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**GIVING LONE SOLDIERS
A HOME AWAY FROM HOME**



CHAYAL EL CHAYAL

The IDF Lone Soldiers' Home Away From Home

WHO WE ARE

Any new draftee to the Israeli Defense Forces, upon enlisting, faces immense challenges. The men and women who volunteer to serve in the army are known as "Lone Soldiers", those serving without the presence of family in Israel. These soldiers face an additional set of issues and concerns--how to maintain a prolonged army service without the support system enjoyed by native Israelis.

At 18 years old, Mordy Botnick enlisted in the IDF as a Lone Soldier. When Mordy first arrived in Israel he had no family or friends in the country. Landing in Tel Aviv with a mere \$40 in his pocket, Mordy hopped into a shuttle headed toward Jerusalem. The driver dropped him off at Shuk Machane Yehuda (the central open market) and Mordy found a quiet corner to grab a few hours of sleep. Despite his lack of resources and contacts, Mordy was able to arrange for himself more permanent accommodations. After a few months he completed the drafting process.

Toward the end of his service, after many months of struggling to arrange weekend meals for all the times he had leave from base, Mordy decided to collaborate with some fellow Lone Soldiers and make his own. After successfully organizing several Shabbos meals, Mordy knew that he had found his calling. Thus began the makings of Chayal el Chayal.

Run and operated by former Lone Soldiers, Chayal el Chayal was created in order to provide a warm and welcoming home environment for IDF volunteers serving without family in Israel. Chayal el Chayal is a non-profit organization completely dedicated to all the needs of Lone Soldiers, both physically and spiritually.

IT'S ABOUT

Lone Soldiers

PRE Even before Lone Soldiers draft, we are here to help them. We offer free lodging, meals, guidance through the drafting process, weekly events and Torah classes. We arrange trips, Shabbatons, learning the land and activities throughout the year.

PRESENT We are the Lone Soldiers' family in Israel. Being an open home 24/7, having a listening ear, joining their ceremonies and giving out gear. We have trips, events, weekly Shabbos and Yom Tov Meals.

POST After the soldiers complete their service, we are here to help them acclimate to civilian life. For those interested in building their lives in Israel, we assist them through the process of settling in, finding work and continuing their education. Lone Soldiers who return to their homes abroad, maintain a close connection with us through our Bodedim B'Yachad - United Lone Soldiers Program.

Parents

As a parent of a Lone Soldier, we know that you shoulder concerns for your child beyond those for their physical safety. Having completed IDF service themselves, our staff understands the issues faced by Lone Soldiers and their families. We are here to help you with your concerns. We organize birthday celebrations, deliver care packages, keep you updated and we make sure that you can sleep at night.

Partners

Our generous partners and supporters around the world, give us the resources to continue providing for the needs of our soldiers. We are not funded by any Military or Government Agency. The numerous volunteers from both Israel and abroad provide the vital anpower needed to organize and implement our any activities. Join our family today!

WHAT WE DO

Shabbat & Holiday Programs

Being on leave from base without family nearby is a challenge every Lone Soldier regularly faces. Being able to spend every Shabbos and Yom Tov in a family atmosphere with delicious homemade food in the company of other Lone Soldiers gives them a chance to reconnect and recharge.

Spiritual Guidance

On the spiritual front, Chayal el Chayal provides guidance and support for the Jewish religious needs of the soldiers. We offer weekly Shabbos and holiday meals, one on one guidance and learning, prayer services, weekly Torah classes as well as free Torah study booklets. In addition, Chayal el Chayal has on staff Rabbis with the sensitivity and background necessary to address the unique issues faced by young men and women serving in the IDF.

Care Packages

Receiving care packages for Yom Tov and military ceremonies makes every Lone Soldier know that there are people around the world who are caring for them while they protect our nation. From food and equipment to simple thank you letters, every package goes a long way in putting a smile on their faces.

Lodging

Chayal el Chayal is currently located in the center of Jerusalem with four homes to accommodate drafting and active Lone Soldiers. These homes provide a special place for the Soldiers to sleep, grab a bite, get inspired, meet new friends and have a great time.

