

THE SABAN FAMILY LONE SOLDIER HOME

In Rishon LeZion

DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY OF VIRGINIA AND NISSIM SABAN, PARENTS OF HAIM SABAN



LONE SOLDIERS OF THE IDF

The decision to serve as an IDF Lone Soldier is never a simple one, and it is unquestionably one of the most brave and noble decisions a young person can make. Today, there are approximately 7,000 Lone Soldiers from over 70 countries serving in the IDF. Approximately half of these soldiers, who chose to leave the comforts of their homes to serve in the IDF, are new immigrants. The other half are Israeli-born soldiers without immediate family in Israel or without relationships with their families.



"You decided to change your life in order to change the lives of Jewish people in the future. We're going to build peace for us, for our nation. You will be soldiers and builders. You are coming to an army with a human responsibility, an army that never wants to fight, but always fought what was imposed upon them... In one word, when I look at you, I would say each of you is a hope for us."

- Shimon Peres (z"l) addressing a group of Lone Soldiers joining the IDF



CHALLENGES OF BEING A LONE SOLDIER

Day after day, tens of thousands of young men and women selflessly don IDF uniforms, committed to the arduous task of defending the State of Israel, its citizens, and Jewish people around the world.

Motivated by these ideals, the soldiers of the IDF work tirelessly to fulfill their mission of ensuring stability, security, and prosperity for Israel and its people. Lone Soldiers carry out these heroic duties without the structure and support of their families nearby, which often leads them to face additional hardships while serving in the IDF.











THE SOLUTION:

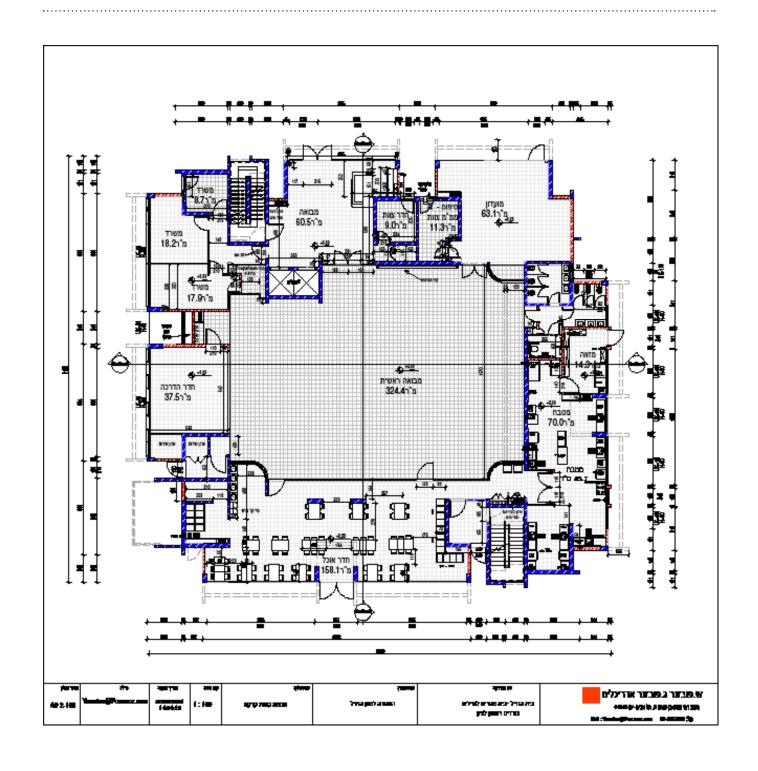
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While FIDF's Lone Soldier Program provides multifaceted emotional, social, financial, and wellbeing support for Lone Soldiers, the creation of a Lone Soldier Home in Rishon LeZion will further this support by providing a much-needed "home away from home." The Saban Family Lone Soldier Home will be an eight-story building, which will include seven floors of 48 apartments and a ground floor. The ground floor will contain a lobby, atrium, kitchen, dining area, meeting room, three offices, and a soldiers' club.

The Saban Family Lone Soldier Home will provide a residential facility for 222 Lone Soldiers, creating a welcoming, comfortable, and upscale home environment for them to live in when they are away from their army bases or off-duty. In addition to the tangible benefits of the Lone Soldier Home, it will also help these Lone Soldiers feel less alone and create a sense of belonging as they are living with peers who closely share their same experiences.

