

Lt. Adar Ben Simon



Lt. Adar Ben Simon, 20, a commander in the Home Front Command who embodied selflessness, was killed on the front lines while fighting against Hamas when they invaded the Zikim army base on October 7. Together with her fellow commanders, she led a group of young trainees to shelter, before bravely confronting the terrorists herself.

Her actions saved 90 soldiers' lives.

Adar was described as a light, whose smile effortlessly lit up the room when she entered. She was a true warrior and role model, who despite whatever she was going through personally, made it her mission to lift others' spirits and make them laugh.







Sgt. Adi Groman



Sgt. Adi Groman, 19, a combat intelligence collection officer, was on duty when her neighboring base was invaded. Before her life was taken, she helped neutralize several terrorists in a battle that lasted for 90 minutes.

Adi had a deep love for music and would dance and sing at every opportunity. In addition to possessing incredible professionalism – people described her as the best warrior there was – she was also known to be kind, full of joy, an amazing friend, and a source of light.







Staff Sgt. Adi Landman



Staff Sgt. Adi Landman, 19, an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force, was a passionate soldier who was murdered when Hamas terrorists mercilessly attacked her base.

Adi was an active member of her youth musical group and loved to perform in city ceremonies and theater productions. She was also an avid fan of the Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer team and loved to post dance videos on TikTok.

Friends describe her as a girl with endless laughter and the most honest and pure heart. A great friend to many, Adi is survived by her parents, Orit and Barak, and her two younger brothers, Liad and Kfir.







Staff Sgt. (res.) Adi Odeya Borech



Staff Sgt. (res.) Adi Odeya Borech, 23, wasted no time in volunteering when war erupted on October 7. As a reservist in the Judea Regional Division, she headed south toward Sderot to offer her assistance. While en route, one of Hamas' rockets struck her car and claimed her life.

Adi was deeply cherished by her loved ones and community. She worked as a guide in the Bnei Akiva movement and was deeply involved in community activities.

Before her death, she wrote to her mother: "If I end up meeting my early demise, don't mourn my death, but celebrate my life. When you wake up every day, wake up with a smile, not a broken heart. Don't let any second of your life go to waste." Adi's words reflect her courageous spirit and strength of character that will live on through the many people she inspired.







Capt. Alina Pravosudova



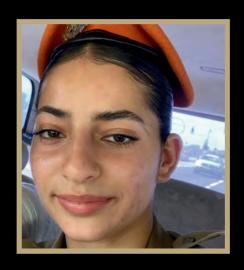
Capt. Alina Pravosudova, 23, served in the Home Front Command's Search and Rescue Unit, ever ready to assist those in need. She was killed while battling the Hamas terrorists who overtook the Urim IDF base on October 7, displaying courage and devotion in defense of her people and country.

Alina set high standards for herself and fought for important causes. In addition to her IDF service, which she extended until 2027, Alina dedicated herself to volunteering with Magen David Adom for many years. Her fellow volunteers described her as "wonderful", noting the countless shifts she undertook, as many hours as possible, because she truly cared about and wished to help people.

A young woman of great character and passion, she was not only a hard worker but also someone who radiated happiness, laughter, and kindness. She is survived by her parents, Olga and Michael, her brother Daniel, and her grandparents.







Sgt. Danit Cohen



Sgt. Danit Cohen,19, a brave and sensitive young woman who served in the Southern Gaza Command Center, was killed on October 7th when Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israel.

This quiet yet determined young woman held ambitious dreams and was unafraid of the hard work to realize them. Danit had a great head on her shoulders, and steadfastly set goals, not stopping until they were achieved. A beacon of excellence, her focus, resolve, and resilience inspired all who knew her.







Staff Sgt. Eden Alon Levy



Staff Sgt. Eden Alon Levy, 19, a true hero and squad commander in the Home Front Command's Search and Rescue Unit, was on duty at her base when Hamas infiltrated Israel. Alongside her fellow commanders, she directed the young trainees to take shelter, ultimately saving their lives and sacrificing her own.

Eden loved her homeland and the army, where she was considering pilot training. When her mother learned of her heroic actions on October 7th, she expressed no surprise, citing Eden's innate strength, determination, and commitment to seeing her choices through.

Apart from her dedication to Israel and aiding others, Eden was a talented dancer, a passion she pursued since childhood as a member of a local dance troupe.







Capt. Eden Nimri



Cpt. Eden Nimri, 22, a swimmer who competed internationally for Israel and a commander in the Artillery Corps' drone unit, was killed on October 7 while fighting Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Nahal Oz. Eden served as a commander of an all-female team in the elite "Sky Riders" unit and is responsible for saving many lives on that fateful day.

Eden's dedication and discipline led her to represent Israel at prestigious events such as the European Junior Water Swimming Championships, the Mediterranean Cup, and the International School Sport Federation's World Championships. Described as "the most beautiful, the smartest, and the bravest," by her loved ones, Eden is survived by her parents, Sharon and Michael, and her siblings, Hadar and Noga.







Corp. Hadar Miriam Cohen



Corp. Hadar Miriam Cohen, 18, a passionate young observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, tragically lost her life on October 7th when Hamas terrorists violently and mercilessly attacked her base.

Hadar was known for her infectious joy and warm smile, brimming with ambition and dreams. Endlessly generous, she was always eager to support those in need, especially her fellow soldiers whom she mentored. Her vibrant spirit and aspirations to conquer the world live on in the hearts of her surviving family, who carry forward her cherished legacy.







Corp. Maya Villalobo Polo



Corp. Maya Villalobo Polo, 19, a Spanish-Israeli citizen and observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, was murdered when Hamas terrorists overran the Nahal Oz IDF base on October 7th.

Maya was beloved by many. Described as generous, trustworthy, and joyful, she was an exceptionally devoted friend. She dreamt of seeing the world and loved playing sports, including basketball, horseback riding and surfing. She always greeted people with a smile and will be missed by the loved ones she left behind in Giv'atayim.







Corp. Noa Marciano



Corp. Noa Marciano, 19, hailing from Modi'in, was known for her infectious smile. Tragically, she was taken hostage in Gaza on October 7th when Hamas terrorists invaded the Nahal Oz IDF base, where she served as an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit. Heartbreakingly, she was killed in captivity in November, 2023.

Noa was a girl of music and literature, her spirit brimming with love and joy. She passionately served her country and is survived by her mother Adi, father Avi, and younger siblings Yuval, Itay and Hadar.





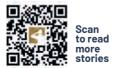


Staff Sgt. Noa Prais



Staff Sgt. Noa Prais, 20, who planned to take the world by storm, was killed by Hamas terrorists when they infiltrated the Nahal Oz IDF base on October 7. As an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, she texted, "I love you," to her parents that morning. That was the last they heard from her.

Noa exuded life and happiness and had a passion for music. An engaging conversationalist, she possessed intelligence, bravery, and strong opinions, yet always sought to make others laugh. With her service set to end in January, she had big plans to travel with friends and realize her many dreams. She is survived by her parents and two siblings.







Corp. Noam Avramovich



Corp. Noam Avramovich, 19, a born leader, enlisted in the IDF on July 30th, completing her training to become an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit mere days before her life was stolen by Hamas terrorists on October 7th.

Noam is remembered as strong and outspoken, someone who championed justice with a grace and maturity that belied her years. Open minded and willing to converse with anyone and everyone, she is survived by her parents, Adva and Yossi, and her adoring younger siblings Ofri, Yiftah and Yuval.







Staff Sgt. Ofir Shoshani



Staff Sgt. Ofir Shoshani, 20, a squad commander in the IDF Intelligence Corps, was off-duty when Hamas terrorists invaded Kibbutz Kfar Aza and murdered her in her own home. Ofir's parents helplessly heard the shooting while speaking with her on the phone. Although her father drove to rescue her, he arrived too late.

Ofir was known for her captivating smile and left a positive impact on everyone she met. An effortless leader, people gravitated towards her and trusted her common sense advice. She is survived by her parents, Mira and Shai, and her brothers Omri and Amit.







Capt. Or Moses



Capt. Or Moses, 22, epitomized heroism on October 7th, courageously repelling Hamas terrorists who invaded the IDF Zikim Base. A deputy commander in the Search and Rescue Battalion, she joined her fellow commanders in protecting the young trainees, most of whom had only enlisted a few months earlier. Or was devoted to her soldiers and defended them until her last moment. Because of her, 90 lives were saved.

Or always wanted to be a combat soldier. She excelled at everything she did and was adored by everyone in her life. After service, she planned to travel the world and eventually study medicine. She is survived by her parents, Yochi and Yisrael, and two younger siblings.







Sgt. Osher Barzilay



Sgt. Osher Barzilay, 19, served as an operation sergeant in the Southern Gaza Command Center. Full of talent and ambition, Osher had a gift for music and excelled in guitar and piano. She also shone in the sciences and dreamt of becoming a brain surgeon. Her teachers at the Davidson Institute of Science Education praised her intellect, innovative thinking, and boundless potential.

Devastatingly, Osher's life was cut short on October 7th when terrorists infiltrated the Nahal Oz IDF base, where she was stationed. Her legacy of kindness and compassion lives on through those she touched through her volunteer work, studies, and the family she left behind: her parents, Lior and Tikva, her siblings Sapir, Eden, Yarin, Yarden, and Chen, and her boyfriend Ori Asaf.







Capt. Ron Zarfati



Capt. Ron Zarfati, 22, an off-duty air force officer in the Air Traffic Control Unit, was murdered by Hamas terrorists on October 7th, while attending the Supernova Music Festival.

Loving and generous, Ron was described as well-read, intelligent, someone who lived a colorful life and cultivated freedom, creativity and joy. She generously shared her kind smile with everyone who crossed her path and is survived by her parents and two brothers.







Sgt. Roni Eshel



Sgt. Roni Eshel, 19, an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force who loved her country and Taylor Swift, was presumed missing for over a month, until the IDF confirmed a month later that she had been murdered during Hamas' initial attack.

Roni's father shared that she suspected Hamas was planning something in the days preceding October 7. "Dad, they're studying us," she'd said. "They're doing their homework. They know almost every corner of the fence itself."

Roni felt a true sense of mission and loved her job in the army. Her role came naturally to her, as she was the eldest of three, and always protected her younger brothers. A lover of life and pop culture, she planned to take the world by storm and is survived by her parents and younger siblings.







Capt. Sahar Saudian



Capt. Sahar Saudian, 21, was the senior officer on duty at the Iron Dome battery when two hours into her shift, she spotted a massive barrage of rockets headed toward Israel. Without hesitation, she lept into action, calming, empowering, and preparing her team to counter the largest attack they had ever experienced.

After hours of fighting and rocket interceptions, Sahar, along with two other soldiers, accepted the brave and dangerous task of restocking the Iron Dome battery with interceptor missiles. Tragically, all three were fatally shot in their vehicle.

Sahar is described as a true hero because she understood the danger but pressed on to assure Israel's defenses, demonstrating her selfless devotion. She leaves behind her parents, Helen and David, sister Stav, and brothers Dor, Dvir, and Dolev.







Staff Sgt. Shachaf Nesani



Staff Sqt. Shachaf Nesani, 20, an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit. saw the good in everyone. Scheduled to complete her IDF service on October 11th, the day her body was found, she exhibited extraordinary compassion and selflessness until the very end. At 6:30 am on October 7th, she called her family to alert them of the attack and say, "I love you." She could have stayed on the line with her loved ones, but noticing that others did not have their phones, she offered them hers to say their own goodbyes. Emblematic of her kind and helpful orientation, Shachaf will be forever missed by the family she left behind: her parents llana and Rahamim, and her three older siblings, Moshe, Sapir, and Dolev.







Sgt. Shay Ashram



Sgt. Shay Ashram, 19, an observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, was supposed to be released due to health problems, but she fought to continue her service to Israel. When Hamas terrorists invaded the Nahal Oz IDF outpost on October 7th, she realized she would not survive, called her parents to say goodbye, and used their last conversation to guide them to safety.

Witty, kind and academically gifted, Shay was a driven young women with strong opinions and a determined nature. She cared for others, laughed a lot, and shared dances on TikTok to put joy into the world.

Shay is survived by her parents Sari and Dror, and her siblings Erel, Tehila and Shachar.







Sgt. Shir Biton



Sgt. Shir Biton, 19, a soldier who dreamt of becoming a doctor, was killed battling Hamas terrorists after they invaded the Nahal Oz IDF outpost on October 7th.

Shir was a dedicated Magen David Adom volunteer for years before becoming an IDF paramedic. She was entirely dedicated to helping people, never missed a shift, always arrived first, and volunteered extra on the weekends. Saving lives was her priority; everything else came later. She was kind, friendly, supportive, had many friends, and loved her family more than anything. She is survived by her parents, Ori and Asaf, and her siblings Liad and Aviya.







Capt. Shir Eilat



Capt. Shir Eilat, 20, a commander of observation soldiers in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, exemplified selflessness and leadership until her tragic death at the hands of Hamas terrorists who attacked the Nahal Oz IDF base on October 7th. Those who survived, and witnessed her actions on that terrifying day, attest to her unwavering dedication to her soldiers' wellbeing, as she remained calm and professional amidst the danger and chaos.

While she extended her mandatory IDF service, she wrestled with the decision between pursuing her passion for the arts as an actor in theater and continuing her military service.

This brilliant, social, and magnetic hero is survived by her parents, Ayelet and Doron, and her two older sisters, Lior and Nir.







Sgt. Shir Shlomo



Sgt. Shir Shlomo, 19, a big-hearted soldier in the Home Front Command, was killed when Hamas terrorists overran the Urim IDF base, broke into the war room where she and others had taken shelter, and ruthlessly shot them dead.

Shir's devotion to her army service, her love for her friends and family, and her commitment to helping others shone brightly throughout her life. She excelled both in school and in her role in the IDF, earning a certificate of excellence for her outstanding service. This talented, sports loving and beloved young woman is survived by her parents, Einat and Pinchas, and her siblings, Adi, Tzachi, and Sharon.







Corp. Shirat Yam Amar



Corp. Shirat Yam Amar, 18, fulfilled her lifelong dream of serving her country before tragically losing her life on October 7th, just days after completing her basic training, when Hamas terrorists infiltrated the Nahal Oz IDF base.

An observation soldier in the Border Defense Force's 414 Unit, Shirat Yam was also a dynamic, goal-oriented individual with a passion for fashion who spent countless hours sewing and designing clothes in her room. Her family hopes to honor her memory by finding a manufacturer to produce a line of swimwear she designed.

Known for her "most perfect laugh," Shirat Yam's zest for life led her to embrace horseback riding, motorcycles, and all outdoor adventures with her friends and brothers. She is survived by her parents, Keren and Moshe, and her brothers Yonatan and Ben.







Sgt. Segev Schwartz

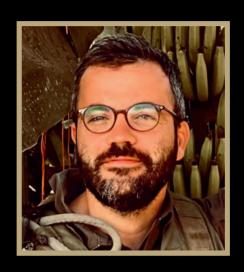


Sgt. Segev Schwartz, 20, known for his infectious humor, attempted to fortify himself in the dining hall of the Sufa IDF outpost with other soldiers when terrorists infiltrated on October 7th. Tragically, he sustained injuries on the way and did not survive.

Segev was always surrounded by friends and had a natural way of bringing people together. His wide-reaching friendships spanned Israeli society, reflecting his innate ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Segev chose a combat role in the military, motivated by his desire to make a meaningful impact. His legacy of laughter and camaraderie will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Sergey Gontmaher



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Sergey Gontmaher, 37, a devoted husband and loving father from Ramat Gan, served with distinction as a combat soldier in the 8208 Battalion of the 261 Brigade of the Gaza Division upon returning to reserve duty on October 7th.

Tragically, Sergey's life was cut short in the devastating Al Maghazi building collapse tragedy in central Gaza. Alongside 20 other soldiers, he perished when explosives detonated by a terrorist anti-tank missile and at least one RPG rocket caused the building to collapse, trapping them inside.

He leaves behind his beloved wife Marina and their two children.







Corp. Lidor Makayes



Cpl. Lidor Mekayes, 19, a COGAT logistics soldier from Ofakim who dreamed of living in America, was killed on October 7 while serving on a base near the Erez Crossing. He enlisted in the IDF less than six months earlier and served on his base for just a few months. Lidor had a passion for basketball and studying English. He hoped to master the language and eventually move to the U.S. Lidor was an incredible, unique young man — smart, funny and kind to all. He loved to help anyone that he could.







Col. (res.) Lion Bar



Col. (res.) Lion Bar, 53, a retired senior IDF officer in the Judea and Samaria Division. husband and father of three from Gedera, did not wait to be called up to the reserves the tragic morning of October 7. He raced to the scene of the Supernova Music Festival where he spent hours evacuating the wounded and transporting them to local hospitals, all while being shot at by terrorists. The following day, he and his son, Omer stopped by the Black Arrow Monument in Southern Israel, a memorial for fallen soldiers, where they were ambushed by terrorists with grenades and gunfire. Omer survived the attack with several gunshot wounds, but tragically Lion did not. A true angel, Lion will be remembered for his selflessness. bravery, and sacrifice.



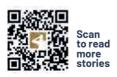




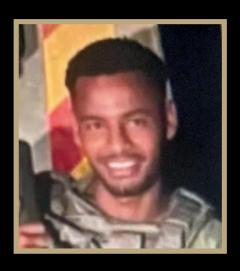
Master Sgt. Lior Arzi



Master Sqt. Lior Arzi, 25, a combat medic in Shaldag, was slated to begin studying medicine after a recent move to Jerusalem with his girlfriend. A third generation kibbutznik from Givat Haim-Ihud, Lior completed a service year volunteering for Hatzor HaGlilit before enlisting in the army. In 2019, he began his military paramedic training, working volunteer shifts with Magen David Adom, where he continued to volunteer even after becoming qualified as a paramedic. Lior was on his way to becoming a team leader in a mobile intensive care unit before he was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on November 3. Always the first to offer help, and the one everyone wanted on their team, Lior had a shy, special smile and possessed a rare combination of "delicacy and power."







Staff Sgt. Maru Alem



Staff Sgt. Maru Alem, 20, a Golani Brigade soldier from Ashkelon, originally from Ethiopia, was among the first to encounter the invasion of Hamas terrorists into southern Israel on the morning of October 7 during a routine patrol along the Gaza border fence. Along with three others, he engaged in battle with terrorists in multiple locations, preventing many of them from entering Kibbutz Nirim and delaying the invasion by two hours. He fell in battle near Kibbutz Nir Oz on that devastating day. Maru was a great friend, doting sibling who loved his family, and an exceptional soldier who served as a role model for the entire company.







Sgt. Matan Abergel



"I tried to protect all of us and the entire people of Israel." These were the last words of Sqt. Matan Abergel, 19, who heroically jumped on a grenade to save the lives of his comrades. The youngest of four children from the Hermesh settlement in the northern West Bank, Matan was part of the Golani infantry regiment's 13th Battalion. On October 7, he made the ultimate sacrifice, fearlessly covering his fellow soldiers and absorbing the blast of a grenade hurled into their armored vehicle during a fierce battle against Hamas terrorists near Kibbutz Nir Am. His selfless act of heroism spared lives and epitomized the spirit of courage and dedication to Israel, Matan's friends recall his commitment to defending his country, a testament to the unwavering sense of duty that defined his character.







Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Meir



Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Meir, 38, a soldier in the 551st Brigade's 697th Battalion (the "supreme of Israel") and a longtime member of the Fauda production team, had a "love of the country in his veins." He was one of four soldiers of his elite group killed by a booby-trapped tunnel shaft next to a mosque in the Beit Hanoun area on November 11 in northern Gaza. Matan was "a man with a heart of gold, full of kindness and giving," said Lior Raz, actor and co-creator of Fauda, one of the many productions with which Matan was involved. Matan was a resident of Moshav Odem in the Golan Heights, where he also grew up.







Lt. Col. Meidan Israel



Lt. Col. Meidan Israel, 35, was a dedicated IDF officer in every sense who never missed an opportunity to build Legos with his children. Head of supply in the Southern Command from Yarhiv, Meidan was a commander who pushed his soldiers to do better and always made sure they had what they needed. A husband and father of three young children, Meidan was killed on October 25 in a military-related car accident.







Maj. (res.) Moshe Yedidyah Leiter



Maj. (res.) Moshe Yedidyah Leiter, 39, served as a paramedic and was due to start training to become a doctor. Alongside his medical studies, Moshe was involved in a program dedicated to training ultra-Orthodox men in computer science, preparing them to draft to the IDF's prestigious Unit 8200. Thanks to his work, hundreds of ultra-Orthodox soldiers will join the high-tech market. Moshe died a hero's death, killed in battle in the northern Gaza Strip on November 10. Survived by his wife and six children, Moshe was "big light" -- modest, inquisitive and a source of calm and control.







Staff Sgt. Nadav Biton



Staff Sgt. Nadav Biton, 20, a Kfir soldier from Ofakim, dreamed of opening his own business after his military service. He was killed while off-duty at the Supernova music festival on October 7, a few days before his 21st birthday and a week before he was slated to finish his IDF service. It was important to him to serve in a meaningful combat position, and he died a hero, helping his friends hide in the forest while he went to seek help. Never afraid of anything, Nadav loved his surroundings and always worried about others before himself.







Master Sgt. (res.) Naftali Yonah Gordon



Master Sgt. (res.) Naftali Yonah Gordon, 32, a physiotherapist from Jerusalem was a man of honesty and justice who was filled with joy and humor. He served as soldier in the 188th Armored Brigade's 53rd Battalion and was killed in battle in Gaza on December 7. Naftali was a "perfect" husband and father — kind, giving and modest. He loved swimming and jogging, and could build and repair anything. Naftali will be remembered for his endless patience and wisdom.







Sgt. Nathane Hai Lyard



Sgt. Nathane Lyard, 20, was an exceptionally brave French-Israeli serving in the Kfir Brigade's 94th Duchifat Battalion. On October 7, he was lightly wounded in an attack near the Gaza border and returned to combat where he was injured again, eventually succumbing to his wounds. Always cheerful and smiling, Nathane was a music-lover — played the guitar and piano — and was engaged in his religious studies courses.







Sgt. Nathanel Young



Sgt. Nathanel Young, 20, was a courageous Lone Soldier from the United Kingdom who was fulfilling a lifelong aspiration to serve in the IDF as part of Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion. He was killed in battle on October 7th near the Re'im military base, close to the Gaza border. His unwavering dedication to defending Israel was marked by heroism during his final mission, where he thwarted a terrorist infiltration on a kibbutz. The youngest of five children, Nathanel will be remembered for his strong Jewish pride, selflessness, and courage.







Sgt. Nativ Kuzaro



An Iron Dome operator whose "smile always led the way," Sgt. Nativ Kuzaro, 21, was a technician in the air defense array from Ma'aleh Adumim. Along with two others, Nativ was shot and killed by terrorists as he restocked Iron Dome interceptor missiles shortly after Hamas's deadly onslaught on October 7. Nativ dreamed of an army career, hoping to undergo officer training and stay on past his required service. He loved to cook — especially for his comrades on base – and was always the first to help both at school and at home. Nativ's poignant WhatsApp status has turned into a lasting testament: "Leave the next generations with a better world than the one we found."







Lt. Nave Elazar Lax



Lt. Nave Elazar Lax, 21, served as a soldier in the esteemed Sayeret Matkal unit. He was characterized for his bravery and unwavering determination, even in his final moments. Nave was killed battling Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7 after saving numerous lives. Known for his infectious smile and musical talent, he was beloved and admired by all who knew him. Nave possessed a rare blend of sensitivity and leadership, along with a deep passion for reading, especially about Israel's history and conflicts, to which he bravely contributed.







Staff Sgt. Noam Elimelech Rojtenbarg



Staff Sgt. Noam Elimelech Rojtenbarg, 24, a resident of Beersheba, tragically lost his life while off-duty at the Supernova music festival on October 7. Despite his religious upbringing, Noam bravely enlisted in the IDF as a Lone Soldier. He possessed an exceptional intellect and an innate curiosity about machines, often dismantling and rebuilding them to understand their workings. Beloved by all who knew him, Noam will be especially missed by his 13 siblings.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Noam Slotki



On October 7, despite not being in active military duty, Sgt. Maj. (res.) Noam Slotki and his brother Yishay rushed to the front line when air raid sirens sounded, determined to defend the southern towns under attack. With the army unable to arrive, they courageously engaged in combat near Kibbutz Alumim and tragically lost their lives. Five days later, they were buried side by side on Mount Herzl, each leaving behind a wife and a baby. Noam, a combat medic in the Carmeli Brigade, was known as the "best among us," always facing challenges with a smile that made difficult tasks seem effortless.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Omer Balva



Sqt. First Class (res.) Omer Balva, 22, had recently finished his service in the IDF and was among the 360,000 reservists called to duty after the October 7 massacres. A child of Israeli parents who was on vacation in Maryland, where he was born and lived before enlisting, Omer quickly booked a flight, packed safety gear and supplies for his entire unit and headed home to Israel. He was tragically killed on October 20 by a rocket fired by Hezbollah from Lebanon, just days after he was deployed to Israel's northern border. Omer had recently enrolled at Reichman University in Herzliya where he was studying business and economics. Omer was a loving person who brought a lot of light to the world. He was an unabashed advocate for the State of Israel, a hero to Israel and the Jewish people.







Capt. Omer Wolf



Capt. Omer Wolf, 22, from Kibbutz Givat Haim (Meuhad), was a deputy company commander within the Golani Brigade's 51st battalion, overseeing several soldiers who he was incredibly devoted to. Omer and three colleagues were among the first to encounter the invasion of Hamas terrorists during a routine patrol along the Gaza border fence on the morning of October 7. With unwavering courage, they thwarted multiple terrorists, preventing them from entering the kibbutz and successfully delaying the invasion by two crucial hours.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Omri Michaeli



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Omri Michaeli, 35, from the undercover Duvdevan unit, received a citation for bravery from the IDF Chief of Staff for his actions during Operation Protective Edge, when he jumped on top of his friend and shielded him from a grenade. As a result, Omri appeared on the front page of the daily paper, Yediot Aharonot, on a stretcher wrapped in an Israeli flag. Omri, from the central Israeli town of Nes Ziona, was tragically killed on October 7, while battling Hamas in Kibbutz Kfar Aza in an attempt to rescue hostages. Twice injured in previous battles, his final known text was, "lightning doesn't strike three times."







Staff Sgt. Or Mizrahi



Staff Sgt. Or Mizrahi, 21, of the Nahal infantry brigade's reconnaissance unit, from Petah Tikva, was 16 months old when his mother died of illness. A few years ago, his brother was killed in a motorcycle accident. Despite this, Or was a happy person – the heart of his house – and the love of his girlfriend of three years, who was planning to visit him on base on October 7. Tragically, he lost his life helping civilians that morning. He was due to be released from the military a month later. Like his namesake suggests, Or was "all light."







Lt. Pedayah Menachem Mark



Lt. Pedayah Menachem Mark, 22, a platoon commander in the Givati Brigade's Tsabar Battalion from Otniel, was killed battling Hamas terrorists in Gaza on October 31. He leaves behind his mother and eight siblings. Despite witnessing his father's murder by terrorists at age 15, Pedayah pursued his dream of military service with unwavering determination. He was known for his leadership, starting his preparation for the army as a young boy doing sit-ups in his living room. Pedayah embodied courage, resilience, and compassion – and had a sweetness about him. He leaves behind a legacy of heroism and selflessness.







Sgt. Reem Meir Batito



Sgt. Reem Meir Batito, 19, a Golani soldier from Netanya, embodied a remarkable spirit of service to Israel. Reem excelled academically, enjoyed playing basketball, and had a passion for robotics and playing the trombone.

Tragically, he was killed on October 7 while bravely confronting Hamas terrorists at Kibbutz Kissufim. Reem was laid to rest on October 11 in Netanya. He was a true hero of Israel, displaying incredible bravery even in his final moments.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Reouven Chicheportiche The heart of the yishuv, Sgt. Maj. (res.) Reouven Chicheportiche of the small southern town, Shlomit, was born in France, but loved everything about the State of Israel. In times of need, he was always the first to offer help. He was tragically killed battling Hamas terrorists in Moshav Pri Gan on October 7, where he was part of the local security team that successfully prevented a large massacre there and in surrounding towns. He was posthumously recognized by the IDF as a fallen soldier with the rank of sergeant major in the reserves. He is survived by his wife, four children, parents, and five siblings.







Maj. Roi Chapel



Major Roi Chapel, aged 25, a commander in the Nahal Brigade from Zichron Yaakov, had a deep love for nature and was a devoted protector of his family. On October 7, he courageously engaged terrorists near the Gaza Strip border, defending access to multiple local communities. He promptly alerted an army post about the assault, allowing female IDF lookout soldiers to escape safely and preventing the terrorists from reaching a central road in the border area. Roi had a special ability to connect with and empower his soldiers, helping them discover strengths they didn't know they had. Tragically, he was killed in action on October 7. He is survived by his parents, sister, and brother, and was laid to rest on October 10 at the military cemetery in Zichron Yaakov.







Staff Sgt. Roey Weiser



Staff Sgt. Roey Weiser, 21, an Israeli-American soldier from Efrat, serving in the Golani Brigade, died while attempting to save the lives of his fellow fighters during Hamas' violent invasion of Israel on October 7.

Roey was stationed at the Kerem Shalom border crossing with Gaza when terrorists stormed his base and began attacking soldiers. Survivors recount that, without being told, Roey bravely confronted the terrorists, diverting their attention away from the base and allowing others to escape. Thanks to Roey's heroism, at least 12 other soldiers are alive today.

Roey's actions mirrored his character in life. He was a dedicated volunteer firefighter, always eager to assist those in need and the first to respond when duty called. Known for his infectious smile and optimism, he is survived by his parents, Yami and Naomi, and siblings, Shani and Nadav.







Capt. Yiftah Yavetz



Capt. Yiftah Yavetz, pure hearted and soulful, was a 23-year-old from Ramat Hasharon who served as an officer in the Maglan Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade. He fell near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

A man of action, Yiftah was awoken by sirens at 6:36 a.m. on Oct. 7. Something was wrong. He did not know what, but he knew waiting was not an option. Yiftah helped rally his entire unit and headed south.

His cousin said, "There's simply no one better than our Yiftach, simply none. Gentle, smart, and kind. When he was in the room, there was always an aura of calm, serenity, and goodness. Pure goodness."







Sgt. Yinon Tamir



Sgt. Yinon Tamir, confident and compassionate, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Pardes Hanna-Karkur who served in the 890th Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on November 19, 2023.

Yinon was a protector of Israel, someone who countered threats and secured borders with pride. He cared for the land and the people — every day. Loved ones will remember him as a determined soldier and friend who gave his all, no matter the circumstances.







Staff Sgt. Yishay Fitusi



Staff Sgt. Yishay Fitusi, whose courage knew no bounds, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Talmon who served in the 13th Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He fell in Kibbutz Nahal Oz on October 7, 2023.

Yishay left his armored vehicle to protect his fellow soldiers from hundreds of terrorists who infiltrated Kibbutz Nahal Oz. He fought valiantly until the end. Yishay will be remembered for bringing joy and happiness to friends and family.







Maj. (res.) Yitzhar Hofman



Maj. (res.) Yitzhar Hofman, a true hero, was a 36-year-old civil engineer from Eshhar who served as company commander of Shaldag, an elite unit of the Israeli Air Force. He fell in northern Gaza on January 31, 2024.

On Oct. 7, he was one of the first responders at Kibbutz Be'eri. After Oct. 7, he fought in Gaza. Yitzhar encouraged his soldiers to realize their full potential. Because of his care for and commitment to others, he earned the respect of all-soldiers, commanders, and colleagues.

Yitzhar always made time for family, friends, and community. He volunteered and mentored local youth, actively contributing to plays and celebrations. He enjoyed bike rides and Shabbat dinners with loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Zohar, and two sons, Beeri and Harel.







Master Sgt. (res.) Yoav Levi



Master Sgt. (res.) Yoav Levi, a man of quiet strength and humility, was a 29-year-old combat soldier from Yehud-Monosson who served in the Gaza Division of the 8208th Reserves Battalion. He was killed in a blast at the Al Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza on January 22, 2024.

Yoav was a travel enthusiast, always seeking adventure. As a soldier, he gave his heart and soul to Israel. He was committed to protecting her past, present and future.







Lt. Col. Yochai Gur Hershberg



Lt. Col. Yochai Gur Hershberg, a kind man who always had a smile, was a 52-year-old business owner from Havat Philip who served as a commander in the Missing Persons Locating Unit of the 98th Division. He was killed in a military car accident in southern Israel on December 5, 2023.

Yochai was committed to caring for and preserving the land, following in the footsteps of his father. He owned Philip Farm, a famous spot for agriculture, tourism, and donkey tours. Yochai is survived by his children, Noya, Roi, Neta, and Itay.







Staff Sgt. Yogev Aharon



Staff Sgt. Yogev Aharon, physically strong and spiritually gentle, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Pardes Hanna who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He was killed confronting Hamas terrorists during their surprise attack on October 7th.

Yogev did everything in his power to ensure Israel could persist with strength. Although very modest and humble, Yogev's whole-hearted efforts merited attention and earned him a certificate of excellence. The youngest of his siblings, he was honored to serve in a combat unit, to be part of a force that was defending what mattered most to him.







Staff Sgt. Yonadav Raz Levenstein



Staff Sgt. Yonadav Raz Levenstein, a man whose empathy knew no bounds, was a 23-year-old combat soldier from Ma'ale Adumim who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Givati Brigade. He fell in a fierce battle in northern Gaza on November 3, 2023.

Known for his wisdom, love of learning, and musical prowess, Yonadav was looking forward to a future together in Israel with his wife, Hadar. Yonadav was killed in action just two months after their wedding. He will be remembered for his ability to see every person for who they truly were.







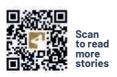
Staff Sgt. Yonatan Golan



Staff Sgt. Yonatan Golan, a man of morals and spirit, was a 21-year-old tank commander from Yehud-Monosson who served in the 77th battalion of the 7th Armored Brigade. He fell protecting others at the Nahal Oz IDF outpost on October 7, 2023.

Yonatan was among the first to bravely confront dozens of infiltrating terrorists from Gaza. After sustaining heavy damage from numerous antitank missiles, the crew decided to abandon the tank. However, as commander, Yonatan made the selfless decision to stay behind – the last one on the tank – providing cover for his comrades to escape. He was killed by enemy fire.

Beyond his military service, Yonatan actively engaged in a youth movement, where his values and spirit inspired countless others. Yonatan was a loyal friend, a natural leader, and a courageous hero.







Capt. Yotam Ben Bassat



Capt. Yotam Ben Bassat, humble and dedicated, 24, served as a training company commander in the Multidimensional Unit. Originally from Bat Hefer, Yotam fell fighting terrorists at Kibbutz Re'im, where he valiantly shielded his comrades while they tended to an injured soldier.

Yotam was known for his kindness and selflessness, working alongside his troops despite his rank as a commander and volunteering to stand guard in lieu of other fatigued soldiers. Yotam's leadership style was always one of quiet, calm efficiency, letting his actions speak for him. This gifted intellectual and tennis athlete will be remembered as a respected leader and a genuine friend.







Sgt. Yotam Hillel



Sgt. Yotam Hillel, a young man with a heart of gold, was a 19-year-old combat soldier from Bareket who served in the Nahal Reconnaissance. He fell in battle while clearing houses of hiding terrorists in Kfar Aza on October 9, 2023.

Yotam spread joy to his fellow soldiers and always looked out for their well-being. He had big dreams of becoming a DJ and a football player, and he spent his free time training on the field. He will be remembered for the happiness he brought to all who knew him.







Staff Sgt. Yoval Ben Yakov



Staff Sgt. Yoval Ben Yakov, characterized by his optimism and unwavering dedication, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Kfar Menahem who served in the 77th Battalion of the 7th Armored Brigade. He fell defending the Zikim base from terrorists on October 7, 2023.

Yoval was known for his discipline, reliability, and exceptional commitment, often going above and beyond the call of duty for a non-commanding soldier due to his genuine love for his mission. His steadfast dedication inspired others in his battalion, as his infectious positivity not only boosted morale but also provided much-needed levity during moments of adversity.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yoval Lopez



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yoval Lopez, a devoted family man, was a 27-year-old combat soldier from Alon Shvut who served in the 9206th Battalion of the 205th Brigade. He tragically lost his life in the devastating Al Maghazi building collapse in central Gaza on January 22, 2023. Alongside 20 other soldiers, he perished when explosives, detonated by a terrorist anti-tank missile and at least one RPG rocket, caused the building to collapse, trapping them inside.

A soccer lover with a great sense of humor, Yoval exuded warmth and kindness. An active father and dutiful son who maintained a close bond with his mother, Yoval cherished his military service and wholeheartedly defended the country he loved so much. He will be remembered for his infectious smile, humility, resilience, and love of life.







Warrant Officer (res.) Yuval Nir



Warrant Officer (res.) Yuval Nir, selfless and empathetic, was a 43-year-old combat soldier from Kfar Ezion who served in the 6646th Battalion of the 646th Paratroopers Reserves Brigade. He was killed during an intense battle in southern Gaza on January 30, 2024, after bravely leading his platoon into a terrorist hideout and confronting the terrorists who aimed to ambush his team.

Despite being older than many of his fellow soldiers, he maintained both physical and mental fitness, easily building rapport with them that resulted in mutual care and deep camaraderie. A lover of Torah studies, he was admired for his humility, humanity, and willingness to put others' safety before his own.

Yuval is survived by his wife, Ayala, and his five children, who will remember him as the kind of person everyone connected with and loved.







Lt. Yuval Yoffe



Lt. Yuval Yoffe, a determined individual unafraid of hard work and brimming with potential, was a 21-year-old platoon commander from Moshav Tzofit who served in the 196th Battalion of the 7th Armored Division. He was killed in a fierce battle near Kissufim on October 11, 2023.

With a passion for sports, music, and travel, Yuval committed himself to rehabilitation and training following a high-school football injury, motivated by his desire to serve his country in the army. Yuval rose through the ranks with ease, from tank commander to officer, earning honors along the way and securing coveted positions. He will be remembered for his diligence, tenacity, and the light he brought to those who knew him.







Capt. (res.) Yuval Zilber



Capt. (res.) Yuval Zilber, a man who did the right things for the right reasons, was a 25-year-old platoon commander from Ramat Gan who served in the 7007th Battalion of the Jerusalem Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on November 1, 2023.

On October 7, Yuval was in Thailand and, even before receiving a call-up order, immediately boarded a flight to Israel to protect his country. The day after his arrival, he reported for duty and stood with his unit. This commitment, along with his modesty and intelligence, characterized every aspect of his life.

Yuval will be remembered for his altruism, integrity, and selflessness.







