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# The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and memorial Centre

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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

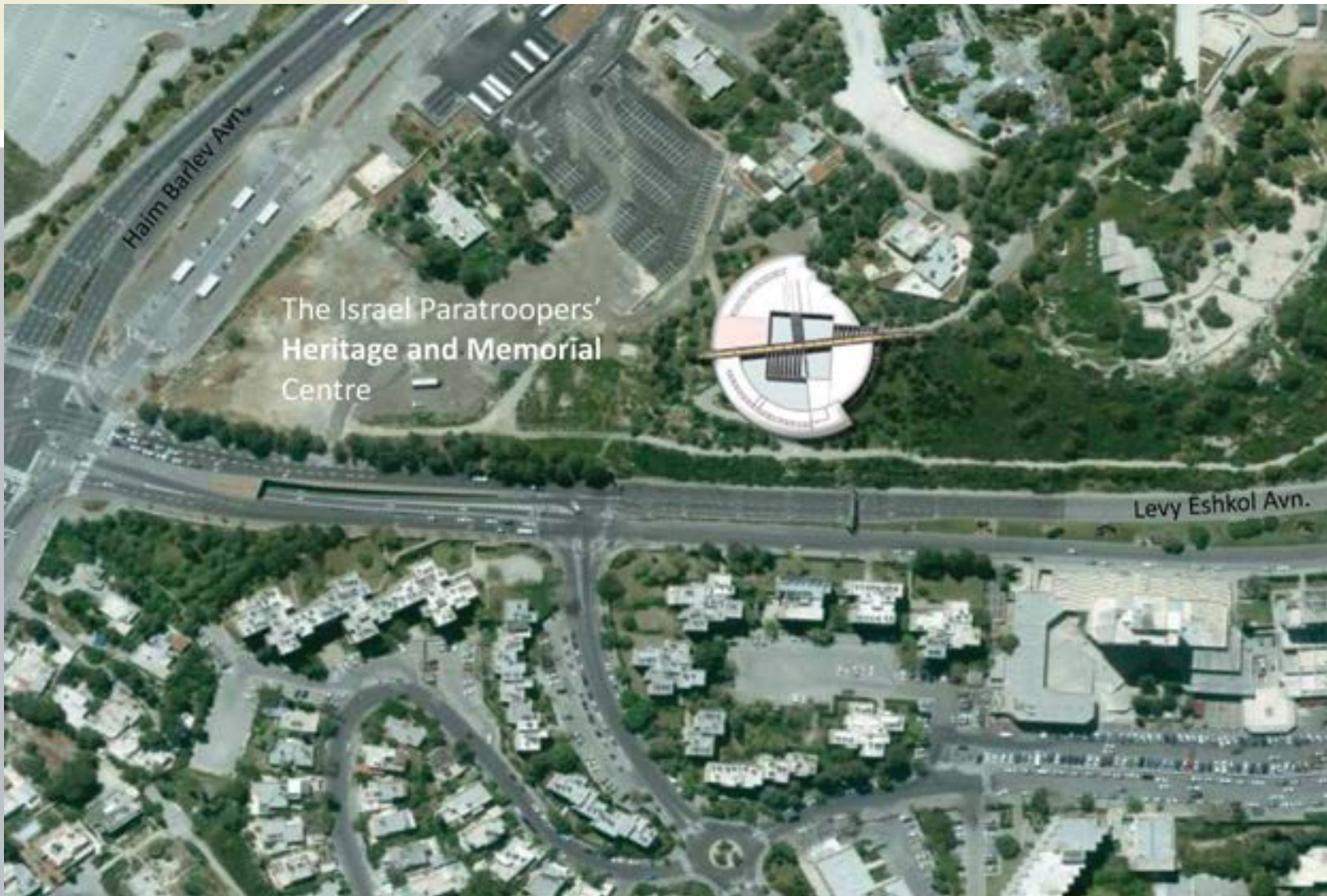
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- IDF officers and soldiers, within the framework of educational programs
- High-school students, within the framework of pre-army preparatory programs
- Youth groups from abroad, within the framework of educational projects
- Visitors from Israel 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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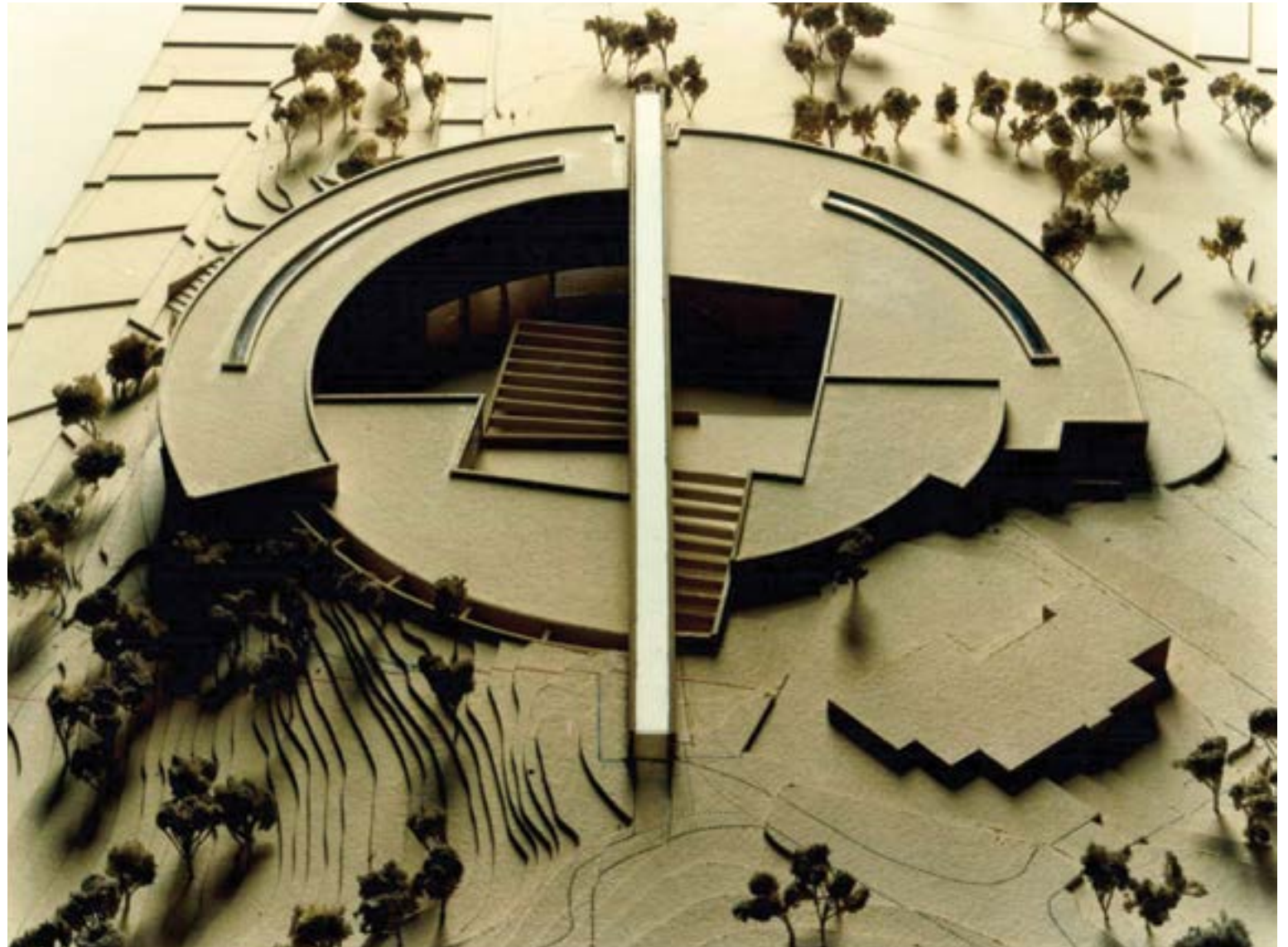
The complex will include five wings: a memorial wing, a record and research wing with a computer information center, an educational and training program wing, an exhibition and multimedia presentation wing, and a special events wing.

