



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



Hannan Ben Amram





In this meeting we will cook together a favorite dish of Hannan, who died on January 27th, 2009, when he was only 18 years old.

Together we will prepare the dishes that Hannan loved. The dish was selected by his brother, Nir.





Hannan is the youngest child of Miriam and Aharon. He was born on March 30th, 1990, in Migdal Ha'emek. Brother to Tal and Nir. Hannan was named after his grandfather Hanania Asulin, son of Miriam.

Hannan was chubby cute baby who amazed everyone with his beauty and sweetness. He finished his studies in the elementary school "Aliza Begin" successfully, where he already performed theatrical skills and showed remarkable abilities in singing and dancing.

At the graduation party of the 6th grade, Hannan captured the audience's hearts with the role he played on stage, and many people said he will succeed and will go far.





Hannan had an immersive presence and pleasantness, but the main characteristic of his personality was his good, merciful and compassionate heart. Hannan couldn't take injustice, and when he saw abusive behaviour he would come to the aid of the weak and protected them. There was one year when Hannan gave up a certificate of excellence he was supposed to be getting and gave it to another girl who suffered from low self image, and even convinced her to take part in the graduation party with everyone.







Hannan grew up and became an handsome teenage boy, thin and very tall. He had an endless smile on his face and had a special laughter. Once he started writing a poem about himself using the melody of Gali Atari's song "Derech Aruka": "long leg\ and I am long\ just like a shoelace\ long like cooked pasta\ I have a huge leg...."





His high-school and junior-high studies he did at “Ort Rogozin” school. Thanks to his life wisdom and leadership capacity, and his mature and responsible behaviour, there was a decision to put him in “Ometz” class, which is a class for students that having some difficulties. Hannan accepted the challenge, and served as the teacher’s “right hand”. He assisted, helped and took care of every student, and as the homeroom teacher, Shoshi Elgrably indicated, Hannan was the one to lead the whole class to success. During the Matriculation Exams period Hannan accompanied four students and helped them to succeed in the exams. In many chances Hannan represented the students, and accompanied the school staff at formal events that took place at the school.





Hannan loved and traveled around the country, and also got a taste of other views and atmosphere of other countries. When he was six years old he visited his uncle Rafi in Sweden; When he had a Bar Mitzvah, he chose to go on his own to a youth delegation of the Jewish Agency to Detroit, Michigan, US. His counselors indicated that he faithfully represented Israel and was a big contribution to the delegation.

When Hannan was fifteen years old he traveled to Los Angeles with his parents, to visit his aunt, Yafit. But the journey to Poland when he was seventeen during his high-school studies made the most remarkable impression on him. The tours at the Extermination Camps in Poland made Hannan's connection and his sense of belonging to his nation and his country and his desire to serve the country.





Hannan had a fascination with the stage world and theater, and as he grew older, it became stronger. He was the center of every party, danced and sang, and took everyone after him. His favorite singer was Rita, and he even had the chance to take a picture with her. Hannan had an incredibly powerful voice, and in 2006 he came to an audition at the “Kohav Nolad” T.V show. Since he was very young, he wasn’t added to the team, but still believed he could fulfill his desire to perform on stages, and even talked about his interest in studying at the acting school “Beit-Zvi” when he finished his army service.





Hannan finished his studies with excellence.

At the graduation party he took all the attention when he sang an unforgettable duet to Rita's song "Atuf Berahamim" with another student, and with an incredible performance of military bands' songs. A big part of the success of this evening was related to Hannan and his contribution to the production. The crowd cheered for him.







Hannan was raised and educated on the values of human love and homeland love. He was independent, and much more mature than his actual age. He was a devoted son, and loyal and loving brother. He was the one who kept the family together and was the backbone of the family. He was the ray of sunshine for his mother, his brother Nir used his help a lot thanks to his wisdom and knowledge of many subjects, and with his oldest brother Tal he had a very special connection; Tal lived in the United States and even though they spoke on the phone often, Tal couldn't stand the longing and came back home two months before Hannan died.





Hannan enlisted in the army on December 2, 2008. He was placed in the Logistics Corps. He started his training at the “Nizanim” base, and there his friends could enjoy his entertainment skills. These days were stressful days, and the attacks on the south settlements became very strong and even before finishing his training, Hannan was a part of Operation Cast Lead at Gaza Strip and was sent to assist the residents of Sderot.

