



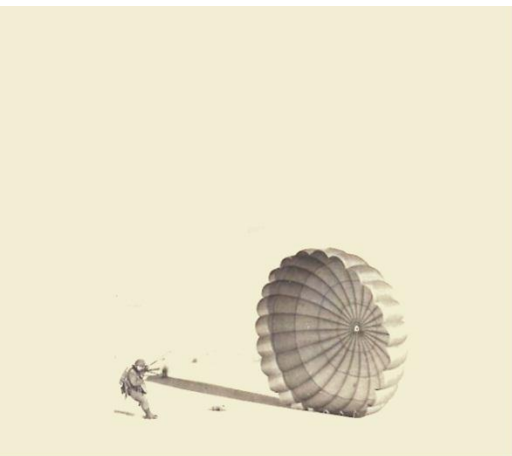
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# The Israel Paratroopers Heritage and memorial Centre

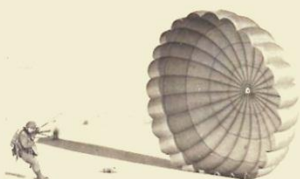
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# Introduction

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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.

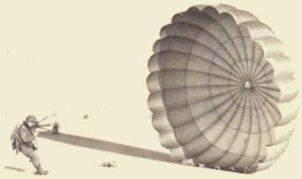
Not long after the war, the Zahal (Israel Defense Forces) Paratrooper Corps was created. The Corps has evolved into a combat unit whose remarkable sense of purpose, distinctive values and outstanding standards of excellence has become a model for the Israeli armed forces. Generations of officers have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

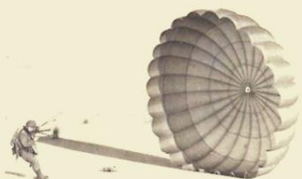
These unique values can serve as a source of inspiration, instilling among young people a deeper sense of awareness of their responsibilities and commitments to their country and to the world in which they live.



