



Duvdevan Foundation

2018 Annual Report



The background of the image shows two silhouetted figures of soldiers standing side-by-side against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from deep blue at the top to warm orange and yellow hues near the horizon. The soldiers are wearing military uniforms and gear. The scene is set outdoors, possibly on a hill or elevated ground, with a dark silhouette of a city or town visible in the distance.

Our Vision

The goal of the Duvdevan Foundation is to take care of Duvdevan soldiers, alumni and the bereaved families. We take it upon ourselves to give back to the brave young men who chose to risk their lives for the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The Duvdevan Foundation is dedicated to the Zionist values of honesty, comradeship and social involvement.

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To the Friends and Family of the Duvdevan Foundation,

During the last quarter of 2018, I was honored to take over as commander of the Unit, and I was privileged to join this special family - the Duvdevan family.

I soon discovered that the Unit had been undergoing a significant and challenging phase. From the field, where we are required to deal with a sophisticated enemy that constantly learns and improves, and consequently challenges us every night, to the subordination of the Unit to the Commando Brigade, leading to the establishment of a highly trained reserve Unit composed of Duvdevan alumni.

Among all of these changes, I sensed that the most stable anchor that supported the Unit during its challenges continues to be the Duvdevan Foundation, which has been constantly contributing to the welfare of the active soldiers, the future of our alumni, and Israeli Society as a whole.

Dear supporters, I want to thank you on my own behalf and on behalf of the Duvdevan Unit, for your assistance over the past year. Your support has contributed immensely to our ongoing intensive efforts to thwart terrorism and to prepare for any hostilities along the borders of Israel.

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Commander of the Unit



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Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we report that this year, the Duvdevan Unit lost two of its best: Shachar Strug and Ronen Lubarsky Z'L. Shachar and Ronen left us with a void which once again has proven the power and strength of our small family.

For almost a decade, the Foundation's activities have been successful in benefiting the Unit's active duty soldiers, alumni and bereaved families. Starting in 2018, we have added social impact activities led by Duvdevan alumni to our repertoire of activities..

Thanks to our tremendous supporters, we accompany the Unit's soldiers during their intensive service and assist in their well being between operations. Because we understand that military service is only the beginning, we make every effort to transform our outstanding soldiers into outstanding citizens.

I am honored to announce our new chairman of the board of directors - one of the Unit's senior alumni Shahaf Kieselstein, GM of Intel Jerusalem and Vice President of Intel Worldwide.

All of our activities are only possible thanks to our dedicated supporters to whom, on behalf of Duvdevan, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude.

We are looking forward to the year 2019 in which we intend to do more for our soldiers, alumni, families and for Israeli society. With your help, I am positive we will succeed.

Looking forward to 2019

Oded Dayan
S.F.C [Res], CEO, Duvdevan Foundation



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Assisting The Unit

The active duty and training of Duvdevan is intense - dealing with stressful situations, facing danger on a daily basis, and confronting emotional fragility. The Duvdevan Foundation understands the level of intensity the soldiers face and helps them cope with the situation by assisting them in the following projects.

Financial Support

\$220,170

Cost

Renovation of Duvdevan Legacy Hall

Renovation of Fallen Memorial Grove

Renovation of the unit's gym

Renovation of recreational lounges

210 Watches for training graduation

Entertainment events for the unit's active soldiers

Personal bottle and shirt for every Duvdevan soldier



One for All

The 'One for All' program was initiated by two Duvdevan officers who wished to motivate Israeli teenagers towards a more significant army service by empowering their personal responsibility within society. Operating within schools throughout Israel, Duvdevan alumni interact with students on a weekly basis. These Duvdevan volunteers demonstrate the importance of personal commitment to society, and they present military service as an opportunity to optimally contribute to our nation.

The program's rapid growth is due to its success. We started with 15 schools, we now work with 50 schools, and we have more than trebled the number of participants.

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"Once you've found the answer to 'Why', it becomes much easier to cope with the different challenges and difficulties throughout your service. 'One for All' emphasizes the importance of serving our country. Once teenagers understand this, they will - when they enlist - perform their duty in the best way possible in whatever role they are assigned to."