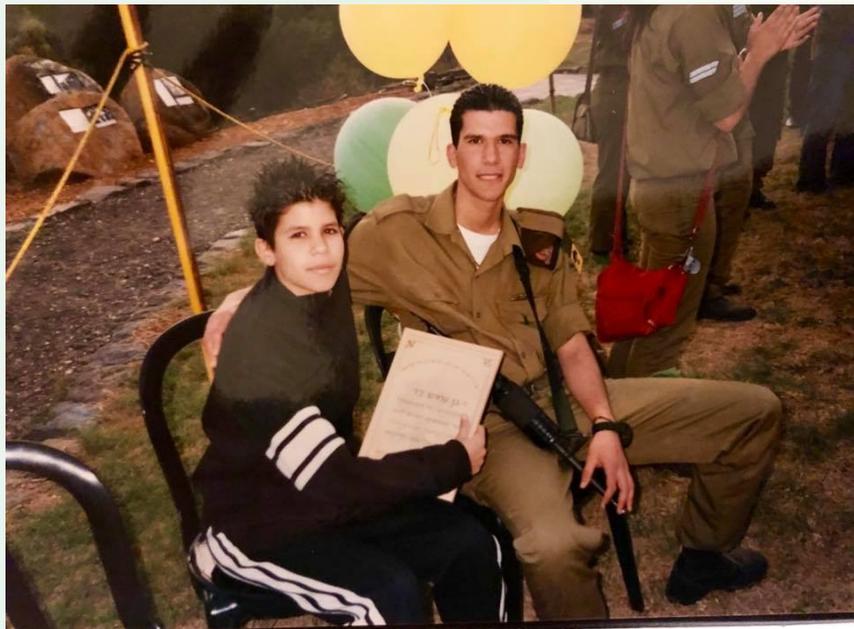






Hannan was very connected to his family, and wanted to spend his military service close to home. When he finished his training, he was sent for a course at the School of Logistics in “Tzrifin” camp, he came back home every day and woke up early the next day to go back to the base. As in every single thing he did during his life, Hannan excelled in the course, and his commander Colonel Ron Iluz indicated: “Hannan performed diligence that brought him to achievements. Hannan got the love of the course staff and was an example to his friends.”







On his last exam at the course Hannan got a grade of 100.
On January 27th, 2009, on the Hebrew birthday of his beloved brother Tal, Hannan died during his military service at only 18 years of age.

Hannan made his way home from the base; around 18:00 o'clock he crossed the road on "Heil Hashirion" street on his way to the central station in Tel-Aviv and was hit by a bus when the driver didn't notice him. He was taken to "Ichilov" hospital in a mortal condition while he suffers from head injuries; the resuscitation efforts didn't succeed, and the doctors declared his death.





Hannan's funeral took place at the Military Cemetery in Migdal Ha'emek, when he left behind parents and two brothers. On the gravestone were written the words: "Our Hannan, you were the light to light our hearts\ On the brightness of your youth you were taken ahead of time".







First Lieutenant Shani Shisha: “Hannan, only yesterday we said goodbye. You went home on your way to be with your loving family. Unfortunately, you didn’t reach home. You were taken in a tragic and unnecessary accident. And we didn’t even have the chance to say that you got 100 at the exam.

Hannan, we knew you for a short time, but we could learn that you are intelligent, someone who has a say, pleasant, and a diligent, disciplined, and devoted soldier.

We were impressed that during your short service and during the course you loved the military work and you were a role model to your friends in the course and a very loved soldier by your friends and the staff.

Hannan, you were a pleasure for us at the short period of time you were with us. And now, rest in peace, goodbye, dear soldier.”





Memorialization:

Hannan was memorialized at the training camp in Tzrifin, at the synagogue that was named after him and after other soldiers who served at the base and died.

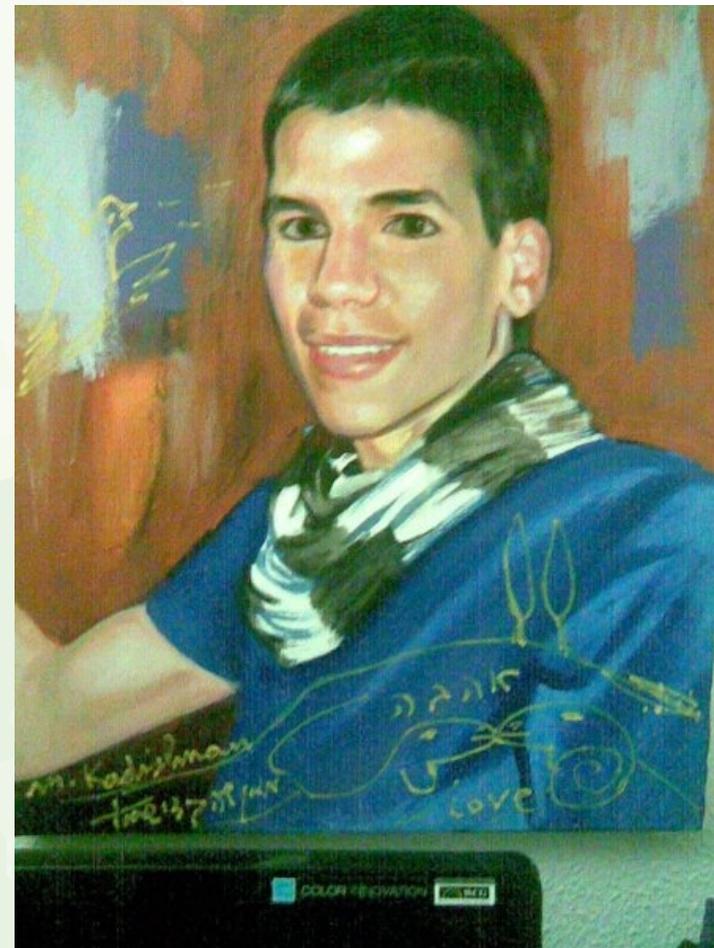
“Ometz” class in Ort Rogozin high-school in Migdal Ha'emek is named after Hannan. The school gives a scholarship in his name as well.