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.





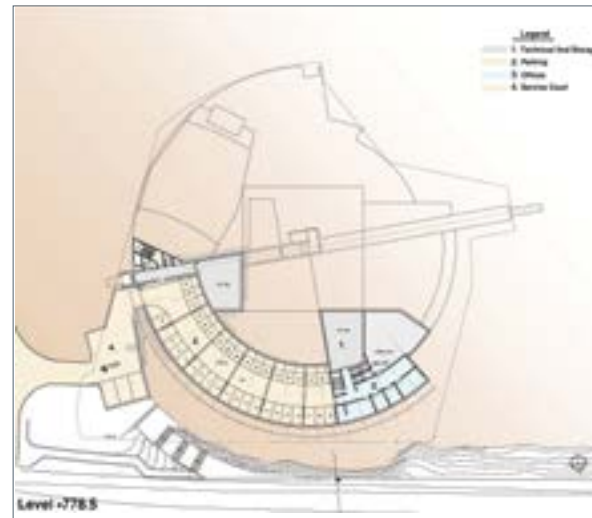
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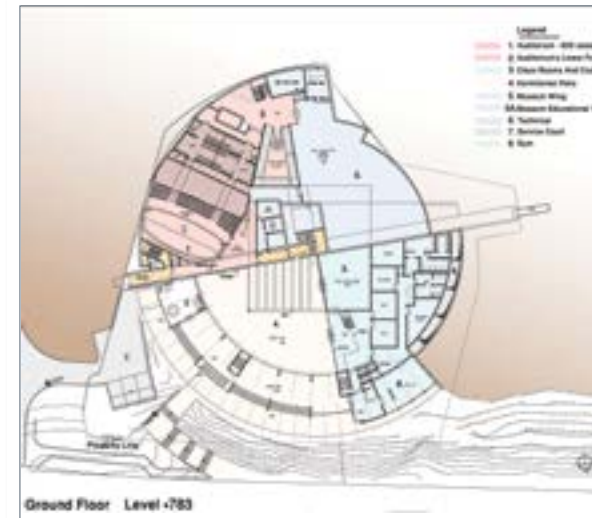