## 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

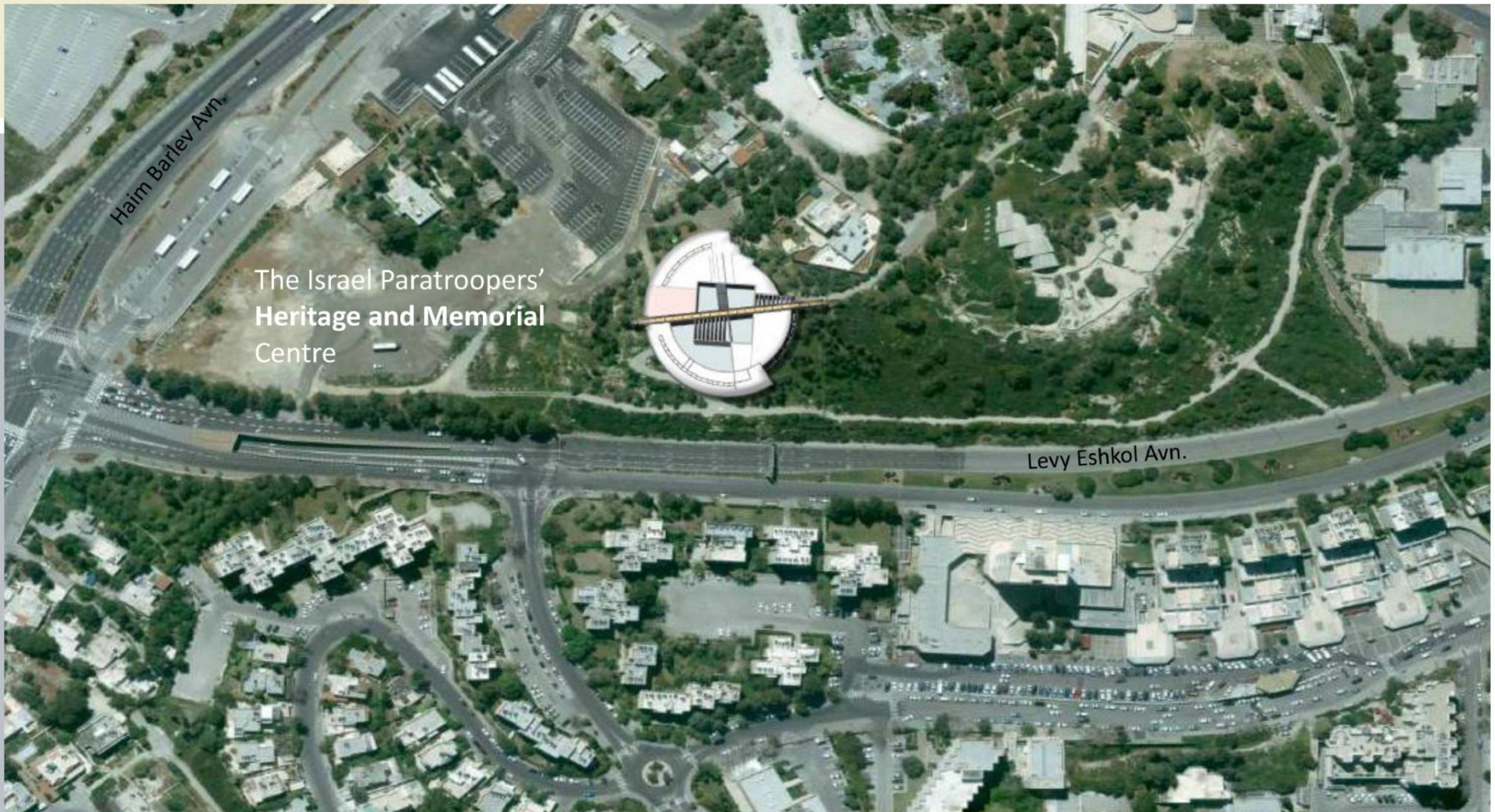
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- IDF officers and soldiers, within the framework of educational programs
- High-school students, within the framework of pre-army preparatory programs
- Youth groups from abroad, within the framework of educational projects
- Visitors from Israel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

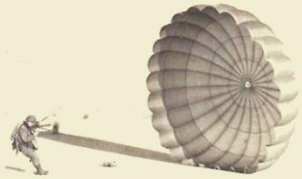


## Site

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.