Dor Simai and Matan Gez
Co-Founders and Project Managers



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Number of Duvdevan volunteers in the 'One for All' program

\$8,639

Project Cost

50

Number of schools participating in the program

10,000

Number of students influenced by the program



Alumni Projects & Accomplishments



Membership and Networking Club

The Duvdevan Networking Club provides alumni with an opportunity to join the Duvdevan Alumni Network, a platform designed to seamlessly connect, integrate and update the civilian lives of Duvdevan alumni. The network allows the free flow of information over a variety of topics such as employment opportunities, advertisement and support for alumni start-ups, newsletters addressing the foundation's progress, sub-communities dedicated to specific fields, enhancement of the social

network between new and veteran alumni as well as exclusive discounts and group purchases for a variety of goods and services.

The Membership Club has a minimum annual fee (\$25 - \$55) designed to cover the Foundation's overhead and to encourage greater commitment among our alumni. In this upcoming year, we will be upgrading the networking platform to enhance the networking capabilities and overall usability of the system



Alumni Projects & Accomplishments

Scholarship Fund

The Duvdevan Scholarship Fund, in partnership with the "Heseg" Foundation, Miles & Kelly Nadal Fund, and CZCA, grant academic scholarships to Duvdevan alumni. Scholarships are based on financial need and excellence during army service. As part of the scholarship requirements, recipients must complete 120 hours of volunteer work in the community.

Currently, we partner with 10 nonprofit organizations by providing them with Duvdevan alumni volunteers:

Shvilei Ofek

An organization which helps underprivileged families in financial distress by giving them tools to help cope with the hardships of managing a family in Israel

Beit Hagalgalim

A national organization which helps kids with physical disabilities maintain better social skills

Acharai

Develops young leadership and promotes social involvement among youths from the projects

Value Sports

Strengthens the values of Israeli society by teaching young people sportsmanship, values and character building

Yuzhar

A program to assist individuals addicted to drugs: personalized meetings and help with addictive behavior.

Fighters Beyond Borders

Connects released soldiers traveling abroad with volunteer opportunities in 3rd world countries

Atid Plus

Operates technology education centers which focus on S.T.E.M education for underprivileged kids and teenagers in Israel

Misrad Habitachon

Government agency working with rehabilitating wounded soldiers

Simcha Layedel

Seeks to improve the quality of life for disabled or seriously ill children. Volunteer activities include a big brother program - buddying kids with Duvdevan alumni.

One for All

A program that seeks to strengthen the motivation for a meaningful service amongst secondary school students.



Good Deeds Day 2018

Every year we gather all our volunteers for a day devoted to giving back to the community. This year we helped renovate a school for teenagers from challenging backgrounds and taught them basic skills of navigation taught in the unit.

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New scholarships granted

129

Project Cost

\$347,292

Scholarships in total
[cumulative]

15,480

Hours of volunteer work

Alumni Projects & Accomplishments

Mentoring Program

This empowerment program, in partnership with the CZCA, is designed for Duvdevan alumni who are in need of guidance before making major life/career decisions. The year-long mentoring program matches selected Duvdevan alumni with Israeli leaders from a variety of fields and professional backgrounds: educational, entrepreneurship, technology, economics and more. Each mentor is carefully chosen to provide the selected alumni with specific guidance based on their career needs and personal development.



Yishai Diner

"I reentered civilian life with a lot of self confidence in my ability to succeed in this new adventure. With that being said, as life unfolds it always brings you to certain points where you wish there was someone who could help direct you in making the right decisions. I was fortunate to be paired with Nurit, an amazing mentor with a vast amount of life experience. She offered her reassurance and positive feedback to guide me in the right direction at specific times when I felt lost or confused. We had an amazing connection which led to many amazing effective meetings."



**Nurit Kalman,
Former VP & COO,
Perigo Company**

"I joined the mentoring program without knowing much about the nature and tasks of "Duvdevan" but with a desire to contribute. Once I met Yishai, I discovered an extraordinary person with values of patriotism who is a devoted family man and extremely talented. I was not surprised to find out that Yishai wished to dedicate himself to the education of Israel's young generation. In our magical meetings, we discussed visions, goals and roads to be taken in order to accomplish them.

I'm certain that Yishai will successfully manage the education for the next generation in Israel and I hope that I have assisted him in reaching his desired achievements for the future."