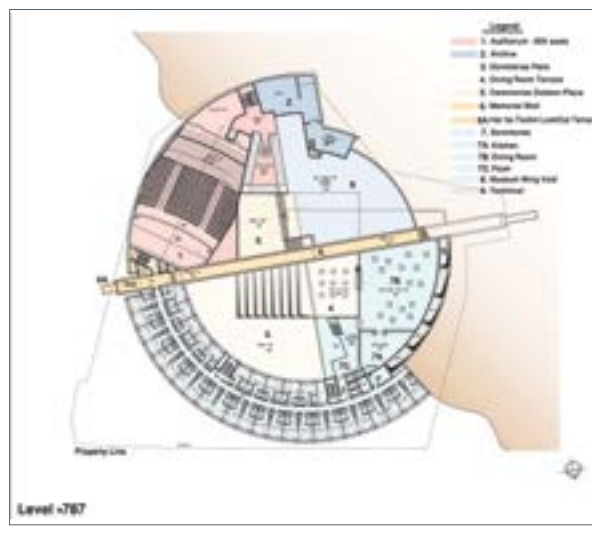
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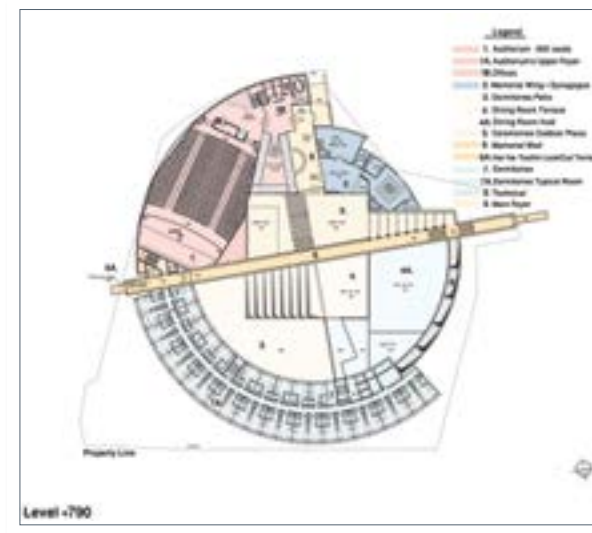
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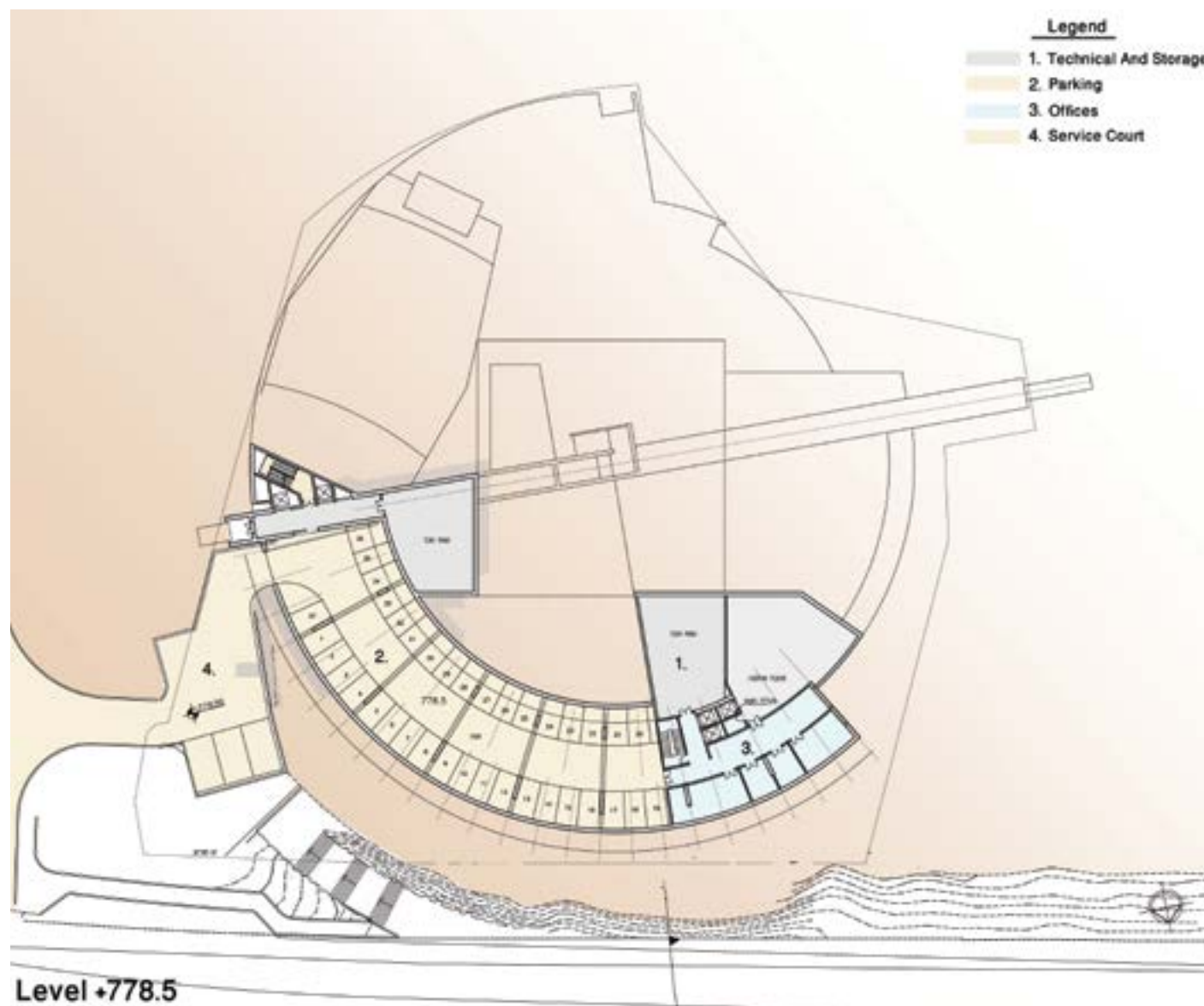
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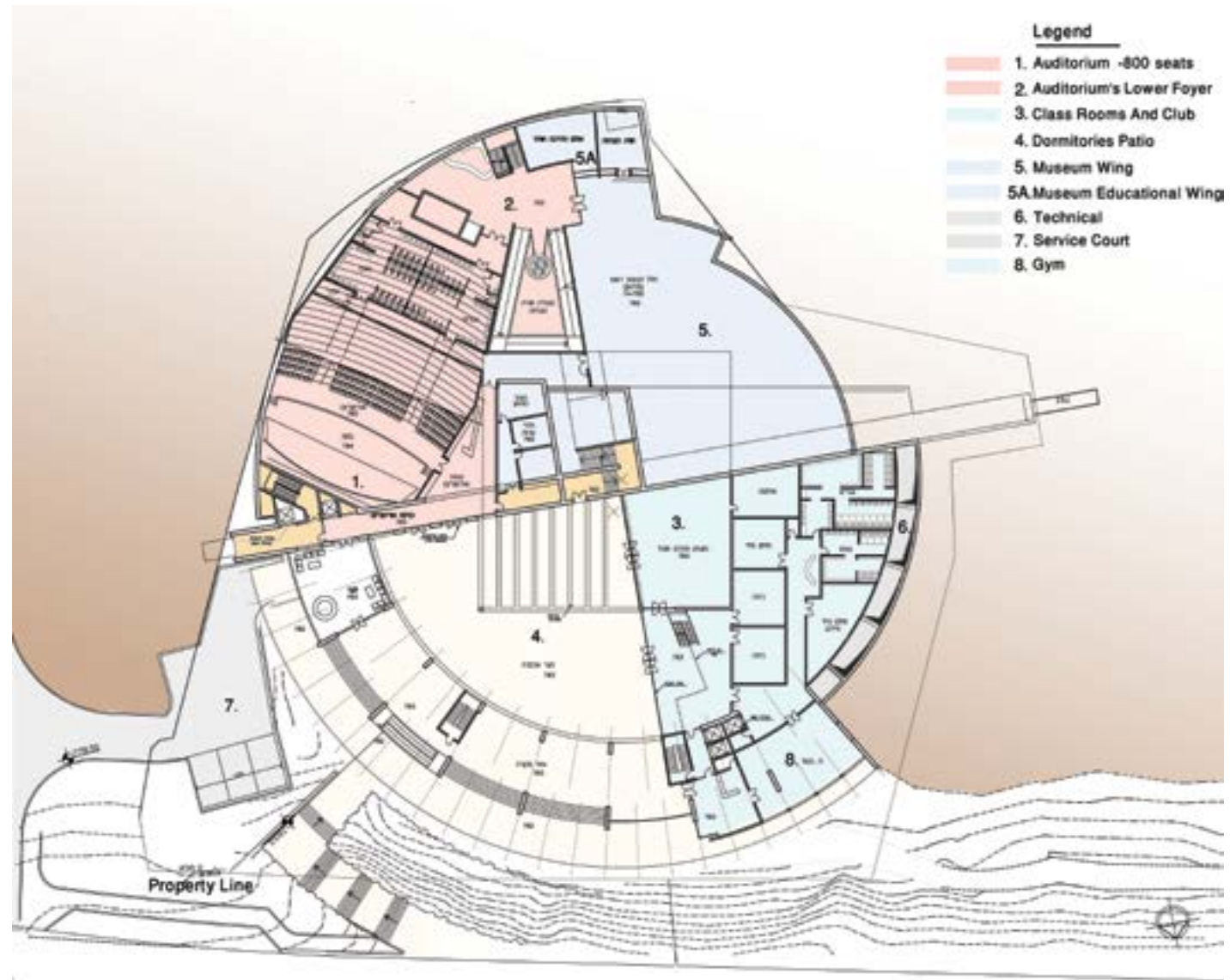


