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# Cohen Veterans Network Brings Proven Model of Care to Leading Israeli Hospital, Sheba Medical Center, to Establish a Mental Health Clinic in Modi'in, Israel

New clinic provides high-quality, accessible mental health services to post-10/7 Israel Defense Forces (IDF) veterans, reservists and their families across Israel

STAMFORD, Conn., December 21, 2025 - Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), a global not-for-profit integrated network of mental health clinics for post-9/11 veterans, service members and their families, announced today the opening of The Steven A. Cohen Clinic for Veterans and Family at Sheba Medical Center located in Modi'in, Israel. Established in partnership with the leading Israeli hospital, Sheba Medical Center, and principally funded by Friends of the IDF (FIDF) and Steve Cohen, the clinic provides tailored mental health services to post-10/7 Israel Defense Forces (IDF) veterans, reservists, and their families. With its proven model of care, CVN is leveraging its extensive expertise to provide high-quality, accessible mental health services to Israel's military families. Through a generous grant from UJA-Federation (UJA), the clinic's community room will also serve as hub for community activities and community relations.

"There is an urgent need for mental health services among military families in Israel," said Dr. Anthony Hassan, president and CEO of Cohen Veterans Network. "Given Israel's long history as a U.S. ally, and CVN's proven impact in delivering care to the veteran and military communities, we are extending our model to support Israeli veterans, reservists, and their immediate family members activated after 10/7."

Since 10/7, over 400,000 IDF reservists have been called up to serve. The conflict has resulted in significant mental health challenges for military family members. A 2024 survey found that parents whose spouses had been drafted into reserve service since the beginning of the war experienced higher symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress. While children whose parents served in the reserves showed signs of greater emotional withdrawal, which included fear of sudden noises, tantrums, and difficulty sleeping.

To further expand access to mental health services to military families across the country, the clinic will launch a satellite location in the north of Israel in Mevo'ot in early 2026, also with principal funding from FIDF and Cohen.

As the operating partner, Sheba Medical Center will oversee the clinic's day-to-day operations, ensuring effective care delivery, managing staffing and training, and fostering community engagement.

"The rehabilitation of body and soul has always been a core value at Sheba Medical Center, especially during times when Israeli society faces unprecedented challenges," said Prof. Amitai Ziv, director of the Integrated Rehabilitation Hospital. "The extensive experience and professional expertise we've accumulated at Sheba, combined with our partnership with Cohen Veterans Network, FIDF, the



Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Defense, and the IDF Disabled Veterans Organization, enable us to provide high-quality, accessible, and evidence-based care to IDF soldiers, veterans, and their families. This is a joint effort that merges clinical excellence with innovative tools and a deep commitment to the resilience of Israeli society."

Similarly to Cohen Clinics in the U.S., the clinic addresses a wide variety of mental health concerns including military transition challenges, depression, anxiety, PTSD, adjustment issues, anger, grief and loss, family issues, relationship problems, and children's behavioral problems. Care is available to all post-10/7 veterans regardless of discharge status, role while in uniform or combat experience. The clinic also serves the entire military family including parents, siblings, spouses or partners, children, caretakers, and others. In addition to therapy, the clinic provides comprehensive case management services to support clients with social drivers of health including employment, finances and more. Services are available in-person and via telemedicine.

"We are proud to be collaborating with Cohen Veterans Network and Sheba Medical Center to address the critical and widespread need for mental health support in Israel," said Maj. Gen. (Res.) Nadav Padan, CEO of FIDF. "This clinic is part of FIDF's broader \$118 million multifaceted effort to address mental health needs among Israel's active-duty personnel, veterans, and their families. Together we are helping to build a stronger, healthier future for generations to come."

The clinic includes a Community Room, which serves as a hub for programming, offering events, workshops, and trainings that promote connection, well-being, and access to vital resources. Both community activities and community relations for the clinic are supported by UJA-Federation (UJA).

"This clinic will be a unique and holistic space designed specifically to help reservists and their families receive essential services and care," said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO of UJA-Federation. "We are proud to be partners in bringing this clinic to the community."

Since its inception in 2016, CVN has treated over 93,000 clients and provided over 845,000 clinical sessions. The network has 22 <u>Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinics</u> across the U.S., serving 20 states.

"As we replicate our model internationally in support of an allied military community, CVN remains fully committed to our goal of offering care across the country for U.S. service members, veterans, and their families," adds Dr. Hassan.

The clinic is located at Azrieli Modi'in Center B, 13 Ha'rekevet Street, Modi'in, Israel. More information is available <u>here</u>.

## **ABOUT COHEN VETERANS NETWORK**

Cohen Veterans Network (CVN) is a 501(c)(3) global not-for-profit philanthropic organization for post-9/11 veterans, active duty service members and their families. CVN focuses on improving mental health outcomes, operating a network of outpatient mental health clinics in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. It was established



in 2016 by philanthropist Steven A. Cohen with a commitment of \$275 million to build the network. Learn more about CVN at cohenveteransnetwork.org.

### **ABOUT SHEBA MEDICAL CENTER**

Ranked as a Top 10 "World's Best Hospital" by Newsweek magazine, Sheba is the largest and most comprehensive medical center in the Middle East. Sheba Medical Center is generating global impact through its medical care, research and healthcare transformation. Sheba's 'City of Health' boasts an acute-care hospital, rehabilitation hospital, research and innovation hubs, medical simulation center, as well as a center for disaster response and a virtual hospital on one comprehensive campus in the heart of Israel. For more information, visit: Sheba-global.com.

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Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) is the official organization authorized to collect charitable donations on behalf of the soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces across the United States of America. Established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(C) (3) not-for-profit organization, FIDF's mission is to provide critical support for the health, well-being, and education of Israel's protectors. With 25 chapters throughout the United States, FIDF proudly supports soldiers before, during and after their service, as well as families of fallen soldiers and wounded veterans. Since 2023, FIDF has sent \$325 million to Israel to address urgent well-being needs resulting from the multi-front war — including emergency medical supplies, wounded soldier rehabilitation, bereaved family support, and a historic \$118 million initiative for comprehensive mental-health treatment for soldiers, veterans, and families. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www.fidf.org">www.fidf.org</a>.

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