



Taste of Memories





Taste of Memories is a new and unique commemoration project that aims to commemorate Israel Defense Force's fallen soldiers and Israeli terror victims, through the cooking of their favorite recipes, while telling their stories.

As part of the project, cooking sessions are being held, where the participants cook a favorite dish of a fallen soldier or terror victim, that could not come back home to enjoy it themselves.

In the session you will cook, taste and share pictures, stories, videos and anecdotes about the person behind the dish, and their family, in order to keep their memory alive



Ohad Shemesh





In this meeting we will cook together Ohad Shemesh's favorite dish, vegetable pasta.

Ohad died aged 27 in combat during Operation Protective Edge on July 21st, 2014.





Ohad's Childhood

Ohad was born in Ashdod on January 7, 1986 to Sarah and Shay Jacob. He was the younger brother of Assaf and Hila.

Ohad grew up and was educated in Ashdod, in Reim Elementary School and Mekif D High School.

Even at early age Ohad showed an extraordinary sense of leadership and rare social skills and sensitivity.





Childhood and Adolescence

Ohad played basketball since the 3rd grade and by the time he finished high school he was an outstanding player in Maccabi Ashdod. Some of his extracurricular activities included teaching youth basketball, training an Ethiopian youth basketball group and volunteering with a nonprofit foundation for the blind. In his high school yearbook it was written: “He volunteers anywhere he can”.





Volunteering as a Way of Life

Volunteering and giving back was always an inseparable part of Ohad's life.

At the age of 15, he heard about a lonely old lady who had difficulties and was in need of help. He immediately reached out to her and, following that, started helping the elderly.

At 17 years old he participated in LEAD organization for developing young leadership, and as a part of it, he established an after-school child care facility for at-risk youth called "Warm House".







Warm House Facility

The Warm House club in Ashdod was an emotional and educational support center for kids between the age of 6-12 that came from families with financial difficulties. Supporting them included helping them with their homework, organizing social activities and raising money for hot meals for the children. Ohad worked intensively in “Warm House” and supervised his fellow volunteers.

During that time, Ohad also opened a branch of “Zahala” project in Ashdod that helped integrate of those with intellectual disabilities from “AKIM” in the community.





The Ramon Award

For establishing and operating “Warm House” in Ashdod, Ohad was awarded with The Ramon Award in 2005 and also won a prize for excelling both in school and in the community.

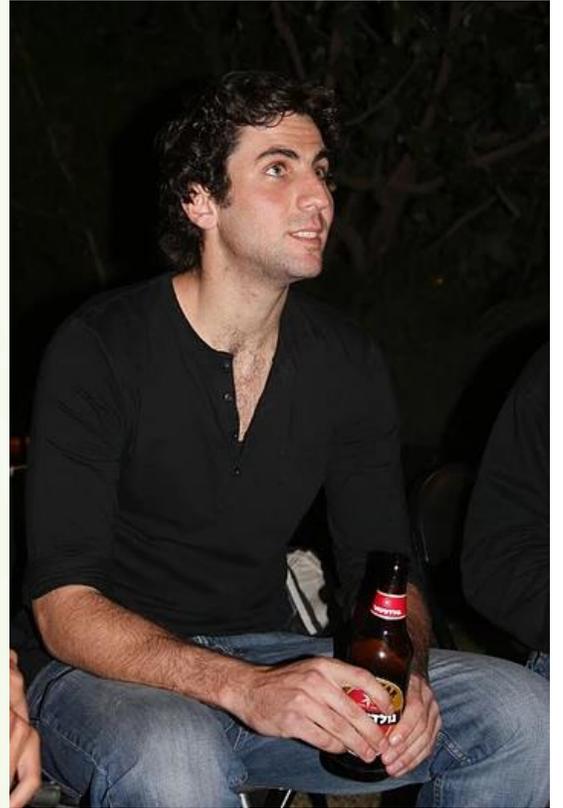




Before The Army

Before being drafted, Ohad encouraged Ethiopian youth in Ashdod to join the army by helping them with their combat fitness, planning trips around the country and giving them sense of belonging.