Master Sgt. (res.) Zechariah Pesach Haber



Master Sgt. (res.) Zechariah Pesach Haber, a dedicated family man with a pure heart, was a 32-year-old combat soldier from Jerusalem who served in the 87th Battalion of the 14th Armored Brigade. He was killed during intense fighting in northern Gaza on January 16, 2024.

Zechariah made aliyah from America with his family at the age of 8 and quickly developed a deep love for Israel. Regarded as a genius, his endless curiosity and thirst for knowledge led him to pursue his passion for agriculture, culminating in his pursuit of a PhD in plant sciences at Tel Aviv University.

Zechariah will be remembered for his deep connection with nature, his devotion to his family, and his love of Torah and the land of Israel. He is survived by his wife, Talia, and their three children, the youngest of whom is just 1 year old.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Zegeye Daniel Kasau



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Zegeye Daniel Kasau, an electrical engineer who fearlessly defended his beliefs, was a 38-year-old combat soldier from Yokne'am Illit who served in the Gaza Division of the 8208th Reserves Battalion. Daniel's life was cut short in the devastating Al Maghazi building collapse tragedy in central Gaza. Alongside 20 other soldiers, he perished when explosives detonated by a terrorist anti-tank missile and at least one RPG rocket caused the building to collapse, trapping them inside.

Daniel was known for putting his family and friends before himself. He was the first to help in any situation, a selflessness he demonstrated once again by being one of the first soldiers to enlist when the war broke out. He was a natural leader, a dedicated soldier, and his children always wanted him to read them stories and put them to bed.

Daniel is survived by his mother, his wife Anguetz, and his two children, Eitan and Liyu, who will remember him for always encouraging them to pursue excellence.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ziv Chen



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ziv Chen, a man whose wisdom belied his years, was a 27-year-old combat soldier from Kfar Saba who served in the 630th Battalion of the Gaza Division's Southern Brigade. He was killed alongside two commanders in an explosion in southern Gaza on February 12, 2024.

The following Sunday, he was supposed to celebrate his first year of marriage to his wife, Hallel, who had recently announced her pregnancy.

Ziv was known for being a devoted Torah scholar and a caring husband. A "compass" to others, he was a man of morals who led by example and will be remembered for the knowledge and happiness he generously shared with all who knew him.







Warrant Officer Ziv Dado



Warrant Officer Ziv Dado, selfless and kindhearted, was a 36-year-old logistics supervisor from Rehovot who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. On October 7, Ziv was en route to save lives at Kibbutz Kissufim when Hamas terrorists attacked and killed him in Mefalsim. His body was taken hostage and brought back to Israel in a special IDF recovery operation.

Ziv was a man of remarkable strength and unwavering dedication. A devoted husband to his wife Maya, and a loving father to five-month-old Maya, he was known for his caring nature, which extended beyond his family to the soldiers he worked with in the Golani Brigade.

Ziv will be remembered for the deep commitment he had to his country, his family, and his brigade, and for the way he consistently placed others before himself.







Maj. Ilay Levy



Maj. Ilay Levy, 24, a solution-oriented young man from Tel Aviv with exceptional intelligence, charm, and humility, served in the 202nd Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He died from an anti-tank missile in Khan Yunis on January 22, 2024.

Throughout the war, llay never lost his sense of purpose, always wholeheartedly believing in the righteousness of the cause. He had a strong love for his country, a deep commitment to his mission of rescuing the hostages, and a natural optimism that endeared him to all around him. He will be remembered for his contagious positivity and for the pride with which he conducted himself. Ilay is survived by his parents and partner, Neri.







Staff Sgt. Noam Haba



Staff Sgt. Noam Haba, a man always willing to see the best in every situation, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Jerusalem who served in the 202nd Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He fell in battle in southern Gaza on February 15, 2024.

Noam was known for his positivity, returning home every Friday from the military with a bouquet of flowers. He dreamed of exploring Europe to watch soccer matches firsthand and valued his close relationships with his siblings and friends.

Because of these deep connections and his unfaltering hope, Noam took it upon himself to uplift the morale of his brigade, demonstrating exceptional leadership. Noam was a light in life, one that will continue to shine on his friends and family for many years to come.







Staff Sgt. Omer Sarah Benjo



Staff Sgt. Omer Sarah Benjo, intelligent and ambitious, was a 20-year-old from Moshav Ge'a who served as a ground collection controller in the 869th Battalion of the Border Defense Corps. She died from a missile strike fired by Hezbollah in Lebanon into Tzfat in northern Israel on February 14, 2024. She was one month shy of completing her military service, although she had intended to continue supporting the war effort.

Omer was known for her prowess in physics and mathematics, which provided her with an inquisitiveness that she applied to all aspects of her life. She wanted to study civil engineering and had plans to travel the world. Omer will be remembered for her independence, her wisdom, and the strength with which she fearlessly voiced her opinions on what was right and just.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ori Yaish



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ori Yaish, who was the embodiment of goodness, was a 27-year-old from Modi'in who served in the 8119th Battalion of the Jerusalem Brigade. Off duty and heading home, Ori was murdered in the terrorist attack at the Reem Junction on February 15, 2024, when an armed terrorist arrived in a stolen car at the bus stop and opened fire toward civilians standing at the station.

Ori served on the Gaza border in the wake of October 7th, was discharged during Hanukkah, and had returned to reserve duty in the Gush Etzion region when his life was tragically cut short.

A sensitive man, Ori always looked for the best in people and regarded others without judgment. His family knew him as a true warrior for justice, someone who spread love, and valued his friends and family above all else.







Staff Sgt. Rotem Sahar-Hadar



Staff Sgt. Rotem Sahar-Hadar, ambitious and joyful, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Kfar Aviv who served in the Paratroopers Reconnaissance. In the aftermath of October 7th, he fought to secure Israel's Gaza envelope communities and later served in Gaza as the commander of a medical squadron. Rotem was killed during a fierce battle against terrorists in Khan Yunis on February 15, 2024.

A handsome boy with a beautiful heart, Rotem was an instructor in the Israeli scouts, a skilled guitarist and pianist, and a basketball player who competed in the JCC Maccabi Games. The eldest in his family, he inspired his three younger brothers and sister: Shaked, Sinai, Carmel, and Shahaf. Rotem was renowned for his mental strength, sheer determination, and ability to consistently achieve his goals, one of which was completing the rigorous training required to serve in the Paratroopers Brigade.

This hero is survived by his parents, Liat and Eyal, and his adoring siblings.







Staff Sgt. Simon Shlomov



Staff Sgt. Simon Shlomov, a man who always wanted to learn more and dive deeper, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Kiryat Bialik who served in the 202nd Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He died confronting terrorists in southern Gaza on February 18, 2024.

A lone soldier who immigrated to Israel from Kazakhstan in 2021, Simon's love of Judaism and thoughtful study of Zionism developed in him a strong commitment to serve. Never content with surface-level understanding or actions, Simon took immense pride in his military service.

Known as cheerful and compassionate, he will be remembered for his loyalty to the Jewish homeland and for the zeal with which he cared for the Jewish people.







Staff Sgt. Haim Meir Eden



Staff Sgt. Haim Meir Eden, a man filled with chutzpah, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Rehovot, who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. After being seriously injured on October 7th, he ultimately lost the fight and succumbed to his wounds on December 9, 2023.

Haim attended Chabad schools and was characterized by his boldness and courage. Known as an exceptionally kind and cheerful young man, his signature shy smile would be quickly belied by his contagious laughter.

Haim is survived by his parents, and thousands attended his funeral.







Maj. (res.) Oren Stern



Maj. (res.) Oren Stern, referred to as the salt of the earth, was a 49-year-old member of Moshav Netiv HaAsara and its alert squad, which is part of the IDF's Border Defense Corps. It was there he was killed, preventing terrorists from reaching families' homes on October 7, 2023.

Oren was known for his kind-hearted nature and generosity, having devoted his life to protecting the village he loved so much. His family recounts the way he looked out for everyone around him and would always greet friends and neighbors with a warm smile. Oren possessed a quiet courage that guided him through his life and will continue to be remembered by all whose lives he touched.

Oren is survived by his loving family, including parents Miki and Tova Stern. Miki is a Holocaust survivor.







Sgt. Salman Eben Marei



Sgt. Salman Eben Marei, 41, a fearless and determined Bedouin IDF soldier from Misgav Shalom, served as a tracker in the Gaza Command Center. He was killed fighting invading terrorists in the battle at Sufa on October 7, 2023.

Salman exemplified the honor and courage of a true soldier, facing combat without hesitation. He was well-respected by his peers, who relied on him for his guidance and kindness. Salman led by example, and his bravery will be emulated by all who knew him.







Sgt. Amitai Even Shoshan



Sgt. Amitai Even Shoshan, ambitious and intentional, was a 20-year-old from Azri'el who was undergoing rigorous instruction in the commando school. While serving in the Oz Brigade, he was killed during combat in Khan Yunis on April 6, 2024, after terrorists emerged from an underground tunnel in a destroyed building and opened fire.

Amitai was always a natural leader, eager to tackle the most challenging tasks and assist those around him. With this spirit, he aimed to become a commando, driven by his patriotism, sense of duty, and desire to undertake what he deemed the most crucial and necessary military role at the time.

Warm and compassionate, Amitai expressed his feelings through thoughtful gifts and had plans to propose to his girlfriend at the end of the month.







Capt. Ido Baruch



Capt. Ido Baruch, 21, a natural leader from Tel Mond, served as a squad commander in the commando training school, specifically in the elite Egoz Unit. Tragically, he lost his life alongside three of his soldiers during combat in Khan Yunis on April 6, 2024, when terrorists emerged from a tunnel in a destroyed building and opened fire.

Ido was never one to shy away from challenges; he inspired those around him to pursue their goals with invigorated determination. Balancing athleticism with creativity, he excelled in the Scouts and mastered both classical and electric guitar. Additionally, he graduated with excellence in the cyber track. Ido's unwavering passion and persistence until the very end will always be remembered.







Sgt. Ilai Zair



Sgt. Ilai Zair, a patriot deeply committed to his nation and his fellow citizens, was a 20-year-old trainee from Kedar undergoing rigorous instruction at the commando school. While serving in the Oz Brigade, he was killed during combat in Khan Yunis on April 6, 2024, after terrorists emerged from an underground tunnel in a destroyed building and opened fire.

llai perpetually strived to excel and offer his utmost to the country he loved. llai's family recounts his zeal for life and his devotion to Israel and Judaism. He will be remembered for his selfless dedication that will allow Israel to persist alongside his memory.







Sgt. Reef Harush



Sgt. Reef Harush, ambitious and altruistic, was a 20-year-old from Kibbutz Ramat David undergoing rigorous training at the commando school. While serving in the Oz Brigade, he was killed during combat in Khan Yunis on April 6, 2024, after terrorists emerged from an underground tunnel in a destroyed building and opened fire.

Reef was a sincere and courageous young man with aspirations to become a combat soldier and defend his country. He dreamt of becoming a security guard at El-Al, exploring the world, and becoming an entrepreneur by opening his own home construction business.

In a letter he left for his family, Reef affirmed his readiness to lay down his life if required for the security of the country's citizens. His selflessness and dedication to the State of Israel and the greater good transcended personal sacrifice.







Staff Sgt. Maoz Morell



Staff Sgt. Maoz Morell, 22, a devoted practitioner of kung-fu from Talmon and a member of the Paratroopers Brigade, was injured February 15 during fighting in the southern Gaza Strip. He succumbed to his wounds on February 19.

Devout and athletic, Maoz enrolled at the Hesder Yeshiva in Kfar Tapuah while enlisting as a paratrooper.

Moaz was on holiday on October 7, but rushed to get his equipment and into the battle in the Re'im area as quickly as possible.

He is survived by his parents Varda and Eitan and four siblings. He was buried on February 20 on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.







Staff Sgt. Amit Bonzel



Staff Sergeant Amit Bonzel, 22, a devotee of soccer and basketball, was killed in combat against Hamas terrorists during fighting in central Gaza on December 6.

A combat sergeant in the Paratroopers Reconnaissance Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade from Shoham, Amit was a highly respected commander and courageous soldier.

From an early age, Amit dreamt of a military career and yearned to fight for the country he so dearly loved.

He is survived by his parents, a sister and a brother.







Sgt. Amit Guetta



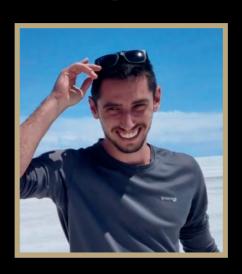
Sgt. Amit Guetta, 21, a brave young man from Rehovot, was killed clearing out the residences near the Gaza border from Hamas terrorists on October 7.

Amit served as a combat soldier in the Maglan Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade.

At the time of his death, he had been married for just two months and was about to finish his combat training in the elite unit.







Master Sgt. (res.) Amit Shahar



Master Sgt. (res.) Amit Shahar, 25, who was known for his wisdom and sensitivity, died in the al-Bureij refugee camp in Gaza on January 8 from explosives that killed him and five others.

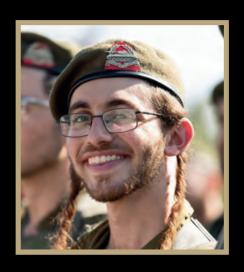
A resident of Ramat Yohanan, Amit served in the Yahalom Special Force Unit under the Engineering Brigade.

Having volunteered for a year in Kibbutz Nir Oz, where he worked in different capacities, Amit was devastated by the terrorist attack at the kibbutz on October 7.

Beloved by all who knew him, Amit was known for his beautiful smile, gentle embrace, and heart of gold. Amit is survived by his parents and two siblings.







Sgt. Ariel Eliyahu



Sgt. Ariel Eliyahu, 19, from Mitzpe Yericho, who used to go to the parks in Yerucham to sing Shabbat songs for the children, was killed in the battles of Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7, serving in combat in the Armored Brigade 77th Battalion 7th Brigade.

Ariel studied at Yeshivat HaZor'im in the moshav of HaZor'im, where he enjoyed studying Torah and taking frequent trips, fostering his love for nature and the land of Israel.

An impassioned student of life, Ariel loved reading, both in Hebrew and English, and became an award-winning talented photographer.

Known for his singular nobility, maturity, and seriousness, Ariel was a modest and studious young man. Ariel is survived by his parents and six siblings.







Sgt. Ariel Ohana



Sgt. Ariel Ohana, 19, a basketball player with a perpetual smile from Revadim, was serving in the 890 Paratroopers Battalion and was killed in Be'eri on October 8.

After the invasion in Be'eri, Ariel took part in a raid on one of the kibbutz houses, where terrorists had barricaded themselves after massacring the occupants of the building. When the unit commander was injured, Ariel took over, killing seven terrorists, before he was felled, saving many of his fellow soldiers in the battle.

Ariel was captain of his basketball team until he graduated and enlisted. His team was renamed Hapoel Yoav Tzafit – Ariel in his honor.







Capt. Ariel Reich



Capt. Ariel Reich, 24, an ambitious combat officer in the Armored Brigade, 77th Battalion, was killed, along with fourteen other soldiers, during battles in northern Gaza on October 31.

During intense fighting, his team's armored personnel carrier was hit by an anti-tank missile fired at them.

At the start of the fighting, Ariel, who was from Jerusalem, had been taking a platoon commander's course. He returned to his battalion and served as a deputy platoon commander.

Just before the war began, Ariel proposed to Noa, his partner, and the couple celebrated their engagement with their families.







Capt. (res.) Arnon Moshe Avraham Benvenisti Vaspi Capt. (res.) Arnon Moshe Avraham Benvenisti Vaspi, 26, who was charming and beloved by all, served in the reserves as an officer in the Givati Brigade Reconnaissance Battalion and was killed in northern Gaza on November 20.

Born in Los Angeles, Arnon made Aliyah during his childhood and lived in Yesud HaMa'ala,

Amon's deep commitment to protect his homeland was in part inspired by his grandfather's death in the Yom Kippur War and his uncle's death in the first Lebanon War. In fact, Arnon's deep family military heritage led to five sons being killed in action through Israel's wars.

Amon planned to establish a horse farm with his girlfriend, whom he planned to get engaged to after the war. He is buried beside his grandfather and uncle.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Aviad Gad Cohen



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Aviad Gad Cohen, 41, a truly valiant member of the alert squad of his hometown, Shlomit, was killed fighting the invading terrorists on October 7.

The first to arrive at the Pri Gan settlement, the squad was greatly outnumbered and came under heavy fire but managed to bravely save Pri Gan from massacre.

Pri Gan was the only settlement where terrorists managed to penetrate, and yet no resident was killed, thanks to the commendable courage of the alert squad who defended the settlement with their bodies.

Aviad is survived by his wife and their six children.







Chief Warrant Officer (res.) Avraham Fleisher



Chief Warrant Officer (res.) Avraham Fleisher, 63, a hardworking and funny man and a member of the alert squad of Shlomit, died at the battle of Magen on October 7.

Dozens of terrorists armed with rocket launchers and guns invaded the kibbutz, exploding the main gate of the settlement. For over seven hours the alert squad fought off the terrorists until the army force arrived. Avraham was the only casualty from the alert squad in that fight.

Avraham was considered a humble and upstanding man: a man of deeds, not words.

He is survived by his wife and their three children.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Barak Ayalon



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Barak Ayalon, 45, was killed in a Hezbollah anti-tank missile attack in Kfar Yuval on January 14.

Barak, who served as a member of the Kfar Yuval Civilian Emergency Response Team, part of the Border Defense corps, was killed when the anti-tank missile directly hit his home.

His mother, Mira Ayalon, was critically injured in the attack and later passed away of her injuries.







Maj. Ben Shelly



Maj. Ben Shelly, 26, a deeply principled and purpose-driven man from Kidron, was killed in a battle evacuating the wounded to a hospital in Shajaiya, Gaza on December 3.

A platoon commander in the elite 669th Unit specializing in heliborne combat, search and rescue, and extraction, Ben encountered a fierce battle assisting the Golani Brigade. His team was hit by an exploding device killing Ben instantly. Eight other soldiers fell on that same day.

Always striving for success, Ben was perpetually concerned for the welfare of Israel and its people.







Staff Sgt. Benyamin Belay



Staff Sgt. Benyamin Belay, 20, a modest and industrious young man from Rehovot, who served as a driver in the southern Gaza brigade, died in the battle at the Kissufim outpost on October 7.

Benyamin, who tended to keep a low profile and deflect praise, served one week on base, one week off. When home, he worked in a neighborhood bakery.

He was very family-oriented and loved to travel and had planned to celebrate his girlfriend Karen's birthday in Prague. His dream, he told Karen, was to one day take care of his parents.

Benyamin is survived by his parents and his four siblings.







Sgt. Benyamin Gavriel Yona



Sgt. Benyamin Gavriel Yona, 19, a caring and fearless music lover from Jerusalem, was killed during the October 7th attack near the settlements at the Gaza border.

A heavy truck driver in the 947 Battalion of the Air Defense Command, Benyamin died on a mission refilling ammunition of the Iron Dome in the area.

Aware of the extremely perilous situation, he drove ahead, taking time only to call his sister to warn their family to lock their doors.

Working from an early age to help support his family, Benyamin was perpetually helpful and adored by all.







Staff Sgt. Birhanu Kassie



Staff Sgt. Birhanu Kassie, 22, a brave patriot who loved his adopted country, served in a Givati Brigade Reconnaissance Battalion from Beit Shemesh. He was killed by an exploding device in Khan Younis on October 7.

Birhanu, who made aliyah with his family in 2010 from Ethiopia, fought in Nahal Oz against numerous terrorists, bravely rescuing and evacuating civilians to safety.

A sweet and loving family man, Birhanu was proud to protect the State of Israel.

He is survived by his parents and seven siblings.







Staff Sgt. Boris Dunavetski



Staff Sgt. Boris Dunavetsky, 21, from Kiryat Bialik, loved to cook and yearned to protect the Jewish homeland, was serving in the Armored Battalion in the 401 Brigade from Kiryat Bialik, and killed by anti-tank missile and explosive device in Gaza on December 17.

Boris, a Lone Soldier, who made aliyah alone from Russia, studied physics at school and planned to learn engineering when he completed his military service.

After school, he participated in a gap year leadership program in Ma'ale Adumim and was known for his calm, confident nature.

A true hero, Boris loved the army and wanted nothing more than to defend his beloved Israel.







Staff Sgt. Daniel Moshe Danino



Staff Sgt. Daniel Moshe Danino, 21, a happy and helpful beloved young man, serving as a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade, was killed at the Erez Crossing on October 7.

A resident of Haifa, Daniel fought against the first wave of terrorists that infiltrated Israel, battling until the end while shielding his fellow soldiers and saving the women in the military operations room from massacre.

Daniel, who relished the outdoors, was passionate about Golani's 13th battalion and the Maccabi Haifa soccer club, often watching games with his neck wrapped in his Maccabi Haifa scarf.

Daniel is survived by his parents and two sisters.







Maj. (res.) David Haim Meir



Major (res.) David Haim Meir, 31, a lover of sports and music from Jerusalem, who served as a combat soldier in the Sayeret Matkal Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade, was killed in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7.

The embodiment of a true family man, David was a loving, devoted husband, and doting father. In his final selfless act, he expressed his love to his wife and son, and apologized to them.

An avid hiker, David loved playing music and singing Israeli songs. He was a truly loving, kind, and sensitive individual, beloved by all who knew him. Daniel is survived by his wife, Anat, a 7-month-old baby, his parents, and six siblings.







Sgt. David Mittelman



Sgt. David Mittelman, 20, a courageous Golani soldier from Modiin Illit, was killed battling Hamas terrorists at the Kissufim outpost on October 7. David served in the Golani Brigade 51st Battalion.

He and fellow Golani soldiers Sgt. Noam Ben Mucha and Sgt. Tomer Nagar were slain as they repelled the first wave of Hamas terrorists at the gate of the base. Their bravery and relentless fight saved their fellow soldiers at the outpost by killing dozens of terrorists, preventing them from infiltrating the base and murdering everyone on it.

David is survived by his parents, Tamar and Avraham, and his eight siblings, Yael, Sara, Yaffa, Hagit, Ayala, Meir, Mali and Shlomit. He was buried on October 10 in Petah Tikya.







Maj. David Nati Alfasi



Maj. David Nati Alfasi, 27, a dedicated soccer fan and deputy commander of the Paratroopers Brigade 202nd Battalion, from Be'er Sheva, was killed by anti-tank missile file in the battles in Khan Younis on January 22.

Distraught by the October 7 invasion and massacre, David was compelled to restore security to the residents of the State of Israel and vowed to fight until the last of the hostages came home.

Working towards a professional career in the army, the devoted husband and father planned to take his son to a soccer game to watch Maccabi Haifa, his favorite team.

Nati left behind his wife and their one-yearold son.







Staff Sgt. David Ratner



Staff Sgt. David Ratner, 20, of Ashdod, who loved shooting hoops, and served as a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade 13 Battalion, was killed in a battle with 400 Hamas terrorists who stormed his army base on October 7.

A brave young soldier and a true hero, David was felled while dutifully protecting the citizens of Israel. Even though he was shot in the neck two hours into the clash, he continued fighting for another eight hours, killing approximately thirty terrorists and helping save five soldiers from his platoon.

David's former commander said, "...he was the best fighter I've ever seen in my life, the first for any mission, and the last to complain."

In his childhood, he excelled playing basketball for the youth teams of Maccabi Ashdod. David is survived by his parents, Haim and Miriam.







Staff Sgt. David Sasson



Staff Sgt. David Sasson, 21, of Ganot Hadar, a beach-loving young man, was killed serving in the prestigious Oketz Canine Unit of the Marom Brigade during fighting in the southern Gaza Strip on March 6.

Recognized as an exceptionally gifted young man, David loved music and barbecuing for his family during his breaks from the army. Every moment in his breaks were filled with seeing his many friends. One of his closest friends in the Oketz unit eulogized David's special nature, "...yesterday, the whole team sat down to reminisce about you. Everyone had a situation in which you saved them with your smile. We will always have a missing piece in the team."

David is survived by his parents, Tal and Hagit, two sisters, and his partner, Yael.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.)
David Schwartz



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) David Schwartz, 26, a gentle and loving soul, who served as a combat soldier in the Combat Engineering Corps' 8219
Battalion, was killed on January 8th by an antitank missile in Khan Younis.

A resident of Elazar, David was killed along with his good friend from yeshiva, Yakir Hexter.

Very wise yet always modest, David studied at Derech Avot High School and the Hesder program at Yeshivat Har Etzion to continue with his Torah studies.

He is survived by his wife, Meital, his parents, Sara and Yair, and five brothers, Ehud, Yisroel, Shai, Guzi and Yudi.







Maj. David Shakuri



Maj. David Shakuri, 30, an avid tennis player and dutiful soldier from Rehovot, serving as Deputy Commander of the Combat Engineering Corps' 601st Battalion was killed in northern Gaza on February 6.

Admired by his fellow officers, David was the perennial professional commander, always caring and looking out for others. He was known for his generosity of spirit, exemplified by his always eating meals with his soldiers, even while he could have eaten in the officers' area.

A loving and dedicated family man, David was a quiet and modest person with a big, open heart, always happy to help out in any way he could. He is survived by his wife, Dafna, their fourteenmonth-old daughter, his parents, and six younger siblings.







Capt. Dekel Suissa



Capt. Dekel Suissa, 23, a valiant young man from Bar Giora who served as a platoon commander in the Golani Brigade,13th Battalion, was killed at the Paga outpost on October 7.

When the first RPG hit the post early that morning, Dekel, who was the only officer at the base, instantly became the base commander and had to lead the operation and defense. After more than four hours of intense fighting and outnumbered by the terrorists, Dekel instructed the air force to bomb the position and was killed helping an injured comrade, still fending off and eliminating five terrorists as he died.

Thanks to Dekel's bravery, most of the soldiers survived and the position did not fall or surrender.

The youngest in his family, Dekel studied at the Pre-Military Academy in Haifa, then attended a gap year in Atlanta under the Jewish Agency for Israel. Dekel is survived by his parents, Moshe and Gila, and three older siblings.







Capt. (res.) Denis Krokhmalov Veksler



Capt. (res.) Denis Krokhmalov Veksler, 32, a true Zionist and patriot, was killed by explosives with five other soldiers in the al-Bureij refugee camp in Gaza on January 8.

Denis, who served as a combat officer in the Yahalom special forces unit of the Combat Engineering Corps, made aliyah alone, in the settlement of Nitzana, and enlisted in an elite unit.

He was so dedicated to the army, he had a tattoo of his unit's emblem emblazoned on his chest.

After his service, Dennis returned to Nitzana to lead other young emigres to serve in vital military roles. He planned to study at the Technion in the Faculty of Aerospace Engineering and Space.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Dennis Yekimov



Sergeant Major (res.) Dennis Yekimov, 33, a salt of the earth kind of man, was killed leading the force spearheading the fighting in Khan Younis in southern Gaza on March 2.

Dennis, who lived in Be'er Sheva, served as a combat soldier in the Bislamach Brigade's 17th Battalion.

Strong and wise, Dennis served as a role model to many. He had was in the midst of writing a book about the very war in which he died a true hero.

After his death, a painting of his daughter was found in his wallet. Dennis is survived by his wife and daughter, his father, and three siblings.







Staff Sgt. Dolev Amouyal



Staff Sgt. Dolev Amouyal, 21, of Netanya, was killed on October 7 by an anti-tank missile strike, serving as a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

He was killed in the intense battles on Kibbutz Nahal Oz, while defending Israeli citizens from Hamas terrorists and evacuating wounded.

Beloved by one and all, Dolev was known for always lending a hand and his penchant for bringing people together. With a perennial sparkle in his eye, Dolev was the brightest light of his family.

Dolev is survived by his parents, Yaniv and Yael, and his younger brother, Or.







Sgt. Dolev Malca



Sergeant Dolev Malca,19, a young man with a generous heart and joyous soul, was killed on March 1 in an explosion of mines near where he was stationed in southern Gaza.

A resident of Shlomi, Doley served as a combat soldier in the Nachshon Battalion of the Kfir Brigade.

Harboring a diehard passion for soccer, Dolev was a devoted fan of Maccabi Tel Aviv.

A born leader who was the first to lend a hand, Doley volunteered for Magen David Adom during high school.

He had a positive attitude, a ready smile, and treated everyone with respect and kindness. Dolev is survived by his parents, Ari and Sivan, and two siblings.







Staff Sgt. Dor Lazimi



Staff Sgt. Dor Lazimi, 21, a bold fighter and a true friend, was killed on October 7 battling Hamas terrorists at the Nahal Oz outpost.

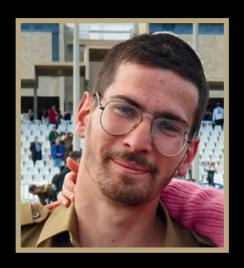
A Golani soldier from Kfar Tavor, Dor demonstrated courage to the end, fighting off terrorists along with comrades at the base's entrance, enabling about twenty soldiers to safely reach shelter.

A music lover and guitar player, Dor volunteered for Krembo Wings, an organization that helps children with special needs.

Dor is survived by his parents, Sharon and David, and his siblings, May and Bar. He was buried on October 12 in Kfar Tayor.







Capt. Eitan Fisch



Capt. Eitan Fisch, 23, a multi-talented young man with a huge heart from Peduel, was killed by an anti-tank missile in northern Gaza on December 4.

A tank officer in the 188 Armored Brigade's 53 Battalion, Eitan demonstrated quick thinking and decisive action, helping to save and rescue dozens of Golani fighters before he was felled.

A devoted family man, Eitan played several instruments, loved to draw and was always at the ready to help anyone and everyone.

Eitan is survived by his parents and seven siblings.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Elhanan Ariel Klein



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Elhanan Ariel Klein, 29, a devoted husband and father from the settlement of Einav, was killed in a West Bank shooting attack on November 2.

At the time of the attack, Elhanan was returning home from reserve duty in the 9221st Battalion, where he served as a squad commander.

The attack took place on the Route 557 highway, close to the Palestinian town of Bayt Lid.

His car overturned after being shot at by Palestinian terrorists, and he was pronounced him dead at the scene.

Elhanan is survived by his wife and their four children, the youngest of whom was born after he died.







Capt. (res.) Elhanan Meir Kalmanson



Captain (res.) Elhanan Meir Kalmanson, 41, a natural leader and remarkably brave patriot from Otniel, was killed in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 8.

An officer in the Judea and Samaria Brigade Command Center, Elhanan rushed to the kibbutz with his brother and nephew, forming an ad hoc family rescue team.

The courageous trio went house to house to rescue residents under fire, freeing people who'd been trapped for hours. Storming into the last house to be cleared, Elhanan, who led the way, was killed. This group, nicknamed "Elhanan's team" is being honored with an Israel Prize for "civilian heroism."

Elhanan worked for the Mossad and was the security chief for Otniel.

He is survived by his wife, Shlomit, five children, Shai, Tal, Mevaser, Keren, and Hod, his parents, Benny and Yochi, and his siblings.







Lt. Sahar Tal



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Eliran Yeger, 36, who loved food, fitness and travel, was killed in the Khan Younis in Gaza on January 25.

A resident of Tel Aviv, Eliran served in the Combat Engineering Corps' 8170th Battalion in the Givati brigade and was completely devoted to his fellow soldiers, whom he considered lifelong friends.

An engineer in the tech industry, Eliran planned to focus his energies on training for and completing a full Iron Man contest once his children were grown.

He is survived by his wife, Raya, and their son and daughter.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Eliraz Gabai



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Eliraz Gabai, 37, a man whose steadfast bravery and determination helped encourage and motivate others, was killed on December 30 in battles in Gaza.

A resident of Petah Tikva, Eliraz served as a combat soldier in the reserves of 7810th Battalion of the Yiftach Brigade. One week before he was killed, he was injured by shrapnel, but deferred treatment to keep fighting.

A former diving instructor turned pension advisor, Eliraz left behind a wife, who became pregnant shortly before the war, parents, Herzl and Aviva, and a sister.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Elisha Yehonatan Lober



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Elisha Yehonatan Lober, 24, a devout, emotional and earnest young man, was killed in the battles in Gaza on December 25.

A resident of Yitzhar, Elisha served in the of the 179th Reserve Armored Brigade's 8104th Battalion.

A former youth coordinator, Elisha was a student in the Yeshiva of Roee Israel and worked for the Shomron Regional Council.

Elisha is survived by his wife, Aviya, who is pregnant, their ten-month-old son, parents, Chagai and Techiya, and eight siblings.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Abraham Gabriel Korin



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Abraham Gabriel Korin, 56, a kind father of three, was a member of the Border Defense Corps' alert squad and died defending his community, Kibbutz Holit against the merciless Hamas terrorists who infiltrated Israel on October 7.

Avi was originally from Argentina and made aliya out of love for Israel, inspired by his parents' active involvement in the Buenos Aires Jewish community. Remembered as a kind and good person, his readiness to face danger to shield others from harm prevented an even greater tragedy.

Avi is survived by his children, Ido, Ella, and Yahel, his parents, Moshe and Sarah, his siblings, Victoria, Daniel, and Ariel.







Sgt. Achia Daskal



Sergeant Achia Daskal, 19, a scholarly reader of philosophy and Torah, who served in the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion, was killed in a difficult battle in Shujaiya in northern Gaza on December 12.

Born and raised in Haifa, Achia was educated at yeshiva in Haifa and later at Yeshivat Hesder at Kiryat Shmona.

A gentle, introverted soul with a huge and kind heart, Achia was beloved by everyone. Along with his brothers, he was a devoted fan of Real Madrid Soccer Club and dreamt of one day attending a game at their new stadium. Heralded by those who knew him as being exceptionally goal-oriented, he was determined to become part of Golani, and dreamed of joining the elite Egoz Unit.

Achia is survived by his parents, Meir and Shlomit, and eight siblings.







Staff Sgt. Adam Agmon



Staff Sgt. Adam Agmon, 21, a dedicated soldier and devoted sports enthusiast from Kamon, was killed on October 7 during the fighting at Kissufim.

A squad commander of 450th Battalion from the Bismach Brigade (the School for Infantry Corps Professions and Squad Commanders), Adam and his team rushed to Kibbutz Nirim, which had been infiltrated by about fifty armed Hamas terrorists. They then moved on to Kibbutz Kissufim, where their squad was tragically overpowered.

Adam was passionate about soccer and a loyal fan of Hapoel Haifa, and a big fan of rugby, a game beloved in his native New Zealand, where his parents were Shlichim at the time.

Adam was a beacon of light to his friends and family, who remember him for illuminating every room with his smile. He is survived by his parents, Oren and Shlomit, and a brother, Yahel.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adi Shani



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adi Shani, 39, a perennial soccer fan, was killed during heavy fighting in the northern Gaza Strip on December 6.

A resident of Tzur Yitzhak, Adi served as the commander of the 6036th logistics unit's patrol company. Known by all as "a loved man, a loving man," his commander eulogized him, saying, "...from the first moment you were a rock of stability for me and for your friends. It is hard to describe the void that Adi left when he left."

He is survived by his wife, Lior, and three daughters, Yuval, Gaia, and Tomer, his parents, and two sisters.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ahmad Abu Latif



Sgt. First Class (res.) Ahmad Abu Latif, 26, a brave Bedouin reservist in the 261 Brigade's 8208 Battalion, was killed on January 22 while serving in Gaza.

Ahmad was one of twenty-one IDF soldiers killed in the deadliest single incident since the Gaza ground operation began. His team came under RPG attack, triggering a blast that collapsed two buildings with the soldiers still inside them.

A resident of Rahat who worked as a security guard at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Ahmad didn't hesitate to join the fight, knowing Hamas didn't differentiate between Jews and Arabs.

Ahmad passionately believed in coexistence and collaboration among the diverse people of Israel and said, "For me, the people I live and work with are my brothers and sisters, and we all live together and respect each other in our land. I am proud to be a Bedouin who served in the IDF...I had the privilege to defend and protect in a meaningful service that I will never forget."

Ahmad is survived by his wife, eleven-month-old daughter, and eleven siblings







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Akiva Yasinskiy



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Akiva Yasinskiy, 35, a convert to Judaism and a frequent volunteer, was killed in an explosion in the Bureij refugee camp in Gaza on January 8.

A combat soldier in the Etzioni Brigade Engineering Battalion 8173, from Ramat Gan, Akiva made aliya in 2002 from Ukraine.

Studying at a religious school, Akiva connected with Judaism and decided to convert. Akiva fought tirelessly to protect Israel in Operation Cast Lead, Operation Pillar of Cloud, and Operation Protective Edge. He recently finished his degree in mechanical engineering.

Fearless and determined, Akiva created an atmosphere of security for his loved ones and maintained his religious traditions throughout his service.

He is survived by his wife, Olga.







Sgt. Amir Lavi



Sgt. Amir Lavi,19, a gifted guitar player and artist, was killed in the Sufa outpost in the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7.

A resident of Ein Karem in Jerusalem, Amir was serving in the Nahal Brigade's 50th Battalion when terrorists infiltrated their outpost. Mortar bombs rained down, gunfire erupted, and Amir and his comrades were quickly engaged in a fierce battle.

At 7:06 AM, amidst the chaos and suffering from a wounded leg, Amir took a moment to write a message to his mother, expressing his love for her, even as he continued to fight on.

Outnumbered, Amir's squad fought courageously until the very end, taking down countless terrorists, before succumbing to their fate.







Master Sgt. (res.) Bechor Swid



Master Sgt. (res.) Bechor Swid, 32, who loved working with his hands, traveling in the country, and riding quad bikes, was killed on October 7.

A member of the Border Defense Force squad of Shlomit, where he lived, Bechor rushed to join his squad that morning. Along the way, he was ambushed by terrorists, and eventually felled in battle at Magen Junction.

After school, Bechor enlisted in the Givati Brigade and served as a combat soldier. He taught for seven years, before switching careers to do landscape architecture.

He had a deep connection with his daughters, whom he would often take hiking.

He is survived by his wife, Na'orah and their three children.







Master Sgt. (res.)
Daniel Yacov Ben Harosh



Master Sgt. (res.) Daniel Yacov Ben Harosh, 31, a gregarious person who always wanted to help friends and family, was killed on December 18 in battles in the northern Gaza Strip.

A resident of Alon, Daniel served in the reserves as a combat soldier in the Paratroopers Brigade 6551 Battalion.

A fitness trainer and physiotherapist, Daniel was an excellent student, a hard worker and devoted husband who truly loved his country. On October 7, he arrived at the base before the call-up ready to defend families and fight for the future of Israel.

As one of his close friends painfully eulogized Daniel, "He had a very big presence and anything related to volunteering, he is always there, always happy, always smiling..."

He is survived by his wife Hadar and their twoyear-old son.







Staff Sgt. David Bogdanovskyi



Staff Sgt. David Bogdanovskyi, 19, an avid surfer and windsurfer who loved animals, studied robotics and practiced karate, was killed by an anti-tank missile along with three other soldiers in southern Gaza on December 23.

David served as a combat soldier in the 603 Combat Engineering Battalion.