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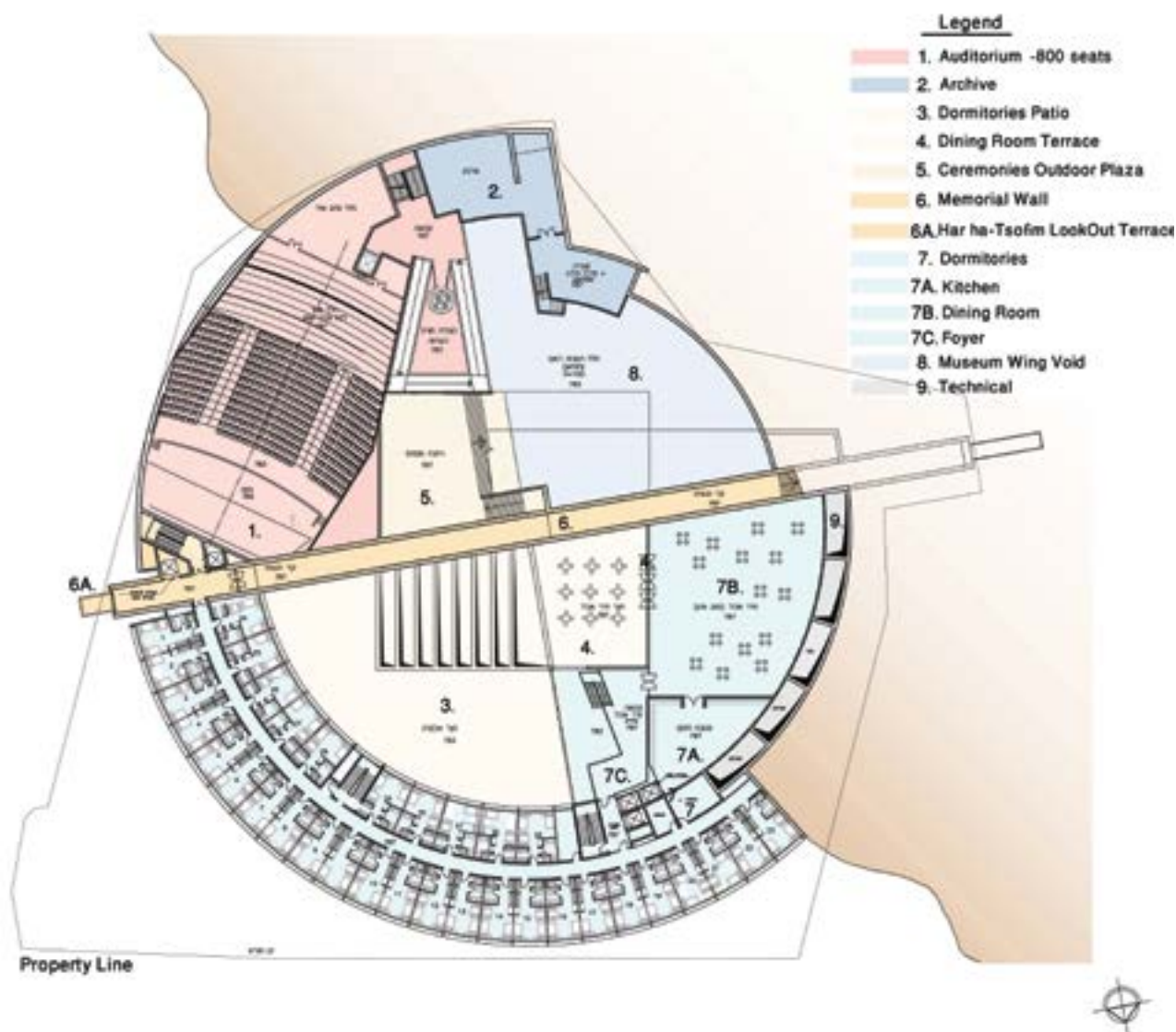


