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# The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and memorial Centre

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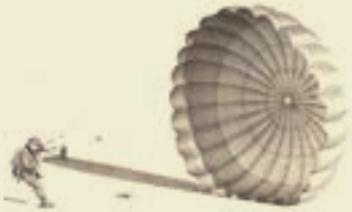
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# Introduction

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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, the 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. "Follow Me", the commanding officer battle cry, has become a national anthem.

This 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 of „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. As a beacon to Israeli society and to its youth, it will be a fitting and everlasting monument to the paratroopers' glorious past.

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

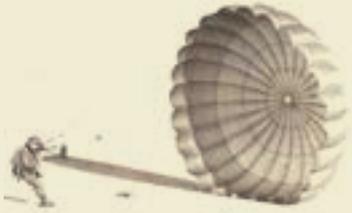
These unique values can serve as a source of inspiration, instilling among young people a deeper sense of awareness of their responsibilities and commitments to their country and to the world in which they live.



# Objectives

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- Create a fitting monument to commemorate fallen paratroopers
- Impart paratrooper traditions and values to soldiers and young people
- Establish a paratrooper-related information and research center for the use of the military, students and researchers
- Re-enact the „Paratrooper Experience“ for visitors from Israel and other countries



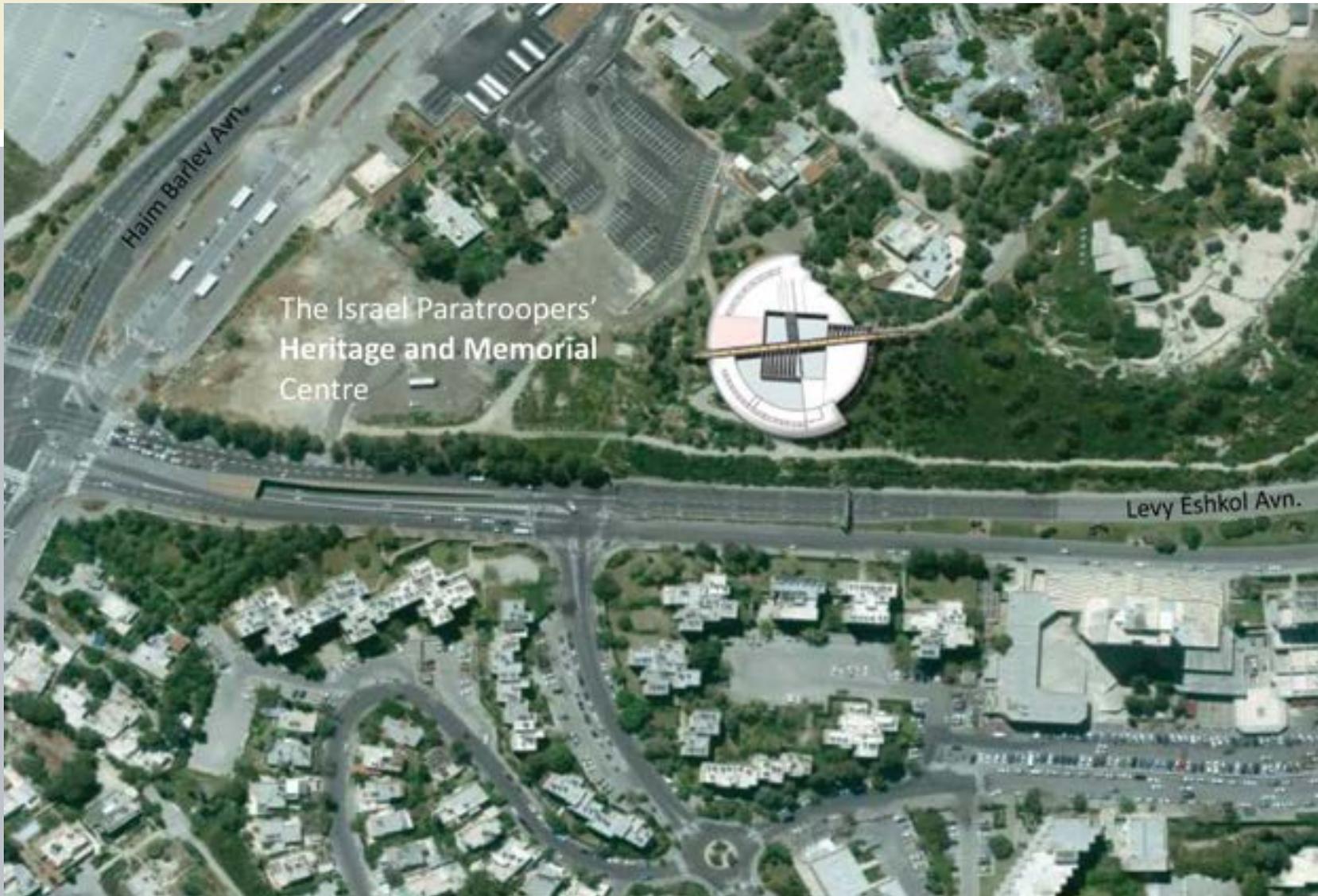
## Target Audience

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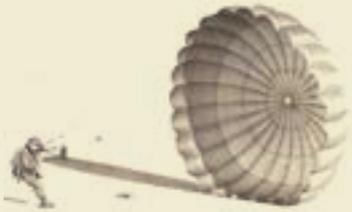
- IDF officers and soldiers, within the framework of educational programs
- High-school students, within the framework of pre-army preparatory programs
- Youth groups from abroad, within the framework of educational projects
- Visitors from Israel and other countries
- Researchers, students and commanding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

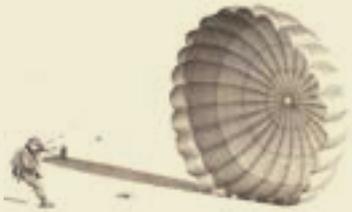
# Site

The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and Memorial Centre 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 liberation of the city in 1967.