He moved with his family from Ukraine to Haifa a decade ago. His dream had been to serve the country as a soldier. David graduated from Dror School in Kiryat Eliezer.

He was cheerful, modest, mature and responsible: the first to help his friends and commanders, always with grace and charm.

David is survived by his parents, Vadim and Yulia, and siblings.







Staff Sgt. Dvir Barazani



Staff Sgt. Dvir Barazani, 20, an accomplished swimmer from Jerusalem who yearned to be a paratrooper, was killed in the battles on November 19 in north Gaza serving in the 890 Paratroopers Brigade's 890th Battalion. He was felled in a tragic accident involving fire from his own forces.

Known for his prowess in short-distance races, Dvir trained consistently, eventually joining an adult team. He later completed a lifeguard course and became an instructor at his club. During his army leave, he frequently returned to the club to indulge in his love for swimming.

Dvir's teammates eulogized "the heart of the swim team" by sharing their thoughts about him, "Dvir, no matter how many good things we say about you, it won't be enough and no matter how many compliments we say here, those who didn't know you will never understand what an amazing and special person you were."

Dvir is survived by his parents and two sisters.







Master Sgt. (res.) Etan Naeh



Master Sgt.(res.) Etan Naeh, 26, a fourthgeneration member of Sde Eliyahu kibbutz who loved playing basketball, was killed in Gaza on December 17, serving as a combat soldier in the Commando Brigade's Duvdevan special forces unit.

After high school, he spent two years at the "Alei" leadership gap year program.

Following his military service, he went on a twomonth journey along the "Israel Trail," then set out for an adventure in South America.

Returning to the kibbutz, he worked in agriculture and started a program at a preparatory school for graduates of ultra-orthodox education in Jerusalem.

Etan is survived by his parents, Avishai and Keren, brother and sister, Da'el and Amaliya, and his qirlfriend, Shira.







Maj. (res.) Eviatar Cohen



Maj. (res.) Eviatar Cohen, 42, a people person who managed to touch the hearts of everyone he met, was killed on December 10 in southern Gaza. serving as a training officer in the 8111 Reserves Battalion of the 5th Brigade.

A resident of Kfar Saba, Eviatar worked and excelled as a mechanical engineer and project manager at Coca-Cola. Profoundly wise, Eviatar had an illuminating smile and a heart of gold. Quiet and modest, he carried out his tasks with humility and unwavering loyalty and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife, Tami, and their four children, Daniel, Hadas, Eitan, and Yuval, and parents, Israel and Yaffe.







Staff Sgt. Evyatar Ohayon



Staff Sgt. Evyatar Ohayon, 22, a ceramicist, music lover and hiker from Jerusalem who loved to prepare tea in nature, was killed at Kissufim post in the October 7 attack, serving as an ambulance driver in the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion.

The eldest of six siblings, Evyatar studied in a Chabad school, after which he joined a leadership gap-year program.

Known for his earnest and honest character, Evyatar was a deeply principled young man who pursued justice and peace. Wherever he went, he left his mark, living life fully and always sporting a smile.

His motto was, "The skies are always blue even if there are clouds."

Evyatar is survived by his parents, Jacob and Yasmin, six siblings, Laur-El, Miriam, Ruth, Israel, Noam, and Tilah.







Capt. Eyal Klein



Capt. Eyal Klein, 22, who loved riding off-road motorcycles, traveling the country's trails, running long distances, and hopping to every stream with his dog and his friends, was killed on October 7 serving as a combat soldier in the Nahal Brigade Reconnaissance Unit.

A resident of Kfar HaRif, Eyal, along with his team, were attacked by heavy rocket fire between Kibbutz Sufa and the Sufa base. Eyal took command, but his men only had personal weapons, fighting terrorists with grenades and missiles.

After he was killed and the fighting raged on for several more hours, the dehydrated men found his water bottle – Eyal was always prepared for combat – which aided in their survival, even after he was gone.







Master Sgt. (res.) Eyal Meir Berkowitz



Master Sgt. (res. Eyal Meir Berkowitz, 28, modest, remarkably wise, and a patriot, who. enjoyed painting and playing basketball, was killed in southern Gaza on December 7.

A resident of Jerusalem, Eyal served in the reserves as a combat soldier in the heliborne combat search and rescue extraction unit 669. Eyal was among the team of soldiers whose mission was to rescue two of the hostages' bodies. They succeeded in their mission, but Eyal was killed during this daring operation.

An agreeable man who did everything asked of him with joy, Eyal was content in every aspect of his life. He was a man of truth, admired and beloved by all and a deep source of pride for his family.

Eyal is survived by his wife, Michal, parents, Shemaya and Riki, and his siblings.







Capt. Eyal Mevorach Twito



Capt. Eyal Mevorach Twito, 22, a leader and entrepreneur who'd kept a war journal, was killed by an anti-tank missile in Khan Younis on January 22. He was serving as Platoon Commander in the Paratroopers Brigade's 202nd battalion and lived in Beit Gamliel.

One of five siblings, Eyal grew up in a Zionist and value-driven family. After studying at the AMIT Yeshiva in Rehovot, he joined a gap year program in Baltimore on behalf of the Jewish Agency.

In his journal, he wrote, "What am I fighting for? My country - the essence for which I live. My land - every piece of land in my amazing country, the most beautiful place in the world."

Eyal is survived by his parents, Moti and Shiri, and four siblings.







Maj. Eyal Shuminov



Major Eyal Shuminov, 24, a legendary commander of the Tzabar Battalion's platoon from Karmiel, was killed by a missile strike during a raid on the Zaytoun neighborhood in northern Gaza Strip on February 24.

Eyal served as a company commander in the Givati Brigade's Shaked battalion.

Admired by his soldiers, Eyal was known to implore them to develop and improve, to become the best soldiers and individuals they could be.

He is survived by his parents, Asher and Flora, and a brother and sister.







Maj. Gal Becher



Maj. Gal Becher, 34, who was always surrounded by friends and family, was killed in a military accident near the Gaza border on December 12.

A resident of Oranit, Gal served as a training officer in the 36th division.

Known to live life to the fullest but always with a healthy dose of humility, Gal, along with his family, were fond of exploring the countryside on weekends.

He is survived by his wife Lior, who also serves as an officer in the army, their two young sons, Noam and Omer, his parents, and siblings.







Staff Sgt. Gal Hershko



Staff Sgt. Gal Hershko, 20, an intelligent young man who loved basketball and served as squad commander in the Combat Engineering Corps' 603rd Battalion, was killed by an anti-tank missile that hit his armored vehicle in south Gaza on December 23. Three other soldiers were killed in the incident.

Gal, who was from Kibbutz Yiftach, was considered a person of unwavering integrity, very wise, and endearingly sociable. His joie de vivre was contagious, and he was loved by everyone who knew him.

Devoted to his family, Gal was particularly close with his little sister, Michal, whom he considered the dearest thing to him in the world. Gal is survived by his parents and sister, Michal.







Master Sgt. (res.) Gal Meir Eisenkot



Master Sgt. (res.) Gal Meir Eisenkot, 25, a rare combination of serious and funny who always knew the right thing to say, was killed by an explosion on December 7 searching for terrorists in Jabaliya. Gal was the son of former Chief of the General Staff and current War Cabinet Minister Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot.

A resident of Herzliya, Gal served in the reserves as a combat soldier in the elite 669 Unit, a heliborne combat search and rescue extraction unit. At the time of his death, he was taking part of an operation that led to the recovery of two hostage bodies. Gal's father, Gadi, eulogized his youngest son, saying, "...when you grew up, I admired your unfathomable seriousness alongside your sense of humor. Excellence was your way of life...you were very proud of your family, but you always wanted to stand for yourself."

Admired by his nephews, he was smart, wise, and an outstanding warrior, with the uncanny ability to unify those around him. A fan of extreme activities, Gal left a lasting impact on everyone he encountered.

Gal is survived by his parents, Gadi and Hannah, and four older siblings.







Staff Sgt. Gal Mishaelof



Staff Sgt. Gal Mishaelof, 21, a devoted soccer fan from Modiin who served as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar Battalion, was killed on November 19 during an operational activity near Al-Rantisi Hospital in Gaza.

He enlisted on August 21 and underwent the tryouts for the Division Reconnaissance Unit. An exceptionally skilled soldier, Gal had wished to follow in his brother Raz's footsteps: Raz also served in the Tzabar battalion.

An inspirational and always-smiling commander, Gal was known for his facility at problem solving.

He was a huge fan of the Hapoel Tel Aviv football and basketball clubs and often went to matches with his grandfather, with whom he was very close. Gal is survived by his parents, Nir and Tali, and siblings, Raz and Mika.







Staff Sgt. Gali Roy Shakotai



Staff Sgt. Gali Roy Shakotai, 21, a wise, ethical, friendly, and beloved young man and talented basketball player, was killed in battle at the Sufa outpost on October 7, serving as a combat soldier in the Nahal Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit.

Despite the chaos of that day, Gali succeeded in rescuing several injured soldiers and ushering them to safety.

A resident of Tzofar and "child of the desert," Gali loved to explore and particularly loved the desert, which he could see from his home. Loved by his community, they eulogized, "Until his last day, Gali chose to do and to act on behalf of others. He had the ability to make people happy, to make them laugh, and to extend a sensitive and warm hand to every friend who needed him." He dreamed of working on the family farm and becoming a basketball coach.

Gali is survived by his parents, Reuven and Osher, and younger siblings, Noam, Shiraz, and Talia.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.)
Gavriel Bloom



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Gavriel Bloom, 27, who had a passion for dancing and often danced as if nobody was watching, served as a combat engineer in the Etzioni Brigade's Engineering Battalion 8173. He was killed in an explosion in Bureij refugee camp in Gaza on January 8.

A resident of Bet Shemesh, Gabriel studied mechanical engineering at the Sami Shamoon College of Engineering. In Be'er Sheva, he also met his great love, with whom he shared his life for the past year and a half.

A talented painter, Gabriel also loved fixing and building things around the house. He possessed inner strength and a simple joy for life that made him loved by everyone he encountered.

Gavriel is survived by his parents, David and Jennifer, his five siblings, and his partner, Miri.







Capt. (res.) Gavriel Shani



Capt. (res.) Gavriel Shani, 28, driven by ideals and filled with a sense of mission, was killed on January 30 in an encounter with a terrorist in the southern Gaza Strip, while serving as a division commander in the 6646 Patrol Battalion, Formation 646.

A resident of Eli, Gavriel enlisted with the paratroopers in July 2015. Guided by his values, Gavriel was a religious man, perpetually aspiring to help others. After finishing his regular army service, he studied at a post-army yeshiva.

A devoted family man who was dedicated to his country, Gavriel always walked quietly, with humility and modesty.

He is survived by his wife, Yuval, and their two children.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gideon Ilani



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gideon Ilani, 35, a brilliant doctoral candidate in astrophysics who served in reserves as a combat soldier in the 55 Paratroopers Brigade, was killed on December 10 in Gaza.

A resident of Asael, Gideon was researching galactic clusters in the physics department at Ben-Gurion University. He planned to complete his doctorate, publish his research, and transition to the defense industry.

A wise, thorough, calm individual, Gideon was a generous and gentle friend, a man of Torah and a devoted family man.

He is survived by his wife, Esti, who gave birth to a daughter four months after Gideon's death, and their other six children, Gefen, Mein, Noam, Hillel, David and Yael.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gil Avital



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gil Avital, 56, a funny, sharp, and charismatic man who touched so many people on a personal level, who served as a member of the Yesha alert squad was killed on October 7.

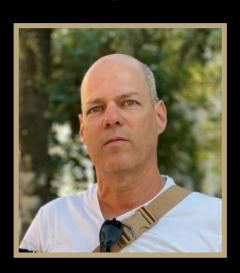
Hearing sirens, Gil left his home in Yesha that morning, meeting other members of the alert squad along the way. The squad members encountered a group of terrorists attempting to enter the kibbutz, fought them for over an hour, but ultimately were all killed in the battle.

Gil was known as a person you could rely on, someone to talk to about anything and everything.

He is survived by his wife, Racheli, and their three children, Nitzan, Raz, and Omer, his parents, Eli and Aliza, and four siblings, Avraham, Binyamin, Orit, and Michal.







Warrant Officer (res.)
Gil Bowom



Warrant Officer (res.) Gil Boyum, 55, a member of the Kibbutz Be'eri alert squad, who loved travel, music and working in the fields, was killed in the October 7 terrorist attack when Hamas terrorists invaded the kibbutz, slaughtering 108 residents.

Gil worked as an agricultural operations manager. He loved music and was an avid concert goer who loved to travel around the world. He loved gadgets and was an admitted news junkie.

A man of few words, he made sure to tell his wife, Ayelet, each night that he loved her.

He is survived by Ayelet and their four children.







Master Sgt. (res.)
Gil Daniels



Master Sgt. (res.) Gil Daniels, 34, an avid reader from Ashdod who had recently gotten engaged, was killed in battle in the Gaza Strip on December 4, serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's 6261 Reserve Battalion.

After living in Vienna for several years and serving as the personal security guard of the head of the Jewish Agency, Gil returned to Israel and immediately volunteered for the reserves.

About a month before he was killed, he left the army for a few hours to propose to his girlfriend Coral.

Always curious and hungry to learn, Gil worked as a chemist and enjoyed reading and analyzing books and studying philosophy.

Gil is survived by his parents, Yoel and Mazel, two siblings, Elad and Odelia, and his fiancée, Coral.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gil Pishitz



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Gil Pishitz, 39, a Russian emigre and dedicated Zionist from Harish, was killed in battles in northern Gaza on November 2, serving in reserves as a tank driver in the 401st Armored Brigade's 9th Battalion.

Known for his cheery disposition, optimistic outlook and perpetual smile, Gil immigrated alone to enlist in the army and convert to Judaism. For his Hebrew name, he chose "Gil," a name that means joy and aptly characterized him.

Always the first to volunteer and put himself at risk for the sake of others, Gil was known for his kindness and calmness, and was beloved by all. Gil is survived by his father and brother, Yotam. While there was concern initially about a very small gathering at his funeral, thousands whose lives Gil had touched came to the military cemetery of Hadera.







Master Sgt. (res.) Gilad Molcho



Master Sgt. (res.) Gilad Molcho, 33, a newlywed from Tel Aviv, was killed on October 9.

Serving in the front command force of the head commander of the Golani Brigade's Egoz Unit, Gilad was killed in combat against terrorists invading Israel from Lebanon near the border. The head commander of his brigade and another soldier of the front command force were also killed in the same incidents.

Gilad was raised in Ramat Hasharon near Tel Aviv, where, as a boy, he played for the local soccer team.

Gilad had gotten married merely a month and a half before he died.







Staff Sgt. Gilad Nehemya Nitzan



Staff Sgt. Gilad Nehemya Nitzan, 21, a young man from Shiloh who constantly strove for advancement and precision in life, was killed in the northern Gaza Strip on November 3, serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit.

The last time his parents saw Gilad, they observed his determination to fight, his belief in the righteousness of this war and that he was prepared to sacrifice his life.

Gilad would often come directly from the army to meet with the rabbi at Yeshivat Avinoam to discuss his actions, his purpose in the world, and his future.

Gilad planned to live in Samaria after his release from the army and study to become a landscape architect. He is survived by his parents and six siblings.







Staff Sgt. Gilad Rozenblit



Staff Sgt. Gilad Rozenblit, 21, a funny, joyful, and vibrant young man from Kibbutz Ginegar, was killed on November 10 in northern Gaza, serving as a combat medic in the 42nd Battalion of the Armored Corps.

Before enlisting, Gilad volunteered in the operational team of the Hapoel Haifa soccer club and also as an operator of the team mascot doll. During his army leaves, he continued to volunteer and assist the club

Sharp and focused, cheerful yet serious, Gilad achieved his goals through a combination of determination and charm. He loved barbecues, cold beer, and friends, and was eminently optimistic and always smiling.

He is survived by his parents, Tomer and Adeva, and two siblings.







Sgt. Guy Bazak



Sgt. Guy Bazak, 19, a talented, funny and creative young man from Kochav Ya'ir who was the glue bonding everyone together, was killed on October 7 serving in the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion the battle at Kibbutz Kissufim.

From the moment he heard gunfire in the kibbutz, Guy rushed into action, fighting for several hours to save residents, in face-to-face battles against dozens of terrorists.

The middle child between two sisters, Guy was idolized by them and his younger cousins. He loved climbing and drawing, learned to play the guitar and taught himself to play the piano.

Guy is survived by his parents, Yuval and Carmit, and his sisters, Tamar and Adi.







Sgt. Habib Kiean



Sgt. Habib Kiean, 21, who loved video games as much as eating steak, was killed in the Hamas terrorist attacks near Nahal Oz on October 7.

A resident of the Bedouin village of Hura, Habib was a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, 13th Battalion.

A friend of Habib's wrote about him, "Habib was a man, friend, partner in action and success...I promise that I will forever tell everyone how much good you brought into this world."

Habib was buried in Hura. He is survived by his parents, Hanan and Musa, and eleven siblings, Bassem, Shafeeq, Hamud, Shira, Nur, Mahmad, Suheib, Yazan, Yafa, Maisam, and Arakan.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Hadar Kapeluk



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Hadar Kapeluk, 23, who loved to travel, lived life to the fullest, and always knew how to have fun, was killed with 20 other soldiers on January 22 in a building collapse at the Al Maghazi refugee camp in southern Gaza.

A resident of Mevo Beitar, Hadar was a reservist Squad commander in the 8208th Battalion of the 261st Brigade.

Though incredibly fun and spirited, Hadar was exceedingly mature and knew just what he wanted in life. A terrific storyteller, he drew in people with his easy rapport, sparkling eyes and contagious laughter.

Hadar is survived by his parents, Ronan and Sara, and siblings, Gil and Maya.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Hagay Avni



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Hagai Avni, 50, a brave patriot from Be'eri who loved to play basketball and other sports and was a member of the security squad of Kibbutz Be'eri, died defending his home from Hamas terrorist on October 7.

A handsome and mischievous boy, Hagai lived his life in a courageous and loving manner, filling the room with laughter and joy.

Always ready to help and contribute, Hagai was eternally optimistic and perpetually surrounded by numerous friends. He had an abiding devotion to his family, friends, and homeland.

Hagai is survived by his wife, Adi, five children, Rif, Bar, Yam, Elial, and Gev, his parents, and siblings.







Staff Sgt. Halel Solomon



Staff Sgt. Hallel Solomon, 20, a dedicated son, who always displayed generosity, modesty, and humility, was killed with seven of his comrades by an anti-tank missile on October 31 near the northern Gaza Strip.

A resident of Dimona, Hallel served as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar Battalion and had aspired to be a warrior and to perform meaningful service,

Known for his perseverance and determination, Halel had remarkable willpower. He was the first to offer a hand, unbidden, to anyone in need, and moved through the world with a quiet strength and inner peace.

Hallel is survived by his parents, Mordechai and Ronit, and four siblings, Yasmin, Hila, Vered and Shaked.







Staff Sgt. Hanan Drori



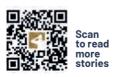
Staff Sgt. Hanan Drori, 26, a handsome, witty, intelligent and kind-hearted young man, sustained severe injuries from an RPG blast during battles in the northern Gaza Strip and died on February 7. Hanan fought for his life, battling an infection caused by his injuries, but ultimately succumbed.

A resident of Jerusalem, Hanan served as a combat soldier in the front command force of the deputy head of the Paratroopers Brigade's 551 Commando Reserve Battalion.

Determined to be a warrior, Hanan fought with resilience and humor, always caring for and assisting others wherever he went.

Remarkably humble, he was a very sociable, supportive person, offering boundless love to others, an was about to get engaged.

Hanan is survived by his parents, Roni and Tali, and three brothers.







Capt. Harel Ittah



Capt. Harel Ittah, 22, who loved the beach and riding a motorcycle, was mortally wounded by an exploding device in Khan Younis, serving as division commander of Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Battalion.

After being taken to Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva, he died from his wounds a week later, on December 30, giving his family and friends time to say their goodbyes.

A resident of Netanya, Harel loved to spend time with his girlfriend, traveling by motorcycle, enjoying the sea and building Legos.

An officer by profession, the army and service were central to his life. Harel is survived by his parents, Dudu and Sigal, and his brother, Omer.







Capt. (res.) Harel Sharvit



Capt. (res.) Harel Sharvit, 33, who was known for his laughter, humor and love for his country, was killed on December 29 in a battle in northern Gaza.

A resident of Kochav Ya'akov, Harel served as a reservist combat officer in the special forces Commando Brigade's 7008 Battalion.

Before he was killed, he planted a tree on Gaza's soil, saying to the camera, "We planted a tree here for the future of Israel." He was looking forward to the prospect of getting married this year.

Harel was beloved by many friends for being such a special, vibrant person. He is survived by his parents, Yitzchak and Noga, and three siblings, David, Naama, and Moshe.







Master Sgt. (res.) Hayim Yeshurun Katsman



Master Sergeant (res.) Hayim Yeshurun Katsman, 32, an intellectual, academic and researcher from Kibbutz Holit, who was a member of the security squad of Kibbutz Holit, died defending his home from Hamas terrorists on October 7.

A scholar in International Studies, Hayim was a researcher of religion and politics in the Middle East.

Deeply committed to academia, he engaged in research and education at Hadassah College's Department of Politics and Communication. After completing his doctoral studies in Seattle, he returned to Israel, bringing a wealth of knowledge and a passion for understanding the complexities of the world.

Beyond academics, Hayim was incredibly versatile, interested in agriculture, gardening, and even spinning tracks as a DJ.







Warrant Officer Ibrahim Kharuba



Warrant Officer Ibrahim Kharuba, 39, who lived and died a valiant hero, was killed in Nahal Oz on October 7.

A resident of Maghar, a Druze-Arab town in the Northern District of Israel, Ibrahim served as a tracker in the northern brigade of the Gaza division.

When another officer was hit, Ibrahim pulled him into the shelter and went back out to fight, yelling, "Lock the door from the inside! Commander! We're at war, at war!"

Refusing to surrender, he soldiered on against grenades and gunfire, killing seventeen terrorists, before he was felled. His heroism helped save many lives of many that day.

He is survived by his wife, their four young children, his parents and siblings.







Capt. Idan Baloi



Capt. Idan Baloi, 21, a young man known for his sense of humor, magnetic personality and determination, was killed on October 7 in Nahal Oz Kibbutz.

A resident of Rishon LeZion, Idan served as a communications officer in the Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

A beloved partner and a great friend, Idan was caring, a reliable anchor in many people's lives, always looking out for those around him.

He had a penchant for keeping things lighthearted, avoiding unnecessary conflicts and was truly loved by everyone who knew him.

Idan is survived by his parents, Alex and Roit, and two sisters, Ariel and Yahli.







Staff Sgt. Idan Raz



Staff Sgt. Idan Raz, 20, a multi-talented, funny devoted fan of the Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer club, was killed in the battle in the Re'im post on October 7 attack, serving as a combat officer in Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

A resident of Ein HaMifratz, Idan organized soccer and basketball games and tournaments, and loved to bake and experiment in the kitchen.

Exempted from service for medical reasons, Idan fought and did everything he had to enlist and become a combat soldier. His doctor said he had never seen someone exempted fight so hard to be enlisted, but that was Idan's way.

Loving and beloved by family, friends, and everyone he met, Idan was always at the center of everything, exuding abundant charm and charisma. A diehard Hapoel Tel Aviv fan, thousands showed up dressed in red – Hapoel's color – to honor this hero.

Idan is survived by his parents, Arnon and Etti, and siblings, Shaked, Ziv and Yuval, and his partner, Yuval.







Staff Sgt. Ido Eli Zrihen



Staff Sergeant Ido Eli Zarihan, 20, a cheerful person with a positive attitude and a generous heart, was killed on February 24 while rushing to treat the wounded in Khan Yunis in Gaza.

A resident of Jerusalem, Ido served as a combat medic in the Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Battalion. A born leader, he was responsible, serious, and thoughtful.

Ido was known for his big heart and depth of compassion. Before his death, he managed to rescue many civilians with determination and courage.

Ido is survived by his parents, Meir and Tiferet, his sister Raz, and his partner, Ziv.







Staff Sgt. Ido Harush



Staff Sgt. Ido Harush, 21, a good friend to many who was known for his unwavering patriotism and optimism even in the face of adversity, was killed at the Gaza border during the Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7.

A resident of Mitzpe Ramon, Ido served as a combat soldier in the Armored Corps' 33rd Battalion.

As the sound of alarms blared that fateful morning and fighting broke out, Ido, who had just completed a night shift, rushed to his friend guarding the base gate still in his sleepwear, knowing that she was there alone. He managed to eliminate six terrorists before he was killed.

Ido is survived by his parents, Yaniv and Shalhevet, and two siblings, Rotem and Adeya.







Maj. Ido Israel Shani



Maj. Ido Israel Shani, 29, of Ramat Gan, a brave and respected leader unafraid to show his sensitive side, was killed near Kibbutz Sufa, on the October 7 attack, serving as deputy commander of the Nahal Brigade's Reconnaissance Battalion.

Awakening to the sound of sirens, Ido had some of his soldiers stay at the post and took others to check Sufa, the neighboring base. Amidst the chaos, he took the time to text his wife that he loved her and that everything was alright.

Trying to prevent terrorists from reaching the kibbutz, Ido and his front command force fought, killing many. His actions decelerated Hamas's movements, buying much needed time for the forces in the region.

Ido is survived by his wife, Maayan, and his parents.







Master Sgt. (res.) Ido Keslasi



Master Sgt. (res. Ido Keslasi, 23, an earnest, sensible and humorous man from Harel who worked in the fields of the kibbutz, was killed in an encounter with Hamas terrorists on October 11.

Ido served as a reservist combat soldier in the Maglan special force unit of the commando brigade.

Born and raised in Kibbutz Harel, near Jerusalem, Ido was the middle child of his family. Ido was stationed in a platoon next to his younger brother, Uri's platoon. The two brothers were able to see and nod to one another during times of peace.

Ido is survived by his parents, Eliyahu and Kalanit, and two siblings.







Sgt. Ido Ovadia



Ido Ovadia, 19, a quiet, calm, and gentle young man with a close-knit group of friends who adored him dearly, was killed in northern Gaza on October 31.

A resident of Tel Aviv, Ido served as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar battalion.

Known as a loving and supportive person, both to family and comrades, Ido always prioritized helping others within his unit.

During missions, he would check on anyone behind him, even when facing difficulty himself, earning him the status of most beloved in the entire platoon.

Ido is survived by his parents and two siblings.







Maj. Ido Yehoshua



Maj. Ido Yehoshua, 27, from Kibbutz Ayelet HaShahar in northern Israel, who lived by the principles of love of homeland and love of people, was killed on October 7, serving as a platoon commander in the Commando's Brigade Shaldag special force unit.

That morning, Ido and his team were directed to engage in a battle to recapture the Gaza brigade's command post. Ido led the force, fighting to extract forces, civilians, and the brigade commander, rescuing many of the trapped. Later, gunfire erupted, injuring Ido's radio operator, among others. Under fire, Ido leaned over to try to save him and was hit by a bullet and killed.

He is survived by his wife, Ziv and their son Eitan, who was born after his death, his parents Yehudah and Rakefet, and siblings, Dor and Omri.







Capt. (res.) Iftach Gorny



Capt. (res.) Yiftach Gorny, 51, a leader and hardworking, devoted friend and family man, was killed at the Gaza border on October 7, serving in the reserves as a combat soldier in an antiterrorist special force.

Yiftach, along with his wife, established the moshav where they resided in Be'er Milka and served as the chairman of its committee for many years.

Always smiling, Yiftach was a balanced, calm, and strong individual, a true Zionist, an ecologist, and a man of many accomplishments.

In the military, he was a respected operations officer in the reconnaissance unit, establishing and commanding a highly significant team.

He is survived by his wife, Sivan and their three children, Negev, Sadeh, and Bustan.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Ilan Fiorentino



Maj. Gen. (res.) Ilan Fiorentino, 38, an athletic man who also loved music, especially the band "HaDag Nahash," was killed on October 7 in Nahal Oz, where he served as the security coordinator of Nahal Oz, when more than 20 terrorists infiltrated the kibbutz and carried out brutal massacres.

That morning, llan rescued a teen who'd gone out for a morning run and found himself in the combat zone, barricading him with llan's family. llan returned to the fighting and instructed the alert squad to gather armored vehicles. He and one other member of the alert squad fought courageously against dozens of terrorists.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.







Corp. Ilay Azar



Corp. Ilay Azar,18, who truly loved music and had a passion for reading and analyzing complex texts, was killed on October 7, six months after enlisting, serving as a combat soldier in the Gaza command center.

A resident of Tel Aviv, Ilay was at the command base that morning scheduled to start a driving course.

Though he didn't know the people he was with that morning, he took charge, instructing them to hide in bathrooms and showers, and telling them, "I'm going out, and even if something happens to me, I ask that you don't come out."

He bravely went out and fought against the terrorists, who shot him from behind and killed him.

llay is survived by his parents, Dave and Efrat.







Sgt. Ilay Bar Sadeh



Sgt. Ilay Bar Sadeh, 19, who was known as a good and giving friend and a man of love, was killed by terrorists in Zikim, Israel on October 7, serving as a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

A resident of Ramat Gan, Ilay was known as a selfless person who always helped others and worked hard for the sake of his friends.

He knew how to bring people joy, to make them laugh, and to spread his positive energy to everyone around him.

llay is survived by his parents, Uzi and Limor.







Sgt. Maj. Ilay David Garfinkel



Sergeant major llay David Garfinkel, 21, a beloved instructor in the Scouts who attended a gap year leadership program before his military service, was killed by a sniper in an extended battle with a terrorist in Binyamin on October 22.

A resident of Moshav Sitria, near Rehovot, Ilay served as a combat soldier in the Commando Brigade's elite Duvdevan special force unit.

He is survived by his parents, Omer and Shirley, seven siblings, Jonathan, Adi, Naama and Hillel, Abigail, Benya and Shira, and his partner, Eli.







Master Sgt. (res.) Ilay Eliyahu Cohen



Master Sgt. (res.) Ilay Eliyahu Cohen, 23, a salt of the earth young man with an exceptional work ethic, high morality and deep love for music, died in combat in the Gaza Strip on December 5th.

A resident of Beit Nehemia, Ilay served in the reserves as a combat soldier in Commando Brigade's 7008 Battalion special force unit.

With the outbreak of fighting, llay was the first from his team to arrive at the base. He was, in part, charged up by the loss of a good friend at the massacre at the SuperNova Festival.

His army comrades immortalized him in a song they wrote about him and by erecting a monument near his home. Ilay is survived by his parents.







Maj. Ilay Zisser



Maj. Ilay Zisser, 27, who excelled in chess and math and loved solving puzzles, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Kfar Aza.

A resident of Givat Ela in northern Israel. Ilay served as a combat soldier in the Commando Brigade's prestigious Sayeret Matkal special force unit.

llay was among the first to arrive at the scene at the kibbutz, which had been infiltrated by Hamas terrorists who brutally massacred residents. Bravely fighting alone against dozens of terrorists, llan saved many civilians' lives, but lost his own.

Eighteen months before his death, he got married to Tomer, a reservist operations officer also called to duty on October 7.

llay is survived by his wife Tomer, parents, Daniel and Vered, three siblings, Ido, Noam, and Lior.







Staff Sgt. Ilya Senkin



Staff sergeant Ilya Senkin, 20, who was adored by all and known for his warm-hearted nature and his frequent gatherings at his home, sharing laughter and happiness, was killed on November 20 in the northern Gaza Strip serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Rotem Battalion.

A resident of Nof HaGalil, Ilya eagerly anticipated his combat duty and proudly embraced his military service.

After his military service, Ilya had planned to take a long trip abroad with his girlfriend and looked forward to experiencing new adventures.

As the war unfolded, he remained composed and deeply motivated, driven by a steadfast belief in the mission to rescue the hostages.

Ilya is survived by his parents, his sister, Christina, and his partner Ella.







Sgt. Inon Itzhak



Sgt. Inon Yitzhak, 20. from Mitzpe Ramon, who was pure, loving and heroic to his partner, was killed on March 1 in the southern Gaza Strip, serving as a combat soldier in the Kfir Brigade's Nachshon Battalion.

Inon was killed in battle, following a blast in a booby-trapped building in the Khan Younis area. His force was stationed in the building when it was struck by a series of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), causing it to explode and partially collapse.

He is survived by his parents, Moshe and Noa, siblings and his girlfriend of three years, Emmanuel.







Maj. Isachar Natan



Maj. Issachar Natan, 28, a valiant patriot from Kiryat Malakh, was killed on November 12th in battles in northern Gaza, serving as a combat officer in the Commando Brigade's Maglan special force unit.

Issachar, who always wanted to enlist in meaningful combat service, was warned by his parents not to approach dangerous areas, but he told them that it was his duty.

He lived in a housing unit in Kfar Warburg together with Ayelet, his partner of four years, who considered him her best friend. The two planned to marry soon.

Issachar is survived by parents, Rabbi Avishai and Leah, his siblings, and his partner, Ayelet.







Master Sgt. (res.) Israel Amichay Vitzen



Master Sgt. (res.) Israel Amichay Vitzen, 33, who studied social work and Torah, and dedicated his life to serving his community, was killed on November 20 in the northern Gaza Strip.

A resident of Kibbutz Kerem Shalom, Israel was a member of the alert squad in the kibbutz and served as part of the border defense force.

Before he was tragically killed, Israel managed to send recordings to his wife to try to lift her spirits. He encouraged her to create a festive atmosphere for the children, to dance with them and strive to foster a sense of optimism.

Israel is survived by his wife, Shira, their five children, and his parents.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Israel Socol



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Israel Socol, 24, a religious, wise young man from Karnei Shomron, who devotedly studied Torah, was killed, along with 20 other soldiers, in a building collapse at the Al Maghazi refugee camp in southern Gaza on January 22.

He was serving as a reservist combat soldier in the 261 Brigade's 8208 Battalion.

Israel had recently begun his second year studying physics at Hebrew University, even studying remotely in the reserves, whenever possible.

He was considered a steady, responsible, reliable man, someone committed to his goals, who demanded the truth and radiated an inner peace.

Israel is survived by his parents, Yehoshua and Marina, and four siblings.







Capt. Itai Seif



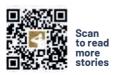
Captain Itai Seif, 24, a gentle, calm young man who studied robotics and wanted for nothing but gave fully of himself, was killed by an explosive device on February 27 in northern Gaza.

A resident of Yeruham, Itai served as a platoon commander in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar Battalion.

Everything Itai did seemed to come easily to him, from his friendships to his studies.

A person of great integrity, Itai was a dedicated, responsible commander who spent quality time with his soldiers, whom he loved dearly loved. He led with honesty, modesty and humility.

Itai is survived by parents, Rami and Chaya, and two sisters, Neta and Shachar.







Sgt. Itamar Ayash



Sgt. Itamar Ayash, 19, an older brother who helped raised his younger siblings, was killed on October 7 serving in the Home Front Command southern division at Urim base.

On that morning, Itamar was on guard duty when Hamas terrorists broke into the base. They killed him and 7 other IDF soldiers.

Dedicated to his family in Kiryat Ga, Itamar helped raise Elior, who is autistic and Yuval, the youngest, who has learning disabilities.

He would typically come home from the base as early as possible to help his mom and take his little brother wherever he needed to go.

Itamar is survived by his mother, Leah, and two brothers, Yohai and Elior.







Staff Sgt. Itamar Ben Yehuda



Staff Sgt. Itamar Ben Yehuda, 21, a brave and steadfast young soldier from Rehovot, served as a combat medic in Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

He was killed on the Gaza border on October 7. Itamar and his nine soldiers tried to prevent the terrorist infiltration by blocking them with their own bodies, but he was severely injured at about 8:00 AM. He managed to speak with his family several times, and by 9:00 AM, they no longer could reach him as he succumbed to his injuries.

Itamar is survived by his parents, Yoram and Dorit, and four siblings, Laban, Reut, Yael, and Gilad.







Sgt. Itamar Cohen



Sgt. Itamar Cohen, 19, a modest, quiet, and cheerful young man, was killed during the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7 on the Gaza border, as terrorists infiltrated an army base.

A resident of Karmiel, Itamar served as a combat soldier in Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

A kind and decent person, Itamar always sought to help others and seemed to care about everyone and everything.

A true patriot, he was proud to serve his country and thrilled to get assigned to the Golani Brigade.

Itamar is survived by his parents, Eyal and Sima, and two brothers, Elior and Eliyahu.







Staff Sgt. Itamar Shemen



Staff Sgt. Itamar Shemen, 21, who loved the land of Israel and its people, was killed in the battles on December 23 in southern Gaza, serving as a combat paramedic in the 7th Armored Brigade's 77th Armored Battalion.

While fighting in Gaza, Itamar volunteered in the intensive care units of Magen David Adom during brief leaves at his home, saving lives there until he was felled.

Before his enlistment, Itamar, who was from Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut, did a gap year volunteering for Hashomer Hahadash, and wrote of his experience: "A week passes, you look around and see the change you've made. You've made a change not only in the land, not only for the farmer; you've made a change in yourself."

Itamar is survived by his parents and two sisters.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Itamar Tal



Sgt. Maj. (res. Itamar Tal, 32, a cheerful man from Kibbutz Mesilat who had an innate ability to always know exactly what to say at the right time, was killed in southern Gaza on January 22. One of the 21 soldiers killed in the tragedy of a building collapse at the Al Maghazi refugee camp, Itamar was serving in the reserves as a combat soldier in the 261 Brigade's 6261 Battalion.

A true friend to many and an exemplary family man, Itamar had a memorable smile, a pleasant disposition and a pure and generous heart. He loved sports, travelling the world, and appreciated good cooking.

Itamar is survived by his parents, Ariel and Zmira, and siblings, Oriya, Avidan, and Oren.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Rafael Elias Mosheyoff



Sergeant Major (res.) Rafael Elias Mosheyoff, 33, a true patriot who considered fighting for the land of Israel as his life mission, was killed in southern Gaza on January 22. He was a combat soldier in the Gaza division, 6261st Reserves Battalion of the 621st Brigade.

A resident of Pardes Hanna-Karkur, Rafael made Aliyah to Israel from South America as a child.

With his family struggling, Rafael had to help support them through high school. Despite finishing school without a diploma, he earned a degree in engineering and began working as a missile developer. He also continued to work as an educator for children in youth support programs.

He is survived by his wife, Hadas and their young son, Ray, his parents, Avaristo and Jacklyn, and his siblings, Didier and Steven.







Maj. Ram Negbi



Major (res.) Ram Negbi, 57, who played guitar in the kibbutz band and was said to make the very best pizza, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Ein HaShlosha, where he served as head of the alert squad since 2003.

Under Ram's leadership, the alert squad fought for fifteen hours before the arrival of IDF soldiers.