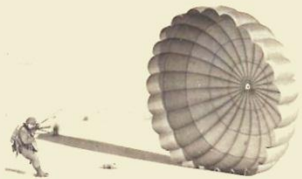






## Building model - Aerial View





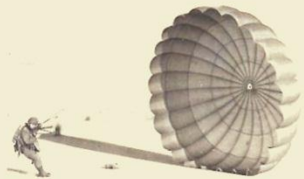
## Centre Complex

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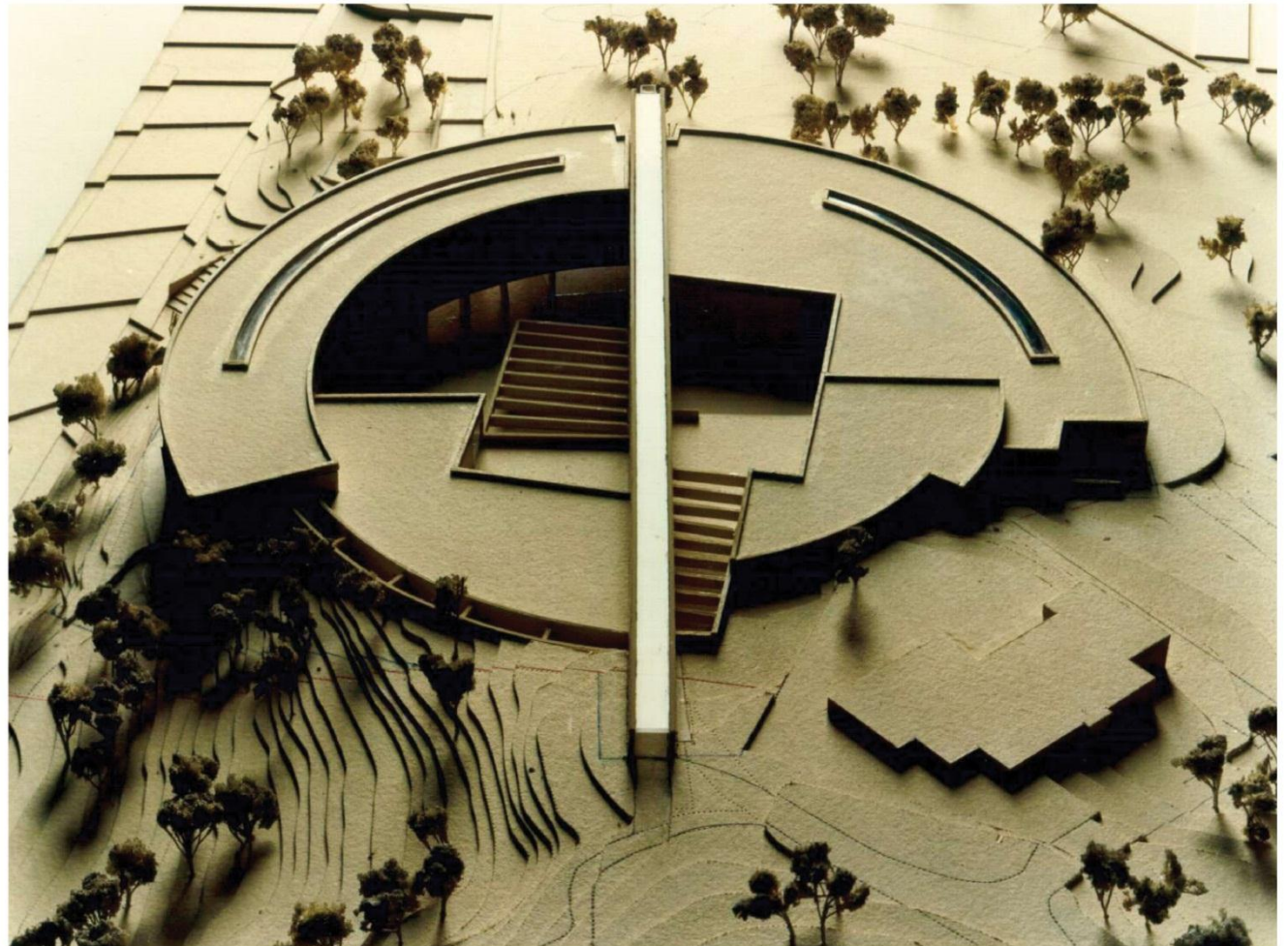
The complex will include five wings: a memorial wing, a record and research wing with a computer information center, an educational and training program wing, an exhibition and multimedia presentation wing, and a special events wing.