Military Service

Ohad joined the army in 2005 and was qualified as a field investigator in Givati Brigade.

Or, his friend, told the newspaper about him: "When Operation Cast Lead ended, we all returned to our normal lives and routine. There were many stories there, most of them I blocked out, but one stuck with me: a mutual friend told about Ohad who came across a family that was left with nothing; they were starving. He gave them his week's supply of food until he had none left for himself, but his smile, his kind eyes and his huge warm hug. I adored him ever since."





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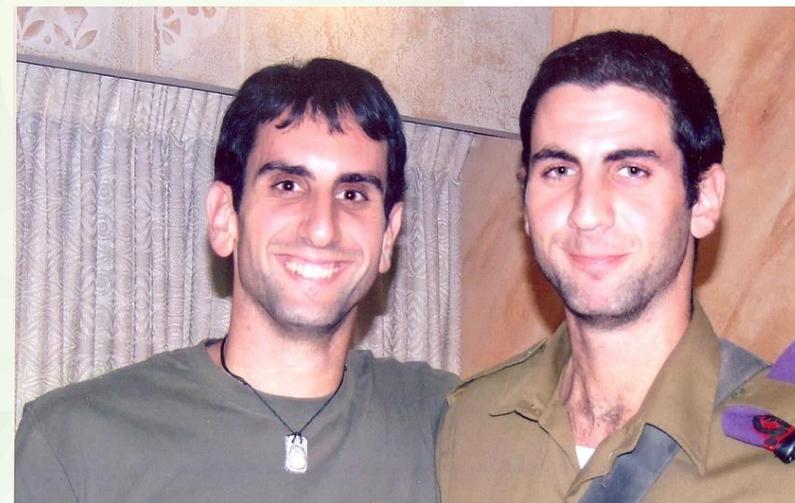
After his discharge, he was assigned reserve duty in unit 504 as a field and prisoners investigator.





עילום: איתי כהן

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Life After the Army

Once released from his military service, Ohad studied medical clowning and in his spare time he volunteered in children's hospitals. Ohad devoted his life for the underprivileged and at-risk youth.

In January 2010, following the Haiti Earthquake and prior to the official Israeli aid delegation, Ohad packed up his belongings, raised money and collected supplies, and flew to Haiti. There he established an orphanage. Later on he joined forces with IFA (Israeli Flying Aid) and took care of the orphans for several weeks.





Academic Education

Ohad had a Bachelor's degree in Arabic and Middle East studies from Ben Gurion University.

During his studies he joined the Israeli Security Agency, earned a Master's degree in Diplomacy and Security from Tel Aviv University, studied several courses in accountancy, took cooking lessons, practiced kickboxing and also participated in basketball camps as a trainer.





Israeli Security Agency

During 2011, at the age of 24, Ohad joined the Israeli Security Agency as a research worker and after 2 years he moved on to the Cyber and Technology Intelligence field. He was soon one of the leads in his unit and in the agency in general. He worked on some groundbreaking disciplines and took an active part in building, planning and teaching new courses in his field.

Ohad's performance was far above what was expected, always striving for excellence. He was highly regarded not only for his professional abilities but also for his outstanding personality.







Personal Life

After 5 years of dating and just 5 months before his death, Ohad married the love of his life, Hadar.

They lived in Moshav Beit Elazary near Mazkeret Batya.

Hadar said that the first compliment Ohad ever gave her was calling her “Shdida”, which describes a fierce, strong woman in Arabic.

According to her, during their 5 years of dating, she was never sad, disappointed, or frustrated. He was her guide, her support, and her home.





Operation Protective Edge

Operation Protective Edge was a military operation launched by Israel on July 2014 in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. The Israeli operation was designed to stop rocket fire from Gaza into Israel and was expanded to an Israeli ground invasion of Gaza with the stated aim of destroying Gaza's tunnel system.