## Building model - Aerial View





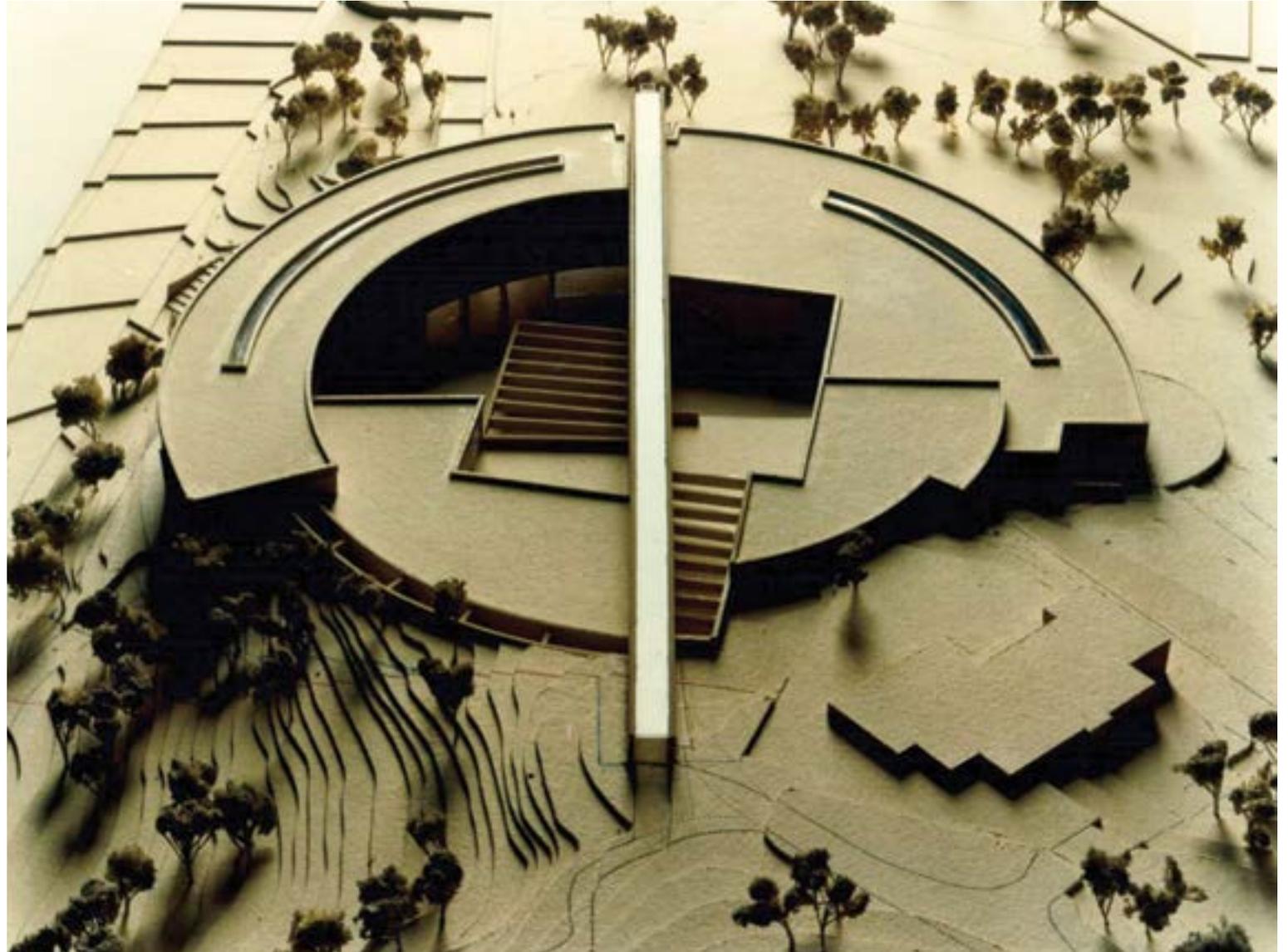
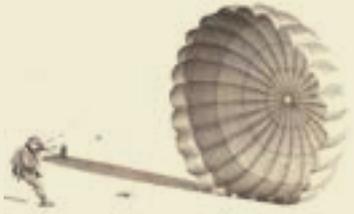
## Centre Complex

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The complex will include five wings: a memorial wing, a record and research wing with a computer information center, an educational and training program wing, an exhibition and multimedia presentation wing, and a special events wing.

The backbone of the complex will be a memorial pathway. While serving as a natural division between its two main sections - the commemoration wings and the general activities wings - the memorial pathway will also be a link between them. The modular design will enable construction in stages over a number of years.

## Building model - Top view



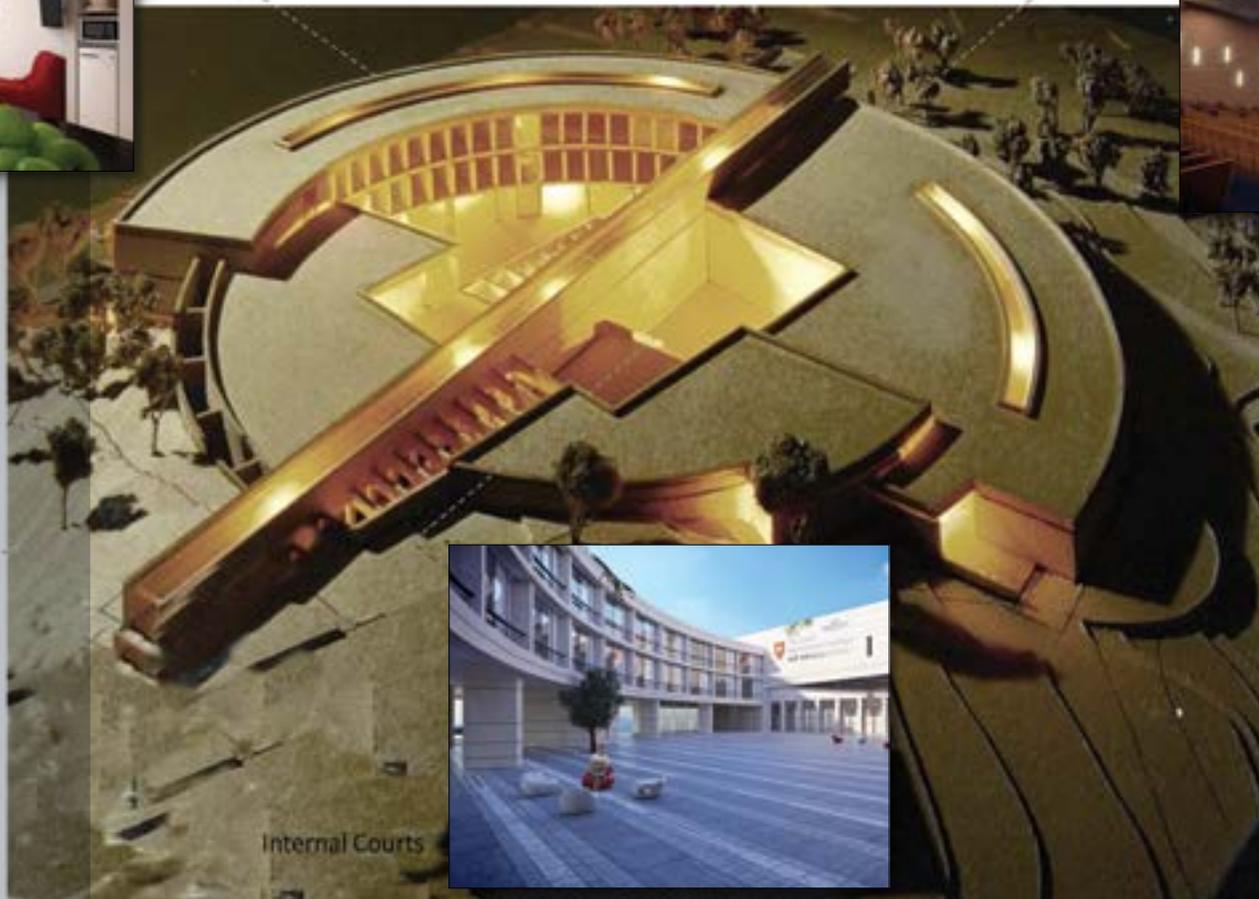
# Centre Complex -Details



Typical  
Hotel rooms



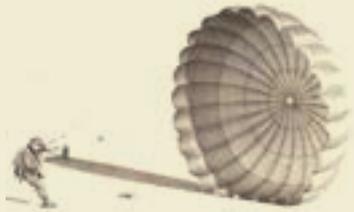
Auditorium



Memorial Wall

Internal Courts





# Centre wings

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## **Memorial wing**

This wing will commemorate the paratroopers who have died in action. Designed for memorial services, it will also serve as a venue for individuals, families and groups to grieve for their lost ones.