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



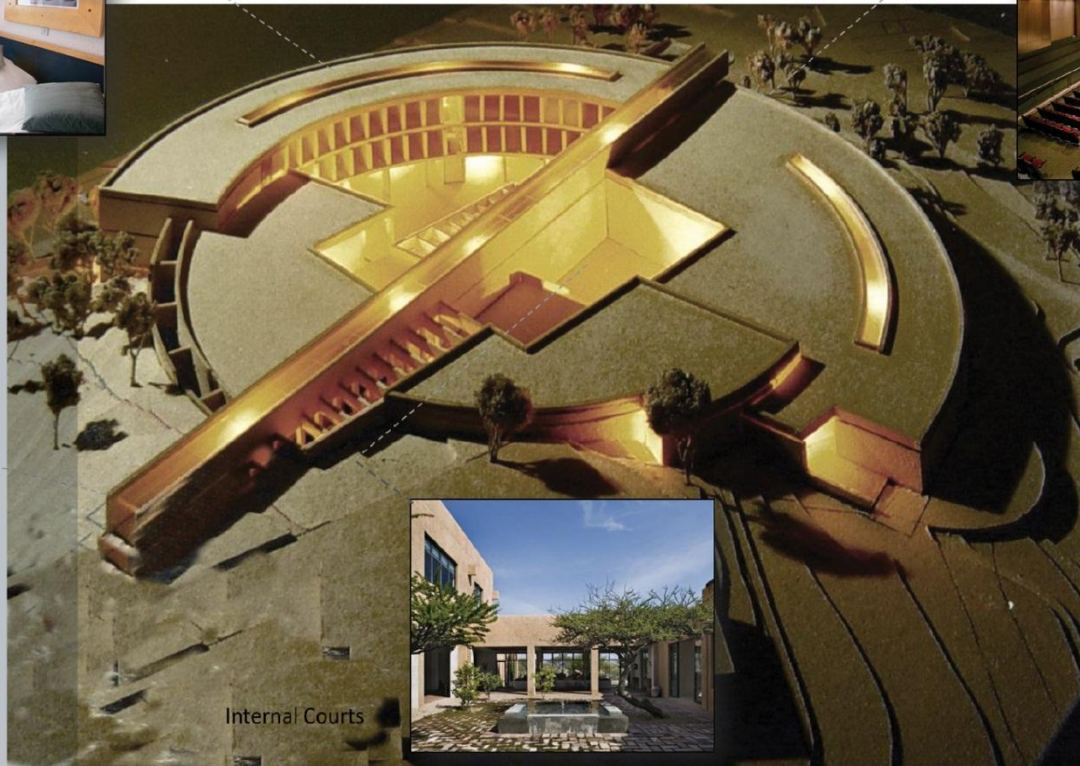
# Centre Complex -Details



Typical  
Hotel rooms

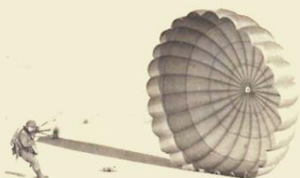


Auditorium



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.

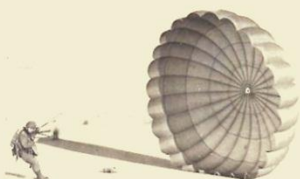
### **Records and research wing**

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

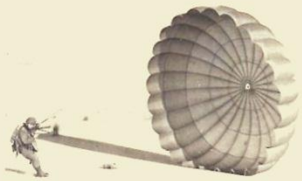
**Paratrooper heritage** The focal point of this 'station' will be the traditions, values and beliefs of the Paratrooper Corps. The noble heritage which serves as the role model for the IDF, has been, and still is, a source of pride, strength and inspiration for the Jewish people through the ages, worldwide.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