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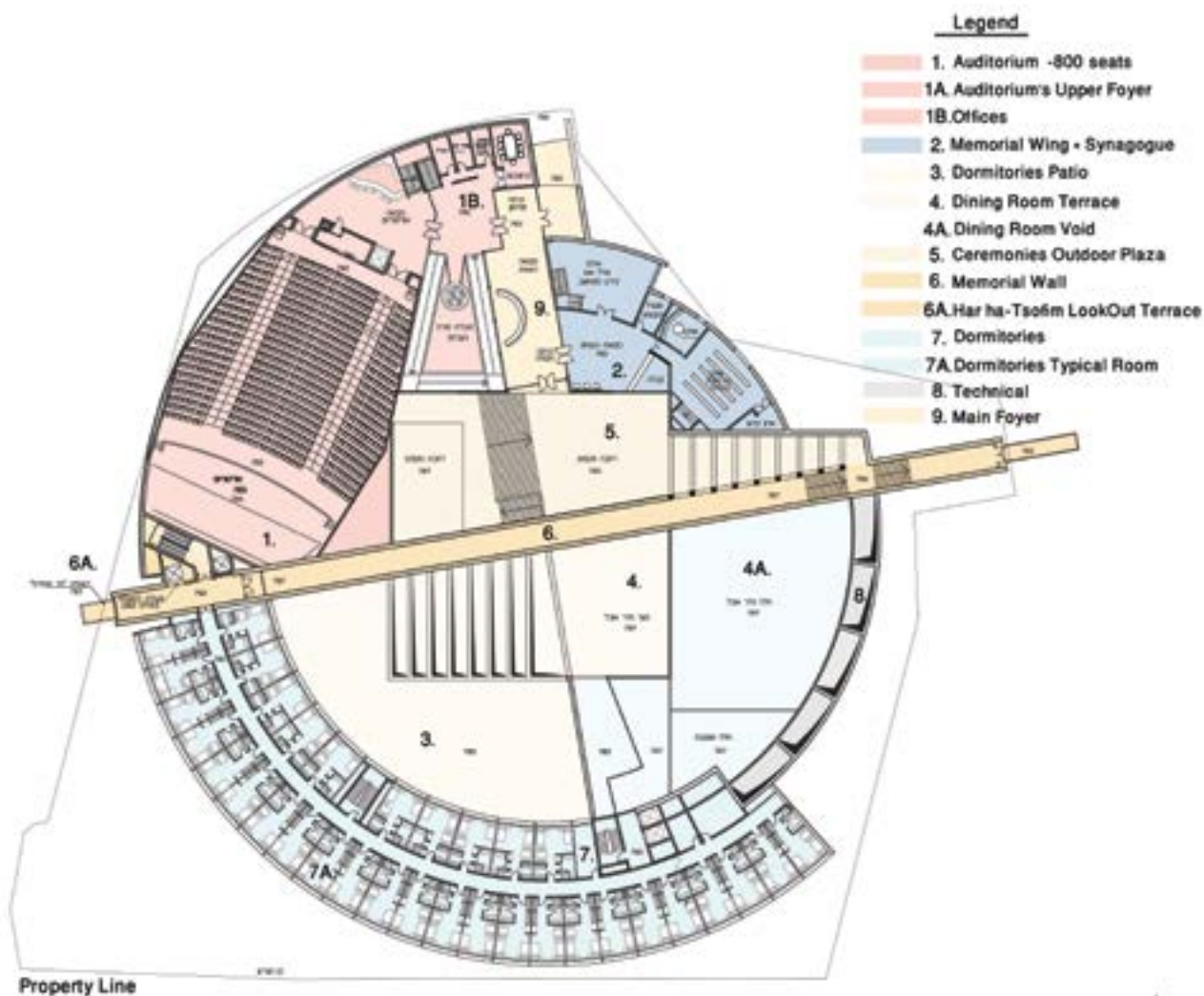


