



WARRIOR'S PLACE

WHERE ISRAEL'S VETERANS FEEL SAFE



Warrior's Place is a proposed community center that will bring mental and emotional healing to Israel's combat vets. We are currently in the initial funding stage.*



Warrior's Place* is a safe space for Veterans of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) to come and recover from suicidal ideations and PTSD.

Israel's veteran warriors are invited to stop by, any day, any time, day or night, to rest, recover, grab a bite, and meet a friend, without judgment, no questions asked.

With the suicide rate of IDF veterans reaching new heights, the Ministry of Veteran Affairs is overwhelmed. That's why we're here. We don't ask questions, we just show love and acceptance. We give vets the resources they need to recover and move on to the next stage in their lives.

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Demographics

Times of Israel report dated October 12, 2023:

The Israel Defense Forces saw an increase in the number of soldiers killed in uniform over the past year — 44 compared to the previous year's 31 — as well as a significant rise in the number of suicides, according to statistics released by the military on Tuesday.

Suicide remained the leading cause of death, with at least 14 soldiers believed to have taken their own lives in 2022, compared to 11 the year prior.

Most of the suicides in the IDF last year were conscripted male troops,

Brig. Gen. Yoram Knafo, chief of staff of the IDF Manpower Directorate, told reporters. He said two of the 14 cases were lone soldiers, troops who either do not have family in Israel or are not supported by their families in Israel.



Services

Peer Counseling

Peer counselors, trained in suicide prevention and under the supervision of Registered Social Workers, are paired with each of our clients so that, either by phone, chat, or in-person, there is always somebody to talk to 24/7.

Yoga & Sound Healing

Two nights each week yoga classes are provided. Two nights each week therapeutic sound bathing sessions are held.

Psychoeducation

Weekly psychoeducational lectures are held in the evenings. Lectures are held by prominent mental health professionals from around Israel and visiting mental health experts from around the world.

Social Atmosphere

With a Billiards Table, a Ping Pong Table, a sophisticated entertainment and gaming system, and a grill, we are a safe place for wounded warriors to come and hang out, without judgment, no questions asked.

Active Duty Outreach

Peer counselors travel to army bases and lone-soldier hostels throughout the country providing programming to active-duty soldiers. Programming include a bar-b-q, an introduction to Warrior's Place, a discussion of suicide prevention, PTSD signs and symptoms, and a drum circle.



Who We Are



Dr. Binyamin Klempler
Director

October 8th, the day after the war started, Dr. Klempler left his job as full-time psychotherapist in private practice to dedicate himself full-time to the emotional and psychological needs of our soldiers on the front lines. Since that time he has become a tour de force in the experience of combat soldiers, often times joining them in combat zones. His intimate firsthand knowledge of the needs of combat soldiers and combat veterans as they return home and reintegrate into society is what makes Warrior's Place a success. It is through Klempler's first-hand knowledge, coupled with his own experiences, that the vision for Warrior's Place was born. Dr. Klempler's is the author of the acclaimed book *Aftermath: An October 7th Memoir*.



Stacey Lewin
Director of Programming

Mrs. Lewin has spent the last 18 years directing various programming. She has worked for schools and summer camps, as well as for private industry and non-profit organizations organizing and director programming. Mrs. Lewin is tasked with the responsibility of making sure that there is always a peer counselor available at Warrior's Place, as well as coordinating the weekly speakers and yoga instructors. On top of all that, Mrs. Lewin also makes sure that the refrigerator at Warrior's Place is always well stocked at that there is always charcoal for the bar-b-q. On top of all that, Mrs. Lewin is available to give a listening ear to our clients or offer up a ping pong match or a game of billiards.



Eric Nathan, RSW
Director of Counseling

Mr. Nathan has been working as a registered Social Worker in Israel for over one-and-a-half decades. He has worked extensively in the areas of Trauma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Suicide Prevention. Mr. Nathan trains and supervises all of our peer supervisors. Should a potential suicide crisis arise with one of our clients, Mr. Nathan is available 24/7 both to his peer supervisors as well as Warrior Place clients. Even under the most challenging and stressful life and death situations in which the likelihood of suicide is real, Mr. Nathan is always calm, clear thinking, and level headed. Mr. Nathan's dedication to both the peer supervisors as well as to the clients of Warrior's Place is unparalleled. Mr. Nathan is one the the reasons why Warrior's Place is a one of a kind organization.



Miriam Grossman
Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Grossman is an outstanding Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Grossman ensures that as an organization, Warrior's Place remains financially solvent, only spending within our budget. As such, Mr. Grossman helps us decide what what our priorities are. Ms. Grossman helps us decide which projects we have the financial resources to do now and projects need to wait.



Sarah HaLevi
Resource Development Officer

Mrs. HaLevi, with over a decade of experience in resource development, grant writing, donor retention, donor communication, and fundraising events, is a crucial player in the success of Warrior's Place. Mrs. HaLevi is largely responsible for maintaining the Warrior's Place cash flow. Although Mrs. HaLevi's work goes largely unnoticed, it is Mrs. HaLevi's work that keeps Warrior's Place funded and allows us to continue our mission.

Located in Northern Tel Aviv

Located in Northern Tel Aviv, right near the Tel Aviv University campus, the Open University campus, and the largest railway station in the country, Warrior's Place is centrally located and easily accessible to people from all across the country. Also, because Warrior Place's setting in Northern Tel Aviv, we're able to take advantage of the many resources such as parks and universities that Northern Tel Aviv has to offer.

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