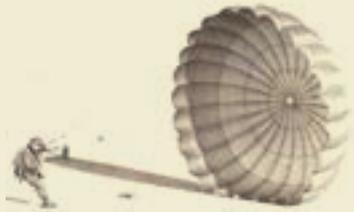
The memorial wing will consist of a commemoration hall, a synagogue and a computerized information-retrieval system. An auditorium and outdoor plaza will be used for memorial services and special ceremonies.

## **Records and research wing**

This wing will house comprehensive records relating to paratrooper units, their history and operations, information critical for research purposes. As the core of the Centre's information and activities, it will incorporate a records section, a library, archives and an interactive, computerized information center.

## **Educational and training programs wing**

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. Accounts of outstanding paratrooper operations will serve, not only to highlight the values, mode of conduct, leadership and professionalism displayed by the combatants, but also focus on the personal experiences of the soldiers.



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### Exhibition wing

Permanent exhibits at a number of stations 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 parachuting

**The paratrooper** A step-by-step account of the paratrooper's rigorous training program, from daily routine to anti-terror operations

**Special operations** An interactive multi-media presentation on the most daring of paratrooper operations, from the 1950's to the present day

**Paratrooper heritage** The focal point of this 'station' will be the traditions, values and beliefs of the Paratrooper Corps. The noble heritage which serves as the role model for the IDF, has been, and still is, a source of pride, strength and inspiration for the Jewish people through the ages, worldwide.

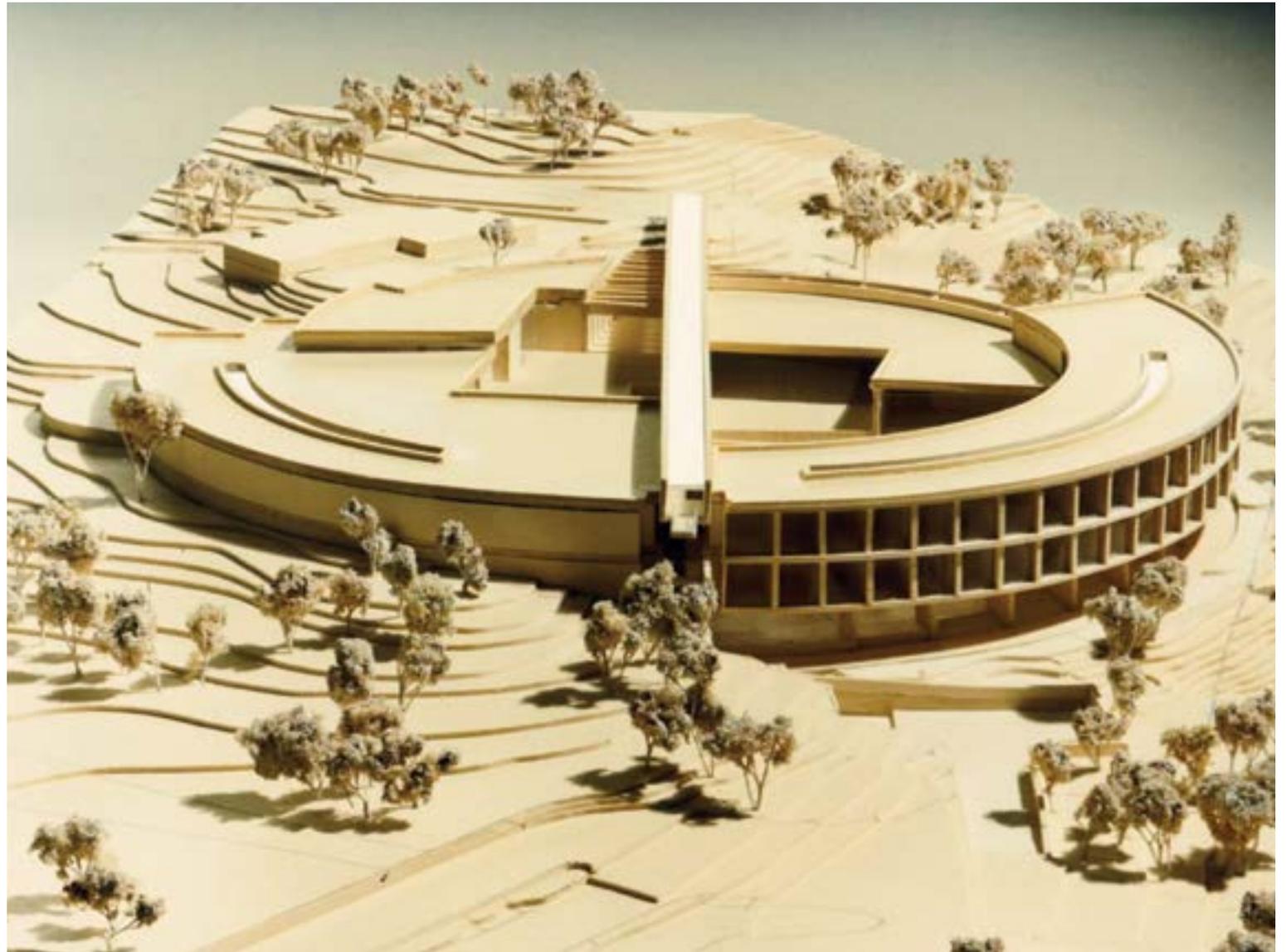
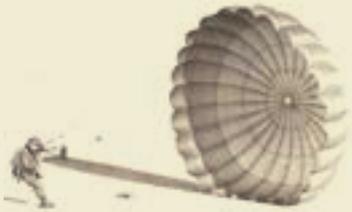
Here visitors will walk through a number of halls depicting major paratrooper operations, in the Sinai, Suez Canal, Jerusalem, Lebanon, Golan Heights, Entebbe and others.

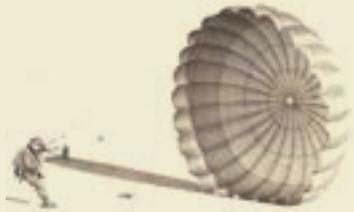
In the paratrooper 'brainstorming room' a series of documentary films, will provide visitors a progressive visual history of paratrooper campaigns and set the mood for group discussions.