Ohad was called up for service as a prisoners interrogator. He could have easily cancelled the call-up due his work in the Israeli Security Agency, but he insisted of going in Gaza in order to collect more accurate intelligence.





His Final Combat

On July 21st 2014, Just 5 days after his second call-up, while accompanying elite battalion, the force encountered a suicide squad. During the fire exchange, Ohad was killed.

After his death, his commander stated that his contribution to the intelligence collected during the operation was enormous and helped save many lives. Even in his death, he held in his hand a vital and crucial piece of information regarding Hamas tunnel system, stained with his blood.





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The funeral took place in the military section of the Mazkeret Batya Cemetery.

Ohad is survived by his wife, parents, a brother, Assaf, and a half sister, Hila.

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Yoram Cohen,

Head of The Israeli Security Agency Bids Ohad farewell:

Dear Ohad, rare are the cases in which the head of the Israeli Security Agency speaks out and presents everyone with personal documents, but there's an exception to every rule. The first document in your personal file is a letter of recommendation to receive an Signal of Excellence-Services. Your commanders have asked to share this application with the audience in order for everyone to see and learn just how much of an exceptional man you were. In this letter, it is said that you were a true professional, an example to all, a creative and innovative individual, a patient and delightful person. Ohad was the main reason his unit was so successful. A real role model.

All of these qualities were also with you in your final mission.

Dear Ohad, we're here, with you in your last path, promising to do whatever it takes to be worthy of your sacrifice.





Signal of Excellence-Services from head of the Israeli Security Agency

Ohad was supposed to win the Signal of Excellence-Services.on September 2014 for his impeccable work, personality and values.
After his death, his family received it on his behalf.





Ohad's Commander Bids Him Farewell

Ohad's commander said that when he first arrived, he was told that Ohad is a problematic and challenging soldier.

In their first introductory talk Ohad told him that he had lost his trust and faith in his commanders. Together they rebuilt Ohad's trust, and he soon saw Ohad turn into a real fighter, a leader, a quiet one, but nonetheless, resilient.





Ohad's Friend's Goodbye Letter

Ohad's best friend since the age of 16 said that he had encountered several life-and-death situations. There was a time when his commander was shot in the nape and Ohad, without losing his cool, saved his life.

“Saying he was the salt of the earth is an understatement. He was an amazing person and a humble one. He kept a diary, where he would write all of his dreams and ambitions. He was a man of his word, I think that most of his dreams from that list came true”.





Another friend said, “It’s not often that you get to see a person that can do so much for their country and still remain gentle and kind. Ohad was all about giving. Now he was taken and there’s no logical explanation. Everything seems pointless. I know this one thing, he would like to be remembered as a doer. We are not to avenge his death or be hateful because of his loss. We need to continue what he started, by doing good to others and making this crazy world a bit better. To pay it forward on his behalf”.





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7.1.1987 - 21.7.2014

אודות נהרג במבצע זקן איתן, בקרב עם מחבלים בחאן יוסף ביום 21 ליוני 2014. במוותו נמצא על גופו מירד מודיעיני חשוב ביותר ממתם בדמות ב-27 שנותיו, בחר בדרכי התמינה, המצוינות והמנהיגות, שהפכו לשגרת חייו. הספיק לקבל, המשפחה קיבלה את אות המצוינות לאחר נפילתו במוק איתן. המשפט שחוקק על מצבת קברו והוביל אותו בדרכו היה

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Memorialization

The Shemesh Association was founded on May 2015 under Ohad Shemesh's name by his family and a group of friends.

The main reason for the association was to create an organization that will gather all of Ohad's memorialization initiatives and will be a platform that is able to help others. All members are doing so *pro bono* and the association itself is funded by donations, whether annually from the members or from external factors, both private and public.





