



## HEROES FELL. HEROINES RISE.

**The Iron Swords War created one of the largest waves of IDF widows in Israel's history.** Hundreds of women — over 350 young mothers — were suddenly left to carry grief, single parenthood, and full financial responsibility, all at once.

**Behind every number is a family.**

Behind every family is a woman rebuilding her life under extraordinary pressure.

**Kuma was created to ensure that our IDF widows do not have to do this alone.**

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## What Is Kuma?

**Kuma is a national initiative that provides tailored, long-term support to the widows of the Iron Swords War.**

Kuma offers direct financial assistance, hands-on navigation of rights and bureaucracy, personal financial guidance, and ongoing accompaniment — responding to each widow's real, evolving needs rather than fixed categories or one-time aid.

Kuma exists to bridge the gap between essential government systems and the lived reality these women face every day.

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## How Kuma Works

Kuma's model is **personal, flexible, and sustained over time.**

Each widow receives support based on her specific situation, which includes:

- **Direct financial support** — monthly assistance to help cover essential needs such as housing, food, childcare, and cleaning help, providing everyday stability during an

otherwise uncertain time.

- **Emergency relief grants** — targeted, tailored assistance for larger or urgent needs, including alternative therapies, housing transitions, or replacing essential household appliances, and more.
- **Hands-on rights navigation** — step-by-step guidance and advocacy through Ministry of Defense benefits and other entitlements.
- **Personal financial guidance** — budgeting, planning, and support aimed at long-term stability including first-time mortgages.
- **Ongoing accompaniment** — consistent contact, responsiveness, and presence at key moments as needs evolve.

Support adapts as each widow's circumstances change.

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## Why Kuma Is Different

Existing frameworks are vital, but they are often **structurally limited and not designed to respond to individualized, evolving needs**.

Kuma was built to be:

- **Tailored**, not one-size-fits-all
- **Responsive**, not bureaucratic
- **Long-term**, not crisis-only

This flexibility allows Kuma to meet IDF widows where they are — emotionally, practically, and financially — and to remain present as life changes.

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## Leadership & Trust

Kuma is managed daily by **Shlomit Peretz (widow of Maj. Eliraz Peretz)** and **Shlomit Kalmanzon (widow of Capt. Elchanan Kalmanzon)**, both IDF widows themselves, who bring lived experience, professional judgment, and deep trust to every decision. *There is not one woman in Israel who is not familiar with these heroines.*

The initiative was founded by **Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon**, Chief Rabbi of Gush Etzion and founder of **Sulamot**, who recognized the urgent need for a framework that combines compassion, responsibility, and real-world impact.

This leadership ensures that decisions are made with discretion, integrity, and accountability.

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## Financial Integrity

**100% of donations go directly to the widows.**

All program overhead is fully covered, allowing every contribution to provide direct support.

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## About Sulamot

**Sulamot** is a high-impact nonprofit organization founded by **Rav Yosef Zvi Rimon**, advancing Jewish education, community, and social responsibility through large-scale initiatives in Israel and across the Jewish world. Kuma is one of Sulamot's core social-impact programs.

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## Join Us

Kuma is not only about surviving a moment of crisis.  
It is about rebuilding lives — with dignity, stability, and hope.

We invite you to stand with Israel's widows and give with meaning.

**This Purim, choose to give differently.  
Stand with Israel's IDF widows and give to Kuma.**

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