Ram took his job as head of the kibbutz's security very seriously and devoted himself to his work. He made sure to fix the yellow gate at the entrance to the kibbutz every time it caused problems.

He was a beloved and central figure in the life of the kibbutz.

Ram is survived by his wife, Lydia, his two daughters, Sunshine and Noy, his parents, Reuven and Ilana, and his siblings, Dror, Anat, and Hila.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Ran Poslushni



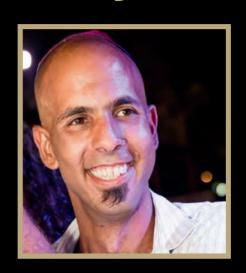
Sgt. Maj. (res.) Ran Poslushni, 48, a beloved family member who was always there when anyone needed his assistance, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Nahal Oz, where he lived and served as a member of the alert squad.

As terrorists infiltrated the kibbutz that morning, his family gathered in the safe room. Ran then grabbed his soldier son's weapon and guarded the entrances to his home, preventing the terrorists from breaching the house. Running outside, Ran began firing at the terrorists and IDF soldiers, who mistook him for a terrorist and fatally shot him.

Ran, who lived as a great friend and died as true hero, is survived by his wife, Sharona, their four children, Eli, Imar, Einan, and Emmanuel, his parents, Moti and Dominique, and his siblings, Gilad, Shachar, and Tom.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Rani Tahan



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Rani Tahan, 40, a nature-loving triathlete rom Kibbutz Sde Nehemia who loved to cook, was killed on November 18 in northern Gaza, serving as a combat reservist in the 8717 Battalion Chief's forward command team in the 216th Brigade of the Gaza Division.

Suffering from PTSD following Operation Protective Edge in 2014, Rani was released from the reserves, but after the October 7 attacks, re-enlisted.

By 2:00 p.m. on October 7, Rani was in his car on his way to rescue residents in the Gaza envelope.

"I know this war needs to come at a cost of loss, even if it means injury to me or my friends," he wrote. "The goal justifies everything."

Rani is survived by his wife, Liran, and their four children, Yonatan, Allon, Neta, and Noa, and his parents, David and Sima.







Sgt. Rani Tamir



Sgt. Rani Tamir, 20, a sensitive, thoughtful, joyful, and ambitious young man from Moshav Ganei Am, was killed on December 24th in the northern Gaza Strip serving as a combatant in the 50th Battalion of the Nahal Brigade.

Devoted to his family, Rani had many dear friends and was a passionate scout who loved to travel and go diving and enjoyed good food and music.

Throughout his adolescence, Rani documented his life in small notebooks. His war journal, written from Gaza, is now being published. On October 30th, he wrote, in part, "A hero is not someone who is not afraid; a hero is someone who overcomes fear."

Rani is survived by his parents, two brothers, and a sister.







Master Sgt. (res.) Raz Abulafia



Master Sergeant (res.) Raz Abulafia, 27, who taught himself to play the guitar and pursued music with a professional dedication, was killed on November 13 in northern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the 6863rd Battalion of the Negev Reserve Brigade.

A resident of Rishpon, Raz was a compassionate soul with a heart of gold who was deeply loved and surrounded by friends who cherished his caring and loving nature. Raz had a serene presence that instilled calm and security in those around him.

He found joy in strumming his guitar, spreading warmth with every note. A truly unique individual, he stood out in every way imaginable.

Raz is survived by his parents, Yehoshua and Miriam, and his sister, Romi.







Maj. Raz Peretz

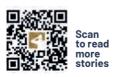


Major Raz Peretz, 24, a brave and inspirational leader from Afula, was killed on October 7 at the Kissufim post, serving as a management assistance company commander of the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

Upon hearing that terrorists were enroute to his base, Raz swiftly dispatched his soldiers to grab weapons and positioned them to guard the entrances. Leading the charge, Raz's bravery inspired his soldiers to continue the fight. His decisive action saved the lives of twelve soldiers inside the bunker.

As the battle commenced, Raz, still commanding his troops from the bunker, sent a message to his friends at the Nova Festival, urging them to leave the area, saving many lives.

Raz is survived by his parents, Aharon and Noa, and his two siblings, Hadar and Itamar.







Staff Sgt. Regev Amar



Staff Sgt. Regev Amar, 20, who had a deep bond with the land and had led tours in the Judaean Desert and the Negev Mountains, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border serving as a combat soldier in the 101st Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade.

Regev fell in a confrontation with terrorists and kept his comrades from rescuing him, knowing their own lives would be at risk.

A hyperactive child. Regev learned to channel his energy through playing water polo. Before joining the army, he spent a gap year of service in the southern kibbutz Ein Gedi.

Always at the center of the kibbutz's affairs, Regev was ready to help whenever needed. He planned to become a trauma doctor and return to the army as a combat medic.

Regev is survived by his parents, David and Gilanit, and his siblings, Roni and Shaked.







Maj. Roee Negri



Maj. Roei Negri, 28, a role model in the military whose efforts supported veterans and lone soldiers, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Be'eri serving as a reservist squad commander in the Lotar Elite Unit.

On the morning of October 7, more than one hundred armed Hamas militants carried out a brutal massacre in the kibbutz. Roei and his team sprang into action before they were called up for reserve duty. He led his team with professionalism, determination and unparalleled courage.

A resident of Tel Aviv, Roei served as CEO of the Lotar Association.

Roei left behind his wife Shai, whom he married a month and a half before he was killed, his parents, Shmulik and Michal, and two sisters, Gal and Gaia.







Lt. Col. Roee Yohay Yosef Mordechay



Lt. Col. Roei Yohay Yosef Mordechai, 31, a sports enthusiast from Tel Aviv who participated in Ironman competitions, was killed on January 6 in the northern Gaza Strip serving as a commander in the Nahal Brigade training base.

A modest, sensitive, intelligent man, Roei strove to excellence and seemed destined to conquer the world in a big way.

His wife, Neta said, "You knew life was short, you knew how to lead me to places without borders and barriers. You made me break my own boundaries."

An extraordinary and beloved father, husband, and commander, Roei was always supportive and the consummate professional.

He is survived by Neta and their daughter, Ori, born only three months before Roei was killed, his parents Eliyahu and Avigail, and his siblings, Dvira, Tehila, Gilad, Etiel, Noam and Hodaya.







Staff Sgt. Roei Dawi



Staff Sgt. Roei Dawi, 20, who was always eager to lend a hand and embodied the spirit of generosity, died along with ten other Givati soldiers in the intense battles in northern Gaza on October 31, serving as a squad commander in the Tzabar Battalion of the Givati Brigade.

A resident of Jerusalem with a magnetic personality, contagious laughter and zest for life, Roei effortlessly formed close and lasting friendships. A cherished brother, he was a source of comfort and support to his younger siblings.

Roei's steadfast leadership was a true inspiration to his soldiers, whom he guided with courage and dedication. A true son of Israel, he cherished his homeland and its people, serving with pride and devotion.

Roei is survived by his parents, Arye and Betty Batya, and his siblings, Eden and Tomer.







Staff Sgt. Roei Marom



Staff Sgt. Roei Marom, 21, who was a guide in the Tzofim (Israeli Scouts) in the Ofek tribe and attended the Rabin gap year leadership program, was killed on November 13 in the intense battle in the northern Gaza Strip serving as a squad commander in the 906th Battalion (Bislamach).

An excellent student from Ra'anana, Roei was a thoughtful and creative young man, and an encouraging leader of both the student council and basketball team.

In his various pursuits, Roei was a central yet humble figure, embodying the perfect balance between vitality, mischief, joy for life, commitment, volunteerism, leadership, and uncompromising values.

Roei is survived by his parents, Raanan and Tali, and his siblings, Shira, Michal, and Eyal.







Maj. Roei Meldasi



Maj. Roei Meldasi, 23, a joyful, earnest young man who loved traveling around the country from his hometown of Afula and hiking in waterfalls and streams, was killed along with his battalion commander and eight other soldiers on December 12 in Sa'jaiya, serving as a company commander in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

From the very first day of the war, Roei fought in Gaza, not even allowing himself a brief visit home, stating that if his last soldier wasn't going home, neither would he.

Educated at a military boarding school, Roei enlisted in the Golani Brigade to make a significant contribution. Roei planned to continue his studies and hoped to live on a moshav and have pets and lots of children.

Roei is survived by his parents, Yigal and Yosefa, and his siblings, Tomer and Oriah.







Sgt. Roei Peri



Sgt. Roei Peri, 19, a vibrant and joyful young man from Shoham who had passions for music and tennis, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border serving as a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

On October 7, Roei volunteered to stand guard at the base gate, allowing his comrades to take refuge in the safe room as they awaited air force support. Roei and platoon commander, Captain Dekel Suissa, confronted the terrorists, falling in the line of duty and ensuring the survival of most of their comrades.

A dedicated soldier with an unwavering sense of duty, Roei had an infectious smile and was a cherished friend to many.

Roei is survived by his parents, Ofer and Ronit, and his siblings, Ido and Itai.







Staff Sgt. Roei Saragosti



Staff Sgt. Roei Saragosti, 20, a gentle, joyous and perpetually smiling young man from Ramat Negev Regional Council, was killed in an intense battle in the northern Gaza Strip on October 31.

On the first Shabbat of the war, Roei was called up from home and rushed south, where he saw the horrors in Kfar Aza and began to train for the entry to Gaza.

A middle brother to two sisters, Roei always wanted to be on the front lines and had hoped that his unit would be the first to enter the fighting in Gaza.

Roei is survived by his parents, Avi and Yaara, and his sisters, Noam and Omer.







Staff Sgt. Roei Wolf



Staff Sgt. Roei Wolf, 20, a mischievous, fun young man from Ramat Gan with a clever sense of humor, was killed two months before his scheduled release in the northern Gaza Strip on October 31 serving as a combatant in the Givati Reconnaissance Unit.

Roei and his friends were camping on October 7 and immediately rushed off to fight in Nahal Oz.

Determined and purposeful in every aspect of life, Roei was dedicated to his country, devoted to his family and beloved by his friends.

Two months before he was killed, Roei wrote the song "If Only it Were Just the Two of Us," which he arranged to send to his favorite singer, Avi Aburomi, who performed it at Roei's Shiva.

Roei is survived by his parents, Guy and Chani, and his sister, Maya.







Capt. (res.) Roey Biber



Capt. (res.) Roey Biber, 28, a true friend and commander who cared for his soldiers as if they were his own children, was killed on November 18 in northern Gaza serving as a reservist Platoon Commander in the Yahalom Special Forces Unit.

A resident of Tzur Moshe, Roey was known for his kindness, infectious smile, and piercing blue eyes that radiated both strength and tranquility.

Incredibly humane, Roey was a beacon of light to everyone he encountered, spreading joy and love wherever he went, with an unwavering love for people and his country. Roey continually pushed himself to excel and improve. He was tough yet sensitive, genuine, cheerful, committed, and loving.

Roey is survived by his parents, Ran and Keren, and his sisters Shiri and Zohar.







Master Sgt. (res.) Roi Avraham Maimon



Master Sgt. (res.) Roei Avraham Maimon, 24, a vegan who loved animals and enjoyed traveling in Israel and around the world, was killed on January 8 in an explosion in the Bureij refugee camp in Gaza serving as a combat paramedic in the Yahalom Special Forces Unit.

A resident of Afula whose family made aliyah from France, Roei volunteered as a paramedic for years with Magen David Adom. Valuing the importance of defending his homeland, Roei said he fought so that civilians could be happy and lead normal lives.

Hearing that there was a shortage of paramedics, Roei volunteered for the unit, participating in dozens of operational activities in which the unit received commendations from the Southern Command Chief.

Roei is survived by his parents, Yair and Ariela, and his siblings, Neta, Tamar, Yoel, and Ora.







Staff Sgt. Roi Haim Guri



Ariel Refael Guri, 30, and IDF **Staff Sgt. Roi Haim Guri,** 21, brothers from Ofakim, were killed on October 7 when they set out to repel the Hamas invasion of their city.

Ariel, an electrical engineering student, and Roi, a Golani soldier with the Reconnaissance Unit, immediately rushed out to fight the terrorists. Ariel drew gunfire towards him, enabling others to flee to safety.

Both selfless and generous, the two brothers shared an abiding love for their homeland.

Close in life and now in death, they were buried side by side in the military section of the Ofakim cemetery on October 13.

They are survived by their parents, Zehava and Eshkol, and sisters Hodaya and Shira. Ariel is also survived by his wife, Hadar.







Sgt. Roi Tal



Sgt. Roei Tal, 19, a charming, quiet, modest young man from Kfar Yehoshua who loved friends, travelling and computer games, was killed on January 8 in intense battles in southern Gaza Strip serving as a combatant in the 94th Battalion of the Kfir Brigade.

Roei wanted to be a fighter and insisted on serving in a meaningful army service. Never one to complain, Roei dutifully spent fifteen consecutive weeks on base though he admitted to his parents that it was tough being away from home for so long.

On weekends, Roei, who was perennially popular, would meet with dozens of friends from the army and the neighborhood.

He is survived by his parents, Ami and Smadar, and four siblings, Maya, Driya, Yaheli, and Yuval.







Sgt. 1st Class Rom Hecht



Sgt. 1st Class Rom Hecht, 20, a salt of the earth patriot and Zionist from Givatayim, dedicated to protecting his homeland via the most elite unit, was killed in Shuja'iyya, Gaza on December 12, serving as a combat soldier in 669th Heliborne Combat Search and Rescue Extraction Unit.

A unique and charming young man, Rom was a natural born leader, a star pupil who excelled in his studies and aspired to contribute and make a difference.

Beloved by friends and family, Rom had a huge full heart and a generous spirit who served as a role model and guide in the youth movements.

Rom is survived by his parents, Sa'ar and Racheli, and his siblings, Noa and Ori.







Capt. Rom Shlomi



Capt. Rom Shlomi, 23, a surfer who seemed like he was flying happily on the waves at the beach in Dor, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border serving as Reconnaissance Commander in the Shaldag Special Forces Unit within the Air Force.

A resident of Ganot, Rom and his unit were among the first forces to arrive to defend the residents of the south and the soldiers in the Gaza Division. He was killed that day in intense battles with Hamas terrorists.

His friends from the kibbutz describe him as the cool, carefree kid with long hair. A sweet, talented, wild and happy child who struggled with learning, Rom grew into a very effective and admired commander.

Rom is survived by his parents, Shai and Michal, and his siblings, Tal and Gur.







Maj. (res.) Roman Bronshtein



Major (res.) Roman Bronshtein, 46, the pillar of his family who was ready to help anyone in need, from his grandmother in Ukraine to his sister who is a single mother, was killed along with four other soldiers on December 10 in Gaza after uncovering a Hamas tunnel. Roman was serving as a training officer in the 8111st Battalion of the 5th Armored Brigade.

A resident of Bat Yam, Roman worked as a lawyer and a programmer and financially supported five families.

In battle, Roman always remained calm and fully committed to the mission. Radiating confidence, he was someone on whom you could always rely, on and off the battlefield.

He is survived by his wife, Natalia, and their three children, Helen, David, and Daniel, his parents, Boris and Galina, and his sister, Lana.







Capt. (res.) Ron Efrimi



Capt. (res.) Ron Efrimi, 26, whose abiding sense of duty led him to enlist in the reserves on October 7, was killed on January 8, in an explosion in the Bureij refugee camp in Gaza, while serving as a reservist combat engineering officer in the Yahalom Special Forces Unit.

A resident of Hod Hasharon, Rom studied music in high school and was a guide in the HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed Youth Movement. After a gap year in the Tavor leadership program, he joined the Yahalom unit.

Following his service, Ron traveled in the east, assisted in establishing a startup, and was slated to start his studies at Tel Aviv University this year.

Ron was dedicated to training and commanding a team of reservists operating at the peak of their strength and determination.

Ron is survived by his parents, Shmuel and Yehudit, and his siblings, Omri and Gal.







Sgt. Ron Sherman



Sgt. Ron Sherman, 19, of Lehavim, told his mother he loved her on the morning of October 7 as rockets fell at his base at Erez Crossing near the Gaza border, where he served as a Coordination and Liaison soldier in Gaza Coordination and Liaison Administration (CLA).

Ron was kidnapped by Hamas terrorists on October 7. He was confirmed dead on December 15 and his body was recovered.

An Israeli with Argentinian citizenship, Ron had asthma which prevented him from serving in a combat unit.

His army duty includes coordinating between the local authority and businesses in Gaza, and he was in regular touch with local Gazan businesses, helping organize and export their goods to Israel and back.

Ron is survived by his parents, Alexander and Maayan, and his siblings, Dan and Eden.







Sgt. Rose Lubin



Sgt. Rose Ida Lubin, 20, who immigrated to Israel from Atlanta, Georgia in 2021 and was drafted into the police as a lone soldier, was killed on November 6 in a stabbing attack outside Jerusalem's Old City while on duty as a Border Police officer.

Known as "Rosie" by friends and family, Rose put up a brave fight, preventing a bigger attack from occurring.

A colorful, free-spirited person of faith, Rose was a loving big sister, a staunch vegan, fierce wrestler, joyful cheerleader at Dunwoody High School and longtime Zionist.

In her Bat Mitzvah speech several years ago, Rose declared her desire to "create a mindblowing life story."

Rose is survived by her parents, Haim David and Nechama Rachel, her siblings, Ella, Yosef, Lili, and Yitzchak, grandparents and step-grandparents in Atlanta.







Staff Sgt. Rotem Dushi



Staff Sgt. Rotem Dushi, 20, a young man from Shimshit who loved Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer, music, parties, and above all, life, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Kfar Aza serving as a combat soldier in the Paratroopers Brigade.

On October 7, Rotem was deployed to the Gaza periphery to clear the southern settlements of terrorists. As they approached Sderot, which was under fire, Rotem tried to direct passersby and cyclists. Entering the kibbutz, Rotem fell in battle.

A strong and courageous individual, Rotem had great personal charm and a zest for life that resonated far and wide. Always surrounded by friends, Rotem was fun and funny and had the uncanny ability to see the beauty and find humor in every situation.

Rotem is survived by his parents, Yaron and Daveret, and his siblings, Itai and Hadar.







Sgt. Rotem Kutz

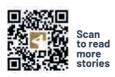


Sgt. Rotem Kutz, 18, who radiated charm and reassurance to everyone around her, was killed on October 7 at her home in Kibbutz Kfar Aza, along with her parents and two siblings. They were found embraced together in bed inside the house they had built just four years ago in the kibbutz.

On the morning of October 7, hundreds of terrorists infiltrated the kibbutz and massacred residents, including entire families like Rotem's. Other residents were taken hostage into Gaza.

A trainee commander in the Computer Service Directorate, Rotem and her family had returned to Israel after living abroad in Boston. As the commander of the rookie class in the base, Rotem was professional, resilient and possessed an uncompromising ability to cope with every challenge and task.

Rotem is survived by her parents, Aviv and Livnat, and her siblings, Yonatan and Yiftach.







Capt. (res.)
Rotem Yoseff Levy



Capt. (res.) Rotem Yosef Levy, 24, a nature lover, camper and gourmand from Oranit, was killed on December 18 in northern Gaza serving as a head deputy to the Yahalom Special Forces commander.

A very special young man, Rotem was soft spoken — not shy — possessing a strong personality, a wide and big smile. Always radiating confidence and knowing how to lead calmly and quietly and navigate gracefully, he instilled a tremendous sense of security in everyone around him.

The center of his group of friends, Rotem loved people and all creatures great and small. He was incredibly sensitive and loved to be helpful to everyone.

He is survived by his wife, his parents, Assaf and Michal, his siblings, Roei, Ido, and Noga.







Staff Sgt. Roy Elias



Staff Sgt. Roei Elias, 21, an athletic hiker and basketball player who enjoyed hiking, spending hours in the wilderness with music and good coffee, was killed on December 23 in southern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the 603rd Engineering Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps.

A resident of Tzofar, Roei was a remarkable, values-driven, sensitive young man. Deeply engaged in his community, Roei demonstrated profound love for communal life in his moshav. Roei was a dedicated soldier, committed to every mission and always prioritizing the needs of the team over his own.

He dreamed of establishing a family and a home in the Arava, continuing the legacy of settlement and agriculture instilled in him by his father, a central figure in the founding of Tzofar.

Roei is survived by his parents, Sasson and Tzipi, and his siblings.







Staff Sgt. Roy Jacob Bareket



Staff Sgt. Roei Jacob Bareket, 20, who was born and raised in Tel Aviv and had a great passion for sports, including soccer, basketball, and surfing, was killed on October 7 in Nahal Oz, serving as a squad commander in the 13rd Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

With the outbreak of the Hamas invasion, Roei and nine other brave soldiers used an armored vehicle to kill dozens of terrorists on their way to Nahal Oz post. In battles at the base, Roei and five of his comrades fell in combat.

A fan of Maccabi Tel Aviv, for which he played in their youth team, Roei served as a guide in the youth movement. He was a straightforward person who stood by his principles and was always surrounded by friends.

Roie is survived by his parents, Yaron and Liat, and his siblings, Liat, Mika, and Ori.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Sagi Idan



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Sagi Idan, 24, a beacon of leadership and pride within his family. whose love for his homeland ran deep, was killed in southern Gaza on January 22, while serving as a combat soldier in the 8208th Battalion of the 261st Brigade of the Gaza Division.

A resident of Rosh HaAyin, Sagi was a dedicated soldier who exemplified professionalism and embodied a spirit of selflessness and generosity.

Sagi was a truly supportive friend with a tremendous heart, always looking to lend a helping hand. His serene presence infused those around him with optimism and energy.

With a deep sense of purpose, he approached life with determination, setting and achieving his goals with unwavering resolve.

Sagi is survived by his parents, Avraham and Limor, and his brother, Itai.







Staff Sgt. Sahar Meidani



Staff Sgt. Sahar Meidani, 20, a young man from Kiryat Ekron who dreamt of enlisting in the Golani brigade and knew all the division's history, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Nahal Oz serving as a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

On the morning of October 7, more than twenty terrorists infiltrated the kibbutz. They broke into homes, carried out brutal massacres, and murdered entire families. Sahar was killed in fierce battles while defending the settlement.

Among his team members, Sahar was known as "Hamudchik" (cute boy) in recognition of his unique and playful sense of humor.

Sahar is survived by his parents, Liran and Hila, and his sister, Stav.







Lt. Sahar Tal



Lt. Sahar Tal, 20, a cheerful young man from Tsor'a who adored Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer and saw his military service as a mission, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border serving as an intelligence officer in 22nd Battalion of the 7th Armored Brigade.

Greatly beloved by those around him, Sahar loved to dance, wore a perpetual smile and left the impression that no challenge was insurmountable for him. An outstanding athlete, Sahar excelled at basketball and was the number one runner in his kibbutz. Before his military service, Sahar volunteered as a youth movement leader.

He cherished his military service and saw it as a path to fulfilling his life's aspirations.

Sahar is survived by his parents, Erez and Pnina, and his siblings, Rotem and Shaked.







Warrant Officer Sebastian Haion



Warrant officer (res.) Sebastian Aion, 51, who had recently battled cancer but chose to volunteer for reserve duty, was killed on March 19 during the IDF's ongoing operation against Hamas at Gaza City's Shifa Hospital, serving as a commander in the 401st Armored Brigade Chief's Forward Command Team.

A resident of Rosh HaAyin, Sebastian was a tireless fighter who fought continuously from October 7 but for a few days of leave to spend time with his beloved children.

One hour before he was killed, the brigade commander met Sebastian for the first time and later inquired about him. His comrades answered, "He's the guy who will solve all his problems, the only one you can joke with and who will do anything at any cost."

Sebastian is survived by his mother, Ruthy, and his children.







Staff Sgt. Itay Avraham Ron



Staff Sgt. Itay Avraham Ron, 20, an exemplary friend, brother and warrior from Ness Ziona who conquered the hearts of everyone he met, was killed on October 7 in Nahal Oz, serving as a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

That morning, Itay left the shelter at the Nahal Oz outpost to join a small group of soldiers battling the terrorists. When the terrorists headed towards the war room, the combatants fought them off for hours, killing dozens of them.

When the soldiers' ammunition ran out, they fought the terrorists with knives. When IDF reinforcements arrived, the terrorists set the war room on fire and retreated.

Itay and one of his comrades perished inside the blazing building.

Itay is survived by his mother, Dorit, and his brother, Amit.







Staff Sgt. Itay Buton



Staff Sgt. Itay Bouton, 20, an outstanding student who was wise beyond his years and a devoted fan of Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer, was killed on December 26, during a stay at a house in northern Gaza.

A resident of Petach Tikva, Itay was serving as a combat officer in the Givati Brigade's 424 Shaked Battalion, when he rushed towards gunfire in the house, saving comrades' lives but losing his own.

A true salt of the earth young man, Itay had a big heart, deep sensitivity and great depth of spirit. Always considering others before himself, he was known for his delightful wit and sarcasm.

Itay is survived by his parents, Yossi and Shelly, and two brothers.







Staff Sgt. Itay Hen



Staff Sgt. Itay Hen, 19, a charismatic and outgoing young man from Netanya who was very active in the youth movement, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border serving as a combat soldier in the Armored Corps' 77th Battalion. His body continues to be held captive by Hamas in Gaza.

Proud to fight for his country, Itay insisted on challenging himself by enlisting in a combat post.

A beloved child and exemplary student, Itay was funny, athletic, and cheerful. He had a heart of gold and always put others before himself.

A whiz in biotechnology, Itay planned to study in the United States after his service.

Itay is survived by his parents, Ruby and Hagit, two brothers, Alon and Roei, and his partner, Neta.







Capt. Itay Maor



Capt. Itay Maor, 23, from Rosh Ha'Ayin, who loved traveling around the country with his beloved brothers, was killed on October 7 in Zikim, serving as a platoon commander in the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion.

That morning, Itay rushed to fight Hamas terrorists with two of his comrades. Greatly outnumbered, the three fought bravely, preventing an infiltration into the IDF position in the area, before they were killed in battle.

Following his studies at the Givat Shmuel Yeshiva, Itay went on to a Torah study gap year program. He truly loved his homeland and enjoyed sharing coffee with friends and simply sitting in nature.

Itay is survived by his parents, Ilan and Smadar, and three siblings, Liav, Nahorai, and Yonatan.







Staff Sgt. Itay Nachmias

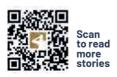


Staff Sgt. Itay Nachmias, 20, a preternaturally intelligent, mature young man from Yesha, who loved wrestling and off-road biking, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border, a day before he was set to leave for a course in advanced combat.

Serving as a combat officer in the Multidimensional Unit, Special Force Unit under the 99th Brigade, Itay sprung to action, along with members of the alert squad of Yesha and Mivtachim. Encountering terrorists trying to enter the kibbutz, they engaged in a firefight for over an hour, before all were killed by the invaders.

Growing up in the kibbutz, the third of four children, Itay underwent pilot selection before enlisting in the IDF, ultimately choosing to be a warrior in the special forces.

Itay is survived by his parents and his three siblings.







Staff Sgt. Itay Shoham



Staff Sgt. Itay Shoham, 21, a cheerful and joyful young man with a heart of gold, was killed on November 12 in northern Gaza

A resident of Rosh Ha'Ayin, Itay served as a combat in the Commando Brigade's elite Egoz special force Unit.

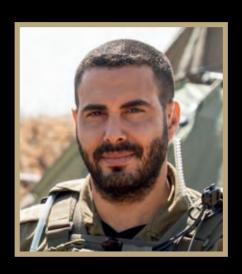
Throughout his studies, Itay was active in the youth movement and had an uncanny knack for influencing many others with the sheer force of his winning personality.

A highly energetic and motivated individual, Itay was always very present, exhibiting impressive initiative and abundant creativity.

Itay is survived by his parents, and three siblings.







Master Sgt. (res.) Itay Yehoshua



Master Sgt. (res.) Itay Yehoshua, 36, a man from Moshav Hadid with a fighting spirit, big smile, and heart full of goodness who was always the first to volunteer and charge forward, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Be'eri, serving as a reservist combat officer in the personal security guarding unit under the general command center. Itay was a Shin Bet employee.

Itay fought bravely alongside other soldiers in intense battles at Nativ Ha'Asara, Sa'ad Junction, Kfar Aza and Alumim, killing dozens of terrorists, rescuing residents and tending to the wounded. By nightfall, he and his team entered Be'eri, where they attempted to rescue more residents and Itay was killed in the fighting.

He is survived by his wife, Dafna, and their daughter, Haley.







Staff Sgt. Itay Yehuda



Staff Sgt. Itay Yehuda, 20, a courageous, cheerful, sensitive, and compassionate young man from Rishon LeZion whose friendliness endeared him to everyone, was serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Tzabar Battalion on October 31, when an anti-tank missile killed him and ten of his comrades.

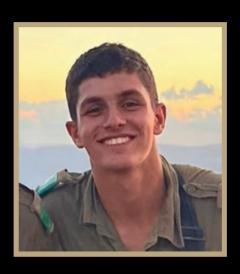
A friendly and joyful individual, with the soul of an artist, Itay was a creative and skilled painter. He dreamt of becoming a tattoo artist and establishing his own studio.

A solid family man who was close to his older siblings, Itay cherished his relationships with his grandmothers, whom he'd visit on every break from the army.

Itay is survived by his parents, Ofer and Rinat, and two siblings, Omer and Adi.







Staff Sgt. Itay-Eliyahu Marchiano



Staff Sgt. Itay-Eliyahu Marchiano, 20, an outstanding student from Kfar HaRif who played as a goalkeeper for Maccabi Shoham before his service as a trainees' sergeant in the Paratroopers Brigade 890 Paratroopers Battalion, was killed on October 7 in Sderot, defending a group of runners and protecting the entrance to Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, killing six terrorists in the battle.

Itay-Eliyahu always had a bright smile, and possessed a pure heart, an exceptional memory, and a love for music and football. Above all, he loved his family and friends.

He is survived by his parents, Frida and Shlomi, and two sisters, Hila and Chen.







Sgt. 1st Class Jawad Amer



Sgt. 1st Class Jawad Amer, 23, a charming young man from Hurfeis, a Druze town in northern Israel, who radiated light and made everyone smile, was killed in a gun battle along the Lebanon border on October 9, serving as a fire zone commander in the 91st Division, as he responded to an infiltration alert.

Jawad, who was supposed to be discharged a week before his death, planned to follow in his brothers' footsteps, and study electrical engineering and software, and work in high tech.

Known for his magnetic personality, Jawal was a commendable soldier, earning three certificates of excellence during his service.

He is survived by his parents and four siblings.







Staff Sgt. Jonatan Dean Haim Jr.



Staff Sgt. Yonatan Chaim, 25, a resident of Ramat Gan who converted to Judaism after studying the Holocaust in college, was killed fighting in south Gaza on December 8, serving in the Combat Engineering Corps' 603rd Battalion.

Born in New York as Jonathan Dean Jr., Yonatan voluntarily joined the IDF and was drafted at age 23.

The adventurous, brave, compassionate, smart, loving and talented young man received support from the Ach Gadol (Big Brother) an organization which helps lone soldiers navigate the IDF.

Before enlisting, he received a master's degree in disaster management from Tel Aviv University, where he was known as a passionate student, a beacon of light in the classroom and a friend to many.

Yonatan is survived by his parents, John and Grace, and siblings, RR, Randy and Chad.







Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Chazor



Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Chazor, 22, a talented athlete from Katzir, who excelled at karate, was killed in the battles in northern Gaza on November 7, serving in the highly prestigious Israeli Air Force's Shaldag special force combat unit.

When the invasion began, Jonathan was vacationing in Sri Lanka, but returned quickly to re-enlist and take part in numerous missions.

Drawing and painting were Jonathan's true passions and, after his death, some of his paintings were published, granting him the recognition he truly deserved.

His older brother Eyal proudly proclaimed that whatever he did, whether using a paintbrush or a sword, Jonathan left his mark in silence: calm, resolute and determined.

Jonathan is survived by his parents, Avner and Dafna, and his brother Eyal.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Jonathan David Deitch



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Jonathan David Deitch, 34, from Harish, a man who loved surfing and sailing and knew how to make the most of every moment, was killed on December 7 – the first day of Hannukah – in battles in Khan Younis, serving as a combat officer in the Paratroops Brigade 6623th Battalion.

Immediately after the horrific massacre on October 7, Jonathan cut short his vacation with his wife to Malta to defend his beloved homeland.

Jonathan was always smiling, energetic, and selfless, a best friend to many who brought light and joy to countless lives. His life and the longtime love with his wife inspired the release of a new song "Father Come" by the Israeli singer, Nono.

His perpetually optimistic nature was summed up in his motto: "It will be okay."

He is survived by his wife, Moran, their young son, Ari, his parents and a brother.







Staff Sgt. Josef Itamar Bruchim



Maj. Ido Israel Shani, 29, of Ramat Gan, a brave and respected leader unafraid to show his sensitive side, was killed near Kibbutz Sufa, on the October 7 attack, serving as deputy commander of the Nahal Brigade's Reconnaissance Battalion.

Awakening to the sound of sirens, Ido had some of his soldiers stay at the post and took others to check Sufa, the neighboring base. Amidst the chaos, he took the time to text his wife that he loved her and that everything was alright.

Trying to prevent terrorists from reaching the kibbutz, Ido and his front command force fought, killing many. His actions decelerated Hamas's movements, buying much needed time for the forces in the region.

Ido is survived by his wife, Maayan, and his parents.







Master Sgt. (res.) Joseph Avner Duran



Master Sgt. (res.) Joseph Avner Duran, 26, of Jerusalem, who made aliyah from France with his family in his youth, was killed on December 16 during the fighting in North Gaza. He had trained in the special forces Shayetet 13 Reconnaissance Unit and was serving as a combat soldier in the Operational Mobility Unit in his reserves.

Prior to his service, Joseph was a student of mechanical engineering at Ariel University.

An enduring patriot, Joseph was fond of staying up late and giving helpful advice to his younger brother, who was encouraged to keep up the fight for his country, for his family and for the brother he deeply admired and dearly loved.







Sgt. Kamay Achiel



Sgt. Kamay Achiel, 18, who dreamed of enlisting, to contribute and be integral to her nation, was killed in an operational accident in northern Israel on October 14, serving as a combat soldier in the Israeli Navy's Squadron 914 Snapir Force Protection and Harbor Security Unit.

Kamay, who hailed from Rosh HaAyin, was just days away from her 19th birthday.

During her high school years, Kamay was an outstanding student who always dreamed of fighting in an elite combat unit of the IDF.

She was the bright light of her family, a beautiful and wise young woman who brought joy at every family gathering, full of happiness and contagious laughter.

Kamay is survived by her parents, Nir and Karin.







Sgt. Karin Shwarchman



Sgt. Karin Schwartzman, 20, from Holon, who served as a supply and control technician in the Israeli Air Force. Karin was murdered at the Nova festival in Reim, Israel, during the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7.

Karin was always a dedicated student who was beloved for her kind and compassionate heart. She volunteered in the organization "Krembo Wings" which is a youth organization for youth with and without special needs, encouraging innclusion. She had a deep love for animals, particularly cats, and looked for every opportunity to help those in need by helping to provide food and shelter.

Karin is survived by her parents, Yevgeny and Asia, and sister, Maya.







Capt. Kfir Itzhak Franco



Capt. Kfir Itzhak Franco, 22, of Jerusalem, whose family made aliyah from France, was killed in battles in the northern Gaza Strip on October 7, serving as a platoon commander in the 52nd Battalion of the Armored Corps.

Heading out that morning awaiting instructions to enter the Gaza Strip, Kfir told his mother that he was going to fight in a just war.

One week before the war began, Kfir had proposed to his girlfriend, assuring her that he'd be okay. When she asked him why he became an army officer he said, "Just ideology." Kfir always believed in what he was doing.

Kfir is survived by his parents, Haim and Moriel, two sisters, Lior and Tair, and a fiancée, Naama.







Sgt. Kiril Brodski



Sgt. Kiril Brodski,19, who loved riding motorcycles and inspired his father to get his license to ride one, was killed on October 7 in Nirim, serving as a combat soldier in the Brigade Commander's Front Command Center. His body is still being held captive by Hamas in Gaza.

A brave fighter from Ramat Gan, Kiril was the first in the vehicle when the war broke out, sacrificing his body to protect residents and tragically falling in action.

Kiril was a good-natured, optimistic person, who possessed a smile that lit up the room and tried to find the humor in every situation,

From the moment he arrived in his unit, he left an indelible impression of a faithful soldier and the consummate professional.

Kiril is survived by his parents, Victor and Elena, and his sister, Alina, and partner, Miri.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Kobi Dvash



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Kobi Dvash, 41, a values-driven Zionist and a patriot who never missed a single day of reserve duty, was killed in the fighting at southern Gaza on December 7, serving as in the 14th Brigade's Combat Engineering Battalion 127.

A resident of Tiberias, Kobi worked as an operator for Avis car rental. He was a quiet, bighearted individual, devoted to his family and dedicated to his country.

Kobi was known to go on reserve duty even in 41-degree heat (Celsius). Wherever he could, he would give of himself and be the first to volunteer. An outstanding, committed soldier, he never complained.

He is survived by his wife, Kinneret, their three young children, Agam, Shalu, and Tahel, and two brothers. Asaf and Liran.







Sgt. Lavi Buhnik



Sgt. Levi Buhnik, 20, a perpetual volunteer and brave young soldier, was killed attempting to defend his country fighting Hamas terrorists on October 7 at Kibbutz Kissufim, serving as a combat officer in the Paratroopers Brigade's 101st Battalion.

A resident of Moshav Peduim, Levi seized every moment to volunteer, and even earned a district excellence award.

Among his many volunteering pursuits were the agricultural union, the Adi Negev rehabilitative village, and the youth club in his settlement.

Naturally, Levi even spent a gap year volunteering.

Levi is survived by his parents, Shalom and Miri, and six siblings.







Sgt. Lavi Ghasi



Sgt. Levi Ghasi, 19, a hero who always sought wherever possible to contribute to others and the people of Israel, was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on December 20 serving as a combat soldier in the Nahal Brigade, 931st Battalion.

Seeing meaningful service for the country as his life's mission, Levi, a resident of Hashmonaim in the West Bank, enlisted eight months before he was killed.

After his initial entry into combat in Jabaliyah, Levi expressed extreme satisfaction that he was contributing to his country.

With a sparkle in his eyes, Levi studied at Ner Tamid, a religious high school in Hashmonaim, and volunteered to assist children with special needs.

Levi is survived by his parents, Jacob and Orit, and three siblings.







Sgt. Shay Germay



Sgt. Shay Germay, 19, a border police officer, was killed on January 7 during an overnight counterterror operation in the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

A resident of Karmiel, Shay was in a vehicle hit by a roadside bomb during the raid, in which six Palestinians were killed. Three of her comrades in the border police vehicle were injured in the incident.

Shay is survived by her parents, Shlomo and Vered, three brothers, and her partner, Aviad.