### Special events wing

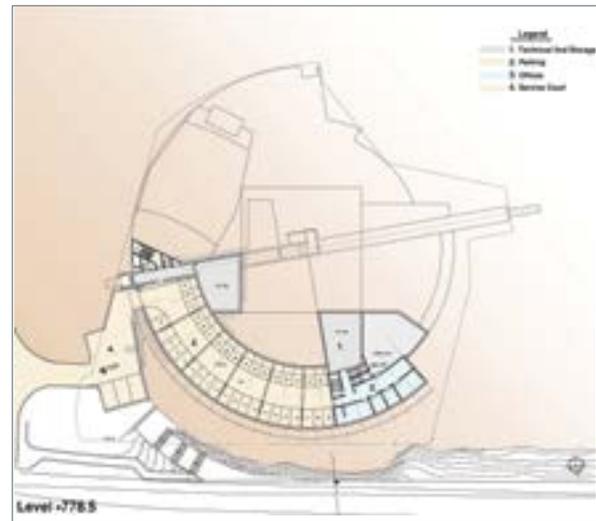
This wing will serve as a venue for special events aimed at perpetuating the paratrooper heritage and used by soldiers, school children, students and visitors from Israel and other countries.

## Building model - view from east

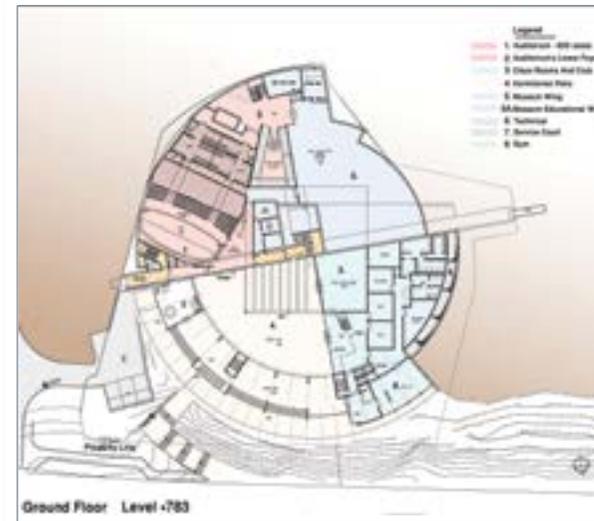




