - 1982
Maj. General (Ret.) Shmuel Arad.**	1982 - 1984
Brig. General (Ret.) Menachem ztorski.**	1984 - 1985
Maj. General (Ret.) Nehemiah Tamari.*	1985 - 1986

Name	Command period
Lt. General (Ret.) Shaul Mofaz.	1986 - 1988
Maj. General (Ret.) Doron Almog.	1988 - 1990
Lt. General (Ret.) Moshe "Bogie" Ya'alon.	1990 - 1991
Brig. General (Ret.) Mati Harari.	1991 - 1993
Maj. General (Ret.) Israel Ziv.	1993 - 1995
Lt. General Binyamin "Benny" Gantz.	1995 - 1997
Maj. General (Ret.) Yitzhak "Jerry" Gershon.	1997 - 1999
Maj. General Gadi Shamni.	1999 - 2001
Maj. General Aviv Kochavi.	2001 - 2003
Brig. General Yossi Bachar.	2003 - 2005
Brig. General Haggai Mordechai.	2005 - 2007
Brig. General Harci (Herzl) Halevi.	2007 - 2009
Brig. General Aharon Chaliva.	2009 - 2011
Brig. General Amir Baram.	2011 - 2013
Col. Eliezer Toledano.	2013 - 2015
Col. Nimrod Aloni.	2015 - 2017
Col. Yaki Dolef.	2017 - now

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