Sgt. Shay Levinson



Sgt. Shay Levinson, 19, a top volleyball player who strongly believed in the coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians, was killed during the terrorist attack in Nahal Oz on October 7. He served as a tank commander in the 77th Battalion of the 7th Armored Brigade.

A resident of Giv'at Avni in northern Israel, Shay was abducted by Hamas terrorists and taken to Gaza. After three months of uncertainty around his condition in abduction, his death was officially announced by the IDF on January 21, while his body is still being held by Hamas in Gaza.

Playing on a team in Eilabun, an Arab village near his hometown, in the same league his brother and mother played, Shay was the only Israeli Jew on the team. Shai was an excellent student and outstanding athlete in every sport he played.

Shay is survived by his parents, Shlomit and Kochay, and two brothers.







Master Sgt. (res.) Liav Atiya



Master Sgt. (res. Liav Atiya, 25, a devoted family man and brave patriot, was killed on December 8 in southern Gaza when Hamas terrorists fired missiles at the houses his company were staying at.

A resident of Be'er Sheva, Liav was serving as a combat paratrooper in the 6623 Paratroopers Battalion, 55th Paratroopers Reserves Brigade.

The youngest of five siblings, Liav was in his third year of studies for a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He loved to cook while his partner was responsible for dessert.

Steadfast and stolid, Liav was known as a very purposeful young man, someone who never complained and was ever determined to reach his goals.

Liav is survived by his parents, David and Rivka, three brothers and a sister, and his partner, Hadar.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Liav Seada



Sgt.1st Class (res.) Liav Seada, 23, a modest, values-driven, Zionist from Tiberias who was a source of pride for his family, was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on December 31, serving as a combat reservist in the 7107 Engineering Battalion.

Enrolled in computer science studies, Liav loved the army and was willing to sacrifice his life to defend the homeland.

A corporal in the security department at the Dan Accadia Resort, Liav was a dedicated worker with a heart of gold that touched everyone.

Liav is survived by his parents, Yosef and Tamar.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Lidor Yosef Karavani



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Lidor Yosef Karavani, 23, an adventurous young man from Eilat who loved riding his motorcycle and exploring the land of Israel, was killed on December 17 in an anti-tank missile strike in the northern Gaza Strip, serving as a combat engineer in the 8163 Reserves Engineering Battalion.

At the start of the war, Lidor was hospitalized with a severe allergic reaction and exempted from reserve duty. As soon as he recovered, he insisted on returning to the fighting in Gaza.

Known for his warm, wide smile and disarming charisma, Lidor was mature beyond his years, a selfless soul who consistently prioritized the common good over his personal welfare.

Lidor is survived by his parents, Zvika and Nili, his siblings, Lihi and Lior, and his partner Rachel.







Capt. Liel Hayo



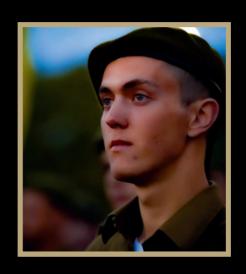
Capt. Liel Hayo, 22, a legendary platoon commander who always stormed forward and left no one behind, was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on December 12, serving in the Golani Brigade, 51st Battalion.

A resident of Shoham, Liel was a true man of values, modest and devoted family man, who was motivated, purpose-driven, and always striving to be the best in every task he faced.

He is survived by his parents, Moshe and Ravit, three sisters, Lihi, Noy, and Avia, and his partner of the past five years, Harel.







Sgt. Lior Azizov



Sergeant Lior Azizov, 20, a talented artist and congenial young man from Ashkelon, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border during the Hamas terrorist attack, serving as a combat soldier in 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

Fighting in the post for nine hours straight, Lior left the safety of his refuge, heading towards the base gate where he lost his life in battle.

Slated to train as a sniper, Lior was perpetually challenging himself to take on more responsibility. His commanders planned to enroll him in a commander's course, where he would lead the unit's future generations.

Brave and selfless, Lior contributed to his friends, family and beyond, to his community and to the nation, paying the ultimate price.

Lior is survived by his parents, Timor and Natalia, and his siblings, Camila and Lionel.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Lior Ben Yaakov



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Lior Ben Yaakov, 44, a charismatic, uplifting individual and devoted family man was killed in Mivtahim on October 7 serving in the Border Defense Force.

A resident of Moshav Yesha and a member of the moshav's alert squad, Lior was a funny, loving, clever and kind-hearted man who exuded charm, compassion and courage.

The center of his friends who connected everyone to one another, Lior was always there for others, giving his full heart and soul.

He is survived by his wife, Revital, their three children, Ella, Itamar, and Ziv, and his parents, Moshe and Tzipporah.







Corp. Lior Levy



Corp. Lior Levy, 19, a young woman from Dimona who dreamed of becoming a surgeon and opening a beauty salon, was killed in the terrorist attack on the Orim base on October 7 serving as operations sergeant in the south district of the Homefront Command outpost. She was one of five soldiers who were killed by terrorists who broke into the war room where they were hiding.

Since the age of fourteen, Lior volunteered for Magen David Adom, fulfilling her dream of helping and saving lives.

Pure and decent with an endless smile, Lior was a loving, caring, determined and uncompromisingly ethical soul.

Lior is survived by her parents, Ophir and Rachel, and three siblings, Eden, Gilad, and Omri.







Staff Sgt. Lior Raviv



Staff Sgt. Lior Raviv, 21, a perpetually patriotic and giving young man dedicated to his homeland and others, was killed on March 23 during the ongoing operation targeting Hamas terrorists in Gaza City's Shifa Hospital, serving as a combat soldier in the Nahal Brigade, 932nd Battalion.

A resident of Rishon LeZion, Lior was killed just a week before he was expected to finish his army service.

His high school studies were at the Bnei Akiva yeshiva, after which Lior attended a gap year leadership program.

He was known as a calm, modest and humble person devoted to his family, his faith, and his country.

Lior is survived by his parents, Doron and Sarit, and three siblings, Hila, Tal, and Liel.







Sgt. Lior Siminovich



Sgt. Lior Siminovich, 19, a young man from Herzliya who excelled in computer studies, mathematics, and physics and dreamed of serving in combat, was killed in an anti-missile attack on his armored vehicle during intense fighting on October 31 in northern Gaza, serving as a combat soldier in the Tzabar Battalion of the Givati Brigade.

A dedicated soldier, Lior possessed a pure heart and perpetual smile, and was always eager to lend a hand.

He was exceptionally calm and composed, nothing seemed to faze him, and he was known for his unwavering smile.

Lior is survived by his parents, Yaron and Yafit, and a sibling.







Capt. (res.) Lior Sivan



Capt. (res.) Lior Sivan, 32, was killed in combat in the southern Gaza Strip on December 19, serving in his reserves as a combat officer in the Harel Brigade's 363 Battalion. Lior was a mechanical engineer whose achievements included building a wheelchair that could be submerged in water to assist the disabled.

A charming, joyful man and gleefully indulgent father, Lior aspired for excellence in his army service, receiving countless commendations.

A gifted conversationalist who had a knack for giving good advice, Lior was caring, and sensitive, and loved by all.

Recently, Lior moved with his family to Beit Shemesh, where his wife, Liav, who survives him, is expecting their second child.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Liran Mones Almosnino



Sgt. Maj. (res. Liran Mones Almosnino, 42, a lifelong unabashed nature lover from Kmehin, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Holit serving as a reservist combat soldier in the Anti-terrorist Special Force and was among the very first to enter the Gaza Envelope.

Liran and his team stopped a group of terrorists in the Yated settlement, saving dozens of people, then went on to the kibbutz, where they bravely repelled sniper fire and Liran was felled.

An owner of sheep farms, Liran also managed different tourism attractions in the Nitzana region. A straightforward man, Liran was modest in the face of praise, but when guiding people, he spoke like a leader.

Liran is survived by his wife, Efrat, and their five children, Guy, Geva, Peleg, Tana, and Matar, only six months old, his parents, Mickey and Sherry, and two siblings, Dawn and Chen.







Capt. Roi Nahary



Capt. Roi Nahary, 23, who had an abiding love for the State of Israel, served as a Paratrooper Brigade soldier. He was wounded in action battling Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7 and died two days later.

Roi, who was from Moshav Ora, was so eager to enlist in a combat unit, he voluntarily underwent surgery and extensive rehabilitation for a sports injury.

A giver in death as in life, five of Roi's organs were donated giving life to five other people. He is survived by his parents, Iris and Ronen, his twin brother, Bar and younger siblings, Rotem and Omer.







Col. Roy Joseph Levy



Col. Roy Joseph Levy, 44, a proud and determined patriot, served as the head of the Multidomain Unit (the Ghost Unit). He was killed on October 7 battling Hamas terrorists in the southern community of Re'im.

Born in the United States, he moved to Israel at the age of three. While serving in Operation Protective Edge in 2014, he was seriously wounded, but returned to combat following extensive rehabilitation.

Roy and his valiant unit were the first to arrive in Kibbutz Re'im, fighting to save its citizens who were besieged in their homes.

He is survived by his wife, Yael, their five children, Tzuria, Zohar, Avigayil, Yoav and Yonatan, his parents, Yehudit and Shlomo, and siblings Ido, Nir and Eli.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Saar Margolis



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Saar Margolis, 37, who was known for his big heart, perpetual smile and helpful nature, was killed on October 7 fighting off terrorists as he protected his family and the community in Kibbutz Kissufim.

Saar served as head of the kibbutz security force before working with the Defense Ministry.

He fought tirelessly for hours with unwavering courage, saving many residents' lives and was recognized posthumously as a fallen soldier with the rank of sergeant major in the reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Yasmin, their two daughters, Mia, 9, and Tavor, 7, his parents, Selwyn and Vicky, and siblings, Marcelle, Beora, Lance, Carmel, Barak, Hadassa and Stav.







Maj. Sagi Golan



Maj. Sagi Golan, 30, a valiant and unrelenting patriot, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists on October 7 in Kibbutz Be'eri, as the unit he led managed to rescue people under attack.

Accepted into the prestigious 8200 intelligence unit, Sagi chose instead to enter a combat unit for his compulsory military service.

When he awoke at his home in coastal Herzliya on the morning of October 7 and heard the news, Sagi immediately jumped to report for duty, even though he had not been called yet.

His death was thirteen days before he was set to marry his partner, Omer Ohana.







Lt. Col. Sahar Machlof



Lt. Col. Sahar Machlof, 36, a stellar officer who was both known as an exceptional officer, humble, and always a gentleman, served as a commander of the 481st Signal Battalion. He was killed defending his IDF base on October 7.

A beloved and admired commander, Sahar charged at the terrorists and defended his soldiers on the base.

Sahar is survived by his wife, Shirly and their three children, Yotam, Omer and Lavi, his parents, Ofra and Moshe, and sister Meital. He was buried in the Modiin military cemetery.







Lt. Col. Salman Habaka



Lt. Col. Salman Habaka, 33, who demonstrated his characteristic bravery to the very end, served as commander of the 188th Armored Brigade's 53rd Battalion. He was killed on November 2 during the IDF ground operation in Gaza.

A native of the Druze village of Yanuh-Jat, Salman, at the time of his death, was the highest-ranking officer to perish during IDF ground operation. Almost one month before his death, Salman was one of the first IDF soldiers to enter Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7, making sure there were no terrorists surrounding the house so the ground troops could rescue those still alive.

He leaves behind a wife and two-year-old son, his parents, two brothers and three sisters.







Staff Sgt. Shachar Fridman



Staff Sgt. Shachar Fridman, 21, a kind, caring, and considerate young man, was killed while fighting Hamas terrorists in Gaza on November 19.

He was a member of the Paratroopers Brigade 101st Battalion, which was one of the first to respond to the Hamas assault on October 7. A graduate of Himmelfarb High School in Jerusalem, Shachar was active in the Bnei Akiva movement and worked with children on the autistic spectrum.

Leaving behind an ethical will entitled, "Be Good People," widely distributed by the Israeli press, he wrote, "Love yourselves and the world. When you radiate happiness, a circle of joy will slowly form that will create a better world." Shachar is survived by his parents, Doron and Liat, and his three older siblings.







Sgt. Shaked Dahan



Sgt. Shaked Dahan, 19, who relished time with family, guitar and soccer, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 who are still holding his body captive in Gaza.

A soldier from Afula in the 7th Armored Brigade's 77th Battalion serving at the Nir Oz base, Shaked was part of the team who fought to repel the Hamas invasion early that Saturday morning of October 7.

Known by friends and family for his honesty and love for mankind, Shaked realized his greatest wish: to be a fighter in the Israel Defense Forces.

He is survived by his parents, Sigalit and Shimon, and siblings Omri, Eden, Tomer and Ido.







Staff Sgt. Shalev Dagan



Staff Sgt. Shalev Dagan, 20, who was known for his love of brain puzzles, riddles, and Maccabi Haifa soccer, served as a Golani soldier from Kiryat Yam. He was killed battling Hamas terrorists on October 7.

The first to encounter Hamas terrorists in southern Israel, Shalev and three other soldiers fought valiantly, preventing eight terrorists from entering Kibbutz Nirim.

Considered by friends to be the "glue" of every event, Shalev was exceptionally charismatic, possessing a smile that would light up any room.

He is survived by his parents, Flor and Joel, his twin brother Omer and stepsisters Ofri and Carmel.







Maj. Shilo Har-Even



Maj. Shilo Har-Even, 25, an ambitious and determined young man from Almon, who served as company commander in the Golani Brigade, was killed battling Hamas terrorists at the Nahal Oz IDF base on October 7.

Upon hearing of terrorists at the Nahal Oz army base, Shilo and his team sprang into action, killing dozens of terrorists and repelled and eliminated even more at the border. Wounded by gunfire, he bandaged his hand and kept going to the Nahal Oz outpost, which was under attack.

Planning to study law, Shilo envisioned leading a pre-army academy, entering the Education Ministry and one day even becoming prime minister. He and his girlfriend had planned on getting engaged this year. He is survived by his parents, Ingrid and Benny, his brothers Nevo and Eitam, and his girlfriend Tamar.







Staff Sgt. Shimon Alroy Ben Shitrit



Staff Sgt. Shimon Alroy Ben Shitrit, 20, who was kind and sensitive, with a captivating smile that could light up any room, was killed in a gun battle on October 7.

Shimon and his fellow soldiers tried to stave off the Hamas attack on the Nahal Oz army base that Shabbat morning.

Serving in a combat intelligence collection unit posted on the Nahal Oz base, Shimon, who was from Beit Shean, was part of a team that operated observation balloons floating over the Gaza border.

The youngest of four children, Shimon is survived by his parents and three sisters. He was given a warrior's funeral in Beit Shean, where his father is a former mayor and current city councilman.







Staff Sgt. Tal Levy



Staff Sgt. Tal Levy, 21, an enthusiastic soccer fan, who served as squad commander in the Nahal Brigade's 50th Battalion, was killed fighting terrorists in southern Israel on October 7.

Serving two years and seven months, Tal was just days away from his discharge date, with a ticket to his "big trip" in South America, when he and three of his soldiers were killed by an RPG. Always focused on protecting his soldiers, he put sixty of his soldiers in a bunker to protect them, and managed to hold off the terrorists for half an hour before he was killed.

Raised in Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood, Tal was known for his determination and pride in his IDF service. He is survived by his parents, Zehava and Abraham Levy, his twin, Noam and siblings, Shiran and Michal. He was buried on October 12 in the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem.







Staff Sgt. Teshager Taka



Staff Sgt. Teshager "Benny" Taka, 21 was killed on October 7 battling terrorists at the Kissufim military post on the Gaza border, where he was serving in the Golani Brigade's 51st battalion. Teshager is remembered as an always smiling and upbeat person laughing and spreading joy.

He loved the camaraderie of the army and had a penchant for turning friends into family.

Three weeks from his scheduled release from the army, Teshager, who lived in Jerusalem, killed two attackers even though he didn't have a gun, saving the lives of his fellow soldiers.

Teshager and his family moved to Israel from his native Ethiopia when he was five months old. He is survived by his parents, Derba and Ziva, and five siblings.







Sgt. Tamir Barak



Sgt. Tamir Barak, 19, a charming young man with a perpetual smile, who served as a Combat Engineering Corps soldier, was killed on October 22. He was a beloved member of Kibbutz Nir Eliyahu.

On a mission searching for bodies just over the Gaza border, Tamir was killed by a Hamas antitank guided missile targeting an Israeli tank and engineering vehicle. Tamir's uncle, Cpl. Benny Barak was previously killed in the Golan Heights during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Tamir is survived by his parents, Almog and Golan, his sister Sagi and brother Yogev. He was buried on October 23 in Nir Eliyahu.







Lt. Col. Tomer Grinberg



Lt. Col. Tomer Grinberg, 35, who was an unusually inspirational and motivating commander of the Golani Brigade's 13 Battalion from Almog, was killed on December 12, alongside eight other IDF soldiers, in an ambush during a battle in the heart of Shejaiya in Gaza.

Tomer had fought in Shejaiya once before in 2014's Operation Protective Edge, during Israel's previous ground invasion of Gaza. On October 7, he led the battle against Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Nir Oz and led his men into battle with an inspirational address comparing the mission to the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Tomer is survived by his wife, Ashira, daughter Arbel, 4, parents Isaac and Adina, and his siblings. He was buried on December 13 on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.







Sgt. Tomer Nagar



Sgt. Tomer Nagar, 20, a Golani soldier from Azor, who was a selfless, "hero with a soft and huge heart" was killed on October 7 while battling Hamas terrorists near Kibbutz Kissufim.

Alone guarding a storage bunker meters from the Kissufim base, Tomer refused to enter a shelter so that he could provide cover for other soldiers. After firing 675 bullets and killing dozens of terrorists, he was killed when his ammunition ran out.

Before enlisting in the army, Tomer volunteered with at-risk youth in three different locations. To memorialize Tomer, who had a deep love for beer, his family produced a beer in his name. Tomer is survived by his parents, Chana and Ezra, and his siblings Eden, Gal, Amit and Maor. He was buried in the military cemetery in Holon on October 10.







Capt. Tomer Shoham



Cpt. Tomer Shoham, 23, from Moshav Srigim, was moral, ethical, pure and kind, and served as platoon commander in the Nahal Infantry Brigade. He was killed on October 7 while battling Hamas terrorists near Kibbutz Kerem Shalom.

Before enlisting, he completed a year of national service at a youth rehab clinic and received several commendations throughout his military service.

Tomer aspired to be a role model for his soldiers and always strove for excellence.

He is survived by his parents, Michal and Ran, and his siblings Yael and Avshalom. He was buried in Srigim on October 12.







Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Ahimas



Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Ahimas, 20, from Lehavim, a courageous and quick-thinking signals soldier for Gaza Division's Southern Brigade chief, was slain fighting Hamas on October 7 near Kibbutz Nirim.

He and two other IDF soldiers entered into a gun battle with dozens of Hamas terrorists. When the brigade chief was wounded, Tomer took control, simultaneously caring for the chief and radioing for help.

His bravery that day helped prevent even greater tragedy from occurring at the kibbutz. Tomer is survived by his parents, Moshe and Anat, siblings Maya, Gil, Eyal, twin brother Amir, and girlfriend Shay-li Hen.







Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Ahimas



Master Sgt. (res.) Uriel Cohen, 33, a devoted husband, father, and dedicated patriot, who served as a logistics commander in the Givati Brigade from Tzur Hadassah, was killed fighting in southern Gaza on December 19.

Uriel worked as an economist for Bank Mizrahi. When not on reserve duty, he spent all his free time back with his daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Chana, two daughters, Shir and Lia, his parents, Racheli and Emanuel, and his siblings. He was buried on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem on December 20.







Sgt. 1st Class Urija Bayer



Sgt. First Class Urija Bayer, 20, from Maalot-Tarshiha, was quiet and introverted, yet joyful and fun to be around, and served as a commando in the Maglan unit. He died of wounds sustained in fighting in southern Gaza on December 14.

During a fierce battle with Hamas gunmen in Khan Younis in Gaza, he sustained a serious head wound from shrapnel, succumbing to his wounds three days later.

Urija was a Messianic Jew whose family moved to Israel from Germany and founded Bet Eliezer, a nursing home for elderly Holocaust survivors in Maalot-Tarshiha.

He is survived by his parents, Gideon and Nelli, and siblings Zuriel, Rachel and Odelia.







Staff Sgt. Valentin Elie Ghnassia



Staff Sgt. Valentin Elie Ghnassia, 22, a perennially joyous and smiling French national serving as a foreign volunteer in the Israeli Defense Forces, was shot and killed in action by Hamas terrorists while defending Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7.

Studying law in Montpelier, France, Valentin got involved with the Olami Association, leading him to Israel to his search for his identity.

Characteristically playful and energetic, Valentin sought to practice law "because he cared about defending the other, but he also wanted to be on the ground."

Valentin was buried at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. He is survived by his parents, grandparents, and a sister.







Lt. Yannai Kaminka



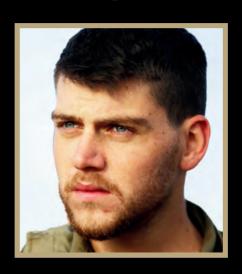
Lt. Yannai Kaminka, 20, a commander in the Home Front Command who was brave and fearless to the bitter end, was killed battling Hamas in southern Israel on October 7.

A dual US-Israel citizen who grew up outside Jerusalem in Tzur Hadassah, Yannai was at the Zikim IDF training base when Hamas terrorists stormed across the Gaza border and attempted to take control. Putting himself in the line of danger, he headed to the guard posts to protect his fellow soldiers.

Yannai saved a young woman soldier, taking her out of harm's way, bandaging her head wound, then running back out to continue fighting. He is survived by his parents and three siblings.







Staff Sgt. Yaron Oree Shay



Staff Sgt. Yaron "Noni" Oree Shay, 21, who was tough, funny and witty, served as a combat soldier in the Nahal Brigade. He was killed on October 7 during fierce clashes with Hamas terrorists in the Kibbutz Kerem Shalom area near the border with the Gaza Strip.

The son of former Science and Technology Minister Izhar Shay, Yaron and his unit protected hundreds of civilians and female soldiers. As a result, Kerem Shalom suffered minimal casualties and all the female soldiers were unharmed.

A well-rounded young man, Yaron was both an athlete and accomplished piano player, who enjoyed playing Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah." He is survived by his parents, siblings Shir, Lior and Ophir.







Col. Yehonatan Steinberg



Col. Yehonatan Steinberg, 42, a symbol of stability and security, who served as commander of the Nahal Brigade, was killed on October 7 while battling Hamas terrorists near Kerem Shalom.

He is the most senior Israeli officer to have been killed in combat since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

A true family man from Kibbutz Shomria, Yehonatan was perpetually organized and exceptionally modest and humble.

He is survived by his wife, Yisca, their six children, Shira, Ori, Naama, Benaya, Shilo and Ahiya, his parents, Yehudit and Daniel, and his siblings, Ayelet, Avital, Amichai and Tzofia. He was buried on October 8 on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.







Lt. Col. Yehonatan Tzor



Lt. Col. Yehonatan Tzor, 33, who was a true renaissance man, and served as commander of the Nahal Reconnaissance Battalion, was killed on October 7 after being called to battle against the Hamas terrorists invading the south of the country.

Yehonatan, who was known in the army by his nickname "Barnish," built parts of his home and its furniture with his own hands.

Despite his impressive strength and warrior exterior, he was a sensitive man who tended to his garden and wrote poetry.

Yehonatan grew up in the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar and then settled in Kedumim to raise his family. He is survived by a wife and three children.







Staff Sgt. Yehonatan Yitzchak Samo



Staff Sgt. Yehonatan Yitzchak Samo, 21, known as a natural leader, who served in the Paratrooper's 202nd Battalion, was injured while fighting in Gaza on November 8.

Yehonatan was hospitalized but succumbed to his wounds on November 10, after which his parents, following his wishes, donated his organs to save the lives of six others.

Yehonatan grew up in Karmei Zur and went to high school at Naveh Shmuel Yeshiva High School in Efrat. He was one of three soldiers from the same class killed in the Gaza offensive.

He is survived by his parents and four younger siblings.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yinon Fleishman



Sgt. First Class (res.) Yinon Fleishman, 31, a quiet, unassuming erudite soldier in the 188th Armored Brigade, was killed in a tank accident on the northern border on October 29.

A resident of Jerusalem, Yinon worked as a history teacher at Jerusalem's Hartman High School and at a few other schools.

Creative and knowledgeable, Yinon was a proponent of peace who was proud to protect his country at its time of need.

He is survived by his wife, Noa, infant son, Ziv, parents, Benny and Michal, and five siblings.







Master Sgt. Yishay Slotki



Master Sgt. (res.) Noam Slotki, 31, and Sgt. First Class Yishay Slotki, 24, two valiant patriots, were both killed in the fighting near Kibbutz Alumim on October 7.

Though not on active military duty when air raid sirens rang in their hometown of Beersheba, the brothers rushed heroically to the frontline to defend the southern border towns under attack.

Noam had recently served as a combat medic in the Carmeli Brigade; Yishay was a soldier in the Oded Brigade.

The brothers, who each left behind a wife and a baby, were buried side by side on October 12 on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.







Lt. Yoav Malayev



Lt. Yoav Malayev, 19, from Kiryat Ono who loved to sing, write songs and cook, was killed battling Hamas terrorists at the Zikim IDF base on October 7.

A quiet young man who blossomed in the army, Yoav was an officer in the 7th Armored Brigade. When the attacks started, Yoav joined the lone woman soldier standing guard, ordered the other soldiers to split up, and bravely fought back again 10 Hamas terrorists, shielding the other soldier with his body.

He is survived by his parents, Maya and Alex, his younger siblings Talia, Avner and Harel, and his girlfriend, Einat. He was buried on October 9 in Tel Aviv.







Corp. Yonatan Elazari



Cpl. Yonatan Elazari, 19, a brave and enthusiastic young soldier in the Paratroopers Brigade from Alon Shvut, was killed on October 7 while battling Hamas terrorists in Ofakim.

Unarmed and still in basic training, Yonatan left the bomb shelter to fight the terrorists. He later grabbed a gun and shot at the invaders from a rooftop. He was found with a smile on his face, surrounded by shell casings.

Yonatan was a loyal friend with a gentle and playful side.

He is survived by his parents, Miriam and Idan, and his siblings Tamar, Boaz, Shlomit and Avigayil. He was buried in Kfar Etzion on October 11.







Lt. Yonatan Goutin



Lieutenant Yonatan Goutin, 20, a former member of the Israeli national judo team, who served as a signals officer in the Multidomain Unit, was killed while rescuing civilians on Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7.

Growing up in Beit Shemesh, Yonatan became a national judo champion in the youth division. He chose combat over martial arts and trained with an injury uncomplainingly for months.

Yonatan and his team were true heroes on October 7, going from house to house to save families.

He is survived by his parents, Ella and Alexey, and his younger sister Michal.







Sgt. 1st Class Yonnatan Savitsky



Sgt. First Class Yonatan Savitsky, 21, from Modiin, was a beacon of light to others and served as a fighter in the elite Egoz commando unit. Yonatan was killed battling terrorists at the Kissufim army post on October 7.

He and his team were sent to the southern border with Gaza to retake an army post overrun by Hamas terrorists. During a seven-hour gun battle, he helped save 50 people, including a commanding officer's wife and their baby.

Yonatan was beloved by many for his easy laughter and genuine kindness.

He is survived by his parents, Bella and Gershon, sister Lina, and girlfriend, Adi.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Yosef Chaim Hershkovitz



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Yosef Hershkovitz, 44, a compassionate educator and unabashed joke teller, was killed in battle in northern Gaza on November 10.

He was killed alongside his fellow reservists Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Meir, and Master Sgt. (res.) Sergey Shmerkin.

A resident of the West Bank settlement of Gva'ot, Yosef was the principal of the ORT Pelech High School for boys in Jerusalem, where he strove to make the world a better place. A lifelong educator, Yosef had worked as a teacher in the New York Jewish Day School, SAR Academy, and at Camp Moshava, a summer camp in the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Hadas, five children, Be'eri, Halel, Tal, Shira, and Neta, parents, Yaakov and Ruhama, and his siblings.







Master Sgt. (res.) Yuval Gabay



Master Sgt. (res.) Yuval Gabay, 35, known for his joie de vivre, enduring love of animals, and athleticism, was shot dead in the West Bank on October 7 after he was called up to reserve duty that day.

Yuval, who worked in real estate and lived in Rehovot, had a sharp sense of humor but was always respectful and steadfast in his morality.

He is survived by his longtime girlfriend, Tair, parents Milka and Shabtay, and younger siblings Alon and Yael. A funeral was held in Holon on October 16, and he was buried in the military section of the Kibbutz Re'im cemetery, near his hometown.







Capt. (res.) Yuval Halivni



IDF Captain (res.) Yuval Halivni, 30, who worked in the camping industry, was killed in a gunfight with Hamas terrorists in the city of Sderot on October 9.

A former member of the elite Maglan unit who served as a reservist for Battalion 7008, Yuval was fighting gunmen who had entrenched in the city, two days after they crossed from Gaza.

Yuval, who resided in Misgav Dov, died a hero, saving many lives of Sderot residents.

He is survived by his wife Amit and their two-year-old son Yonatan, his parents and three siblings. Yuval was buried in the Gderot Regional Cemetery on October 13.







Lt. Nethanel Menachem Eitan



Lt. Nethanel Menachem Eitan, 22, an perpetual giver and volunteer from Jerusalem, who served as a combat soldier in 669th Unit, Heliborne Combat Search and Rescue Extraction Unit in the Air Force, died on December 10 from injuries sustained in an explosion in northern Gaza.

Nethanel volunteered with the Zichron Menachem association helping children diagnosed with cancer, often donating platelets himself to children, with Magen David Adom, and the Good Neighbor organization, working to promote marginalized populations.

A man who truly cherished life, Nethanel felt committed to his homeland and its people. He loved to study Torah, believed in seeking a righteous path and even saved three lives in death by being an organ donor.

Nethanel is survived by his parents, Tali Victoria and Menashe Yonatan, and his siblings, Noam, Yakir, Elyashiv, and Benyamin.







Lt. Col (res.) Netanel Yaacov Elkouby



Lt. Col (res.) Netanel Yaacov Elkouby, 36 a devoted husband and beloved father from Haifa who always put his family first, was killed in an explosion in Khan Younis, Gaza on February 12 serving as commander of the 630th Battalion of the southern Gaza Brigade.

A good driven man, Netanel loved the army and was proud to climb the ranks through the years. His wife, Sarit, shared, "He gave 100% to everything he did, in the family, at work and in his service, always aspiring for excellence in every endeavor.

He is survived by his wife, Sarit, their five children, Enhael, Avishag, Talia, Aviad and Avitar, his parents, Albert and Miriam, and his siblings, Liraz and Sara.







Maj. (res.) Netzer Simchi



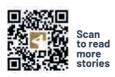
Maj. (res.) Netzer Simchi, 30, who dreamt of establishing a therapeutic institution for at-risk youth, aiding them through sports, music, and art, was killed protecting his comrades in northern Gaza on January 30, serving as a reservist combat officer in the 87th Reserve Battalion of the 14th Armored Brigade.

A resident of Masad, Netzer got married five months before he died and cut short his honeymoon to return to Israel to enlist in the reserves.

A fan of Maccabi Tel Aviv soccer, Netzer was always the first to volunteer. Netzer was buried covered with a Maccabi Tel Aviv flag.

He was always surrounded by friends and firmly believed in the inherent goodness of people. A true humanist, he was compassionate and caring to friends, family and comrades.

Netzer is survived by his wife, Coral, his parents, llan and Shachar, his sister, Edva,







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Nicholas Berger



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Nicholas Berger, 22, a young man from Jerusalem who was driven by love and compassion, was killed along with 20 other soldiers on January 22 in the building collapse tragedy at the Al Maghazi refugee camp, serving as a combat soldier in reserves in the 8208th Battalion of the 261st Brigade of the Technology and Maintenance Corps.

A source of pride for his family, Nicholas embodied the virtuous qualities of goodness, modesty, and respect. Perpetually smiling, he had a keen appreciation for life's simple pleasures and consistently focused on the positive aspects of situations.

A brave and conscientious soldier, he carried out every mission with determination.

Nicholas is survived by his mother, Diana, and his siblings, Natan, Patricia, and Elizabeth.







Corp. Nik Beizer



Corp. Nik Beizer, 19, a young man from Be'er Sheva who began his army service on April 30 and dreamed of a military career, was taken captive by Hamas terrorists during an assault on his base near the Erez Crossing on October 7, serving as a driver for the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories.

Nik wasn't supposed to be at the base on the weekend of October 7 but he volunteered to replace a friend who wanted the weekend off. Possessing great technical skills and a love for animals, Nik had a passion for cooking, and often prepared elaborate meals for his family on Shabbat.

He volunteered with the Bowling Association in Be'er Sheva, where he assisted children with disabilities.

Nik is survived by his parents, Sergey and Katya, and siblings, Yevgeny and Nicole.







Capt. (res.) Nir Binyamin



Capt. (res.) Nir Binyamin, 29, a talented, sensitive, generous, very intelligent, and considerate young man from Giv'atayim, tragically lost his life along with twenty other soldiers on January 22 in the building collapse tragedy at the Al Maghazi refugee camp, serving as a reservist combat soldier in the 8208th Battalion of the 261st Brigade of the Technology and Maintenance Corps.

A curious and cheerful child who loved to explore and conduct science experiments, Nir graduated with excellence. He studied electrical engineering at Bar Ilan University and was working in the field.

He was a beloved warrior, respected by his comrades and superiors, and devoted family man, who had planned to propose to Naomi, his partner, after the war.

Nir is survived by his parents, Ofer and Michal, his sister, Aviya, and his partner, Naomi.







Staff Sgt. Nir Rafael Kananian



Staff Sgt. Nir Rafael Kananian, 20 an excellent athlete and soccer player from Kibbutz Beit Keshet with aspirations of coaching, was killed on December 22 in a mission in Khan Younis, Gaza serving as a combatant in the Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Battalion.

A graduate of the Special Forces course specializing in underground warfare and demolition, Nir was a values-driven patriot and Zionist, who was slated to be discharged from his military service in a few short months.

In part of a message he wrote to friends, Nir said, "My spirit and the spirit of everyone is very strong, a spirit of fearless combat, a spirit of warriors, lions, war machines that we have trained for two years for this moment."

Nir is survived by his parents, Reuven and Yelena, his siblings, Gary and Yasmin, and his girlfriend, Meira.







Staff Sgt. Nisim Kachlon



Staff Sgt. Nissim Kachlon, 21, a mature young man from Hadera who loved his country and had strong values, was killed by terrorist gunfire in the Al-Amal neighborhood of Khan Younis, on March 27 in southern Gaza, serving as a combat soldier in the Rotem Battalion of the Givati Brigade.

Despite experiencing many challenges along the way, Nissim was decidedly determined and not prone to giving up. He believed in the army and dreamed of doing important things within it.

Possessing a special compassion, Nissim was a modest, quiet, and kind-hearted person who always took care of his family and friends. He was beloved by friends, a fine conversationalist and a dependable advisor.

Nissim is survived by his parents, Gabriel and Galit, and three siblings, Oral, Maayan, and Yosef.







Capt. Nitay Amar



Capt. Nitai Amar, 22, a beloved and charming young man from Kibbutz Alumim, who loved singing and traveling and dreamed of becoming a pilot, served as deputy head engineer of the southern Gaza Brigade. He was killed in Re'im on October 7.

On that morning, Nitai left the shelter of his kibbutz to fight at the Re'im base where he served. Encountering Hamas terrorists, he fought, killing many terrorists before he was shot and killed.

A natural, charismatic leader with a great sense of humor, Nitai was always surrounded by friends. He studied at the elementary school in the nearby Kibbutz Sa'ad and at the high school in Kibbutz Yavne, and excelled at math, physics, and software engineering.

Nitai is survived by his parents, Michael and Revital, his siblings, Yahel, Matar, Maayan, and Alma, and his partner, Eden.







Master Sgt. (res.) Nitai Meisels



Master Sgt. (res.) Nitai Meisels, 30, a heroic soldier who was born in Baltimore and lived in Rehovot, was killed along with Maj. (res.) Aryeh Rein, by a missile in northern Gaza on December 25, serving in the 14th Armored Brigade's 79th Battalion.

Not wanting to worry his family, Nitai withheld the facts of what he was doing daily: fighting in a dangerous unit.

Serving in a logistics force, helping repair tanks, Nitai was beloved by his fellow soldiers, who, like his friends and family, relied on him for his dependably determined disposition.

Nitai is survived by his parents, Eitan and Ayala, and his siblings, Adi, Moshe, and Oriya.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Nitzan Schessler



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Nitzan Schessler, 21, an outstanding soccer player for the youth team of Hapoel Hadera who quit to dedicate himself to military service, was killed on January 15 in southern Gaza, serving in the reserves as a combatant in the 7155th Reserve Battalion in the 55th Paratroopers Brigade.

A resident of Hadera who worked as a security guard, Nitzan had been in the reserves since the first day of the war and expressed pride in participating in missions and defense in Gaza.

A handsome and charming young man, Nitzan had true joie de vivre, and wanted to pursue his passions of flying, skiing and travelling.

He is survived by his parents, Erez and Perach, his siblings, Shai and Shir, and his partner, Neta.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Noam Ashram



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Noam Ashram, 37, a joyful man from Kfar Saba, with an amazing smile, spreading happiness to all around him, was injured in intense battles in central Gaza serving in the reserves as a combat soldier in the 179th Brigade's 5352nd Patrol Company. He succumbed to his wounds two weeks later, on January 16.

A man with a giant soul, Noam always warmed the hearts of those who met him. He was a deeply admired courageous figure, who was truly dedicated to his family.

A professional soldier, Noam was the funniest soldier in the platoon, who fought bravely until the very end.

He is survived by his wife, Tamara, and their three children, Maya, Eyal, and Tomer, his mother, Sara, and his sisters, Maayan and Reut.







Staff Sgt. Noam Yosef Abou



Staff Sgt. Noam Yosef Abou, 20, a valiant patriot from Dimona who was always the first to volunteer, was killed on November 8 in battles in northern Gaza, serving as a combatant in the 931st Battalion, Nahal Brigade.

Friendly and beloved by all, Noam was a cheerful and virtuous young man who was beloved by everyone. He completed his studies with excellence and always proved to others and, above all, to himself, that he was an abundantly capable person.

Noam, who accompanied his father in prayer at synagogue each Saturday, dreamed of military service, to fight for his country and for his friends who fell in battle.

Noam is survived by his parents, Ilan and Chana Anat, his siblings, Sapir, Liel, and Hodaya, and his partner, Liane.







Maj. (res.) Noy Shosh



Maj. (res.) Noy Shosh, 36, who loved nature and traveling throughout Israel, was murdered by terrorists defending his home and family in Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7.

