

Shaare Zedek Mission to Israel

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Subject to Change... For the better!



Prof. Ofer Merin

Prof. Ofer Merin graduated from Hebrew University in 1991 and did his residency in cardiac surgery. He completed a fellowship in adult cardiac surgery at Sunnybrook Hospital. Upon returning to Israel, he joined Shaare Zedek, he served as Director of Trauma and Director of Cardiology. In 2019, Ofer became the Director General of Shaare Zedek. Additionally, he is the Colonel in the IDF and the Military Field Hospital Director that has led many humanitarian efforts. Since October 7th, he has become the head of a Medical Intelligence Committee that determines when a hostage held in Gaza is deceased.



Fleur Hassan is a Israeli politician, media expert and policy maker. She currently serves as Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem in charge of foreign relations, international economic development and tourism. She is also the co-founder and founding member of the UAE–Israel Business Council.

Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

Meet Nova Survivors, those that witnessed first-hand the atrocities of October 7th. (Names still being determined, but you will hear testimonies from two)

Meet and engage with over 100 IDF soldiers at an exclusive BBQ dinner in the South

Meet families from the North that have been displaced and evacuated due to the escalation between Israel and Lebanon.



Yossi is the head of operations for ZAKA, Israel's leading search and recovery organization. In the aftermath of the devastating Hamas attack, ZAKA processed over 670 bodies within the first week. When they reached Kibbutz Be'eri, there was a moment when Landau wasn't sure if he could continue, but he remembered his mission and reminded himself, "we have to make sure that nobody is left behind."

Yossi Landau



Eylon is a British-Israeli figure that is one of the Israeli Government's Spokesperson. He recently launched and hosts of the State of a Nation Podcast. Since October 7th, he has been representing Israel on international television and radio.

Eylon Levy



Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Conricus is the former International Spokesperson of the Israel Defense Forces, responsible for the IDF's international traditional and social media operations, public affairs and public diplomacy.

Jonathan Conricus



Glenn Cohen

Glenn served over 30 years as an Israel Air Force pilot, hostage negotiator, special forces psychologist and ultra-ironman athlete. He recently retired at the rank of Colonel, as Chief of Psychology of the Mossad. Glenn pioneered The Special Forces Method for peak performance, while working with Israel's most elite units. He now shares his expertise and methods with individuals and groups who would like to operate as an elite team.



Rachel is the mother of 23-year-old American-Israeli Hostage Hersh Goldberg-Polin. She has been endlessly fighting and advocating for the release of her son and all the other hostages.

Rachel Goldberg-Polin



Eliya is a 25 year old, Combat Paramedic that was in Gaza for 4 months, she has now been released and has returned to work at Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

Eliya Attali



Meet and engage with the elite Duvdevan Unit - Notable for its undercover operations in urban areas, during which its operators often wear civilian clothing to disguise themselves among the local Arab population.

Duvdevan Unit

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