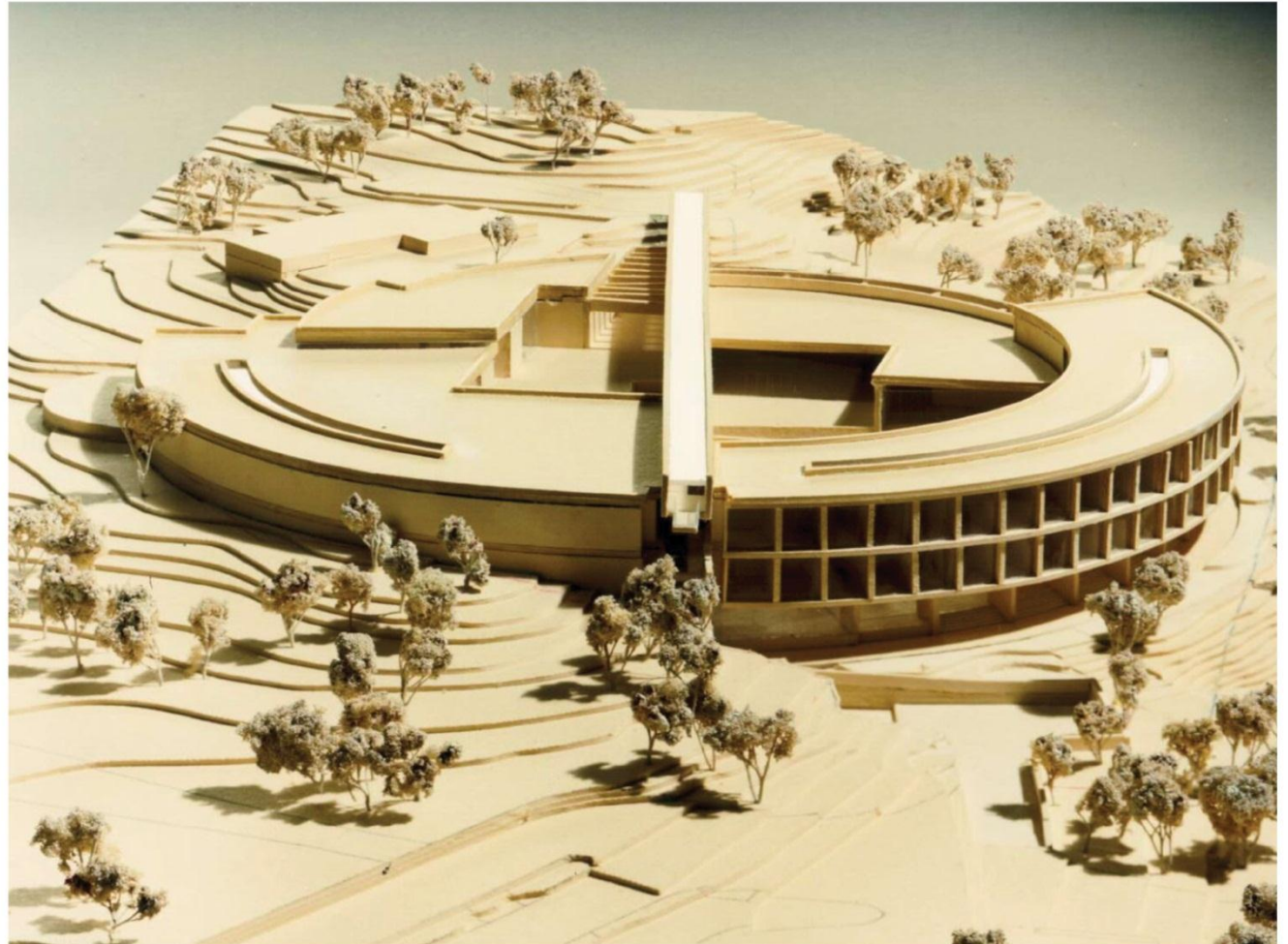
### Special events wing

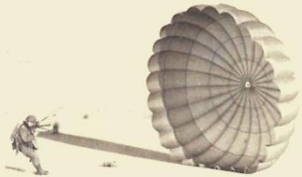
This wing will serve as a venue for special events aimed at perpetuating the paratrooper heritage and used by soldiers, school children, students and visitors from Israel and other countries.