Noy served in the reserves as a Technology and Maintenance company commander, in 8112nd Battalion of the Armored Corps.

As a child living in northern Israel, Noy enjoyed traveling throughout the Golan Heights and spending holidays in Eilat and Sinai. As an adult, he enjoyed taking family trips in his jeep. From the moment he enlisted, Noy loved the army and rose in the ranks through the years. A man with many friends, Noy was known for his big heart, perpetual smile and generous spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Machol, and their three children, Noga, Netzer, and Levi, his parents, Gavriel and Miriam, his siblings, Or and Raz.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ofek Arazi



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ofek Arazi, 28, a brave young man who fought to the end to protect his beloved Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak from a Hamas invasion, was killed on October 7.

A member of the kibbutz's local security team, Ofek was recognized posthumously as a fallen soldier with the rank of sergeant first class in the reserves.

Known for his big heart and contagious laughter, Ofek was an endlessly sensitive, caring and loving individual.

Gideon Levin Haimi, his lifelong friend, said anytime the young friends were in a precarious situation, he thought, "Ofek is here, we can be calm, there's no reason to be afraid."

Ofek is survived by his parents, Hagit and Yoel, and siblings Nuriel and Mai.







Staff Sgt. Ofek Arbib



Staff Sgt. Ofek Arbib, 21, who shared a passion for motorcycles with whom he planned to go on adventures after his service as a combat paratrooper in the Paratroopers Brigade's 101st Battalion, was killed in the Nova party on October 7th.

A resident of Bat Yam, Ofek was easygoing, funloving, and a friend to all. Always generous with his time and money, Ofek would help anyone in need, even once wrangling his parents to help repaint a neighbor's house after a fire. Despite his youth, Ofek served as a shining example of kindness and generosity. His actions, both big and small, spoke volumes about his character. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, reminding us all to lend a hand whenever we can.

Ofek is survived by his parents, Nissim and Ilana, his siblings, Maimon, Meshi, Bar, Tal, and Shachar.







Sgt. 1st Class Ofek Rousso



Sgt. 1st Class Ofek Rousso, 21, who devoted himself wholly to music, skateboarding, and karate, was killed in his hometown of Kadima Zoran, serving as a combatant in the "Shayetet 13" Special Force Unit in the Israeli Navy. Along with a few comrades, Ofek moved from house to house, room to room and courtyard to courtyard to rescue families from the terrorists. He died shielding a wounded soldier with his body.

A truly ambitious, talented, and goal-oriented child, Ofek invested himself fully in his pursuits, and even achieved success in international karate competitions.

Those same exemplary characteristics and skills stayed with him in his adulthood, leading him to serve in the naval commando forces.

Ofek is survived by his parents, Yaniv and Penny, and his sister, Inbar.







Corp. Ofir Davidiyan



Corp. Ofir Davidiyan, 18, a vibrant soul radiating cheerfulness and love who was called "an angel with a golden smile," was killed by Hamas terrorists in their invasion of the Urim command base, serving as a Home Front Command logistics soldier.

A resident of Patish, Ofir had a passion for beauty and skincare, which was reflected in her own distinctive beauty. In honor of her memory, the Swedish skin care company "Mist Stockholm" launched a makeup kit.

Known for her kindness, sweet nature and lovely smile, Ofir had a joyful spirit. Always making sure everyone was included and cared for, she was truly beloved by everyone.

Ofir is survived by her parents, Assaf and Lilach, her siblings, Hadar, Or, Omer, and Lir.







Maj. (res.) Ofir Erez



Maj. (res.) Ofir Erez, 57, a devoted family man who was on his way to visit his mother when he was from was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 at Kibbutz Sufa, where he lived.

A member of the kibbutz's local security team, Ofir was posthumously recognized as a fallen soldier with the rank of major.

Possessing a vast knowledge of Israel's flora and fauna, Ofir worked as a tour guide.

A joyful and funny man, Ofir was a lively joke teller and an unabashed hugger who was always there for other people.

He is survived by his wife Yael, and their two children, Dan and Ido, his parents, Pnina and Zvi and siblings Doron, Gil and Amit.







Master Sgt. (res.) Ofir Libstein



Master Sgt. (res.) Ofir Libstein, 50, head of the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council, who had tried to build connections between his city and neighbors in Gaza, was killed during fighting with Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7. Three of his family members, including his son, were also slain that day.

A member of the kibbutz's local security team, Ofir was posthumously recognized as a fallen soldier with the rank of Master Sergeant in the Reserves.

An eternal optimist, Ofir was known to say, "The light and the good will win."

He is survived by his wife, Vered, three of their children, Aviv, Idan and Ori, his parents, Gideon and Esther, and his four siblings, Doron, Arnon, Dafna and Rachel.'







Staff Sgt. Ofir Melman



Staff Sgt. Ofir Melman, 21, a cheerful young man from Nir Yitzhak, who was a great friend to many, was killed on October 7 in a battle at Sufa, serving as a combatant in the Nahal Brigade Reconnaissance Battalion.

Ofir possessed a robust joie de vivre. He was an avid partygoer, frequent attendee of Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer games, and a genuine adventure seeker.

A friend from his gap year volunteering program said of Ofir, "With a smile that wasn't forced and eyes that radiated warmth, you managed to light up every room you entered and deeply touch people's hearts. I'm grateful for the privilege of knowing you."

Ofir is survived by his parents, Ilan and Linda, his siblings, Gal, Talia, Shani and Lior.







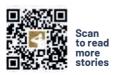
Sgt. Maj. (res.) Ofir Mordechai Yaron



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Ofir Mordechai Yaron, 51, who devoted his life to serving his community as a member of the alert squad in the Magen Kibbutz, was killed during the Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7 serving as part of the Border Defense Force.

That morning, a group of about twenty terrorists detonated the western fence of Kibbutz Magen, allowing them to infiltrate. The kibbutz's alert squad engaged in a firefight with the terrorists and succeeded in killing many of them. During the intense battle, Ofir was killed. He was initially declared missing, and his body was found several days later.

A beloved family man and a devoted father, Ofir is survived by his wife, Olga, and their two daughters, Dana and Emma, and his parents, Arie and Carmela.







Sgt. Ofir Testa



Sgt. Ofir Testa, 21, a young man from Jerusalem who was deeply devoted to both Torah study and the land of Israel, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza border, serving as a combat soldier in the Armored Corps, 77th Battalion.

Ofir delayed his military service until he completed his Talmud study, seeking a deeper understanding of commitment to the land so that he may more ably serve it. Fearless and resolute, he declared, "Serving the nation is my goal. It's my commandment."

An unassuming individual, Ofir was a devoted son and cherished brother, who was known to quietly perform acts of kindness and dedication without seeking recognition.

Ofir is survived by his parents, Tal and Betty, and his siblings, Dvir, Shachar, and Shira.







Sgt. Ofir Yeruchin



Sgt. Ofir Yeruchin, 19, a drummer with a true passion for music, was killed in the battles on the Gaza border on October 7, serving as a combatant in 13th Golani Battalion, Golani Brigade.

A resident of Giv'at Shmuel, Ofir loved soccer, and was an avid fan of Israel's national team, attending their games on regular basis, and even having the chance to drum for them.

A beloved, devoted son, a good friend, and a great leader, Ofir fell while fulfilling his duty out of a sense of personal responsibility, love for his country, and love for his fellow man.

Ofir is survived by his parents, Yaron and Dina, and his siblings, Nadav, Aviv, and Ella.







Staff Sgt. Ofir Zioni



Staff Sgt. Ofir Zioni, 21, a lifelong soccer player and committed fan of Maccabi Haifa from Yokne'am Illit, was killed on October 7 along the Gaza board, serving as a squad commander at 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

During high school, Ofir was a student and guide in the youth movement. Before serving in the army, he spent a gap year volunteering.

A gentle, serene child, Ofir was a charming, joyous and endlessly generous young man. He loved to help everyone, was always there with a hug, and did everything with his characteristic humility.

Ofir is survived by his parents, Ran and Noga, his siblings, Nir and Shir,







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ohad Ashur



Sgt. 1st class (res.) Ohad Ashur, 23, an 'old soul' from Kfar Yona, who enjoyed listening to old songs and blacksmithing, was killed in a clash in central Gaza on December 23, serving as a combat soldier in the 6646th Battalion of the 646th Paratroopers Reserve Brigade.

The captain of his high school robotics team, Ohad possessed remarkable natural talent for building and carpentry and dedicated his skills to constructing projects for his community.

With a passion for learning evident in his selftaught skills, Ohad often combined his creativity with environmentalism, using recycling materials in his creations. Among his multitude of interests, Ohad loved to rock climbing and walking the Israel Trail.

Ohad is survived by his parents, David and Mali, and his siblings, Ori and Rotem.







Sgt. 1st Class Ohad Cohen



Sgt. 1st Class Ohad Cohen, 20, an excellent athlete and natural leader from Idan, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Be'eri serving as a combat in the "Shaldag" Special Forces Unit under the Air Force.

Fighting with his comrades, Ohad fell bravely battling dozens of terrorists who came to destroy the kibbutz and murder all its inhabitants.

Known for his charm, big heart, wisdom, and sensitivity, Ohad studied at the "Shitim" School in the Arava region where he established a youth council. He actively participated in the youth movement of the "Bnei Hamoshavim" as a scout and later guided younger scouts in the movement. Before his service, Ohad attended the "Hadar" prearmy leadership gap year program at Kibbutz Sufa. Ohad is survived by his parents, Moshe and Michal, and his siblings, Nitzan, Ron, and Kalil.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Omer Nissim Bitan



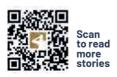
Sgt. 1st Class (Res.) Omer Nissim Bitan, 22, an avid basketball player from Binyamina, was killed on October 14 in Nirim, Israel serving as a combat soldier in the 8111th Battalion of the 5th Reserve Brigade.

Omer's abiding love for Israel served as the driving force behind his motivation to fight for its cause.

Always joyful and smiling, Omer constantly strived for perfection. He often attended lectures on many subjects to feed his insatiable hunger for knowledge.

The glue that held his friends together, Omer prioritized family and others before himself. He was committed to self-improvement and dreamt of pursuing a legal career.

Omer is survived by his parents, Shimon and Ronit, and his sister, Shelly.







Master Sgt. (res.) Omri Belkin



Master Sgt. (res.) Omri Belkin, 25, a brave warrior from Ramat Hasharon, who was focused, cheerful, friendly, and beloved, was killed on October 10 in battles in Kibbutz Be'eri, serving as a reservist combat soldier instructor in an Anti-terrorist Special Force.

As the war broke out, Omri was among the first to volunteer for reserve duty out of a belief in doing everything in his power to protect the citizens of Israel. Through his courageous actions, he saved many lives.

Wherever he went, Omri spread light and joy. A graduate of the Sea Scouts in Netanya, he had planned to obtain a law degree at the University of Tel Aviv.

Omri is survived by his parents, Roni and Roni, and his brother, Roei.







Master Sgt. (res.) Omri Ben Shachar



Master Sgt. (res.) Omri Ben Shachar, 25, a young man of deep values from Givatayim, who had volunteered with a Holocaust survivor in his commitment to give back, was killed on December 8 in Khan Younis, Gaza serving as a combatant in the Paratroopers Reserve 6623rd Battalion.

Optimistic and always wearing a smile, Omri had a knack for making everyone feel good about themselves. He was a great listener, empathetic, and always ready to offer support.

A participant in the youth movement, Omri devoted himself to his friends, family and fellow citizens. His dedicated himself to physical fitness and combat training in service of his abiding love for Israel.

Omri is survived by his parents, Reuven and Anat, his twin brother, Nadav, and his partner, Lior.







Staff Sgt. Omri Niv Firshtein



Staff Sgt. Omri Niv Firshtein, 20, a brave young man from Giv'atayim who loved basketball and studies martial arts, was killed on October 7 a the Zikim base, where he was serving as a combatant in the Search and Rescue unit, trainee education base.

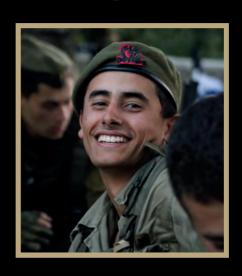
Along with the commanders, Omri fought for hours guarding the base, saving all but one of the ninety newly recruited trainees and dozens of civilians who had fled the Nova party. He and the commanders in the position, did not survive, but they died as heroes.

Active in the "HaNoar HaOved VeHaLomed" movement, Omri was known for his bright smile, kind heart, generosity, and humility. He was sweet, wise, witty and always there to lend a hand.

Omri is survived by his parents, Kobi, Orli, and Michal, and his siblings, Maya and Mika.







Staff Sgt. Omri Perez



Staff Sgt. Omri Perez, 20, a skilled and dedicated warrior from Elyakhin, who was driven by a sense of duty and commitment to his homeland, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Kissufim, serving as a squad commander in the 450th Battalion of 828th Brigade (Bislamach) protecting residents of the border communities.

Prior to his military service, Omri displayed leadership qualities, participating in the 'Rabin' gap year program.

He was a soldier of great integrity, always first to offer assistance, embodying the values of loyalty and selflessness.

With a perpetual smile lighting up his face, Omri was known for his infectious humor. Omri dreamed of exploring the world, envisioning adventures in Australia and New Zealand.

Omri is survived by his parents, Ofer and Orit, and his sisters, Amit and Adi.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Omri Rot



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Omri Rot, 25, a young optimistic man with a big smile and a big heart who loved to travel, was killed by an anti-tank missile in the battles in Northern Gaza on December 7, serving as tank commander in the 53 Armored Reserve Battalion, 188th Armored Brigade.

A resident of Katzrin, Omri was an immensely dedicated and valiant warrior.

When the war broke out and Omri was called in to the reserves, his girlfriend recalled, "I asked him not to do it, but he said to me, 'If I don't do it, then who will?' That was Omri."

Omri is survived by his parents, Shlomi and Shirli, his sisters, Maayan and Gal, and his partner, Neta.







Lt. Omri Shwartz



Lieutenant Omri Shwartz, 20, a young man from Shadmot Dvora who excelled in soccer, played guitar and dreamt of studying medicine, was killed on December 20 in northern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the Paratroops Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit and later became a commander in the Officers' School.

After high school, Omri dedicated a year to volunteering in Kibbutz Be'eri, where he wished to settle one day and help rebuild. He played an integral role in guiding the youth movement, fostering deep connections with friends with whom he shared many adventures.

His infectious optimism served as a beacon of hope, reassuring his friends during challenging times.

A natural leader endowed with charisma, Omri captivated audiences with his words.

Omri is survived by his parents, Tomer and Shirli, his siblings, Noam and Ella, and his partner, Maya.







Capt. (res.) Omri Yosef David



Capt. (res.) Omri Yosef David, 27, a young guitarist from Karmiel who loved music and travelling, especially throughout Israel, was killed in Northern Gaza on November 14, serving as vice company commander in the 9217th Reserves Battalion, 12th Brigade.

A graduate of Pisgat High School in Karmiel, Omri intended to start studying industrial engineering and management this year.

Working as a senior security officer at Ben Gurion Airport, Omri was quickly promoted, standing out for his professionalism, dedication, and easy rapport with colleagues.

An avid reader, Omri enjoyed quality beer and whiskey with his friends. His partner, Naama of more than seven years said, "if everyone in this world had an Omri, the world would be a better place."

Omri is survived by his parents, Doron and Tamar, his siblings, Itamar, Achinoam, Naama, and Avigayil, and his partner, Naama







Sgt. Or Avital



Sgt. Or Avital, 20, a valiant young solder, was killed by an anti-tank missile targeting the tank he was in, during the intense battles at the Nahal Oz post during the Hamas terrorist attacks on October 7.

A resident of Merom Golan, Or served as a combat soldier in the 77th Battalion of the Armored Corps.

Or is survived by his parents, Arik and Eti, his siblings, Almog and Ofek.







Master Sgt. (res.) Or Brandes



Master Sgt. (res.) Or Brandes, 25, a cheerful, joyful and deeply loved young man from Shoham, was killed on December 2 in central Gaza serving as a reservist combat soldier in the 82nd Battalion of 7th Brigade of the Armored Corps.

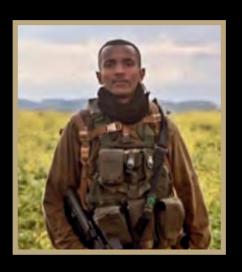
A psychology student, Or seemed a perfect fit for his area of study, resonating with its many tenets and very essence.

Known for his giving nature, wonderful sense of humor, and boundless happiness, Or was always surrounded by friends and loved ones. A devoted family man, he loved life and lived it fully with abundant joy, radiating light and kindness wherever he went.

Or is survived by his parents, Miki and Simcha, his siblings, Barak and Sapir.







Staff Sgt. Or Esatu

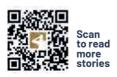


Staff Sgt. Or Esatu, 21, a quiet, righteous young man from Be'er Sheva, with a pure soul and abiding love for his family, was murdered on October 7 in a shelter at the Kissufim post serving as a logistics manager in 51st Golani Battalion, Golani Brigade.

Or was one of twelve soldiers and commanders who valiantly fought numerous terrorists that morning. Though many terrorists were killed, Or and his battalion were outnumbered and eventually overcome, suffering many casualties.

Always self-sufficient and never complaining, Or would return home from the army each Thursday and buy groceries at the supermarket for Shabbat. Every Friday he'd awaken early and clean the house.

He is survived by his parents, Artivia and Dovla, and siblings, Yitzchak, Psika, Moshe, Eden, Ofek, and Tahor.







Staff Sgt. Or Malka



Staff Sgt. Or Malka, 21, of Acre, who fought bravely in the battle against the terrorists along the Gaza border on October 7 was killed, serving as a soldier in the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories.

At 6:40 that morning, Or sent a message to his girlfriend: "Good morning my love, chaos has begun." At 7:05 a.m., he video called her, reporting that sirens had started, and there were at least ten terrorists inside their base.

A friend of Or's entered the room wounded, at which point she understood that Or was in danger. After a moment, the screen went black, and she heard gunfire and screams for twenty minutes. His phone in his pocket continued to document his moments of struggle.

Or is survived by his parents, Yosef and Dganit, his siblings, Idan, Gal, and Aviv, and his partner, Shi-Li.







Staff Sgt. Or Mizrachi



Staff Sgt. Or Mizrachi, 20, a young man who was passionate about music, was killed in the Hamas invasion and terrorist attacks on October 7 along the Gaza border.

A resident of Ramat Gan, Or served as a combat intelligence collection soldier in the 414th Battalion of the Border Defense Corps.

One of Or's favorite musicians was Eviatar Banai. He had bought tickets to Banai's upcoming concert. So moved by the young soldier's heroism and devotion to Israel, Banai accompanied Or on his final journey.







Maj. Or Yossef Ran



Maj. Or Yossef Ran, 29, who was both a social butterfly and a natural born leader who commanded respect from all who knew him, was killed in Kfar Aza, serving as a company commander in the Duvdevan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade.

A resident of Itamar, Or effortlessly juggled his military responsibilities with his vibrant social life, always making time for his loved ones.

Or's magnetic personality drew people to him, and his leadership qualities came through in every aspect of his life.

Whether leading his unit or hosting gatherings with friends and family, Or's presence was always felt. He left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

Or is survived by his parents, Ivri and Sharona, and his siblings, Livitya, Mika, Sara, Daniel, Pinchas, Bat-Ami, Ben-Chai, Sana, and Porat.







Staff Sgt. Orel Bashan



Staff Sgt. Orel Bashan, 20, a humble soul, who epitomized dedication to his home and country and stood by the credo: never leave anyone behind, was killed by an anti-missile strike on December 23 in southern Gaza. He was serving as a combat soldier in 603 Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps.

A resident of Haifa, Orel had his heart set on serving as a combat soldier in the army.

Beloved by all who knew him, Orel was always eager to lend a hand, bring laughter, and spread joy. He was a pillar of strength, always lifting the team's spirit.

Orel is survived by his parents, Tzachi and Liat, and his siblings, Ofek, Maor, and Aviel.







Staff Sgt. Orel Moshe



Staff Sgt. Orel Moshe, 21, a young man from Raksim who lived by his values, positively influencing others and inspiring them to act with integrity, was killed on October 7 in Zikim, serving as a Kashrut supervisor in 77th Battalion of the Armored Corps.

A combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, Orel later joined the Military Rabbinate. While retrieving fallen bodies, he was killed coming under fire from terrorists.

A remarkably funny guy, Orel had a deep love for nature, especially for the ocean and other water sources. He was a loyal friend, an amazing individual who respected everyone, and lived by the principles of humility and honoring his parents.

Orel is survived by his parents, Dayan and Ilanit, and his siblings, Eliad, Liav, and Roei.







Staff Sgt. Ori Gerby



Staff Sgt. Ori Garby, 20, who was passionate about tennis, a sport he excelled in, was killed in the battles in Khan Younis in southern Gaza on January 18, serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit.

A resident of Herzliya, Ori aspired to serve in a distinguished combat unit, a goal he diligently pursued through rigorous combat training during his high school years.

Brimming with patriotism, Ori was cherished by everyone as a true son of the soil, always ready to lend a helping hand and offer unwavering support.

His infectious smile and amiable nature made him a joy to be around and left a lasting impression.

Ori is survived by his parents, Hagai and Naami, and his sibling, Yuval.







Staff Sgt. Ori Karmi



Staff Sgt. Ori Karmi, 20, a brave Golani soldier from Rishon LeZion, was killed while battling Hamas gunmen attacking the Nahal Oz army base on October 7 serving in the Golani Brigade's 13th Battalion.

Ori was one of 66 soldiers killed in the attack on the Nahal Oz base, less than a mile from the border with the Gaza Strip.

Born on Hanukkah, his parents named him Ori ("my light"), a name that loved ones said he lived up to in his short life.

Ori seemed to take the world by storm, always with grace, joy, and honor.

He is survived by his parents, Liat and Dror, sisters Lidor and Ella. He was buried on October 12 in Rishon LeZion.







Capt. Ori Mordechay Shani



Capt. Ori Mordechay Shani, 22, a soulful searcher and an optimist who believed that goodness always prevails, was killed at the Kissufim post on October 7, serving as a platoon commander in the 51th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

That morning Ori led his troops in a fierce battle, fighting off dozens of terrorists. Heading back to their post to re-arm, Ori was hit by a missile and killed.

A resident of Kiryat Arba, Ori graduated from the Officer's Course with distinction, and continually strove to instill in his troops the values he believed in. He viewed his military service as a mission and a privilege to defend the land he loved.

With his infectious smile and positivity, Ori managed to bring great joy to many.

Ori is survived by his parents, Yehoshua and Shulamit, and his siblings, Noa, Rinat, Elihu, Tzofiya, Elisha, and Malachi.







Maj. Oriel Bibi



Maj. Oriel Bibi, 30, from Shlomit, who loved playing basketball and travelling with family, was killed on October 7 in Be'eri, Israel, serving as a combat officer in the 202nd Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade.

An unusually giving man, Oriel volunteered for Magen David Adom and earned the army's prestigious title of "Chief of Staff's Distinguished Recruit."

With an infectious smile that brightened the world, Oriel brought professionalism and warmth to every endeavor. His exemplary leadership left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

Oriel devoted three years to studying emergency medicine, which he planned to put to use in his next military posting.

He is survived by his wife, Nechamia Chaya, and their two daughters, Yaara and Gefen, his parents, Zion and Yael Julia, and his siblings, Shalhevet and Ortal.







Staff Sgt. Oriya Ayimalk Goshen



Staff Sgt. Oriya Ayimalk Goshen, 21, a perpetually smiling, beloved, wise, and funny young man from Jerusalem, was killed on January 17 in southern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade Reconnaissance Unit.

Bringing immense joy to those around him, Oriya easily formed connections and deep bonds and was greatly loved by all who knew him.

In a farewell video he left behind, Oriya emphasized the importance of smiling and expressed his desire for his loved ones to continue smiling even after he's gone. A smile, he said, is our strength.

Ori is survived by his parents, Job and Yafit, and his siblings, Noam and Doron.







Staff Sgt. Oriya Yaakov



Staff Sgt.Oriya Yaakov, 19, who planned to propose to his girlfriend, was killed on December 12 in northern Gaza serving as a combatant in the 614th Battalion of the School of Combat Engineering.

On December 12, which was his birthday, Oriya was given the option to rest and not participate in the mission, but he refused.

During the mission, they encountered terrorists.
Oriya shielded his comrades with his body from an RPG missile and bravely saved four of his teammates. He was killed on the spot.

A resident of Ashkelon Uriah was a graduate of

A resident of Ashkelon, Uriah was a graduate of the Tzviya Yeshiva in Ashkelon.

He is survived by his behind his parents, Tiran and Dganit, his four siblings, Liav, Avia, Liane, and Adele, two grandmothers, a grandfather, and his girlfriend, Liora.







Sgt. Osher Chemaya



Sgt. Osher Chemaya, 19, who shared a love of soccer with his father, was killed on October 7, along with his father, when their car was ambushed on the way to his base near the Gaza Strip.

A resident of Be'er Sheva, Osher served as a soldier in the Gaza Command Center. A professional soccer player Osher pursued the game with all his heart, bringing joy to his countless fans with his skill and determination. His dad, who was his biggest fan, accompanied him to every game, cheering him on enthusiastically. Osher's talent and passion for the game was an inspiration to fellow players and spectators alike. Osher was a devoted friend, forever cheerful, never complaining — an all-around great guy.

Osher is survived by his parents, Yaakov and Evelyn, and his siblings, Ofek and Aline.







Capt. Oshri Moshe Butzhak



Capt. Oshri Moshe Butzhak, 22, a role model for his younger siblings from Haifa, was killed on December 23 in Gaza serving as a platoon commander in the Nahal Reconnaissance Unit.

Oshri had a remarkable ability to weave connections with people from all walks of life, effortlessly forming bonds, even with those outside his realm.

An exceptionally special and beloved individual, Oshri was a cherished leader who shattered stereotypes, bringing people together who might otherwise never have connected.

Oshri is survived by his parents, Eyal and Reut, and his siblings, Harel, Talia, Nevo, Hagai, and Tzela.







Sgt. Oz Shmuel Aradi



Sgt. Oz Shmuel Aradi,19, who loved hiking and often wandered through the vast barley fields surrounding his home in Kibbutz Hatzor, was killed on December 14 by an explosive device in southern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the 603rd Engineering Battalion.

Oz truly lived up to his name, which means "strength" and "courage." He was a strong, fearless young man who always took responsibility for everything around him.

A farmer who enjoyed driving tractors, Oz was the magnet of his group of friends, who looked forward to his familiar whistle, which signaled his arrival. He was kind-hearted, a loving and supportive brother, and a true friend.

Oz is survived by his parents, Idan and Yael, and his three sisters, Paz, Yaara, and Agam.







Maj. Peleg Salem



Maj. Peleg Salem, 30, a book lover, hiker, trail builder, and sports enthusiast, was killed on October 7 in his Yakhini settlement where he lived. Peleg served as a logistic officer in the 460th Brigade of the Armored Corps.

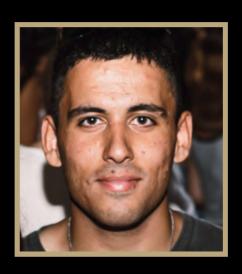
On that morning, Peleg immediately went out to defend the residents from the terrorists who had infiltrated the community. Battling 8 terrorists for two hours, he prevented them from entering a home by diverting their attention and was killed shortly after.

A graduate of the Or Etzion Military Academy, Peleg was a supportive commander. He was a creative, ambitious, broadminded individual, yet always optimist and sensitive.

Peleg is survived by his wife, Yuval, his four daughters, Noya, Talor, Alma, and Tamar, his parents, Yitzchak and Sigalit, and his siblings, Almog, Shonit, and Sachaf.







Sgt. Oz Daniel



Sgt. Oz Daniel, 19, was killed along the Gaza border on October 7 and abducted by Hamas terrorists.

Oz was listed as one of the 253 hostages abducted by the terrorists on October 7. But based on findings and updated intelligence information, the Israel Defense Forces' chief rabbi confirmed his death on February 24. His body is still being held by Hamas in Gaza.

Oz served in the 7th Armored Brigade's 77th Battalion, and his body was taken from the Gaza border following a battle with terrorists during the Hamas onslaught.

He was a resident of Kfar Saba. Oz is survived by his parents, Amir and Meirav, and his sister, Hadar







Staff Sgt. Dvir Haim Rossler



Staff Sgt. Dvir Haim Rossler, 21, from Kedumim, was a lover of Capoeira, a form of martial arts, and the drums. He was a combat soldier in Golani Brigade, Battalion 51. Throughout his time in various yeshivot during high school, Dvir patiently waited to enlist in Golani. On October 7, he valiantly held a shelter door closed to protect his fellow soldiers. In his final act of courage, he died so that others could live.







Sgt. Dvir Lisha



Sgt. Dvir Lisha, 21, a Golani soldier from Nitzan, was killed on October 7 in the south of Israel and is remembered as a dear brother to his seven siblings and a loving son to his mother and father. Dvir was uprooted from Gush Katif as a young child, and always felt a deep connection to his roots. His mother recalled at his funeral: "It is not a coincidence that you fell so close to there. From the pains of this war, we will be reborn anew as a nation."







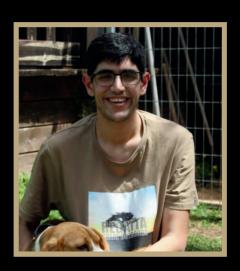
Staff Sgt. Dvir Zakai



Staff Sgt. Dvir Zakai, 20, a Golani soldier from Tiberias, a peacemaker, and a soccer lover, was killed battling Hamas terrorists at the Nahal Oz IDF outpost on October 7. He had a modest presence and a warm smile that put people at ease. Dvir leaves behind heartbroken friends and family who remarked on his heroism up until the end. He died so that others could live.







Corp. Edan Barukh



Cpl. Eden Baruch, 20, was killed on October 7 at his home in Kibbutz Beeri as he tried to fend off Hamas terrorists together with his grandmother and older brother. Eden was a nature lover and a youth leader who was devoted to education. Before enlisting in the army, he spent a gap year doing national service at a therapeutic dog kennel. He planned to live in Be'eri forever and was most fond of the rolling hills filled with red blossoms.







Capt. Eden Provisor



Capt. Eden Provisor, 21, from Alfei Menashe, served as a platoon commander in the 52 Battalion of the Armored Corps before his death in Gaza on November 18. A black belt in mixed martial arts, Eden was fiercely athletic and planned to attend the Battalion Commanders course and advance in his military career. His disciplined and calm demeanor led to multiple acts of heroism during the war. Eden was chosen by his commanders to command the leading tank in battle. He accepted the position with pride and courage.







Staff Sgt. Efraim Yachman



Staff Sgt. Efraim Yachman, 21, was a passionate Torah lover and musician hailing from Neve Daniel. He served as a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade, Shaked Battalion. Efraim studied and served in the army together with his two best friends from Yerucham. Together they planned to return for a fourth year of yeshiva but tragically, both of Efraim's friends died in Gaza. Four days after Efraim visited their graves, he died in battle and was buried next to them.







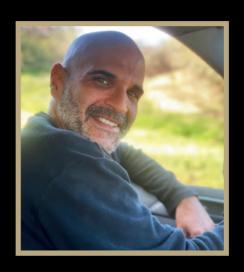
Staff Sgt. Efraim Yachman



Staff Sgt. Eitan Dov Rosenzweig, 21, from Alon Shvut, was a fiercely intellectual scholar and poet, and gifted illustrator who served in the Givati Brigade's Shaked Battalion. He was killed on November 22 in Gaza, one of three soldiers from the same high school who lost their lives in battle. With a hunger for learning, Dov loved reading and visiting museums. He leaves behind his heartbroken parents and four siblings.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Eitan Hadad



Sgt. Major (Res) Eitan Hadad, 43, was a passionate music lover and bass player, who died defending Kibbutz Be'eri from Hamas terrorists on October 7. A life-long resident of the kibbutz and a valued member of the safety team, Eitan valiantly battled for hours before he was killed. Many musical collaborators from around the world paid tribute to Eitan and mourned his untimely death.







Maj. (res.) Eitan Menachem Neeman



Ma. Eitan Neeman, 45, a reservist combat medic in the 551st Brigade from the West Bank settlement of Tene, was a pediatrician, and father of 7, who died in battle in Gaza on October 9. Eitan was saving lives in the trauma department of Soroka hospital when the war broke out, and went on to save more lives on the front lines when he was called into reserve duty. His wife, children and extended family mourn his untimely passing.







Sgt. 1st Class Elad Michael Sasson



Sgt. First Class Elad Michael Sasson, 21, a fighter in the elite Egoz Commando Unit, was a leader and a generous friend, who died battling Hamas terrorists for eight brutal hours on October 7 in Kissufim. The actions of his squad saved the lives of 32 female soldiers, 14 wounded Golani fighters, three civilian women and a baby. Elad was only months away from finishing his army duty and had planned to travel around the world to satisfy his adventurous spirit before pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor. He took great pride in serving his country and he is missed by many.







Capt. Elay Adany



Capt. Elay Adany, 21, from Tel Mond, was cheerful and intelligent, a great friend and a huge fan of Hapoel Tel Aviv. He served as a platoon commander in the Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade and was killed protecting civilians of Kfar Aza from the Hamas onslaught on October 7. Elay was a fierce and loyal leader who was not afraid to go toward danger to save lives, which is exactly where he led his squad on that fateful day. Elay is mourned by his dear family and friends.







Lt. Col. Eli Ginsberg



Lt. Col, Eli Ginsburg, 42, from the northern kibbutz of Dovrat, was the commander of the special forces LOTAR counterterrorism unit and had retired from a long and storied IDF career two weeks before the October 7 massacre. He jumped back into action only to fall on October 8 in the battle to retake Kibbutz Be'eri. He leaves behind four devastated children and his beloved wife, who was also his childhood friend. He is remembered for his fearlessness and his superhero-like qualities.







Master Sgt. (res.) Eliahou Benjamin Elmakayes Master Sgt. (res.) Eliahou Benjamin Elmakayes, 29, a soldier in the Combat Engineering Corp's 8219th Battalion, was a passionate Zionist originally hailing from France. He was set to be married in the same week that he fell in battle on November 8. Eliahou joined a combat unit as a Lone Soldier fulfilling a lifelong dream to make Aliyah and protect the Jewish homeland. He is remembered as a generous and kind spirit who was looking forward to starting a family.







Staff Sgt. Eliasaf Ben Porat



Staff Sgt. Eliasaf Ben Porat, 21, a cook from the 282nd Artillery Regiment's 411th Battalion from Safed, was a creative spirit and dedicated trance musician. He was killed on October 7 while attending the Supernova music festival. Eliasaf left behind five devastated siblings and his parents. In his youth, Eliasaf was a gifted basketball player but later poured his passion into his music and wanted to devote his future to creating and producing trance.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Elisha Levinshtern



Sergeant major (res.) Elisha Levinshtern, 38, from Harish, served in the 8104th Battalion of the Armored Corps. A rabbi and a Torah scholar, Elisha was killed in southern Gaza by an antitank missile on December 3. He was passionate about his faith and developed deep and meaningful relationships with his community. Elisha leaves behind six adoring children and his loving wife.







Capt. (res.) Eliya Yanovsky



Capt. (res.) Eliya Yanovsky, 24, was a platoon commander in Battalion 811 of the 5th Brigade from Jerusalem. He was a thoughtful writer and a fearless leader who lost his life after uncovering a massive Hamas tunnel and eliminating many terrorists while in Gaza on December 10. Eliya devoted his free time to writing fiction and non-fiction and while in Gaza, diligently maintained a diary where he described his experiences in combat.







Master Sgt. (res.) Eliyahu Meir Ohana



Master Sergeant (res.) Eliyahu Meir Ohana, 28, from Haifa, was part of the Yiftach Brigade. He was a family man who was fiercely devoted to his wife and two children. Eliyahu died in combat in Gaza on December 23rd while on reserve duty. He is remembered for his love of nature and for appreciating the deep richness of the land of Israel.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Elkana Newlander



Sgt. First Class (res.) Elkana Newlander, 24, from Efrat, was a combat medic in the 99th Division. He was an aspiring lawyer and a professional paramedic who was killed in Gaza on January 9th. Elkana was fearless, and on October 7, rushed to Be'eri to save as many lives as possible. When he was called up for reserve service, he volunteered for a combat unit. Elkana is mourned by his family, friends, and classmates at Bar llan School of Law.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Elkana Yehuda Sfez



Sgt. First Class (res.) Elkana Yehuda Sfez, 25, from Kiryat Arba, was a fighter in the 8208th Battalion of the 261st Brigade. Cheerful and good-natured, Elkana Yehuda was killed on January 22 in Gaza in a tragic building collapse alongside 20 other soldiers. Elkana was exempt from military service but fought to enlist. He is survived by his parents and five older siblings.







Master Sgt. (res.) Elkana Vizel



Master Sgt. (res.) Elkana Vizel, 35, of Bnei Dekalim, was a dedicated teacher who served as a squad commander in Gaza when he was killed on January 22 in a tragic building collapse alongside 20 other soldiers. In a letter left before he died, Elkana wrote, "Perhaps I fell in battle. When a soldier falls in battle, it's sad. But I ask you to be happy. Don't be sad when you say goodbye to me. Sing a lot, plant seeds in hearts, hold each other's hands and strengthen one another. We have so much to be proud of and happy about; we are a generation of redemption!"







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Elyassaf Shoshan



Sergeant First Class (res.) Elyassaf Shoshan, 23, from Jerusalem, served in the 646th Brigade's 6646th Battalion. Loved by all, he was a gifted pianist with a finely tuned ear. While in Gaza, Elyassaf lifted the spirits of his unit when he began playing on an abandoned piano to boost morale. He was tragically killed in combat on December 23.







Sgt. Emil Samoylov



Sgt. Emil Samoylov, 22, a Lone Soldier from Russia was a passionate soccer player who was killed on October 7 while serving as Security Guard Facilities Coordinator of Government Activities. A soccer enthusiast and shawarma lover, Emil is fondly remembered for building a place for all of the off-duty soldiers to play.







Sgt. Eran Aloni



Sgt. Eran Aloni, 19, of the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion from Ofakim, saw his community ravaged on October 7, and dedicated his life from then on to ensuring the safety and security of his beloved country. He fell in battle in Gaza on December 12. Eran's family and friends mourn the loss of a great man.







Staff Sgt. Erez Mishlovsky



Staff Sgt. Erez Mishlovsky, 20, from Oranit, was a soldier in the Givati Brigade. He fought terrorists in Kfar Aza on October 7 and lost his life fighting with seven comrades in northern Gaza just a few weeks later, on October 31. Always ready to give himself selflessly to others, Erez is remembered for his love of basketball and spending time with his beloved partner who enlisted in the IDF in his memory.