A drawing of Hannan
by the great artist
Menashe Kadishman.



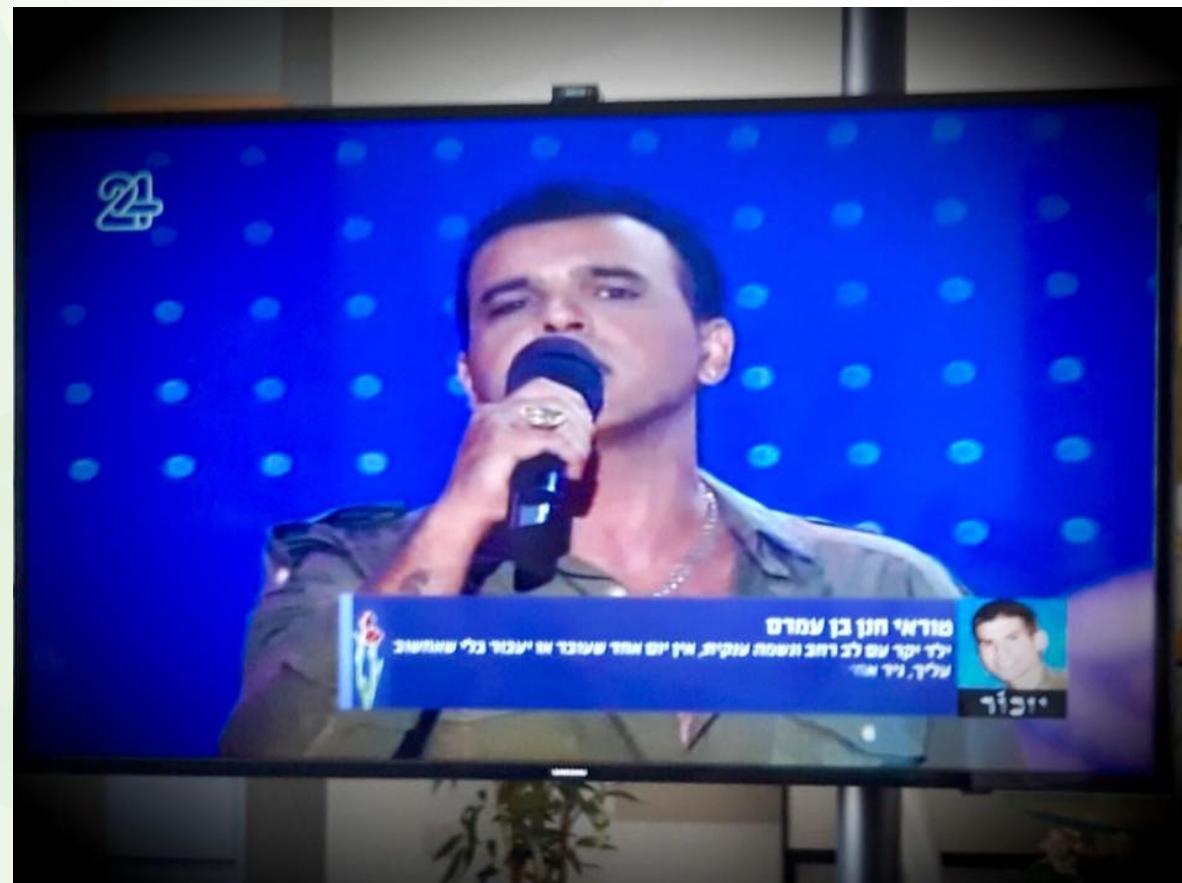


A monument in the memory of Hannan who was a camper at Camp Tamarack of the Jewish community in Michigan at 2005. The monument in memory of Hannan explains above all the great connection between the two communities: “Two communities- One family”





“Singing for their Memory”
project on the 24th channel
Eyal Golan dedicates the song
“If There is Heaven” \ “Em
Yesh Gan Eden” for Hannan.





Hannan's family take part in the project "Our Brothers"

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A video in a memory of Hannan:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNblc8MB8jw>

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