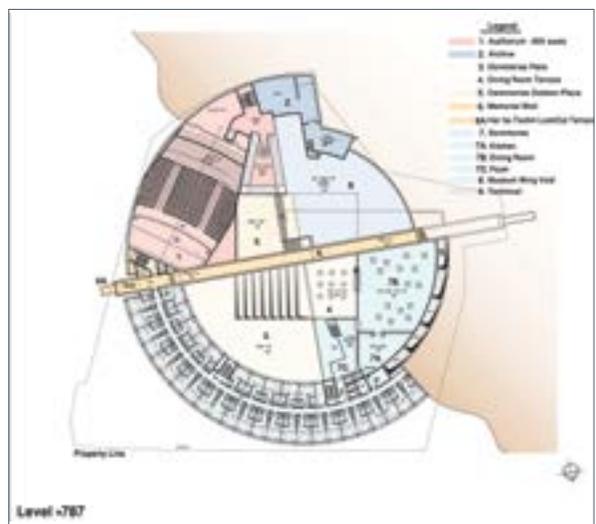
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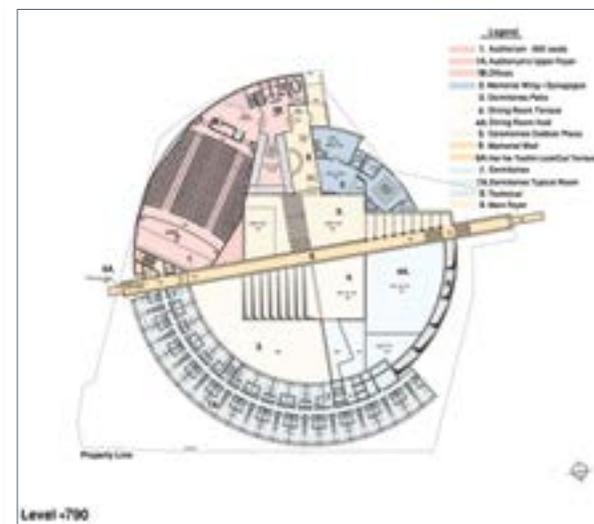
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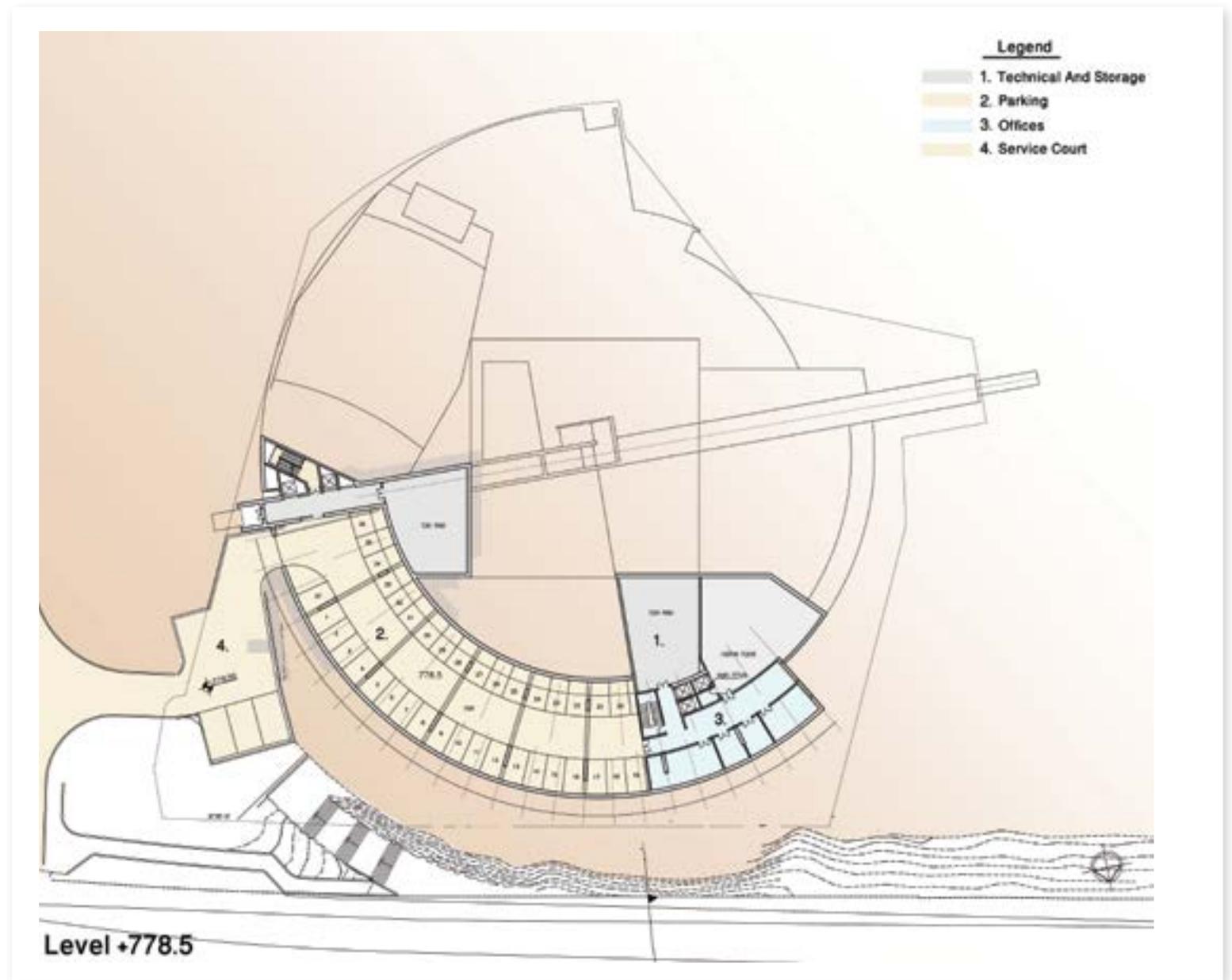
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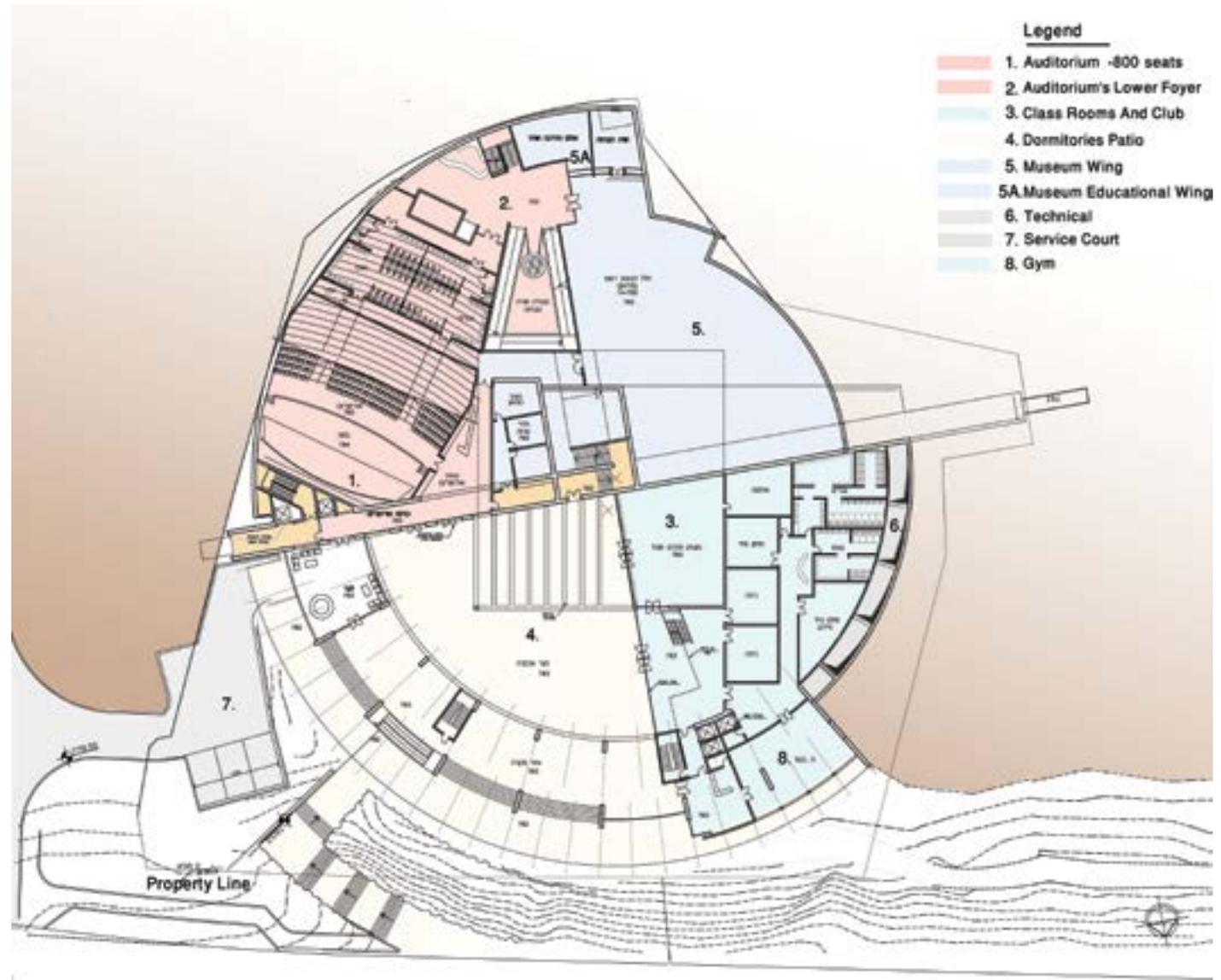
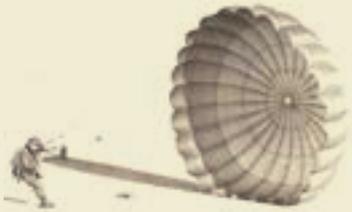