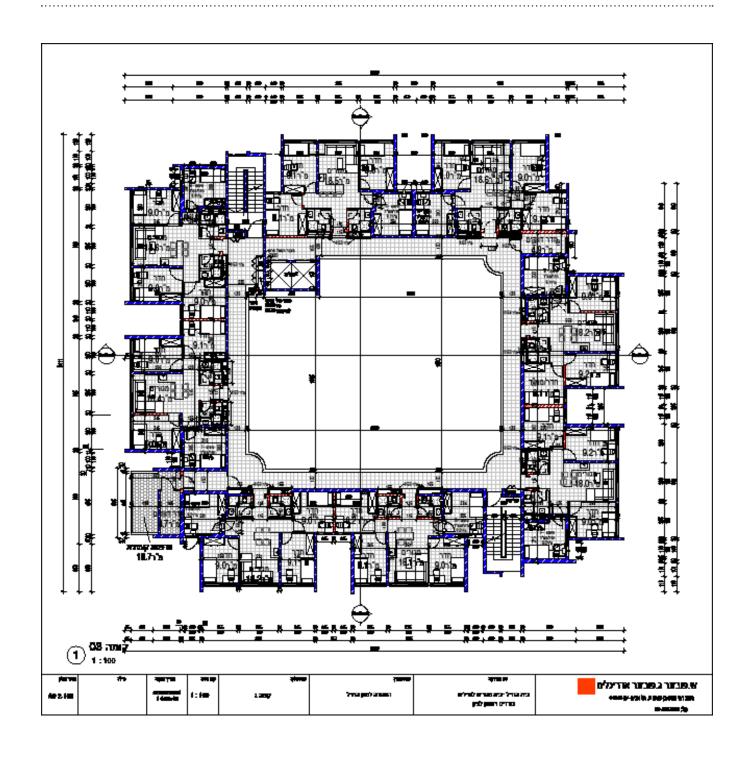


MAIN ENTRANCE FLOOR PLAN





RESIDENCE FLOOR PLAN







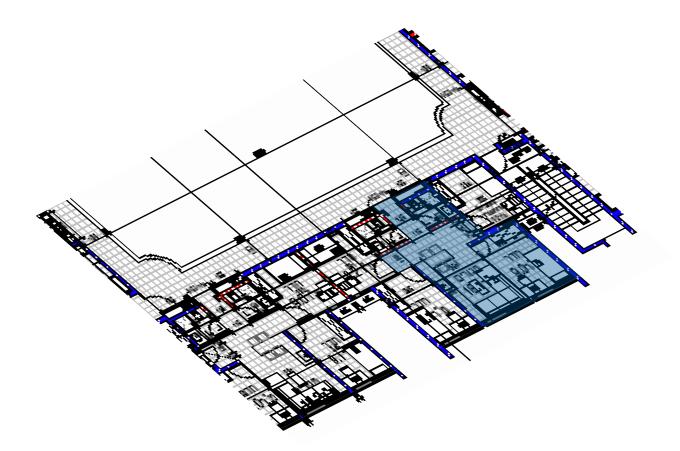
SOLDIERS' APARTMENT: \$220,000

The Soldiers' Apartment is a well-maintained residential complex that embraces the concept of community living while respecting the need for privacy. The apartment boasts four individual bedrooms, two shared bathrooms, a shared living area, and a kitchenette.

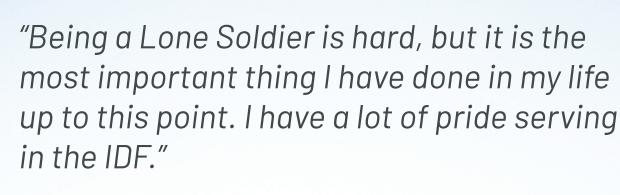
SOLDIERS' BEDROOM: \$40,000

Each bedroom is furnished with essential items, ensuring that residents can move in and feel at home immediately. These furnishings include a cozy bed for restful nights, a functional desk, and a spacious wardrobe closet for storing personal belongings.











THE NEED

Project Components	Cost
Exterior Naming	SOLD
Lobby	SOLD
Soldiers' Club	SOLD
Dining Area and Kitchen	\$360,000
Meeting Room	\$180,000
Office	\$50,000
Soldiers' Apartment	\$220,000
Soldiers' Living Area	\$60,000
Soldiers' Bedroom	\$40,000



BEING A LONE SOLDIER IN ISRAEL

Excerpts taken from "Reflecting Back on my IDF Service" by Joey Bendah

"To be a Lone Soldier is to live thousands of kilometers away from family. Lone Soldiers do not have the luxury of being in the same time zone as their loved ones. Often when they want to hear a familiar voice before a hard week in the field, they can't.

Being a Lone Soldier is watching all the parents of the platoon arrive on base with baskets of food for their sons or daughters on Shabbat. While the other parents try their best to embrace the Lone Soldiers as their own, it simply isn't the same. Lone Soldiers would do anything to see their parents' faces on base with a home-cooked meal.

When Lone Soldiers return home after weeks of guard duty on Israel's borders, they want nothing more than the luxury of relaxation. Instead, sleep-deprived Lone Soldiers stay up for hours, doing laundry to ensure that their uniforms are clean before returning to base. And when the laundry is done, Lone Soldiers need to go grocery shopping before stores close for Shabbat, that is if they want to eat something tasty after weeks of combat rations.

Only Lone Soldiers need to explain to their 21-year-old officer why it takes longer than one day to search for an apartment, sign a lease, and move all of their things. The young commanders never understand what it's like to deal with the electricity company or the municipality because those are problems that parents deal with.

But don't think that Lone Soldiers need to be pitied. A Lone Soldier puts all of the challenges aside, without complaints, in order to defend the State of Israel. The commitments they have taken upon themselves will make them stronger people and better citizens. So next time you see one of them in uniform or recently released from the army, understand that more than anything, they want to be productive members of Israeli society – give them a shot. They could be Israel's future leaders."



FIDF offers educational, cultural, recreational, and social services programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for IDF soldiers, veterans and their families.



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