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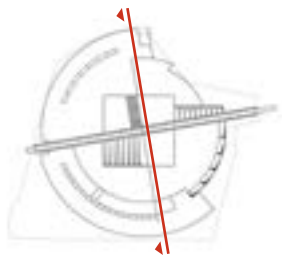
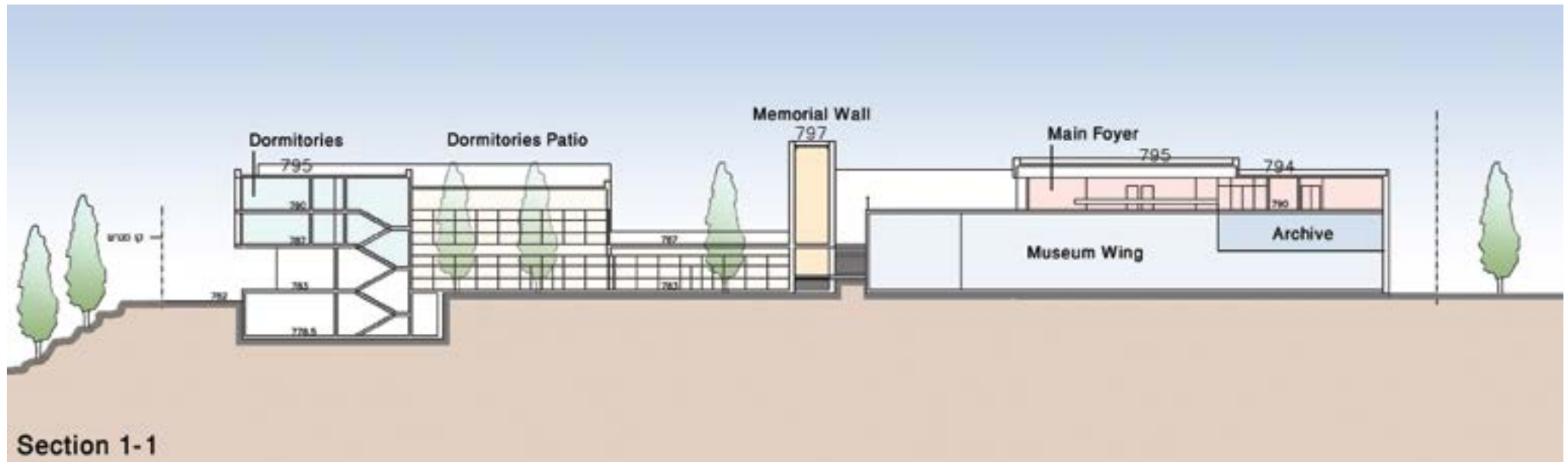
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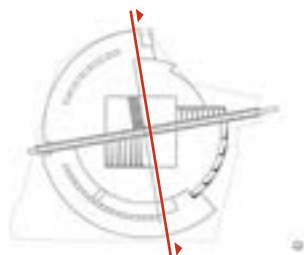
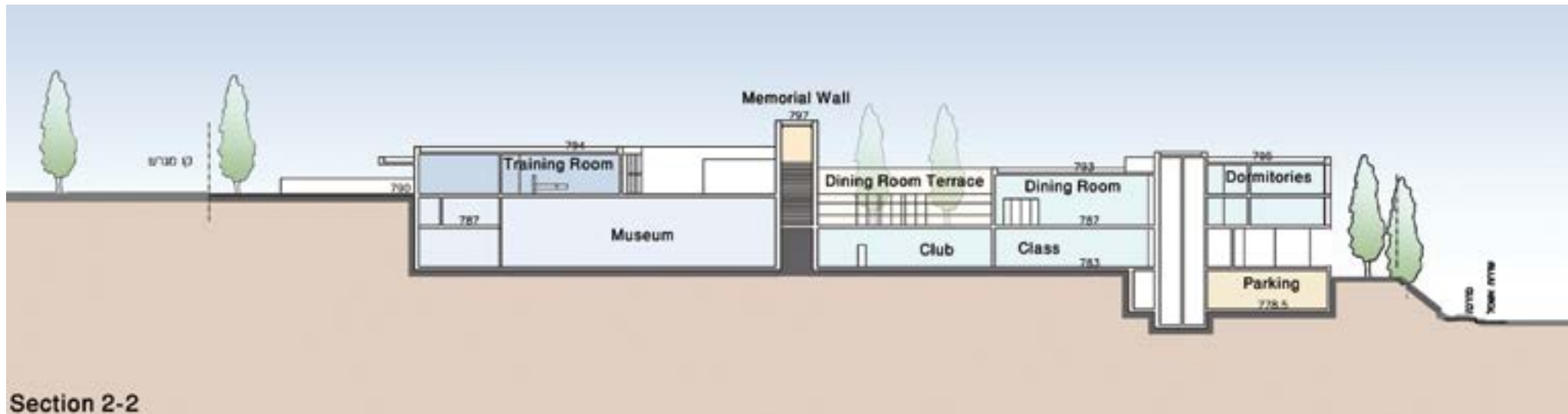


