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Israel's 4th Honor Day for Wounded IDF Veteran Soldiers "Together for Them" Delegation

Dear Sir / Madam,
Shalom U'bracha!

As part of Israel's 4th official Veterans' Day honoring wounded soldiers and victims of terror attacks, an official delegation of six IDF combat veterans wounded during various military operations, as well as a formal representative of the Israeli Government, will spend eight days in New York between 11/25/17 - 12/3/17, visiting Jewish schools and communities, as part of the "Together for Them" project.
I am Ami Cohen, the delegation's organizer.

Last year, we arrived in New York for the first time. We visited over 10 Jewish communities. It was an amazing and empowering experience for all.

I would like to share with you our project's vision;

- Enable Jewish communities to show their solidarity and gratitude to Israeli soldiers whose lives have changed forever while serving and protecting our Jewish State.
- Give the wounded soldiers a unique opportunity to share their stories of heroism and express the great values of mutual responsibility ("Arvut Hadadit"), devotion and love for their country.
- Provide tools for Jewish youth to cope with difficulties in their day to day life from the perspective and life experience of the injured veterans and strengthen their bonds to the State of Israel and its values.

Recently, we came up with the idea of **paying a tribute ("VeShavu Banim") and express our gratitude to the lonely soldiers from the community who had volunteered to defend our Land of Israel.**

Preparations and scheduled activities:

- Prepare an official "kit" for each wounded soldier, which includes a short personal film, a brochure in English, and a speech in English.
- Prepare a schedule of lectures throughout the eight day program within communities and educational institutions throughout New York.
- The lectures will be given by a pair of veterans, with each pair delivering up to 3 lectures per day.

In addition, there will also be a "main" event.

- On Shabbat, each veteran will be the Guest of Honor in a different community, so that the representation of the delegation throughout the city can be maximized
- Each pair will be transported by car to the locations of the lectures, and the delegation staff will take care of all their needs.
- The delegation will be housed in a hostel in downtown Manhattan, arranged by Yoni Greenwald.

We would greatly appreciate your support in insuring the success of the delegation by assisting in covering the costs which are over 41,000 \$.

Best regards and greetings from Israel,
Delegation coordinator

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