Capt. Etai Cohen



Capt. Etai Cohen, 22, known for his unparalleled heroism, served as a squad commander in the Yahalom Special Forces, part of the IDF's Combat Engineering Corps. Itai and his team saved Kibbutz Alumim from total destruction on October 7, bringing relief to the community and changing the trajectory of the outcome. Itai was a scholar-athlete who loved learning and basketball. He will be remembered as a fearless leader.







Maj. Dvir David Fima



Major Dvir David Fima, 32, from Kfar Yona, served as a head deputy of the 460th Armored Brigade's 198 Battalion and died during intense fighting in Gaza on December 27. He leaves behind a loving wife and baby daughter. A great conversationalist, he is remembered for his love of laughter and his warm spirit.







Maj. Aryeh Shlomo Ziering



Maj. Aryeh Shlomo Ziering, 27, a soldier in the Oketz Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade, felt he had a calling to protect civilians and make their daily lives peaceful. He was killed fighting Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023, in the south of Israel.

A smart, athletic, and humble soldier, his friends said that his spirit mirrored his name, which means "lion" in Hebrew, embodying strength and courage in every endeavor. He died as he lived: protecting the innocent and working for peace.







Col. (res.) Asaf Hamami



Col. Asaf Hamami, 41, a witty family man that loved his country, was killed on October 7, 2023, fighting Hamas terrorists on Kibbutz Nirim, his body taken captive. From a young age, Asaf knew he was destined to protect Israel serving in the army.

Asaf was always first in line to protect others, never hesitating to jump in to help when danger arose. He loved his family, always smiling when he would talk about his wife and three children. Asaf was a great friend who cared for his soldiers and whose love will live on forever.







Capt. Asaf Master



Capt. Asaf Master, 22, of the engineering Battalion 601, spread joy and laughter wherever he went. He was killed on November 15, 2023 in Gaza. Hailing from Kibbutz Bahan, Asaf was a born leader.

His friends say that he was intelligent, the best of the best, always excelling at whatever he did. He became an officer quickly after joining the IDF, his squad members saying that it was clear from the start that he was going to be outstanding.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Asaf Pinhas Tubul

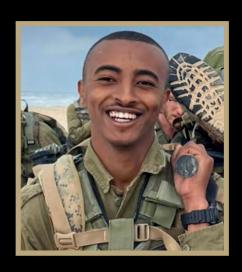


Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Asaf Pinhas Tubul, 22, who felt it was his duty to protect his country and people, was killed in the Southern Gaza Strip on December 27, 2023.

He was a scholar who enjoyed learning Torah and had studied at the Pirchei Aharon Yeshiva before beginning his military service. Asaf was not called for reserve duty, but voluntarily rejoined his friends on the battlefield to fight for his homeland. He loved his country and people. He valued his relationships with his fellow man and with God.







Staff Sgt. Aschalwu Sama



Staff Sgt. Aschalwu Sama, 20, of the Nahal Brigade's 932 Battalion, who always smiled, died on December 2, 2023, after sustaining injuries dealt by a Hamas explosive, while he was protecting his comrades.

Aschalwu and his family immigrated to Israel in 2007. His friends, with whom he went by the nickname "Assi," say that he was "the heart of the company." He would always go out of the way to help a friend. His teachers say this was a quality he had ever since he was a young boy, always looking to help lift the spirits of classmates feeling down.







Sgt. Asif Luger



Sgt. Asif Luger, 21, a social, gentle soul, and lover of music, was killed on October 31, 2023, while in Gaza. He served in the Armored Corps' 77 Battalion.

Asif had a passion for music and immersed himself in it whenever he could. In his free time, Asif took courses in music to hone his skills, aspiring to pursue a career as a musician. An ethical and sociable native from Kibbutz Yager, Asif embraced life fully and cherished every moment, especially those spent with his friends and family.







Staff Sgt. Aviad Sar Shalom Revlin



Staff Sgt. Aviad Sar Shalom Revlin, who knew how to make everyone feel like the most important person in the world, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023, at the Super Nova Music Festival. He attended the festival with three of his brothers, another one of whom was also murdered there. Aviad was serving in the Technology Division of the IDF Ground Forces.

Having grown up with his family in Tifrah, Aviad was a pillar of strength for his family. His sister said that he would always know how to make people happy, to unite people, and make everyone laugh.







Sgt. 1st Class Aviel Melkamu



Sgt 1st Class Aviel Malkamu, 21, a man with dreams that included falling in love, flying overseas, hiking the Israel trail, and becoming an uncle, was killed in battle with Hamas terrorists on October 9, 2023, near Kibbutz Kissufim.

He had served in the Egoz Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade. He would have shared his 22nd birthday later that month with his twin, Bat-El, who says he was a man of values. Aviel loved his family and his country and was dedicated to their safety. He was a man that people were proud to know. His older sister shared that she felt privileged to call him her brother.







Master Sgt. (res.) Avihay Amsalem



Master Sgt. (res.) Avihay Amsalem, 30, a loving father and outstanding student, was killed on October 9, 2023, in a confrontation with Hamas terrorists while defending the residents of Sha'ar Hanegev. He had served in the 7008 Battalion in the Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade.

His friends and family describe him as having a beautiful combination of sharp intellect and a sensitive heart. He leaves behind his two sisters, his wife, Tal, who is in her sixth month of pregnancy, and his two daughters, Talia and Maor. For the past two years, he and his family served as house parents at the "Talpiot" Youth Village in Hadera, where they were the resident family to help at-risk girls.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Aviv Baram



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Aviv Baram, 33, a loving father and enthusiastic fan of the Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team, was killed on October 7, 2023, in Kibbutz Kfar Aza, while trying to save his friends.

As soon as he received the news of the terrorist infiltration, the kindhearted Aviv, who was part of the "alert squad" of the kibbutz, kissed his family goodbye and bravely went to fight the terrorists and save his community from harm. Even while injured in battle, Aviv kept fighting to protect his loved ones. He was the kind of man who always asked how he could help.

He dedicated his life to serving his community. With his bravery, he saved the lives of many kibbutz residents.







Staff Sgt. Avraham Wovagen



Staff Sgt. Avraham Wovagen, 21, a selfless leader in the Nahal Brigade's 932nd Battalion, was killed in Northern Gaza on February 2, 2024, by Hamas terrorists while on a mission.

He was the best of the best and would volunteer to lead whenever he saw that he could be of help. His friends will always remember him as the altruistic man that he was.







Corp. Avraham Fetena



Corp. Avraham Fetena, 20, a courageous and strong young man who was part of the military police, was murdered by terrorists in a shooting attack at the West Bank's "Tunnel Road" checkpoint near Jerusalem.

He had a great love of Israel, and with it, a deep commitment to his army service. In the IDF, he was known for his outstanding performance as a trainee, while friends and family remember him fondly for his kindness and care for others.







Capt. (res.) Avraham Hananel Hindi



Capt. (res.) Avraham Hananel Hindi, 37, a bright and selfless family man, was killed by terrorists while defending his family in Kfar Aza on October 7, 2023.

A determined scholar since he was a child, he enrolled himself in the "Migdal Or" Yeshiva at the early age of 13. In the army, he served as a combat officer and was the deputy head of resident's security at Kfar Aza, where he lived. He studied engineering and worked at Kibbutz Kfar Aza in various roles.

He left behind a wife, three young children, parents and siblings.







Maj. Avraham Hovelashvili



Maj. Avraham Hovelashvili, 26, a Zionist who loved the land and felt an unwavering commitment to the people and tasks entrusted to him, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023.

A major in the IDF Border Defense Corps, he was a true leader whose soldiers trusted him implicitly as he would guide them with strength.

Before he took his final breath, he managed to report that terrorists hijacked a police car, saving many more lives.







Staff Sgt. Avraham Nerya Cohen



Staff Sgt. Avraham Nerya Cohen, 20, whose friends and family say had a huge heart full of kindness and generosity, was murdered by Hamas terrorists on what was supposed to be a fun day with his friends at the Super Nova Music Festival on October 7, 2023.

Born in Lod and having moved to Jerusalem, he was a joyful, cheerful young man with a beautiful character who greatly loved life.

Cohen was due to finish his army service in the Gaza Division only ten days after he was killed.







Staff Sgt. Bar Rozenshtein



Staff Sgt. Bar Rozenshtein, 20, who had a zest for life and loved his family, was killed by Hamas terrorists while on duty in the Gaza envelope on October 7, 2023. He served in the Caracal Combat Battalion.

He knew how to live life to the fullest and was a remarkably intelligent child. He graduated with honors effortlessly, having studied physics and robotics. He loved playing video games and watching sports, debating who the best NBA player of all time was (he argued for LeBron James), and similarly, in soccer, he debated between Messi and Ronaldo (he was for Ronaldo). He was responsible and goofy, collected Pop dolls, and enjoyed watching anime. He was competitive and respectful and pursued justice relentlessly.







Sgt. Bar Yankilov



Sgt. Bar Yankilov, 19, who had a pure soul, loved to travel, and who had dreams for his life, was killed on October 7, 2023, by Hamas terrorists while saving innocent civilians in Kibbutz Kissufim. He had served in the 101 Battalion of the prestigious Paratrooper Brigade.

His girlfriend, Eliya, called him "Hercules" because of his strength and how special he was. She recalls how Yankilov wanted to travel outside of Israel with her for his first time and how he hoped to one day marry her. He was proud to serve his people and country, saying that he found his place and purpose in the world when he was assigned to the Paratrooper Brigade. He was a hero until the end and will be remembered for his bravery.







Staff Sgt. Barak Ben David



Staff Sgt. Barak Ben David of the Golani Brigade, 19, spread light everywhere he went. He was killed by terrorists on October 7, 2023 on the Gaza border.

From Dimona, he loved his family dearly and followed in his father's footsteps when he joined the Golani Brigade. A determined warrior, Ben David fought for his country and his people that he loved until the very end.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Barak Haim Ben Valid



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Barak Haim Ben Valid, 33, from Rishon LeZion, loved playing basketball and surfing with his friends. He was killed in the line of duty in Gaza on January 22, 2024, while serving in the 6261 Reserves Battalion of the Gaza Division.

A graduate of Tel Aviv University, the intelligent Ben Valid worked as an analyst at TEVA Pharmaceuticals. He believed in using every hardship to grow stronger. Friends and family remember him for his vibrant Israeli spirit and spark for life.







Maj. Ben Bronshtein



Maj. Ben Bronshtein, 24, basketball enthusiast and lover of life, was killed on October 7, 2023, by the Gaza border as he was called to rescue the innocent civilians of Kfar Aza. He served in the elite Duvdevan Special Forces unit of the Commando Brigade.

From Holon, he was handsome, strong, and very smart. He was a constant source of great happiness for his family and friends, who miss him dearly. He was prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice due to his strong belief in the cause. Bronshtein cherished life, embraced adventure, and had numerous values he kept close to his heart.







Staff Sgt. Ben Rubinshtain



Staff Sgt. Ben Rubinshtain, 20, who brought light wherever he went, was killed protecting residents of Sderot from Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023. Rubinshtain battled bravely against multiple terrorists saving close to 40-50 people.

Described as charming and intelligent, he served in the elite Lotar Counterterrorism Unit. He loved his people and his country and ended up making the ultimate sacrifice to keep them safe. In his free time, Rubinshtain loved playing sports and had been a soccer referee before his army service. He is missed by his family and friends who remember him for his charm and bright smile.







Capt. Liron Snir



Capt. Liron Snir, 25, who served as a squad commander in the Golani Reconnaissance Unit, where he always selflessly cared for his soldiers, was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on November 21.

A resident of the Ofra Israeli settlement, situated between Jerusalem and Nablus, Liron is a graduate of the Ma'ale Eliyahu Yeshiva in Tel Aviv, where he studied for three years prior to his enlistment.

Liron, who was close to completing his service in the IDF and was getting ready to build a home in Israel, always took care to do no harm to anyone, and never step on anyone's toes to get ahead. A rabbi who knew him well eulogized him with the following proverb that best describes Liron, "He who runs away from honor, honor pursues him."

Liron is survived by his parents, Moti and Pazit, and two siblings, Gal and Allon, Liron's twin.







Sgt. Maor Cohen Eisenkot



Sgt. Maor Cohen Eisenkot, 19, a young man from Eilat who embodied a spirit of giving and love and was driven by a true sense of duty to safeguard his homeland, was killed on December 8 in northern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in 12th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

A modest and quiet individual, Maor respected everyone, and seemed to radiate a bright light wherever he went. A man of action rather than words, Maor was about to take part in a commander's course.

Maor's commander shared his thoughts about him during his eulogy, "A man of actions and less of words; the first to carry out any task with the determination and tenacity that characterize you. Maor is the nephew of former Chief of the General Staff and current War Cabinet Minister Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot. He is also the cousin of Master Sgt. (res.) Gal Meir Eisenkot, who was killed in battle in Gaza the day before Maor. Both Maor and Gal Meir were named after the same grandfather.

Maor is survived by his parents, Michael and Sharon, and siblings, Eden and Almog.



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Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Maor Gershoni



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Maor Gershoni, 24, a young man from Yokne'am Illit who believed in the righteousness of the cause and the importance of the fight against the Hamas, was killed in combat in Shejaia in Gaza on December 6, serving as a reservist commander in the Etzioni Brigade's Combat Engineering 8173rd Battalion.

On Saturday, October 7, when Maor was called up for reserve duty, he promptly reported without hesitation to restore peace and security to the State of Israel, ready and willing to take an active part in the fighting.

Maor was known for his perpetual smile, his willingness to volunteer and for how deeply he cared for his friends and comrades.

Maor is survived by his mother, Noga, his sister, Maayan, and his partner, Sapir.







Master Sgt. (res.) Maor Lavi



Master Sgt. Maor Lavi (res.), 33, a peripatetic volunteer from Beersheva, who touched the hearts of everyone he encountered, was killed in Shejaia in Gaza on December 26 serving as a reservist combat soldier in the 450 Bislamach Battalion.

A devoted family man, Maor was known as a modest, unassuming and quiet man, who was endlessly creative and always delighting others with his imaginative ideas.

Funny and continually good humored, Maor was a deeply principled man who lived by an unwavering code of honor.

He is survived by his wife, Inbar, and their four daughters, Hadar, Shani, Shachar, and Adi.







Master Sgt. (res.) Maoz Fenigstein



Master Sgt. (res.) Maoz Fenigstein, 25 who loved the land of Israel, was full of joy, and always had a smile on his face, was killed on December 19 in Gaza, serving as a combat reservist in the 7008th Battalion of the Commando Brigade's Special Force Unit.

Maoz, who resided in the community of Giv'at Hahanan, studied in the Yeshiva Bnei Netzarim and Ramat Gan, and later at the "Re'uta" Yeshiva in Carmel.

Known as a lover of the outdoors, Maoz could be found skiing in Canada or cycling in the Judean Hills.

After his death, his organs were donated, saving many lives.

Maoz is survived by his wife Odiya, and their infant child, Tana, and his mother, Tzurit.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Mark Kononovich



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Mark Kononovich, 35, who made Aliyah with his family in his youth and served as a combat soldier in the 261 Brigade's 8208 Reserves Battalion, died in a building collapse at the Al Maghazi refugee camp on January 22, where 21 IDF soldiers were killed, and several others injured.

A resident of Herzliya, Mark worked as a mission manager in the Threat Security Unit of the Ministry of Justice.

A highly principled man, Mark firmly believed in his service and the necessity of the army, stating, that without an army, there would be no Israel.

Mark is survived by his wife, Oral, and their four children, Michael, Tair, Yonatan, and Noya, and his parents, Alexander and Albatina.







Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Damari



Master Sgt. (res.) Matan Damari, 31, who always aspired for excellence and lived an exemplary life, was killed by Hamas artillery fire in northern Gaza on December 5, serving in the Reconnaissance Squad Command of the 215th Brigade,

A resident of Dimona, Matan worked as a school gym teacher in Mitzpe Ramon.

Matan was known as a humble, uncomplicated man, and a good friend to many. He had a very big heart and loving heart and was an unequivocally good and decent man.

He is survived by his widow, Eden, their two children, his father, Moshe, and siblings, Amit and Roy.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Matan Lazar



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Matan Lazar, 32, who loved his country, his people, and the army, a true role model to many who felt honored to serve his homeland, was killed on January 22 in southern Gaza serving as a combat soldier in the 261st Infantry Brigade's 6261 Reserve Battalion. Matan was one of twenty-one soldiers killed in the worst day of loss for Israel since the war began.

A resident of Haifa, Matan was a modest, kind-hearted man beloved by everyone for his compassion, emotion and empathy.

An outstanding and intelligent student, Matan worked as a medic in the Carmel Medical Center, where his dedication and professionalism made him a much loved and respected team member.

He is survived by his wife, Ilana, their young child, Ari, and parents, Silvio and Yosefa.







Sgt. Matan Malka



Sgt. Matan Malka, 19, a modest, kindhearted young man and exceptional athlete who served in the elite Paratroopers Brigade, 101st Battalion, was killed in the terrorist attacks on October 7 in Kibbutz Kissufim.

Matan left his home in Kibbutz Gesher HaZiv that morning to stop the massacre in Kissufim. There, he sacrificed his life leading a heroic battle eliminating terrorists and saving the lives of many civilians.

During his training, he "adopted" two friends from France and the United States who served in his squad, making sure they understood the language and helping ease their integration.

To continue Matan's loving vision, his parents and the "Just to Give" association, established "Matan Malka's House," a welcoming guesthouse for lone soldiers.

Matan is survived by his parents, Yossi and Livat, who created the "Matan Malka Home for Lone Soldiers" in his honor and memory, recognizing how committed he was to making Lone Soldiers feel that they belonged.







Staff Sgt. Matan Vinogradov



Staff Sgt. Matan Vinogradov, 20, a dedicated young family man from Jerusalem, was killed in a raid on Shifa Hospital in southern Gaza on March 18, serving as a combat soldier in the 932nd Battalion of the Nahal Brigade.

Beloved by friends and family, Matan always paid loving attention and took special care of his Holocaust survivor grandmother and was a fun and favorite uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Matan excelled in his studies, had an open, loving heart, and was known for his steady generosity and readiness to volunteer to help. Matan's direct commander shared in his eulogy, "He was a guy who never gives up, gives of himself for his friends. A person you want to have with you in class, in the department, and in combat."

Matan is survived by his mother, Paulina, and his sister.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Matanya Alster



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Matanya Alster, 23, a student guide who became a friend and fatherly figure, was killed by a missile launched by Hezbollah terrorists near the Lebanon border on October 11, serving as combat reservist in the 221st Battalion, Carmeli Brigade,

A resident of Sde Ilan, Matanya was educated at the Rigvim BaEmek boarding school.

After the army, Matanya returned to Rigvim BaEmek, as a general guide, focusing on grades 9 through 12. There, the former fun-loving student had morphed into a mature young man, always ready to provide students helpful and much needed guidance based on his personal experience.

Matanya is survived by his parents, Dan and Sarah, and four siblings, Aviah, Reut, Ariel, Yehuda, and Yafit.







Staff Sgt. Max Rabinov



Staff Sgt. Max Rabinov, 21, from Ashdod, who served as a combat intelligence collection soldier in the 414th Battalion of the Border Defense Corps, was killed during the terrorist attacks on October 7.

Max is survived by his parents, his grandmother, and his twin sister, Michelle.







Sgt. 1st Class Meiron Moshe Gersch



Sgt. 1st Class Meiron Moshe Gersch, 21, who planned to return to work for the fire department in his hometown of Petah Tikva, was killed in combat in the northern Gaza Strip on January 2, serving as a combat officer in the Yahalom Special Force in the Engineering Brigade.

A lone soldier and an only child, Meiron was not obligated but insisted on enlisting in to combat service to contribute to the protection of the country.

As an optimistic and selfless teenager, he volunteered at the fire station, where he planned to return after his military service. He loved sports, participated in triathlons, enjoyed running, and playing basketball.

Meiron is survived by his parents, Alan and Dina, and his girlfriend.







Staff Sgt. Michael Ben Hamo



Staff Sgt. Michael Ben Hamo, 21, a young man from Rehovot who was willing to sacrifice his life to protect soldiers, friends, and citizens of his beloved country, was killed on October 7 at Kibbutz Kissufim, serving as a squad commander in the Golani Brigade, 51st Battalion.

That morning Michael led his force in their mission to defend the fighters and residents of the nearby kibbutz, when their vehicle was hit by fire. Michael was killed when he and another fighter engaged the terrorists, but their actions helped the other fighters reach the base.

In a journal he kept in the last months of his life, Michael wrote about wanting to fight at the border, at the forefront of defending his homeland.

Michael is survived by his parents, and his partner, Tamar.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Michael Gal



Sgt. First Class (res.) Michael Gal, 29, a kind, generous and brave man who served in the Bislamach Brigade's 450th Battalion, was killed fighting in southern Gaza on March 10, just one day before he was to be released from reserves.

A resident of Jerusalem, Michael was a devoted family man known for being genuine, for always moving forward, taking charge, yet always giving selflessly of himself.

Michael is survived by his parents, David and Sara, and his siblings.







Maj. Mordechay Shamir



Maj. Mordechay Shamir, 29, a valiant, selfless and patriotic young warrior from Havot Yair, who served as a combat officer in the Golani Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit, was killed in a battle near Kibbutz Re'im on October 7.

That morning, Mordechay hurried to the south with his friends from the community. Leading his forces at first with only a handgun, he fought with a rifle from a dead soldier he came across and was later felled in battle.

Mordechay's last role in the army was as an officer commanding infantry and paratroopers.

Mordechay is survived by his wife, Revital, who gave birth to their second child four months after his death, his young son, Lavi, his parents, Ben-Zion and Esther, and his siblings, Zehavit and Noa.







Maj. Moshe Avram Bar On



Maj. Moshe Avram Bar On, 23, an outstanding soldier from Raanana who received numerous accolades, including the President's Excellence Award. was killed in <u>Shuja'iyya</u>, Gaza on December 12, serving as a Company Commander in the Golani Brigade's 51st Battalion.

Moshe and his family, out of an abiding sense of Zionism, made aliyah to Israel from France.

A humble and cheerful young man, Moshe often referred to himself as "just a simple guy."

Moshe, who believed in warfare and was ready to go to battle to contribute to the country he loved, used to tell his soldiers, "We are simple people who do complex things, under challenging conditions, excellently."

Moshe is survived by his parents, David and Marilyn, and four sisters, Salome, Paige, Rivka, and Batsheva.







Master Sgt. (res.) Moshe Yedidya Raziel



Moshe Yedidya Raziel, 31, a kind, gentle man who loved Torah, swimming and other sports, was killed battling Hamas terrorists trying to infiltrate Kibbutz Kerem Shalom on October 7.

A member of the kibbutz's local security team, Yedidya was posthumously recognized as a fallen soldier with the rank of Master Sergeant in the reserves.

Yedidya worked as a social worker with the Kidum organization which runs a series of rehabilitation programs and was pursuing a master's degree in counseling.

He was buried on October 11 on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem and is survived by his wife, Shira, their three children, Tzuri, Tair, and Hadar, his parents, Yisrael and Rachel, and five siblings: Noga, Gideon, Tzila, Ariel and Leah.







Corp. Naama Bonny



Corp. Naama Bonny, 19, a dedicated, principled, goaloriented young woman from Afula with a passion for music, was killed on guard duty at the Zikim base on October 7 serving as a social welfare officer in the 77th Battalion of the Armored Corps.

Naama, who had enlisted only seven months before her death, gathered and organized everyone into shelters that morning as the terrorists infiltrated the base, saving many lives.

Naama managed to update her friends on her situation before she was killed: "I love you. Truly. There is a head injury next to me. A terrorist may be shooting at me. I'm with one Golani soldier. No reinforcement."

She was incredibly courageous to the very end.

Naama is survived by her parents.







Master Sgt. (res.) Naaran Eshchar



Master Sgt. (res.) Naaran Eshchar, 33, a dedicated family man who sang, and wrote songs and poetry, died on November 5, a week after he was injured in northern Israel, serving as a tank commander in the 71st Armored Battalion, 188th Armored Brigade.

A resident of Shadmot Mehola, Rabbi Aschar was a revered teacher, who had donated a kidney four months before his death, resulting in an exemption from military service. Still, he insisted on enlisting.

Consistent with the goodness and generosity Rabbi Eshchar demonstrated throughout his life, his family donated his organs, saving the lives of four additional people.

He is survived by his wife, Zuf, and their two young children.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Nadav Amikam



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Nadav Amikam, 39, a man of love with a gentle soul who always saw the good in people and the positive side of things, was killed when terrorists infiltrated his home, Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7.

That morning, Nadav joined the alert squad and fought Hamas terrorists who massacred residents, including entire families and took others hostage into Gaza.

A beloved teacher of wood sculpting, Nadav had previously traveled the world. He shared his lifelong love of nature with his children, searching for butterflies and collecting mushrooms.

He is survived by his wife and their two children, his parents and two brothers.







Staff Sgt. Nadav Cohen



Staff Sgt. Nadav Cohen, 20, a brave, wise, loving young patriot from Haifa who wanted to contribute to his country in the best way he could, was killed in combat in the southern Gaza Strip on March 31 serving as a combatant in the 77th Battalion of the Armored Corps.

When he got the call on October 7, he didn't hesitate and left home, serving for three straight months without seeing his friends or family,

After completing the Be'eri gap year leadership program, Nadav enlisted in the same brigade which his grandfather had served, continuing the family legacy.

Nadav is survived by his mother, Michal, and his siblings, Roni and Yonatan.







Master Sgt. (res.) Nadav Issachar Farhi



Master Sgt. (res.) Nadav Issachar Farhi, 30, a joyful family man who was committed to his values, was killed by an explosive device in the intense battles in central Gaza on December 23, serving as a combat medic in the 7810th Battalion of the Yiftach Commando Reserves Brigade.

A resident of Herzliya, Nadav, who was perpetually caring and concerned about others, had a knack for making everyone feel included.

A true role model, Nadav brought his military friends together into a cohesive and light-hearted team, creating a joyful, familial atmosphere, which contributed to their stellar performance.

He is survived by his wife, Kelly, their two young children, his parents, Yitzchak and Efrat, and three siblings.







Sgt. Nahman Dekel



Sgt. Nahman Dekel, aged 20, a bright light with a perpetual smile that radiated kindness, was killed in the terrorist attacks on October 7 along the Gaza border, serving as a combat soldier in the 50th Battalion of the Nahal Brigade.

A resident of Emmanuel, Nahman had a penchant for making sure everyone else was okay and indulging loved ones at every opportunity.

A modest and selfless young man who always uplifted others, Nahman was a haven for those around him, a good friend and dedicated son who always tried to give his mother peace of mind. In a multitude of ways, he was a truly special person.

Nahman is survived by his parents, Liron and Dganit, and his siblings, Renan, Tehila, Leah, and Nathan.







Staff Sgt. Naor Siboni



Staff Sgt. Naor Siboni, 20, a young man from Gilat with a passion for music who enjoyed attending live concerts, was killed in the Hamas terrorist attacks along the Gaza border on October 7 serving as a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade.

Possessing a heart of gold, Naor expressed love and affection for those around him.

A fearless person, Naor had many strengths. He was a dear friend, funny, and joyful – a true pleasure to be around.

Naor is survived by his parents, Dakar and Tzila.







Staff Sgt. Narya Belete



Staff sergeant Narya Belete, 21, who made aliyah from Ethiopia with his family, all of whom enlisted to fight, and served as a combatant in the Givati Brigade Reconnaissance Battalion, was killed on February 24 in the battles at Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

A resident of Shavei Shomron, Narya was a modest, gentle and quiet young man.

Prior to enlisting, Narya did a gap year volunteering in the "Mikveh Israel" program.

He was known for his eagerness to volunteer and was always the first to lend a helping hand. Eager to contribute and give to his country, he was beloved by everyone.

Narya is survived by his parents, Rachamim and Batsheva, and his five siblings.







Staff Sgt. Nehoray Levi Amitay



Staff Sgt. Nehoray Levi Amitay, 20, from Rintya, who loved skateboarding and Beitar Jerusalem soccer, was killed in Nahal Oz by Hamas terrorists on October 7, serving as a squad commander in the Golani Brigade, 13th Battalion.

On the morning of October 7th, around fifty terrorists infiltrated the outpost and committed a brutal massacre. Stationed at the outpost, Nehoray bravely fought, saving the lives of many soldiers before being felled by the terrorists.

He is survived by his parents, Harel and Hagit, three brothers, Matan, Itamar, and Shalom, and a girlfriend, Hagar, with whom he planned to travel to Italy after completing his military service, live with on a settlement and adopt a dog.







Staff Sgt. Nehoray Said



Staff Sgt. Nehoray Said, 21, a young man full of joy for life and laughter who enjoyed the small moments of life with family, friends, and companions, was killed on October 7 in his hometown of Ofakim, serving as a combatant in the 92nd Battalion of the Kfir Brigade.

Before security forces arrived that morning, Nehoray was among the dozens of residents who fought Hamas terrorists who had infiltrated the city.

Hearing gunfire, he unhesitatingly grabbed his personal weapon and ran out of his home to valiantly fight, managing to eliminate many terrorists and save residents' lives, before he was shot.

He is survived by his parents, four siblings, and a partner.







Corp. Neria Aaron Nagari



Corp. Neria Aaron Nagari, 18, a loving, radiant young man with a memorable smile, melodious voice and unique sense of humor, was killed on October 7 in 7ikim.

A resident of Talmon, Neria was a combat trainee in the Search and Rescue Unit, who had enlisted just two months earlier. Neria's grandfather Rabbi Mordechai Nagari is the rabbi of Ma'ale Adumim

When Hamas terrorists infiltrated the Zikim base that morning, the commander ushered the trainees into the shelters. Officers then left the shelter to engage the terrorists and fell in battle. The rookies remaining in the shelter began to panic, and Neria took command, calming them down.

He later volunteered to stand guard while a wounded soldier was cared for and was killed at his post tending to another wounded comrade.

Neria is survived by his parents, Rabbi Raphael and Sharon, and his six siblings.







Staff Sgt. Neria Ben David



Staff Sgt. Neria Ben David, 22, a determined and tenacious young man from Haifa, with a deep connection to the land and a profound love for his country, was killed on October 8 in Be'eri, Israel, serving as squad commander in the 603 Combat Engineering Battalion, Combat Engineers Brigade,

That morning, Neria and his squad set out southward to evacuate residents. Arriving in Be'eri, they came under heavy fire again from multiple points and Neria was killed.

Before his enlistment, Neria volunteered on a farm near Beit Rimon, where he took care of the crops and tended to the animals.

He was a no-nonsense commander, who believed in speaking little and doing much: a true man of action, humility and goodness.

Neria is survived by his parents, Baruch and Michal, and his siblings.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Neriya Shaer



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Neriya Shaer, 36, a quiet, very modest, and generous man from Yavne with a heart of gold and love for the land, was killed on December 3 in northern Gaza serving as a reservist combatant in the 6655th Battalion of the 55th Paratroopers Brigade.

Neriya, who went to war with a spirit of combat and great courage, felt that he was part of something significant and fought with steadfast bravery.

Beloved by all, Neriya always cared for others, maintained close relationships with his loved ones, was a beloved uncle, and was the true essence of a family man.

Neriya is survived by his parents, Reuven and Anat, a brother, Ohad, and a sister, Hadar.







Capt. (res.) Neriya Zisk



Capt. (res.) Neriya Zisk, 24, who loved surfing and playing basketball, was killed during battle in central Gaza on December 27, serving as a tank officer in the 52nd Armored Battalion, 401st armored Brigade.

Working as a tractor driver in the field near his home Meshu'ot Yitzhak and saving for a big trip in South America, Neriya rushed to join the fighting as the war began.

The third of eight children in his close family, Neriya was a sweet, mischievous, and funny child who overcame many challenges.

He studied at the high school Yeshiva in Be'er Ganaim and then spent a year and a half in a pre-army gap year leadership program at Bnei Akiva -"Ali".

Neriya is survived by his parents, Yisrael and Galit, and his siblings, Dvir, Atara, Shlomzion, Tiferet, Argaman, Shalhevet, and Tohar.







Staff Sgt. Neta Bar Am



Staff Sgt. Neta Bar Am, 21, of Hadera, a beloved and respected commander who aspired to excellence, was killed on October 7 in Nahal Oz serving as an observation balloon commander in the 414th Battalion of the Combat Intelligence Corps. After four agonizing days of holding hope for Neta's safety, his family received the devastating news that he had been killed.

Stationed at the Nahal Oz base that morning, Neta was killed in an intense battle while evacuating the wounded and reporting via radio and phone about the situation.

On that Saturday morning, Neta sent his father a final message, asking his family to progress in their lives, to marry, to develop, and not to allow grief to get the better of them.

He is survived by his parents, Liad and Nirit, two sisters, Yaela and Noga, his grandparents, and a partner.







Master Sgt. (res.) Netanel (Nati) Harush



Master Sergeant (res.) Netanel (Nati) Harush, 34, a devoted family man from Jerusalem who loved to help others from Jerusalem, was killed during a logistic operation in northern Gaza on November 10 serving as a reservist combat soldier in the Givati Brigade's Logistics Unit 5084.

A brilliant and talented man, Nati was known to be consistently grounded and very reliable. He gave of himself fully and had planned to pay for his mother's home renovation.

Nati enlisted in the military out of a strong commitment and played a significant role in rescuing civilians. Israel's Chief Rabbi David Lau eulogized Nati, saying, "Your giving was without limit."

Nati is survived by his mother, Leah, and his ten siblings, David, Abraham, Sharona, Jacob, Michal, Yitzchak, Orit, Moshe, Shmuel, and Daniel.







Capt. (res.) Netanel Silberg



Capt. (res.) Netanel Silberg, 33, an inspiring, purpose driven man from Na'ama who planned to propose to his partner after the war, was killed on December 18 in combat in the northern Gaza Strip, serving as a platoon commander in the Yahalom Special Forces Unit.

Before being called up for reserve duty, Netanel volunteered right away to replace another soldier who was injured. In his final battle, he charged forward at the head of the force and was felled.

Though he was the commander, Netanel seemed like one of the guys, who led quietly and selflessly. He was a graduate of the Yeshiva Hesder in Beit She'an,

Netanel is survived by his parents, Dov and Eilat, his siblings, Elisaf, Oriya, Rachel, Yonatan, and Moriah, his grandparents, and his partner, Hadas.







Master Sgt. (res.) Sergey Shmerkin



Master Sgt. (res.) Sergey Shmerkin, a helper to all, was a 32-year-old real estate professional from Kiryat Shmona who served in the 697th Battalion of the 551st Commando Reserves Brigade. He fell in battle in northern Gaza on November 10, 2023.

Sergey put others before himself — again and again. Whenever an extra hand was needed, he was quick to volunteer, asking for nothing in return. Because of his care and commitment, the miracle of Israel will persist.







Master Sgt. (res.) Anwar Serhan



Master Sgt. (res.) Anwar Serhan, a man of mission and purpose, was a 26-year-old from Hurfeish who served in the 910th Battalion of the Etzion Regional Brigade. He was killed in a collision between a military jeep and a truck in the West Bank on January 1, 2024.

He always gave without expectation. When hatred pervaded, he rose. When freedom teetered, he fought. When chaos consumed, he restored.

Anwar left behind his parents and six siblings, two of whom were also fighting in the reserves. One of his brothers said, "We've lost the dearest of all."







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shachar Aviani



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shachar Aviani, a lifelong defender of Israel, was a 56-year-old security officer who headed the alert squad in Kfar Aza. He fell defending Kfar Aza, his home community, from terrorists on October 7, 2023.

Shachar was a man of balance. Lighthearted yet serious. Optimistic yet realistic. He always told his daughter, "Take life lightly. Life is simple; it's us who complicate it." Music and family, in particular his wife and four children, brought extra joy to his days and nights.

A true guardian, Shachar lived to protect and enrich lives. He died carrying out his mission, one of true and high purpose.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shachar Zemach



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shachar Zemach, who had a love for all life and all people, was a 39-year-old member of the rapid response team in his community of Kibbutz Be'eri. He fell fighting a Hamas invasion of the kibbutz dental clinic, which was being used as an ad hoc triage center for wounded civilians on October 7, 2023.

Shachar was a man who took life by storm, embracing every passion with heart. Running, hiking, traveling — always moving. He loved soccer, especially a game with Liverpool or Maccabi Haifa. By day, he wore the suit of a chief financial officer. By night, he lit a bonfire with his little ones. And Shachar was also a lifelong peace activist, someone who always had an olive branch in one hand.

He is survived by his wife, Ofri, and his children, Ella and Netta, as well as his parents, Shlomit and Doron, and his siblings, Yarden, Itai, Shai and Ido.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shahaf Bergsten



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shahaf Bergsten, a man of action, was a 33-year-old member of the alert squad in Kfar Aza and served in the 6408th Battalion of the Ezion Regional Brigade. He was killed in Kfar Aza, his home community, by Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023.

Shahaf was the good friend, the planner who always made sure outings and gatherings ran smoothly for those he cared about. He enjoyed all sports, from soccer to surfing. And his love of land and sea encouraged him to study water technologies.

He was a doer, someone who could be trusted always. May his memory and his legacy be for a blessing.







Staff Sgt. Shahar Cohen Mivtach



Staff Sgt. Shahar Cohen Mivtach, a guardian of people and country, was a 22-year-old combat soldier from Karmiel who served in the 9th Battalion of the Armored Corps. He was killed by a mortar strike in northern Gaza on November 5, 2023.

Shachar found joy in nature, often hiking trails or swimming in nearby springs. He was a man of insight and depth, someone from whom family and friends learned. Uncertainty did not scare him. He was a leader who *chose* to protect his people and his homeland, no matter the circumstances.







Staff Sgt. Shalev Baranes



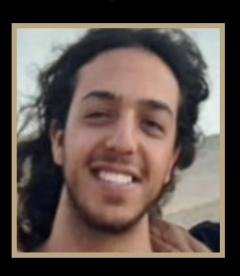
Staff Sgt. Shalev Baranes, a pillar of strength and courage, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Kfar Baruch who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell fighting terrorists and saving at least 20 soldiers at the Magen Be'eri military outpost near Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Shalev was a true leader, someone who did what had to be done to protect his people. He enlisted in the Golani Brigade, specifically in the 13th Battalion, to continue his father's legacy of service to Israel.

And Shalev died as he lived. As a giver. As someone who helped and supported all, no matter how well he knew them. Everyone mattered to him.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shalev Sharabi



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shalev Sharabi, a man of great heart and spirit, was a 22-year-old combat medic from Tene Omarim who served in the 749th Engineering Battalion of the Bislach Brigade. He was killed by a mortar strike in Be'eri on November 2, 2023.

Shalev did everything with a smile, especially cooking and baking. He often spent hours making elaborate meals and desserts for his loved ones. And because they loved his food, he made more.