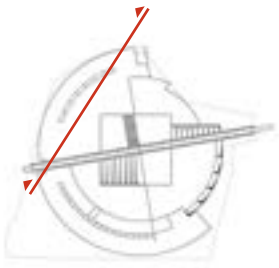
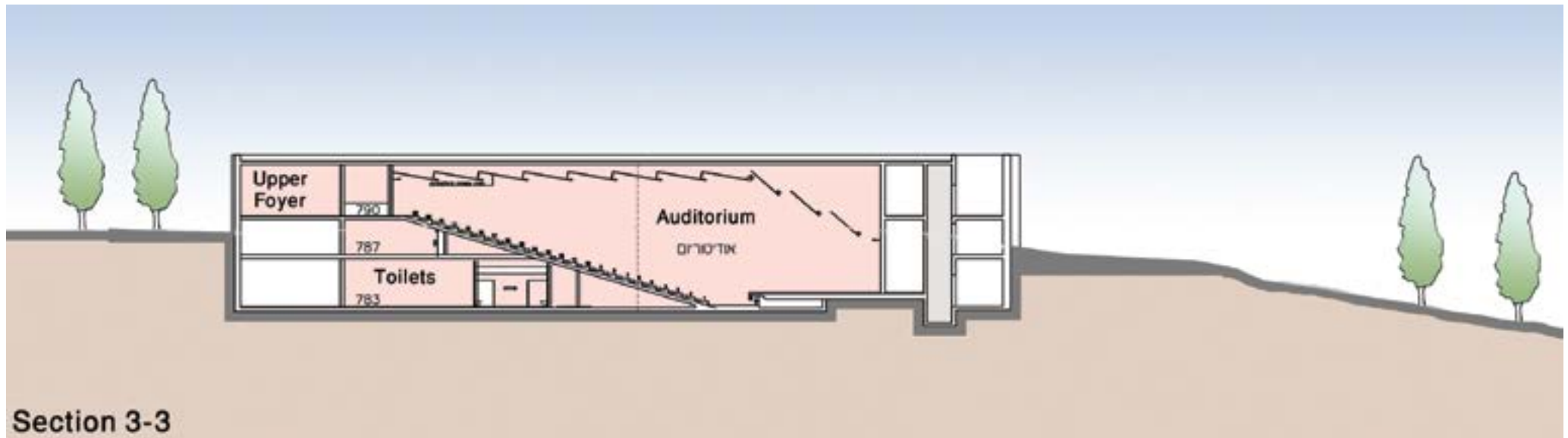


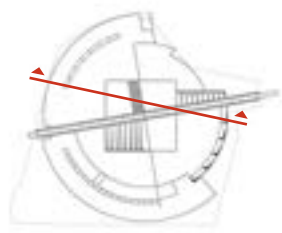
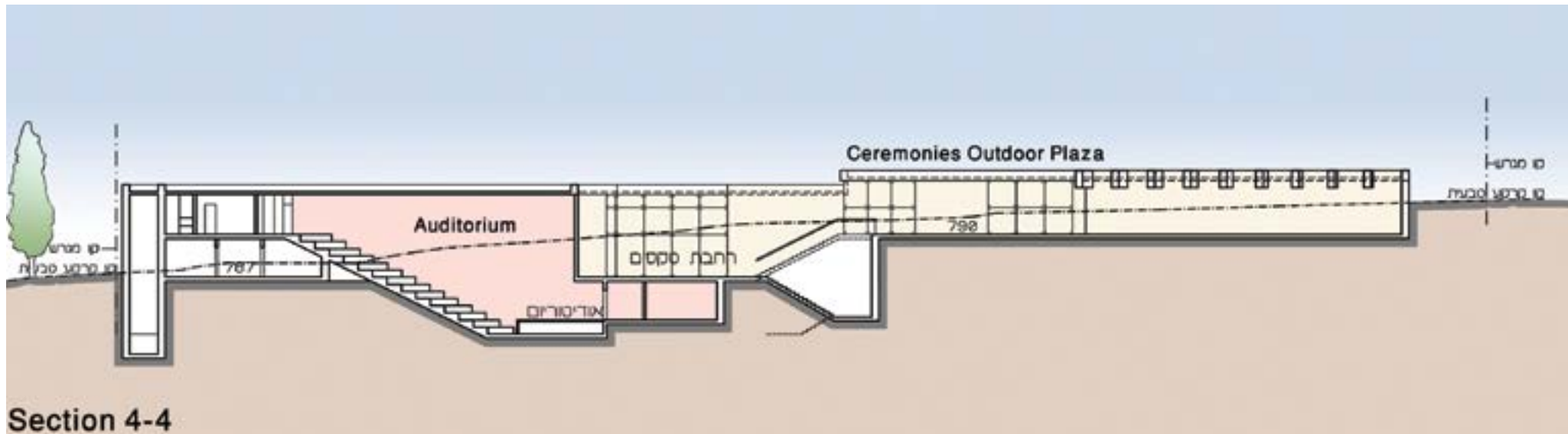
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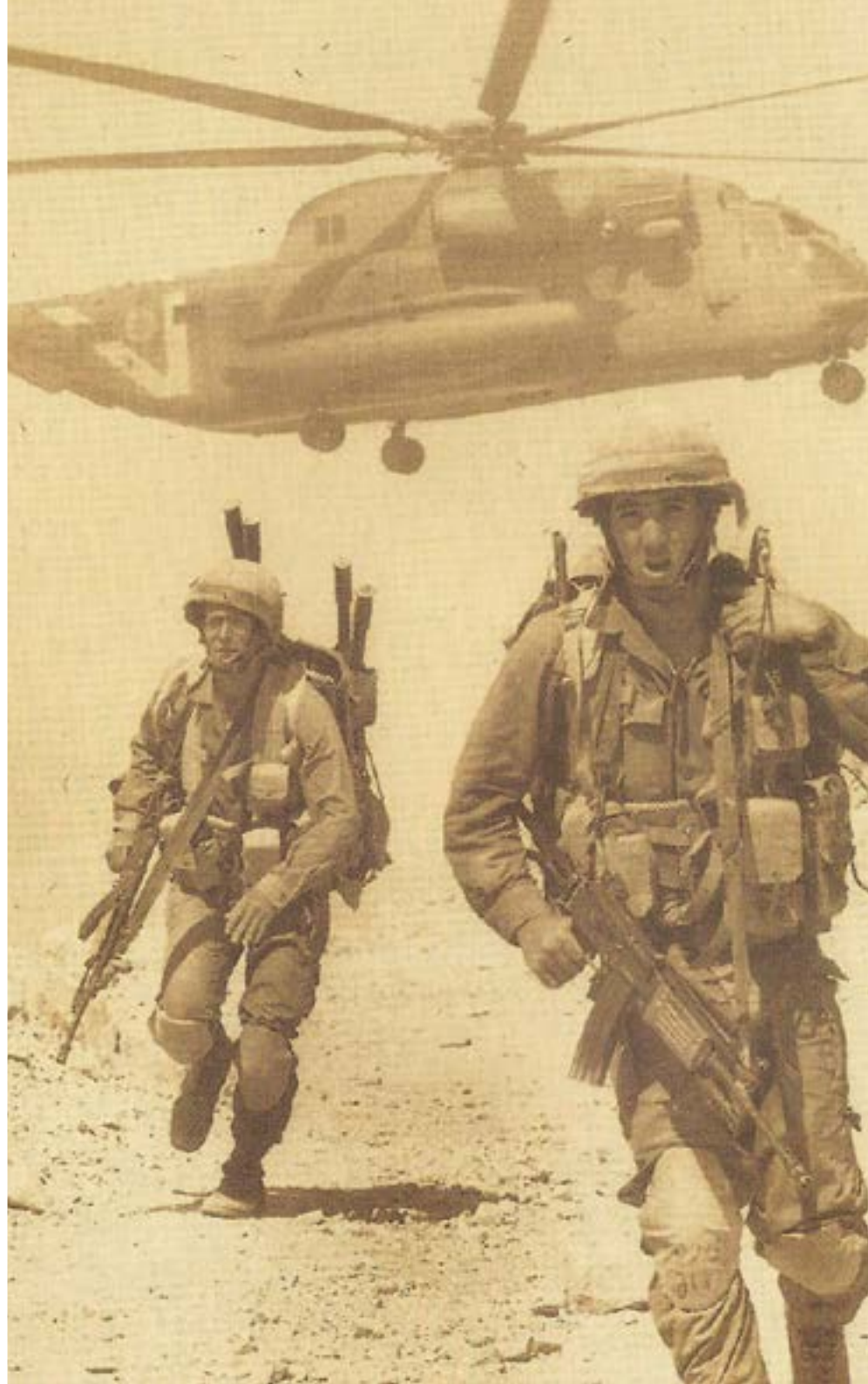