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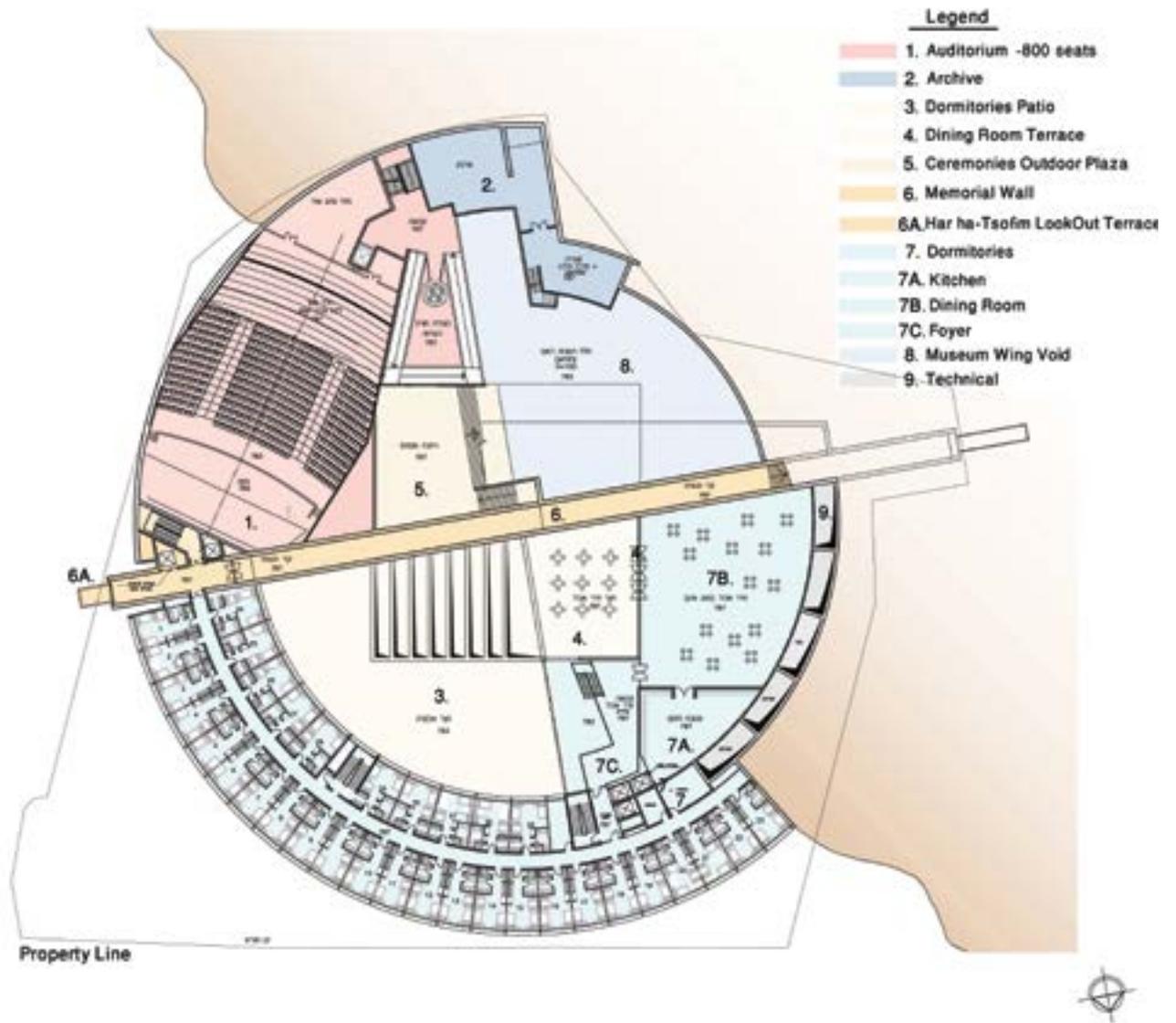
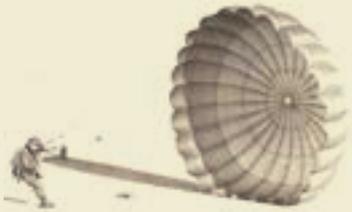


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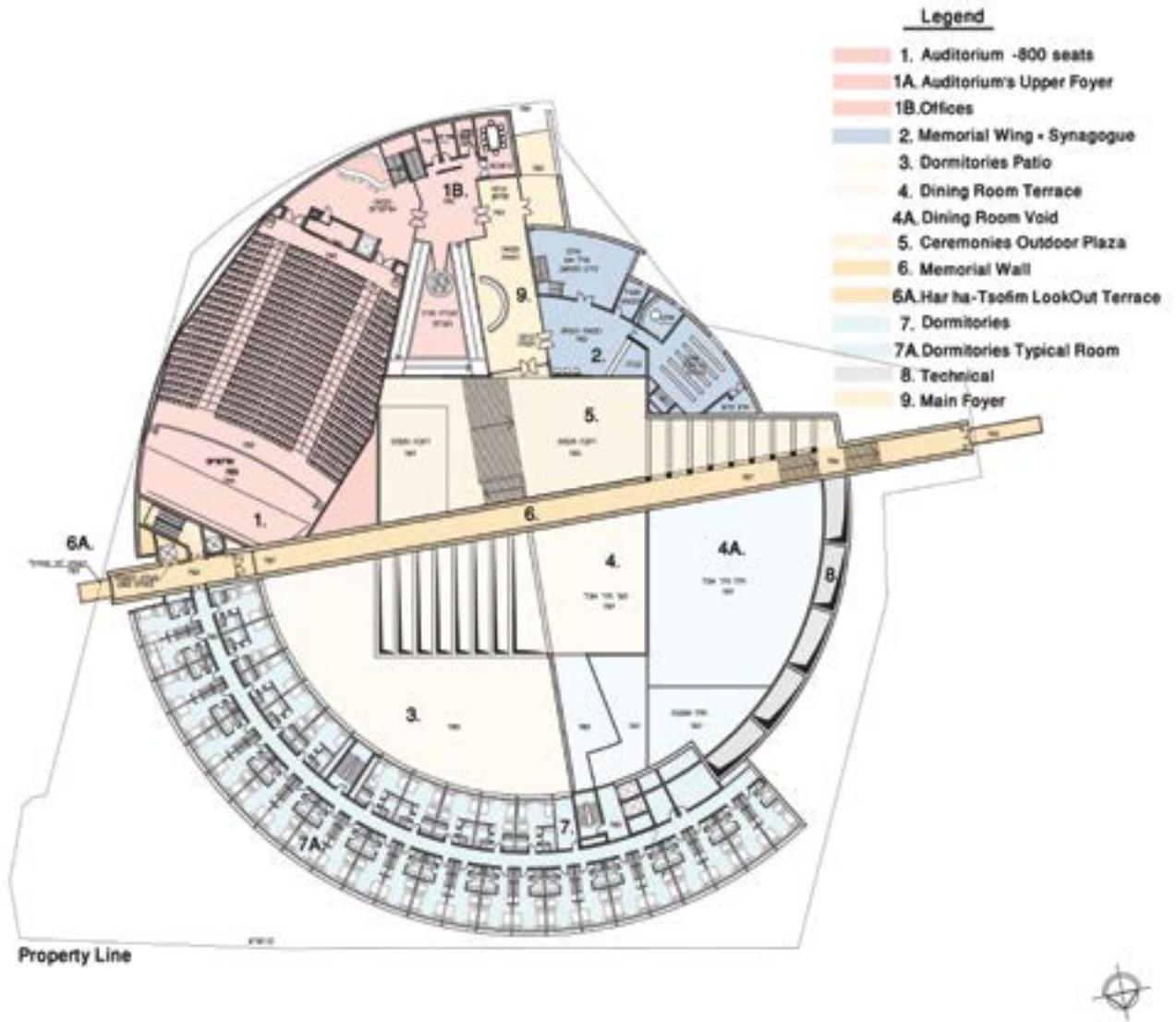
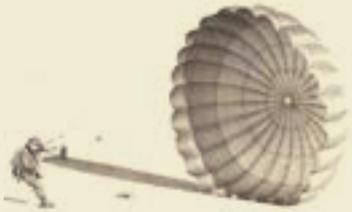