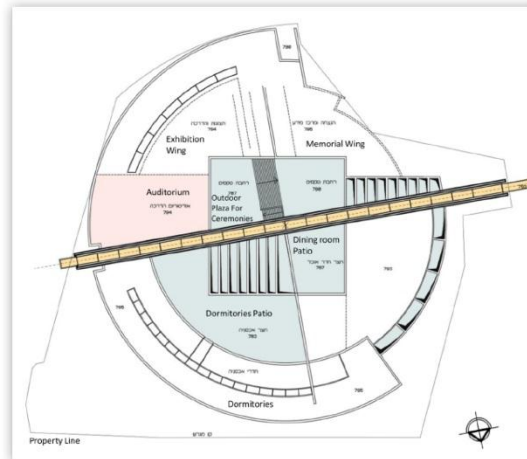


## Building model - view from east

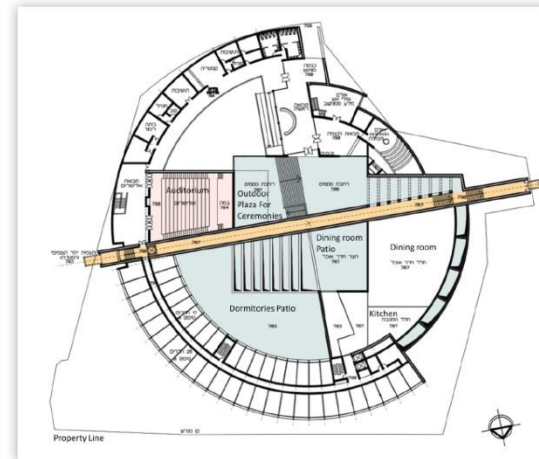




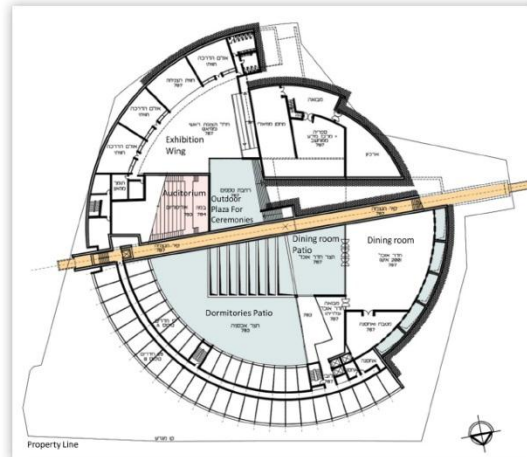
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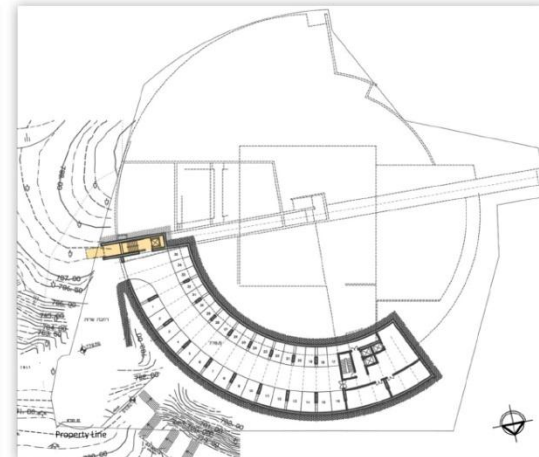
Roof Plan