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35

Program Applicants

14

Mentors paired with Duvdevan Alumni

9

Group Meetings

168

Personal meetings between mentors and Duvdevan graduates

7

Month Program

\$41,712

Project Cost

Active Duty Projects & Accomplishments

New Path Program

The transition from soldier to civilian is highly complex. This is a period fraught with much confusion and a feeling of emptiness due to one day being part of many different operations and the next day back home. During this transition, many dilemmas arise concerning the future. This is why we established the New Path Program to provide the newly released soldiers with the tools to help ease their transition back to civilian life and to start a new path.

Guidance sessions and seminars were held for the following topics:

- Israeli SAT prep
- Personal finance
- Volunteer programs
- Networking
- Interviewing techniques
- Choosing a field of study
- Psychologist (PTSD)
- Career path
- Starting a Business
- Safe travel abroad
- Representing Israel abroad



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"In the past few months, as my release date grew closer, I started thinking about the future and needed help focusing in the right direction. I had a lot of uncertainties about financial planning and how to choose an area of study. The program provided the necessary tools to build my future. I truly believe returning to civilian life after so many years in the army will not be an easy task, but the skills I have acquired throughout the program will make the process easier."

Eylam Tuval
Duvdevan officer 2014-2018

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Programs implemented in 2018

225

soldiers and officers participated in the program

\$27,778

Project Cost

Scheinberg Fund

Mr. Baruch Scheinberg established this fund to support the lone soldiers of Duvdevan. Because many lone soldiers do not have family or a community to help their transition to civilian life once they leave the army, most of them return to their home countries.

The Scheinberg Fund in co-operation with the Duvdevan Foundation, addresses this issue through a post-army lone soldier support program that helps Duvdevan soldiers gain independence and assurance as they establish their lives in Israel.

The Fund supports initiatives such as mentoring programs, financial scholarships, and educational preparatory courses. Listed below are the accomplishments of the Scheinberg Fund in 2018.



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Lone soldiers graduates paired with mentors for a 5-year program

10

Loan soldier supported with financial aid

2

Events for lone soldiers

4

Soldiers funded PTSD treatment

\$85,474
Project Cost

2018 Events



We organize events that preserve Duvdevan's legacy by remembering the past and building the future. Below are the events we held in the past year, including the first "Unit Festival" where the active duty soldiers, reservists and alumni joined forces to celebrate and acknowledge the Unit's achievements and progress over the years.

Thank you to the many generous Israeli service providers who helped us minimize costs in coordinating these events:



Cost: \$150



Cost: \$355

Jam 217

The Foundation hosted an open mic event giving upcoming musicians from the Unit an opportunity to perform in front of the Duvdevan family.



Cost: \$1,170

Shooting Ranges Certification

The Unit's former instructors provided training sessions to the Unit's alumni to maintain their license and protect Israel as civilians.



Cost: \$55,556

6th Annual Duvdevan 10k Race

The Duvdevan Foundation together with Modi'in Municipality hosted this year's 6th annual 10k race, where veterans, soldiers, friends and family enjoy a city-wide race followed by food and entertainment.

Unit Festival

This year we hosted our first Unit Festival with over 1,000 participants, uniting the active unit, alumni, supporters and bereaved families together in a festive evening. Highlighting the event was the panel of alumni which shared their personal accounts spanning the past 32+ years of the Unit.

Memorial Project

Our mission as the Duvdevan Family is to strengthen the families who have sacrificed their loved ones for the State of Israel. We are very sad to announce that this year we lost two of our best - Shachar Strug and Ronen Lubarsky Z'L, and have been accompanying the families throughout these tough times. Throughout the year, on the memorial days of fallen Duvdevan soldiers, the Foundation sends Duvdevan soldiers and veterans to lay bouquets of flowers on their graves, organizes an annual Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony and dinner, and sends a small gift to the families before the High Holidays. This year, the Unit hosted the official opening of its new Legacy Hall in the presence of the active duty soldiers and the bereaved families, which afterwards joined together to commemorate our fallen soldiers by "Singing in their Memory" - the families chose songs which were favorites of the loved ones.



"We must remember the past to build the future"

Bereaved families gathered with Duvdevan senior commanders in an intimate evening of remembering and paying respect to the fallen soldiers. Lieutenant Colonel A' and Foundation CEO Oded Dayan addressed the families. Hannukah candles were kindled, and a festive meal and concert were enjoyed by all.