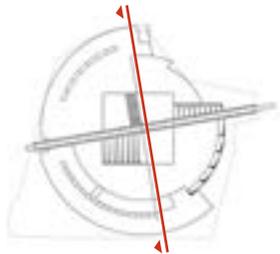
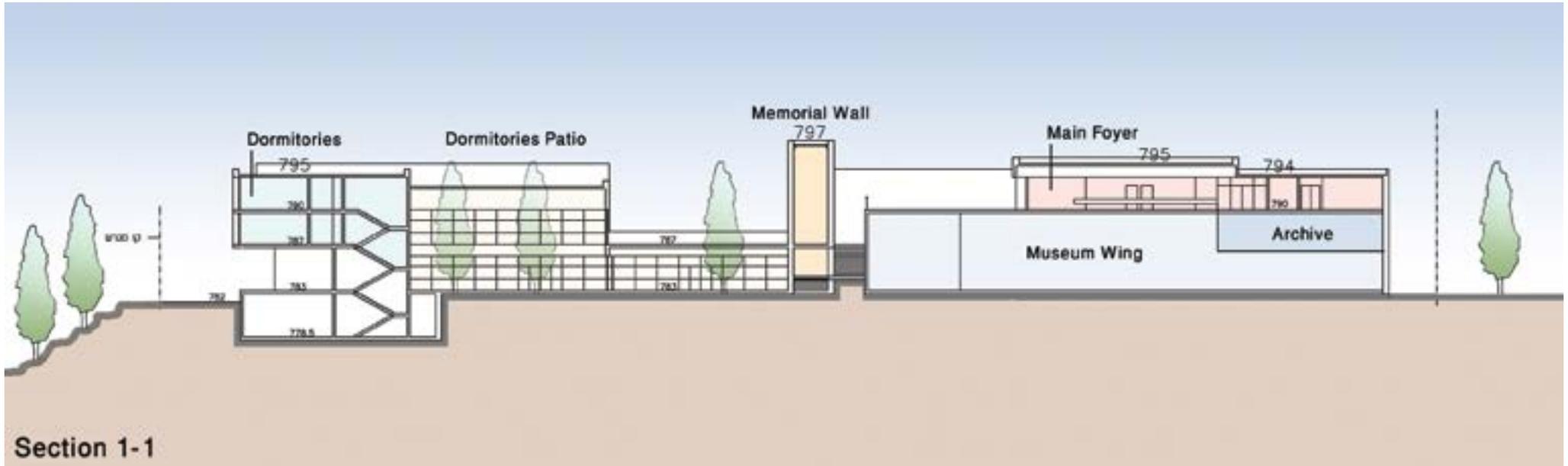
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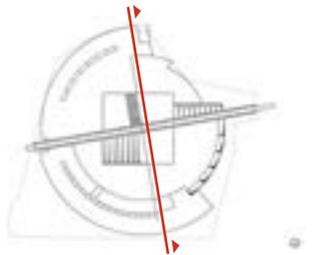
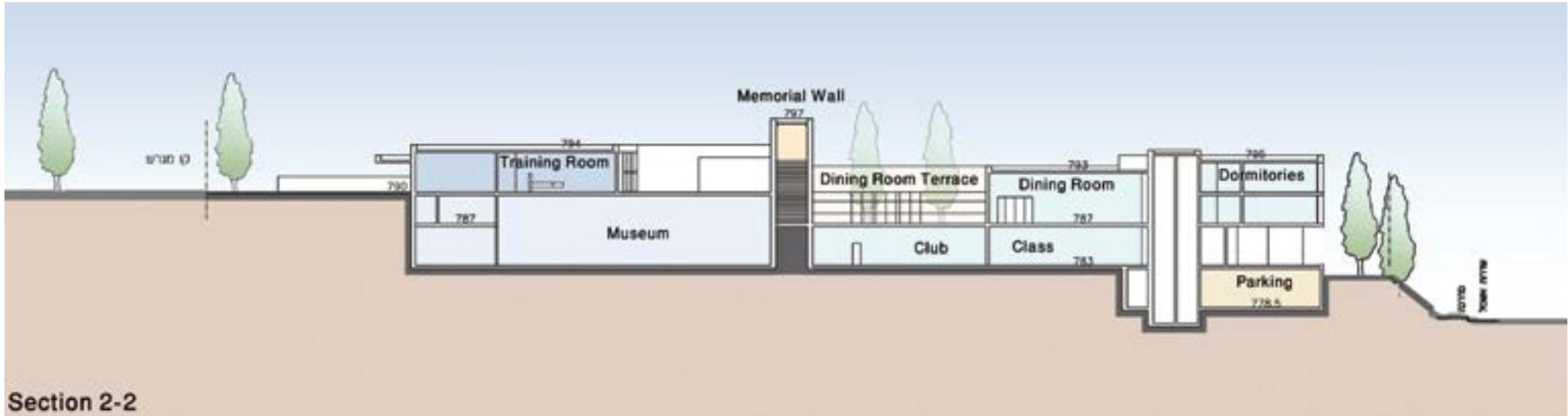


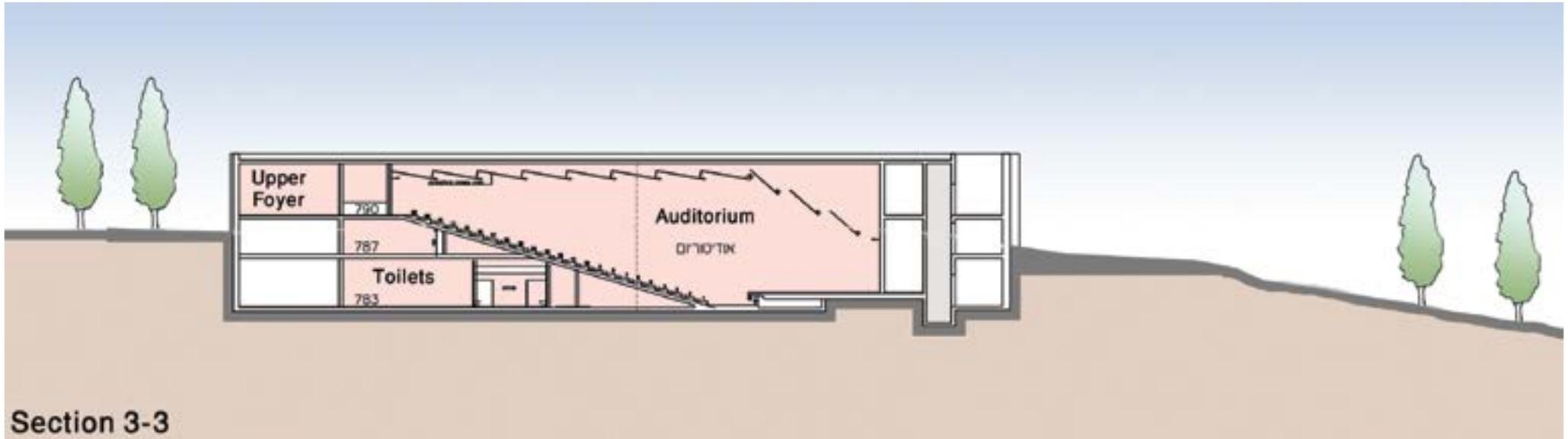
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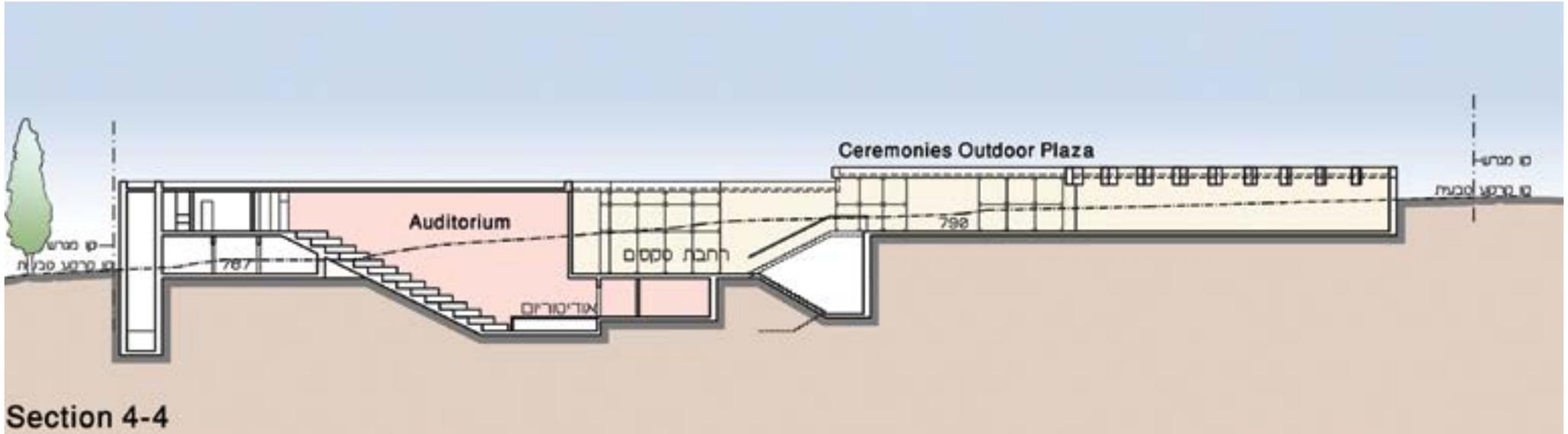