Plan 790 Height



Plan 787 Height



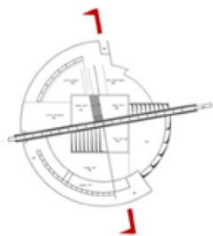
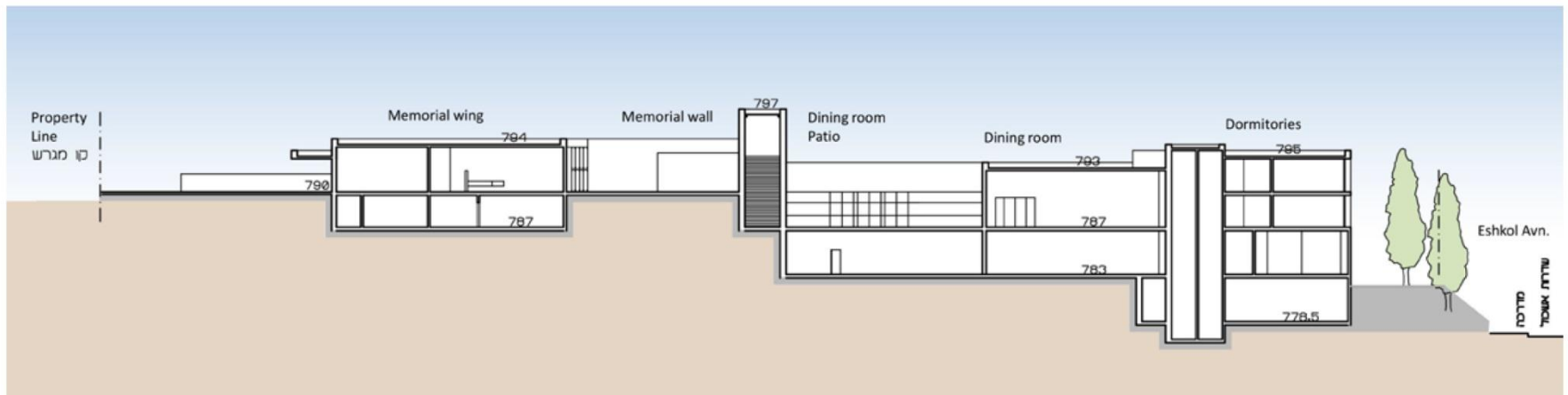
Parking Plan



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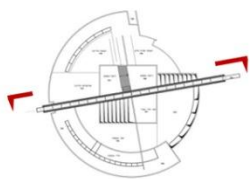
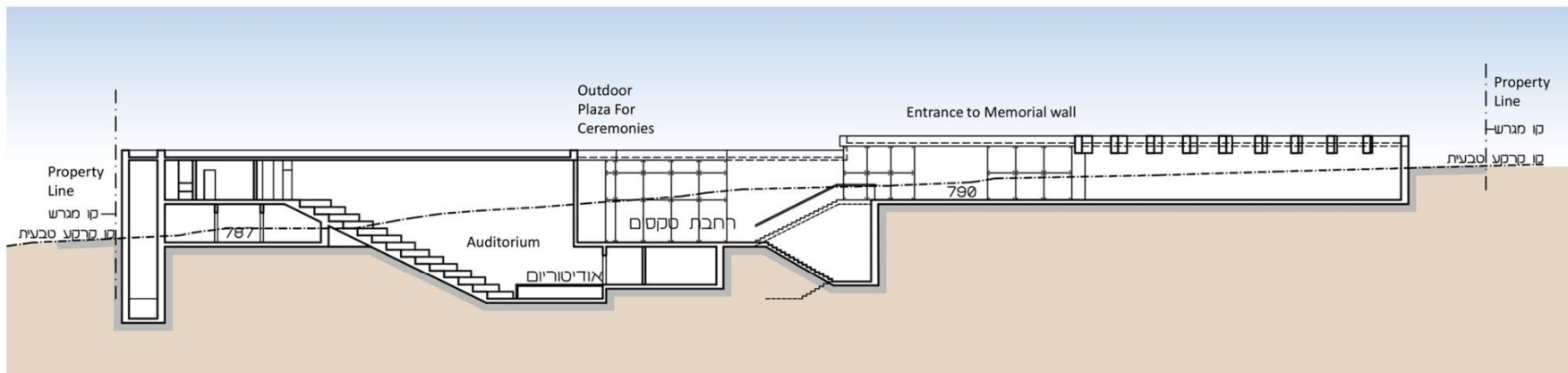


View from Levi Eshkol St



Cross Section A





Cross Section B



# 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

(\*Killed in Service, \*\* Deceased)

Maj. General (Ret.) Shmuel Arad**	1982 - 1984
Brig. General (Ret.) Menachem ztorsi**	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
Col. Amir Baram	2011-now