2018 Accomplishments

\$15,770

Project Cost

- 36 bouquets laid on graves for memorial ceremonies
- 18 presents sent to families before High Holidays
- Candle lighting, dinner and concert
- Yearly budget given to each bereaved family for memorial events.
- Ronen Lubarsky and Shahar Strug's Z'L Commemoration
- Memorial eve ceremony for the bereaved families with the Unit commanders

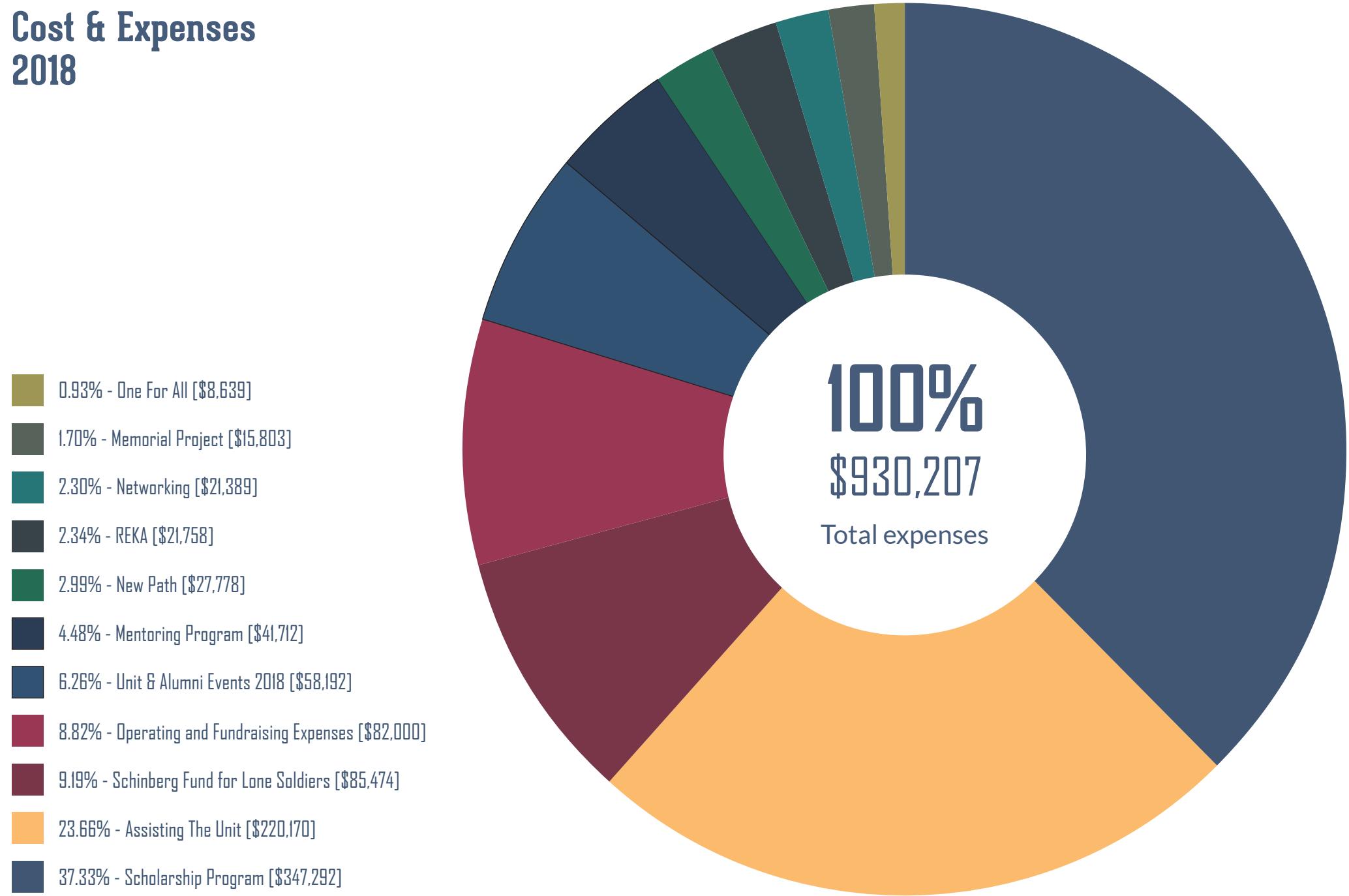
REKA Program



\$21,758
Project Cost

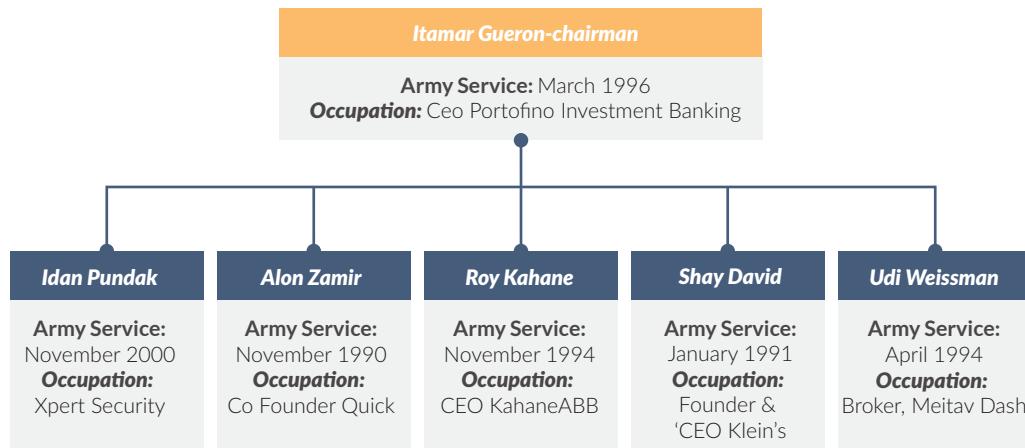
The REKA program is a combined initiative of Duvdevan Alumni and HaShomer HaChadash, supported by the Shwartz family. The focus is to establish personal connections between Duvdevan alumni and key influencers in the Diaspora in order to work together to face the challenges of Israel and the Jewish people. The participants commit to a year long program highlighted by an intense one week Israel trip built on values and methods of Duvdevan training and exposing them to Duvdevan alumni leaders. The long term goal of the program is to create a joint community which can work together to address key issues facing the Jewish people both in and out of Israel.