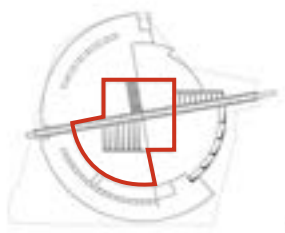


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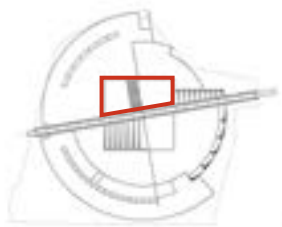
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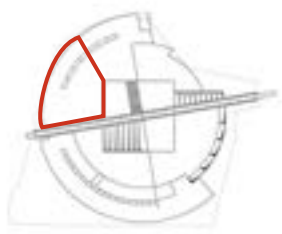


Top view- court & patio



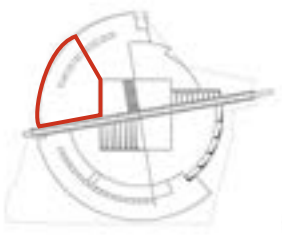


Ceremonies Outdoor Plaza



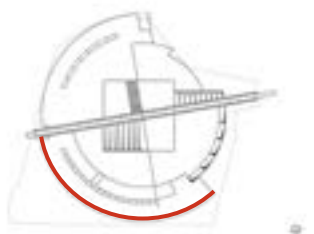
Auditorium – view from upper level



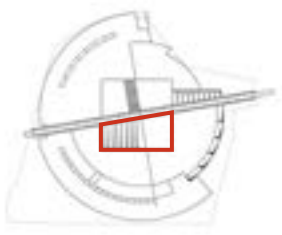


Auditorium – view from lower level



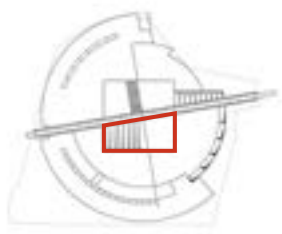


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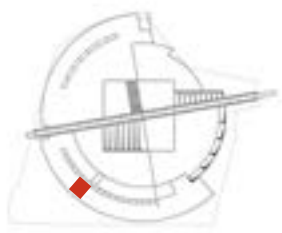


Dormitories Patio





Dormitories Patio - night view



Typical Room



## 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 Type B  | 24             | 31                  | 787   | \$ 150,000           |
|                           | 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 Enrtance    | 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    |

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| 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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