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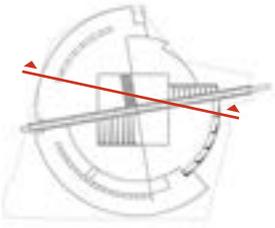








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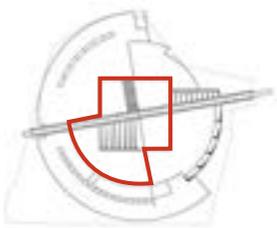
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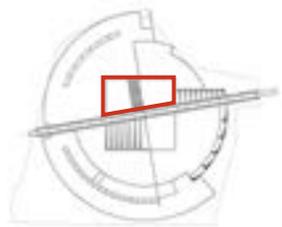


View from Levi Eshkol St

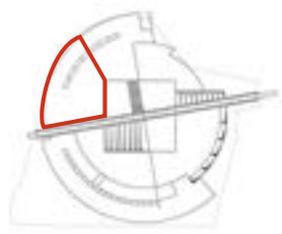


Top view- court & patio

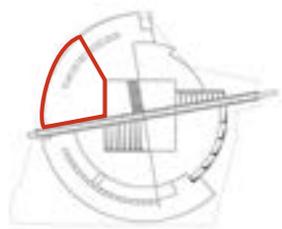




Ceremonies Outdoor Plaza



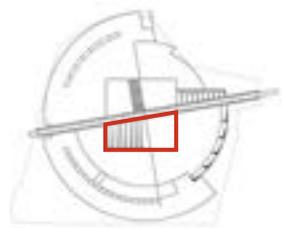
Auditorium – view from upper level



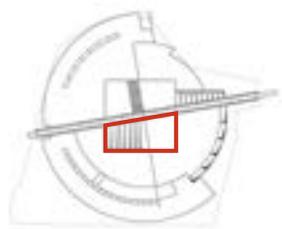
Auditorium – view from lower level



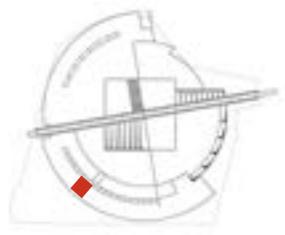
View from Levi Eshkol st.



Dormitories Patio



Dormitories Patio - night view



Typical Room

## Givat Hatachmoshet Project Costs

Void	Number Of Unit	Area Per Unit [sqm]	Level	Price Per Unit
Dormitories Patio	1	858	783	\$ 1,000,000
Ceremonies Outdoor Plaza	1	513	783	\$ 620,000
Museum	1	1155	783	\$ 4,100,000
	1	74	783	\$ 260,000
Parachuting Experience Elavator Lobby	1	58	783	\$ 250,000
Parachuting Experience Hall	1	67	783	\$ 300,000
Library & Information Center	1	287	787	\$ 1,200,000
Auditorium's Lower Foyer	1	85	783	\$ 260,000
Auditorium	1	955	783-790	\$ 5,200,000
Auditorium's Upper Foyer	1	125	790	\$ 400,000
Auditorium Lobby	1	156	783	\$ 520,000
Dormitories Lobby	1	80	783	\$ 260,000
Fitness Room	1	156	783	\$ 650,000
Club Members and Staff	1	229	783	\$ 700,000
Room Classes	2	56	783	\$ 200,000
Dormitories Rooms Type A	10	32	787	\$ 150,000
	10	32	790	\$ 150,000

Void	Number Of Unit	Area Per Unit [sqm]	Level	Price Per Unit
Dormitories Rooms	24	31	787	\$ 150,000
Type B	24	31	790	\$ 150,000
Dinning Hall & Kitchen	1	688	787	\$ 2,600,000
Memorial Wall	1	335	787	\$ 1,000,000
LookOut Terrace	1	97	790	\$ 100,000
	1	71		\$ 70,000
LookOut Terrace	1	64	793	\$ 70,000
	1	105		\$ 110,000
Memorial Wing Ertance	1	35	790	\$ 100,000
Memorial Wing Lobby	1	155	790	\$ 500,000
Commemorative Hall	1	165	790	\$ 520,000
Memorial Hall	1	111	790	\$ 360,000
Memorial Information Hall	1	93	790	\$ 360,000
Memorial Office	1	15	790	\$ 50,000
Praying Hall	1	24	790	\$ 100,000
Synagogue	1	28	790	\$ 180,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12232</b>			<b>\$ 32,440,000</b>

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

The price includes VAT and does not include maintenance costs.

The price calculation was made by  MassadOz Group

## 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 – Architect Senior Partner

Shemtov Tzrouya –Architect Partner

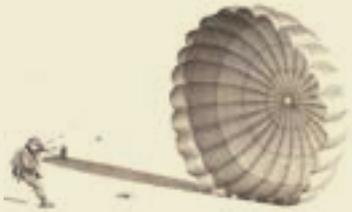
Olga Erlich

# Paratrooper Brigade commanders

Name	Command period
Maj.General (Ret.) Ariel Sharon.**	1956 - 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
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 - now

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