Cost & Expenses 2018

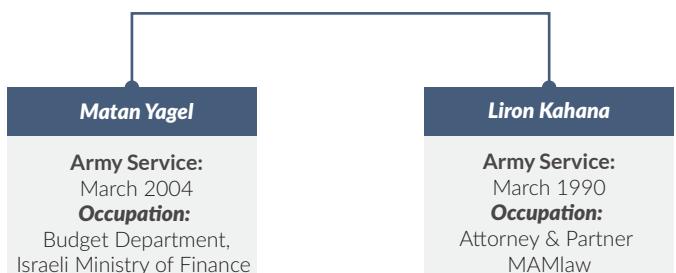


Duvdevan Foundation Structure

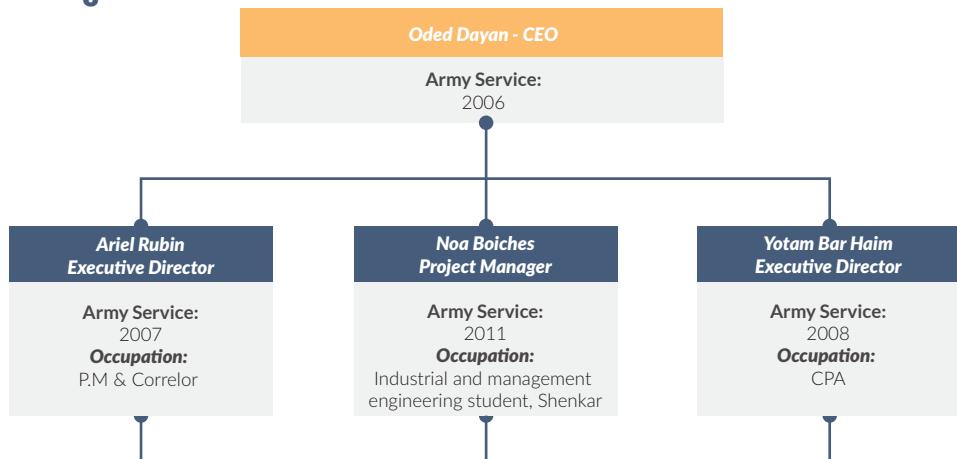
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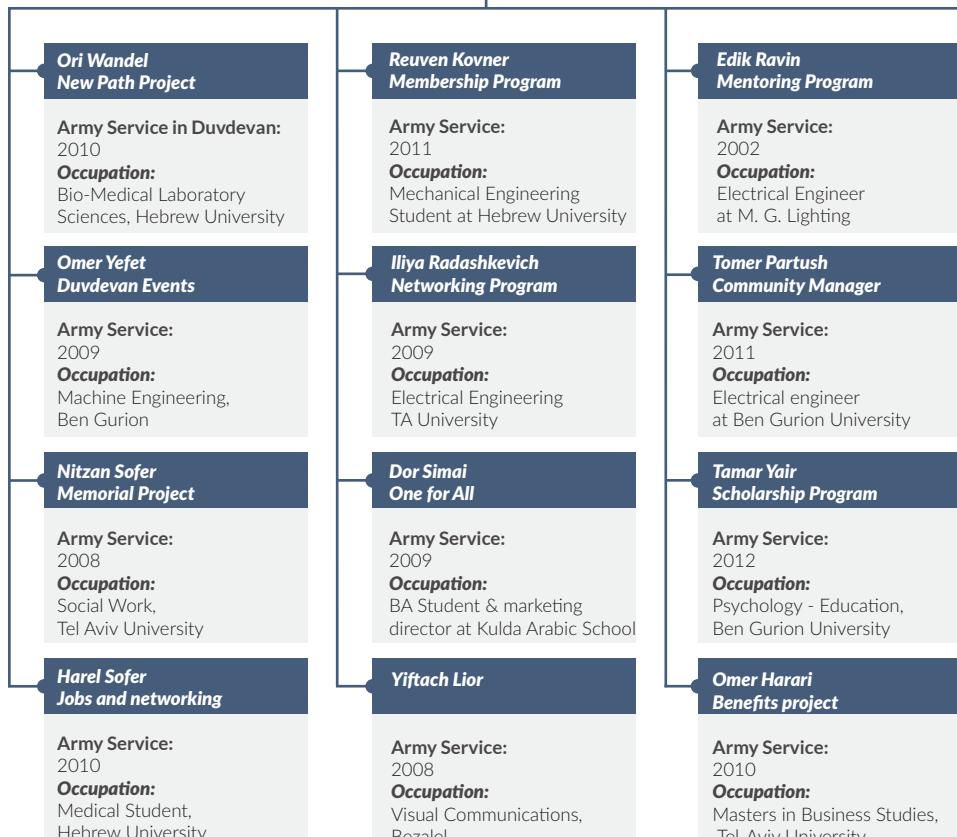
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Management



Project Managers



Looking Forward - 2019

As the Duvdevan Foundation moves forward, our focus for 2019 is to preserve and sustain our current projects as well as to encourage and ensure the development of future programs:

Duvdevan Foundation “Hackathon” for Israeli Social Involvement

an event where teams formed from our alumni brainstorm ideas that can influence Israeli society and improve our future. The winning team will receive a grant.

REKA Program

Following a successful pilot program in 2018, the REKA program will once again connect promising young leaders from the Jewish communities around the world to the State of Israel and the challenges of Israeli Society.

Annual General Meeting

We will host a general meeting for the Unit's alumni where we will discuss and update the vision and regulations of the Foundation, and explore new ideas and directions where the foundation can make a positive impact.

New Networking Platform

Designed to connect more alumni to the Foundation and Unit, connect between the older and younger generations, and improve our services as an organization.

Mental Strengthening Projects

We intend to offer psychological support programs for teams and individuals, during the active service and afterwards, in liaison with the Psychologist of the Commando Brigade, who himself is one of our alumni.



Projected Expenses 2019



Projected Expenses

\$16,100

Memorial Project

\$32,500

Preparation for civilian life

\$43,000

Mentoring Program

\$400,000

Sholarship Fund

\$48,500

Duvdevan Events

\$503,500

Assisting the unit



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Partners and Accreditation

Duvdevan Foundation is listed as a nonprofit organization under Israel's Non-Profit Authority (Law 46). We are recognized by the following partner organizations for tax benefit purposes:

Hesseg Foundation

American Friends of Libi - USA

French Friends of Libi - France

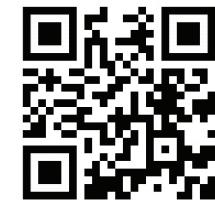
The Canadian Zionist Cultural Association (CZCA) - Canada

LIBI Online Donation Instructions - U.S.A

Enter the American Friends Of Libi website:

<https://friendsoflibi.org>

Select the Duvdevan tab under: "I'd like to support"



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