Memorialization

On his birthday, his friends and family decided to have a “Following the Sun” (Ohad’s last name in Hebrew, Shemesh, means sun) day and volunteer. Hundreds of students and soldiers renovated the homes of dozens of needy families, repairing structures and building seating areas in retirement homes, kindergardens, elementary schools and a day center for people with disabilities.

On this day, a special activity of “Aharai”, schools held classes reminiscing Ohad’s life. An exhibition game was held between Givati Brigade and the basketball team of Ohad’s school.





עמותת שמש בשיתוף עם תיכון מקיף ד', עיריית אשדוד מחלקת רווחה וחינוך, החינוך הבלתי פורמלי ותנועות הנוער בעיר, מזמינים אתכם ל:

יום בעקבות השמש

לזכרו והנצחתו של אוהד שמש ז"ל
10 בינואר 2019 • 9:00-16:30

אנו מזמינים אתכם לקחת חלק ביום התנדבות מיוחד לזכרו של אוהד שמש ז"ל, אשר נפל במבצע 'צוק איתן' ב- 21 ביולי 2014.

אוהד היה אדם פעיל ומלא עשייה חברתית והתנדבותית עבור הקהילה, ולכן אין מתנה מרגשת מזה לכבוד יום הולדתו ה-32.

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השמים הם הגבול והדרך, דרך ארץ





Following the Sun

The traditional volunteering day, taking place annually in January, around Ohad's birthday is a day of courage - the courage to step out of your comfort zone and your daily routine and make an effort for someone else in need. This day is all about the people, no matter what their religion, race and gender might be.

The event takes place in Ohad's high school, and goes on to a network of about 1000 volunteers spreading throughout the city, just like ray of lights that shed light on dark corners.





Ohad's Time Capsule



Two years following his death, his family discovered a time capsule Ohad made when he was 17. In this time capsule, Ohad was asked where he sees himself in 10 years. But he chose to write where he sees the Israeli society in 10 years:

“My generation is crucial for our country’s development. I would like to see a society that treats everyone the same and gives everyone the same opportunities.” In his vision, he wanted to narrow the gaps between the center and the periphery, at risk children and teens, Ethiopians and Russians. “Believe there’s nothing that can’t be undone, always ask, grow and evolve. Never forget where you came from. Be a decent human being”.





Ohad's Time Capsule - His mother's reaction

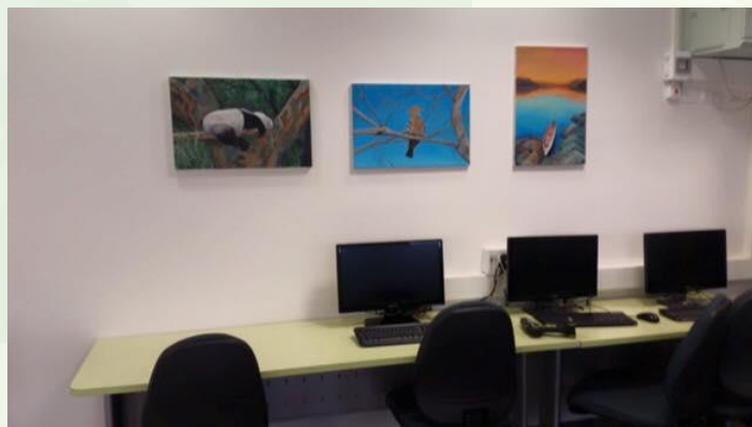
“When reading it, you just see Ohad. First and foremost his humility, but also in his passions, beliefs and principles. Society's injustice was a subject close to his heart. Throughout his short life he studied so much: bachelor's degree, master's degree, medical clowning, building an orphanage in Haiti, coaching basketball and accounting. When I asked him why is he studying so many different things, he said that all of this will help him to reach those in need, and thankfully, he was lucky enough to fulfill that prior to his death.





Memorialization:

Warm House in Ashdod:



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