Dedication was his strength, inside and outside of the kitchen. He held a deep love for the land of Israel, which he protected with courage.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shalev Zaltsman



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shalev Zaltsman, a true upstander, was a 24-year-old combat soldier from Ramat Yishai who served in the 6623rd Battalion of the 55th Reserve Paratroopers Brigade. He was killed in southern Gaza on December 16, 2023.

After the war, Shalev was planning to return home to travel with his girlfriend and start college. In a letter to his family, sent just before his death, he wrote: "Stay strong, it will be over soon."

Shalev mitigated threats on the front lines and behind the scenes. No matter the situation at hand, he never backed down. He was there because his country and his people needed him. Always.







Capt. (res.) Shaul Greenglick



Capt. (res.) Shaul Greenglick, who had a voice of great depth, was a 26-year-old soldier from Raanana who served in the 931st Battalion of the Nahal Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on December 26, 2023.

A singer and a soldier, Shaul was a natural talent. Just weeks before he died, he performed in uniform on The Next Star, a show that selects a singer to represent Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest. He was green lit for the next round in the selection process.

One of the judges told him, "I'm happy to see you wearing a uniform because it's reassuring that someone like you is in uniform. I would be happy to see you representing Israel at Eurovision."







Lt. Shai Ayeli



Lt. Shai Ayeli, who always put others first, was a 21-year-old soldier from Ashkelon who served in the 669th Heliborne Combat Search and Rescue Extraction Unit. He fell in northern Gaza on December 21, 2023.

He was a lifesaver — truly. During combat, one of his fellow soldiers was in danger, caught in the chasm between life and death. For Shai, the mission was clear: save him. And he did.

As a soldier, he saw every challenge as an opportunity, always seeking ways to progress and improve. His next step: Become an officer with the Israel Defense Forces. He was on his way to completing a training course.







Staff Sgt. Shay Arvas



Staff Sgt. Shay Arvas, a man who brought people together, was a 20-year-old combat medic from Holon who served in the Tzabar Battalion of the Givati Brigade. He was killed by an anti-tank missile in northern Gaza on October 31, 2023.

Shay was a unifier. He anchored those around him, a pillar of support for his family and his fellow soldiers. Every passion of his — working in the field, cooking for others, baking desserts — was carried out with motivation and pride. Shay was a man of skill and heart.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shay Biton Hayun



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Shay Biton Hayun, a man of diligence and duty, was a 40-year-old combat soldier from Zikhron Ya'akov who served in the Gaza Division of the 8208th Reserves Battalion. He was killed in a blast at the Al Maghazi refugee camp in southern Gaza on January 22, 2024.

As a fighter and defender, he was so often stationed on the border of life and death, making quiet sacrifices because Israel needed him. He upheld morality to a high degree and was a big soccer fan, always rooting for Maccabi Tel Aviv.







Maj. Shay Shamriz



Maj. Shay Shamriz, a constant amid chaos, was a 26-year-old company commander from Merkaz Shapira who served in the 931st Battalion of the Nahal Brigade. He was killed in northern Gaza on December 26, 2023.

Shay was born brave. He knew what he wanted and never compromised. A man of action and values, he could perform any and every task with precision, accompanied by a big smile and a desire to do more. His soldiers admired his leadership, noting a calmness and directness that helped him get ahead, do his best, and lead with confidence on the battlefield.







Master Sgt. (res.) Shay Termin



Master Sgt. (res.) Shay Termin, a man who inspired all who knew him, was a 26-year-old combat soldier from Rosh Pina who served in the 6623th Battalion of the Paratroopers Reserves. He was killed in southern Gaza on December 22, 2023.

Shay was born a hero and fell a hero — to his family, to his coworkers, and to his unit. When his younger brother was diagnosed with cancer, he provided comfort and support. When his production teammates worked on the Israeli TV series Kupa Rashit, he was the first to arrive and the last to leave. When his country needed his strength, he went back to the field. Shay did everything with a humble smile and no complaints.

In his memory, loved ones created Triple Termin, a beer brand, to bring them all a little closer together, just like Shay would have wanted.







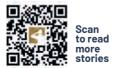
Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shay Uriel Pizem



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shay Uriel Pizem, who made the everyday sacred, was a 23-year-old tank commander from Kibbutz Ein HaNatsiv who served in the 9th Battalion of the Armored Corps. He was killed in southern Gaza on December 15, 2023.

Shay was raised in an observant household, where he learned the value of caring for Israel and her people. He did so with honor. As a natural connector — a rare ability he was ever so gifted with — people were drawn to his kindness, integrity and intellect.

Shay is survived by his wife, Maayan, and his daughter, Yarden, who was just 3-weeks-old when he died. She will grow up hearing stories about her father, and through her, his legacy of courage and strength will live on.







Capt. Shilo Cohen



Capt. Shilo Cohen, a force of calm amid storms, was a 24-year-old squad commander from Sderot who served in Shaldag, an elite unit of the Israeli Air Force. He was killed fighting Hamas terrorists at Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7, 2023.

As sirens blared and missiles flew, Shilo raced to the front lines before his unit called upon him. He joined Sayeret Matkal, a special reconnaissance unit of Israel's General Staff, to neutralize terrorists in southern communities. At Kibbutz Be'eri, Shilo was wounded, but he kept on fighting.

Before his military service, he studied at Yeshivat Hesder, as he loved Torah. Those closest to Shilo remember him as a dear friend and an incredible professional who always acted with a golden heart.







Capt. Shilo Rauchberger



Capt. Shilo Rauchberger, who stood tall when danger loomed, was a 23-year-old platoon commander from Eli who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He was killed fighting an infiltration of Hamas terrorists at an outpost near Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Even before sirens went off, Shilo knew there was trouble. He woke up his soldiers and instructed them to enter the dining room area, which also functioned as the outpost shelter. Once inside, they heard gunfire and shouts in Arabic. They were weaponless.

Terrorists tried to infiltrate the room, throwing 15 grenades. Shilo protected the entrance for four hours, even after he was injured. He was a true tzaddik, a defender and preserver of Jewish life.







Sgt. Shimon Lugasi



Sgt. Shimon Lugasi, a man who always showed up, was a 19-year-old combat intelligence collection soldier from Acre who served in the 414th Battalion of the Border Defense Corps. He died near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

Shimon was a light. He was always there when needed, and when Israel cried out to him on one of her darkest days, he answered her, ensuring she and her people could live.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shimon Yehoshua Asulin Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Shimon Yehoshua Asulin, a man of focus and fortitude, was a 24-year-old combat engineering soldier from Beit Shemesh who served in the 924th Engineering Battalion of the Harel Brigade. He was killed during an operation to cleanse a Hamasaffiliated house in southern Gaza on February 3, 2024.

Shimon was humble, often moving mountains from behind the scenes. He never complained. He never sought recognition. Shimon was a man of action, who gave his whole self to complete every task. He cared deeply about the well-being of Israel and her people.







Sgt. Shira Shohat



Sgt. Shira Shohat, a modern-day Esther, was a 19-year-old observation soldier from Modi'in who served in the 414th Battalion of the Border Defense Corps. She was burned alive by Hamas terrorists who attacked and set fire to the Nahal Oz outpost on October 7, 2023.

Shira had many loves, including traveling and diving. She was kind and intuitive, traits that earned her respect from family, friends, and even commanders. Out of love for her country and her people, she upheld the most intense and demanding of responsibilities with integrity. She was a light, one that evil can never dim.







Capt. Shlomo Ben Nun



Capt. Shlomo Ben Nun, a man of heart and soul, was a 22-year-old company commander deputy from Modi'in who served in the 202nd Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He was killed in northern Gaza on November 16, 2023.

Shlomo saw everyone for who they were. He heard and listened to their stories because he cared. Shlomo moved through the world with curiosity and responsibility, and those traits helped him lead by example, inspiring his fellow soldiers to do more and be more.







Staff Sgt. Shlomo Gurtovnik



Staff Sgt. Shlomo Gurtovnik, a dreamer and a doer, was a 21-year-old combat medic from Modi'in who served in the 46th Armored Battalion of the 401st Brigade. He was killed by an anti-tank missile in Gaza on November 18, 2023.

Shlomo was a creative soul, with a love for art, literature and movies. He was also a true listener who always lent an ear to ensure those around him felt heard. Shlomo dreamt of going abroad and pursuing a career as a screenwriter.







Staff Sgt. Shlomo Reshetnikov



Staff Sgt. Shlomo Reshetnikov, a lifelong guardian of *Eretz Yisrael*, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Haifa who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He was killed near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

At 14, Shlomo left his native Russia to make *aliyah* — alone. He was respectful and respected. Full of joy and heart. He died protecting what he cared for most: the safety and security of his people.







Staff Sgt. Shoam Moshe Ben-Harush



Staff Sgt. Shoam Moshe Ben-Harush, a giver in life and death, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Haspin who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Nahal Brigade. He died from wounds inflicted by terrorists during an attack of the Karem Shalom outpost near the Gaza border on October 26, 2023.

A fierce defender, Shoam stationed himself on the front line to save hundreds of civilians at Kerem Shalom, a kibbutz in southern Israel. Fellow soldiers saw him as the backbone of their unit.

Very much in line with his character, Shaom was an organ donor. Even in death, his kindness saved lives, a total of five people who needed organ transplants.







Staff Sgt. Shoham Bar



Staff Sgt. Shoham Bar, a person of humility and honor, was a 21-year-old logistics soldier from Ahuzat Barak who served in the command center of the Golani Brigade. He was killed by Hamas terrorists at the Supernova festival near Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Shoham was a man of pure heart, someone who always acted with intention. Laughing and smiling was a norm for him. Because of his spirit, people loved being around him. He was looking toward the future, hoping to become a DJ.







Sgt. Shuham Shlome Nidam



Sgt. Shuham Shlome Nidam, a defender of Jewish freedom, was a 19-year-old technician from Kiryat Shmona who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell in Nahal Oz on October 7, 2023.

Shuham had courage, a prerequisite to protecting our nation and our people. He *chose* to lead in the face of uncertainty — time and time again. We are here, with an enduring Israel, because of him.







Staff Sgt. Sivan Simha Asraf



Staff Sgt. Sivan Simha Asraf, a blessing to all who knew her, was a 20-year-old information and communication technology coordinator from Ashkelon who served in the Teleprocessing Corps. She fell in the Hamas invasion of the Nahal Oz Base on October 7, 2023.

Sivan was wise beyond her years. Quick to forgive and move on with a heart of love. A listening ear for those seeking advice and those who just needed to be heard. The light of her laughter will stay with her family and friends, all of whom loved her dearly.







Sgt. 1st Class Sivan Wail



Sgt. 1st Class Sivan Wail, a dedicated and driven man, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Ra'anana who served in the Egoz Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade. He died from wounds inflicted during an intense battle in southern Gaza on March 31, 2024.

Out of duty and love for Israel, Sivan wanted to be a combat soldier. He was sharp and funny, traits that made him a good soldier and a good friend. He left behind his parents, two brothers, a sister and a partner.







Staff Sgt. Sufian Dagash



Staff Sgt. Sufian Dagash, a defender who never backed down, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Maghar who served in the 601st Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps. He fell during an intense battle with terrorists in northern Gaza on November 2, 2024.

Sufian was a giver, often going out of his way to do what had to be done. He was raised with love for his people and his homeland, and that love motivated him to always seek growth. He died a hero.







Maj. Tal Cohen



Maj. Tal Cohen, a man of duty and honor, was a 30-year-old from Ganei Tal who served in the Matkal Reconnaissance Unit. He rushed to fight the Hamas attack of Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7, 2023, even before being called by his unit, and fell protecting civilians.

Tal was dedicated to his military career out of a deep love for Israel and her people. He was a joyful and positive person. He began his military service in the Givati Brigade and gradually advanced to the Matkal Reconnaissance Unit. His unit described him as a father figure, who showed each soldier they were capable of much more than they knew. He was also a devoted father to his wife, Natalie, and their three children, Tzur, Ivri, Dror, and a newborn girl all of whom he left behind.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Tal Eilon



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Tal Eilon, a pillar of strength for his family and his community, was a 46-year-old member of the Kfar Aza alert squad, part of the Border Defense Corps. He fell defending Kfar Aza, his home, from Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023.

A man of action, his split-second choices saved countless lives. Tal was a professional, intelligent man with a gentle heart. He loved to cook and sail. Family and community values infused more meaning into his life.

He leaves behind his loving family, including wife Mazi, and three children, Gali, Roi and Rotem.







Master Sgt. (res.) Tal Filiba



Master Sgt. (res.) Tal Filiba, a man of conviction, was a 23-year-old fighter from Rehovot who served in the Yahalom Special Forces Unit. He fell in an intense battle in southern Gaza on December 17, 2023.

Kindness and care drove his spirit — always. Tal was a talented athlete who played for Maccabi Ashdod, a professional basketball team in Israel. He also had a huge heart, and because of his character, he entered and stayed in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Dorit and Haim, sibling Ofir, and girlfriend, Shaked.







Maj. Tal Grushka



Maj. Tal Grushka, a passionate and profound man, was a 25-year-old company commander from Kfar Sava who served in the 931st Battalion of the Nahal Brigade. He was en route to Kfar Aza when terrorists attacked and killed him on October 7, 2023.

Tal was a man of many talents — pianist, writer, actor, educator, athlete. He strove for knowledge and meaning in all forms. He loved to plan social gatherings, from going to soccer games to celebrating professional successes. Tal will be remembered by his loved ones as a family man, a partner and a dear friend.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Tal Maman



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Tal Maman, a selfless defender, was a 38-year-old farmer and member of the Mivtahim security squad, part of the Border Defense Corps. He fell protecting civilians in Mivtahim, his home, on October 7, 2023.

Tal was known for his cheer. He was a thirdgeneration farmer who loved the land and the people. And he died protecting and saving the lives of many security squad members and civilians. His family remembers him as a hero.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Tal Shua

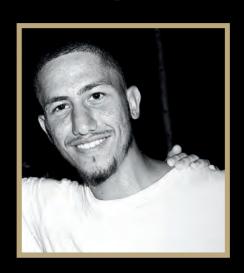


Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Tal Shua, a positive force in our world, was a 31-year-old fitness studio owner from Be'er Sheva who served as a combat soldier in the 7071 Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps. He chose to enlist for reserve duty even before he was called up and fell in Gaza on December 21, 2023.

Tal, a man full of laughter and love, saw good in everyone. As a fitness coach, he was a mentor and teacher to many, offering words of motivation and kindness at every turn. Tal leaves behind his wife, who was pregnant with their child at the time of his passing.







Staff Sgt. Tomer Barak



Staff Sgt. Tomer Barak, known for his humor and resilience, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Petah Tikva who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

Tomer had many passions, from physical fitness to music to spending time on open water. As a soldier, when something needed to get done, he was always the first to volunteer, even if that meant spending a Saturday on base instead of going home.

Tomer dreamed of traveling to South America after completing his army service.







Master Sgt. (res.) Tomer Dolev



Master Sgt. (res.) Tomer Dolev, a comforting and calming presence to all, was a 34-year-old combat soldier from Ashkelon who served in the Bar Battalion Rescue Brigade. He fell near the Gaza border on October 8, 2023.

Tomer meant so much to so many. He was a natural leader, able to connect with people from all backgrounds. They took to his positivity, humor, curiosity and constant support. Tomer had a contagious smile that could be seen from afar. Tomer also had a deep love for the world and the people in it, inspiring him to explore new places and cultures.







Sgt. Tomer Leibovitz



Sgt. Tomer Leibovitz, who loved to learn and do, was a 19-year-old from Tel Aviv who served in the 75th Battalion of the 7th Armored Corps. He fell battling hundreds of Hamas terrorists near Kibbutz Nahal Oz on October 7, 2023.

Tomer was a star student, known to read books at a "dizzying pace," said his father. He was also a talented athlete who played volleyball for the KKTA Tel Avivbased club.

One week before his death, Tomer rescued two puppies, Tank and Ace, from the Nahal Oz military base and convinced his family to adopt them. Above all, he was a good person with a good heart.







Master Sgt. (res.) Tomer Shlomo Myara



Master Sgt. (res.) Tomer Shlomo Myara, a magnetic force who loved life, was a 28-year-old from Netanya who served in the 710th Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps. He fell in northern Gaza on December 15, 2023.

Tomer, ever cheerful and kind, embraced everyone with genuine love. He was always smiling and laughing, traits that brought those around him closer together. May his memory be for a blessing.







Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Mizrahi



Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Mizrahi, who spread happiness and heart wherever he went, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Hoshaya who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Nahal Brigade. He fell near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

Tomer was a talented musician, who put his all into writing and singing his own songs. With his voice and his guitar, he could brighten any room. Tomer lived a life of joy, adding extra meaning to the lives of everyone privileged to know him.







Staff Sgt. Tuval Yaakov Tsanani



Staff Sgt. Tuval Yaakov Tsanani, loved and respected by all in his unit, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Kiryat Gat who served in the 53rd Battalion of the Armored Corps. He fell during a fierce battle in Gaza on December 4, 2023.

Tuval volunteered for Magen David Adom out of love for his people and his country. He then went on to become a soldier, a highly motivated one who approached every mission with a kind smile and a sense of duty.

Upon his death, his father said, "Thank you, my child. Thank you for choosing us to be your parents. Forgive us for not being able to protect you. I promise you, my son, that we will remember and honor you and continue on your path, spreading goodness and light to the world."







Master Sgt. (res.) Tzvika Lavi



Master Sgt. (res.) Tzvika Lavi, a man with a generous heart, was a 31-year-old social worker and graduate student from Eli who served in the 699th Battalion of the 551st Commando Reserves Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on December 11, 2023.

Tzvika made efforts to hear each person, to make them feel like they were the only person in the world. He cared for all, especially his family. Spending time with his wife Talia and three children, Shaked, Amitai, and Aviv, was everything. They used to sit down and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa with a slice of cake. The little moments meant the most to him. He will be dearly missed.







Sgt. Uri Locker



Sgt. Uri Locker, a caring brother and son, was a 19-year-old combat soldier from Pardes Hanna-Karkur who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell fighting Hamas terrorists in Netiv HaAsara on October 7, 2023.

Uri loved music, particularly the works of Shlomo Artzi, who attended his shiva. He had a very strong bond with his twin brother, Tamir, a soldier in the Paratrooper Brigade. They were always in the same classes and activities.

Uri is survived by Tamir, another brother, Elad, and his parents, Orit and Eyal. Reflecting on his life, his mother said, "He didn't get to live very much life, but at the same time, he lived so, so much."







Maj. (res.) Uri Shimon Russo



Maj. (res.) Uri Shimon Russo, a man with a heart of gold, was a 44-year-old mechanical engineer who served as a member of the Kfar Aza security squad, part of the Border Defense Corps. He fell defending Kfar Aza, his home, from Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023.

When learning Kfar Aza was under attack, Uri grabbed his personal weapon, got on his bicycle and went out to defend his people and his home. He fired six shots, killing six terrorists, before he was gunned down. Uri lived and died a hero, through and through.

He is survived by his wife, Dafna, and their three daughters, Maya, Alona, and Ye'ela. His wife said, "Uri had a golden heart, he never said no. He was my life; he was my soulmate."







Master Sgt. (res.) Uriah Mash



Master Sgt. (res.) Uriah Mash, a man of strength and determination, was a 41-year-old who served in the 52nd Battalion of the 401st Armored Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on November 2, 2023.

A seeker of Jewish knowledge, Uriah cherished Torah study and discussions on complex matters. He volunteered for reserve duty because of his devotion to the land and people of Israel.

Uriah was a caring husband and father, always standing by and for his loved ones, especially when they needed him most. He is survived by his wife, Avital, and six children, Nadav, Shira, Rani, Noam, Tzur, and Nitai.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Uriel Aviad Silberman



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Uriel Aviad Silberman, a person of high moral character, was a 23-year-old cook and combat reserve soldier from Nehalim who served in the 7421st Battalion of the Armored Corps. He fell in southern Gaza on January 19, 2024.

Uriel, who thrived in the kitchen, worked in the restaurant industry in Tel Aviv. For him, food and friendship went hand in hand, feeding bodies and souls. Among his other hobbies were motorcycles and surfing.

He also loved his country and his people. When Hamas attacked Israel, Uriel said he needed to be on the ground in Gaza. He was a committed soldier and friend.







Sgt. Uriel Segal



Sgt. Uriel Segal, a man with a heart of gold, was a 19-year-old army cook from Petah Tikva who served in the 51st Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell during a Hamas invasion of the Kissufim post on October 7, 2023.

Uriel was a good friend and a good listener, someone who knew what to say during the most trying of times. He was a kind and caring person who lived to help others. One of his dreams was to enlist in the Golani Brigade, and when he received his assignment, he was excited and honored. He is remembered as a cheerful and sweet young man.







Sgt. 1st Class Vitaly Skipakevich



Sgt. 1st Class Vitaly Skipakevich, beloved by all who were privileged to know him, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Ariel who served in the Egoz Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade. He was ambushed and killed by terrorists in Kibbutz Kissufim on October 7, 2023.

Vitaly, an adventurous man, loved spending time in nature and out at sea. He dreamed of traveling to Asia. In a letter he wrote before his death, he said he would not have changed anything about his life.







Lt. Yaacov Elian



Lt. Yaacov Elian, an example to others, was a 20-year-old squad commander from Ramat Gan who served in the Givati Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on October 20, 2023.

A man of action, not just talk, Yaacov lived his values with sincerity. He knew how to make others laugh during the most challenging of times. His passion for the land of Israel encouraged him to participate in the officer's course. He was so proud to be a part of it.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yaacov Ozeri



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yaacov Ozeri, creative and caring, was a 28-year-old Shenkar College industrial design student from Kfar Shamai who served in the 52nd Battalion of the 401st Armored Brigade. Yaacov was incredible at sewing and tattooing. He fell during an hours-long battle in northern Gaza on November 11, 2023.

After 12 hours of fighting, he checked on his tankmates and handed them energy bars and sodas. That was Yaacov. Kind. Supportive. When everything was anything but okay, he made life a little bit better.

Yaacov is survived by his wife, Hagar, who was eight months pregnant with their daughter Ella when he fell. To commemorate him, she and his family are establishing an arts center in his name.







Staff Sgt. Yaad Ben Yacov



Staff Sgt. Yaad Ben Yacov, a young man with a big heart, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Petah Tikva who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell at the Nahal Oz post on October 7, 2023.

Funny and friendly, Yaad made those around him feel comfortable. People loved his warmth. He was also a bright student who excelled in school and music. He was teaching himself to play guitar.







Capt. Yahel Gazit



Capt. Yahel Gazit, loyal friend and family man, was a 24-year-old musician and deputy company commander from Rakefet wo served in the 53rd Company of the Armored Corps. He fell in Shuja'iyya, Gaza, on December 4, 2023.

Yahel often said a commander should have the soul of a musician. He dreamed of performing, believing he could touch hearts and souls through music. He was in a band, "White Noise" or "Raash Lavan" in Hebrew. After his death, the band released "My Fall," a song in his memory.

His mother, a clinical psychologist, established a yearlong project in his memory called "Yahel's Light," offering free psychological treatment to soldiers in his division.







Maj. (res.) Yair Cohen



Maj. (res.) Yair Cohen, respected by all, was a 30-yearold structural engineer from Ramat Gan who served as acting company commander of the 630th Battalion of the southern Gaza Brigade. He fell during an intense battle in southern Gaza on February 12, 2024.

Yair was bright, someone who excelled at everything he did, from academic studies to military service. He graduated college with honors and began working as a structural engineer at a large construction company. During this war for our home, he received the Excellence Award for his service in Gaza. A man of duty and honor, he was deeply committed to protecting Israel and her people.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Yair Katz



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Yair Katz, a conqueror of adversity, was a 34-year-old tech industry professional from Holon who served in the 87th Battalion of the 14th Armored Reserves Brigade. He fell during fierce combat in northern Gaza on January 16, 2024.

Yair, a dependable and valued figure in his platoon, earned the trust of all who knew him. He strove for excellence, inspiring those around him. His dedication to justice and truth always pushed him to do more.







Staff Sgt. Yair Nifousy



Staff Sgt. Yair Nifousy, a man full of light, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Adi who served in the 101st Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade. He was hospitalized for a month after being injured in northern Gaza, and he died from his injuries on November 1, 2023.

Yair means "he will enlighten." His father said, "He was born on Chanukah. We named him Yair, and probably not for nothing. He was the center of the house in terms of atmosphere." Yair was a connector, someone who brought together old and new soldiers in his battalion.







Maj. Yair Zloof



Maj. Yair Zloof, pioneering doctor and researcher, was a 32 year old from Tel Mond who served as the commander of the surgical company of the 401st Armored Brigade. He fell near the Gaza border on October 10, 2023.

Yair specialized in pediatric medicine. About a year ago, he began his residency at Schneider Medical Center. The backbone of his medical team, Yair was always ready to help. He made time for everyone, including interns.

He is survived by his wife, Maya. Family and friends will remember his creativity, professionalism, and love for others.







Master Sgt. (res.) Yakir Biton



Master Sgt. (res.) Yakir Biton, devoted father and husband, was a 34-year-old combat soldier from Jerusalem who served in the 216th Brigade of the Gaza Division of the 8717th Battalion. He fell in northern Gaza on November 18, 2023.

An observant man, Yair cared deeply about Jewish learning and Israel. On Oct. 7, he packed a bag, ready to serve in the reserves and protect his country from terrorism. He was a giver, someone who shared without hesitation.

Yair is survived by his wife, Tali, and three children, Osher, Nohar, and Rotem.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yakir Hexter



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yakir Hexter, an original thinker with integrity, was a 26-year-old architecture student from Jerusalem who served as a combat engineer in the 8219th Battalion of the Commando Special Forces Unit. He fell in southern Gaza on January 8, 2024.

He was a well-rounded man — brilliant, funny, athletic, and kind. Yair, an architecture major at Ariel University, was a diligent student who sought to understand every facet of every subject. He also had a strong moral compass, often volunteering to help children with disabilities. He is survived by his parents, Joshua and Chaya, and his brothers, Raphael and Ezra.







Staff Sgt. Yakir Levi



Staff Sgt. Yakir Levi, humble and sincere, was a 21-year-old combat soldier from Moreshet who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell after battling terrorists for hours near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

As October 7 sirens blared, Yakir made sure injured soldiers on his base received medical attention. His quick thinking and endurance saved many lives.

Yair was a soccer fan who always cheered on Maccabi Haifa. His warmth infused every moment with meaning.







Sgt. Yakir Yedidya Schenkolewski



Sgt. Yakir Yedidya Schenkolewski, 21, from Migdal Oz, a quiet yet accomplished soldier in the 188th Armored Brigade's 53rd Battalion, fell while fighting Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip on December 4, 2023.

Excelling in his military training, Yakir was deeply loved. An avid reader, his curiosity, gentle humility, sensitivity to others, thirst for knowledge, and profound simplicity revealed a wisdom that belied his years. This inner strength led him to work hard and optimistically to support the truths he valued: namely, the right to live securely in the Land of Israel.







Capt. (res.) Yakov Nedlin



Capt. (res.) Yakov Nedlin, persevering and patient, was a 36-year-old mechanical engineer from Or Akiva who served in the 7037th Battalion of the Samaria Brigade. He fell in the West Bank on October 13, 2023.

At 17, Yakov made *aliyah* to Israel from Kazakhstan. He was alone. He spoke no Hebrew. Yair enlisted as a combat soldier in the Duchifat Unit and went on to participate in commanders and officers' courses.

From there, he received a mechanical engineering degree from the Technion. He recently developed a device for cardiac arrhythmia and founded a startup.

Yakov is survived by Maayan, his wife of 13 years, and his four children, Evyatar, Yeheli, Noga, and Neta.







Staff Sgt. Yam Almog Goldstein



Staff Sgt. Yam Almog Goldstein, courageous and kind, was a 20-year-old commander in training from Kfar Aza who served in the Bahad 7 of the Teleprocessing Corps. She and her father, Nadav, were killed by terrorists in Kfar Aza on October 7, 2023.

Yam was respected and admired by her soldiers, her friends, and her younger siblings, Agam, Gal and Tal. She completed assignments with dedication and devotion, paying attention to every detail. Her legacy will live on through her siblings and her mother, Chen.







Capt. Yarin Gahali



Capt. Yarin Gahali, a basketball player and leader, was a 22-year-old platoon commander from Rehovot who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Givati Brigade. He fell in southern Gaza on December 18, 2023.

On the court, Yarin was a star basketball player for Maccabi Rehovot. On the field, he was an exemplary commander, admired by his soldiers.

In a conversation with his girlfriend, Ofri, he said, "I am ready to die for my country." Nothing was going to stop him from entering Gaza and defending Israel. May his memory be forever a blessing — always.







Capt. Yaron Eliezer Chitiz



Capt. Yaron Eliezer Chitiz, dedicated and devoted, was a 23-year-old deputy company commander from Raanana who served in the Shaked Battalion of the Givati Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on December 26, 2023.

A respected commander, Yaron gave his all for his people and his country. He also had a penchant for adventure, often taking him to the mountains.

Yaron was planning to build a home and start a family with his girlfriend, Dara. She mourns him, saying, "My Yaron, I refuse to believe that you won't be with me anymore. That there won't be a wedding, a family, trips and all the things we wanted to do together."







Master Sgt. (res.) Yaron Victor Shahar



Master Sgt. (res.) Yaron Victor Shahar, a Renaissance man, was a 51-year-old chief security officer of the Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak alert squad, part of the Border Defense Corps. He was killed confronting dozens of terrorists outside the gate to Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak, his home of many years, on October 7, 2023. Shahar had many passions — sports, music, cooking, gardening. He was known for his wit, humor, and dedication to his role on the alert squad. Shahar died taking care of people, something he did during his whole lifetime.

He is survived by his wife, Einat, and his three daughters, Zohar, Inbar and Ofir.







Sgt. Yaron Zohar



Sgt. Yaron Zohar, courageous and spirited, was a 19-year-old combat soldier from Kiryat Ata who served in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. He fell batting Hamas near the Gaza border on October 7, 2023.

A selfless man, Yaron prioritized his country and his people. His superiors noticed. They awarded him the title of Brigade Outstanding Soldier and made plans for him to attend officer training school. Yaron will be remembered for his dedication and leadership.







Capt. Yedidya Asher Lev



Capt. Yedidya Asher Lev, humble and humorous, was a 26-year-old deputy company commander from Tal Menashe who served in the Shaked Battalion of the Givati Brigade. He fell defending his soldiers in northern Gaza on November 14, 2023.

Yedidya acted with integrity, on and off the field. He was a true and dependable friend. Yedidya will be remembered as a light, someone who illuminated our world.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yedidya Eliyahu



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yedidya Eliyahu, committed and caring, was a 25-year-old combat engineer from Karnei Shomron who served in the 8170th Battalion of the Combat Engineering Corps. He fell in Gaza on November 3, 2023, two weeks before his 26th birthday.

Yedidya was a devoted father with two priorities: his family and his homeland. He lived his values through action, carrying on our ancestral legacy of courage.

Yedidya is survived by his wife, Meitar, and their three children, Maor Ziva, Avigail and Porat Aviya, who was just a few weeks old when his father died. Meitar said, "I pray that I will succeed in passing on to the children who he was."







Warrant Officer (res.) Yehezkel Azaria



Warrant Officer (res.) Yehezkel Azaria, who always gave his all, was a 53-year-old automative electronics operator from Petah Tikvah who served as a combat soldier in the 129th Battalion of the 8th Armored Brigade. He was killed in a Lebanese drone attack near Margaliot, a moshav in northern Israel, on December 16, 2023.

Yehezkel always put others first, completing every assignment with focus and dedication. His unit looked to him for support, and he gave without expectation.

He is survived by his wife, Aviva, and children, Idan and Ariel.







Sgt. Yehonatan Maimon



Sgt. Yehonatan Maimon, intelligent and driven, was a 20-year-old combat soldier from Ofakim who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Nahal Brigade. He fell in an intense battle in northern Gaza on November 4, 2023.

Yehonatan, one of 10 siblings, was known for his love of learning. In school, he was part of a robotics team that competed in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a leading pre-university program of Technion.

His girlfriend, Aviv, said, "Yehonatan was someone who never gave up, no matter what stood in his way, whatever goal he set for himself, he succeeded in achieving."







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yehonatan Malka



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Yehonatan Malka, a light to all, was a 23-year-old combat soldier from Beer Sheva who served in the 82nd Battalion of 7th Brigade of the Armored Corps. He fell in southern Gaza on December 5, 2023.

Although Yehonatan completed his army service during the war, he chose to continue fighting to protect Israel and her people. He was planning for his future, including yeshiva studies and starting a family.

His brother said, "Your spirit will be a beacon for our family. We'll be better people because of you. We'll always remember you, and we'll meet again in the end."







Master Sgt. (res.) Yehonatan Yosef Brand Master Sgt. (res.) Yehonatan Yosef Brand, kind and compassionate, was a 28-year-old physiotherapy major from Jerusalem who served as a combat soldier in the 52nd Battalion of the 401st Armored Brigade. He fell in northern Gaza on November 2, 2023.

A trusted and true confident, family and friends cherished Yehonatan. He was a skilled conversationalist who appreciated depth. Yehonatan expanded people's perspectives and found good in everything and everyone.

In one of his last conversations, he quoted Joseph Trumpeldor, a Russian-born Zionist and famous military hero in Israel. Yehonatan said, "A wheel is needed. I am the wheel."







Maj. Yehuda Natan Cohen



Maj. Yehuda Natan Cohen, a strategic and deep thinker, was a 25-year-old company commander from Shadmot Mehola who served in the Reconnaissance Unit of the Givati Brigade. He fell in an intense battle in northern Gaza on November 3, 2023.

Yehuda loved chess and reading. At home, his shelf was filled with philosophy and history books.

He was also courageous, someone who never backed down from a challenge. On Oct. 7, he looked at his father, said "pray" and then headed south. Yehuda led the fight against Hamas at Kibbutz Nahal Oz, saving hundreds of civilians from terrorists. He was admired and respected by his soldiers, who achieved the impossible under his leadership.







Maj. Iftah Shahar



Major Iftah Shahar, strong and resilient, was a 25-year-old from Paran who served as company commander of the Tzabar Battalion of the Givati Brigade, and before that, a combat officer in the Shaldag, an elite unit of the Israeli Air Force. He fell in northern Gaza on February 27, 2024.

As a student and soldier, he demanded excellence from himself, never settling for mediocrity. Because he aimed and achieved high, he moved up the army ranks quickly. People were drawn to his leadership, which was always balanced by deep care and compassion.







Staff Sgt. Shirel Haim Pour



Staff Sgt. Shirel Haim Pour, 20, a soldier in the Gaza Division from Rishon Lezion was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

Against all odds, Shirel bravely defended the war room headquarters, refusing to leave, even after the invaders set it on fire. Her unhesitating acts of heroism are sources of inspiration to all.

About Shirel, a brother said, "You chose to fight and carry out your mission instead of hide. You chose to help, and because of you and your work, the world gained many pure souls, but lost a pure soul that was like no other."







Sgt. Shirel Mor



Sgt. Shirel Mor, 19, who was a talented pianist and lover of animals, was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

She worked as an observation soldier in the 414th Unit of the Border Defense Corps. Shirel was widely known for her ability to communicate. This passionate young woman no doubt would have gone on to a successful professional career in music.

About Shirel, her mother said, "She was beautiful but she never acknowledged that, once saying 'There's no reason to be proud of beauty, it passes with time, be proud of achievements."







Sgt. Yael Leibushor



Sgt. Yael Leibushor, 20, who loved hiking and the great outdoors, was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

She worked as an observation soldier in the 414th Unit of the Border Defense Corps. Yael was well known for her high morals, great heart, and responsible character. After service she planned to pursue studies involving how humanity and nature can help one another.

About Yael, her mother said, "At the base of your beliefs about the world was the knowledge that it was OK to want, to hope, it was OK to wish — the cynicism of life these days did not stop you from believing in the power of hope."







Staff Sgt. Yam Glass



Staff Sgt. Yam Glass, 20, who was known for her wit, curiosity, and modesty, was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

She worked as an observation soldier in the 414th Unit of the Border Defense Corps. Yam had plans to travel with her friends. Her family and friends remember her especially for her many talents, big heart, and great sense of humor.

About her, a friend said, "Yam, you are a hero. You weren't murdered, you fell in battle. You protected us even in your final moments, and I had no doubt that is what would happen, that you did everything to protect us from afar."







Staff Sgt. Yarin Mari Peled



Staff Sgt. Yarin Mari Peled, 20, who was known as a role model and leader, was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

She was a combat medic. Before joining the army, Yarin was a volunteer with Magen David Adom. Her strength, compassion, and charisma inspired all those who knew her.

About Yarin, her mother said, "How do you sum up a perfect life? Twenty years of magic, an amazing girl with a winning smile and big blue eyes. Thank you for choosing us to be your parents. Rest in peace our beautiful angel."







Lt. Col. Yohai Dukhan



Lt. Col. Yohai Dukhan, 26, who was a former yeshiva student, was killed in an attack on Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7.

He worked as a Golani Commander in the 13th Battalion. Yohai immigrated to Israel from France at the age of 18. As a student, he was known to be in constant search of life's fundamental truths.

Upon the completion of the IDF officer's course, Yohai said, "I, like many other officers, believe in our soldiers and in the people of Israel. The love for our country and our ability to contribute to it is what drives my family, and particularly my dad. It's my heritage, and I am sure that he looks down at me today, and he will be proud of me."







Sgt. Liel Vainshtein



Sgt. Liel Vainshtein, 19, who loved music and appeared on TV shows as a child, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 at the Supernova Music Festival.

She served as a cook in the 215th Artillery Regiment. Liel greeted everyone with a smile. All who knew her remember her pure heart and her joy for life.

About Liel, a family member said, "You were a girl with a pure heart, full of joy for life, with strong family values, a love of children and a good heart. Now you have wings and you are free, our angel."







Sgt. Aviv Hagage



Sgt. Aviv Hagage, 19, who played three musical instruments, was killed on October 7 when Hamas terrorists attacked the IDF Nahal Oz Base.

She worked as an IDF Observer in the 414th Battalion of the Border Defense Force. Aviv was known as pure and angelic. She was always selfless, caring for others before herself.

About Aviv, a friend said, "She was such a righteous and pure girl, angelic in her life and in her death. She played the violin, guitar, and piano. Her final request was to read Psalms, which shows how righteous she was. She always cared for everyone before thinking about herself at all, simply a magical child."







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adam Bismut



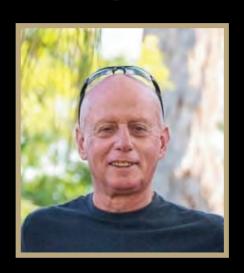
Sgt. Maj. (res.) Adam Bismut, 35, who was known for his great sense of humor, was killed in the collapse of a building in Gaza Strip.

He served in the reserves as a commander in the 6261st Battalion of the Technology and Maintenance Corps. Adam worked as an entrepreneur and lecturer in the Business Administration department at Ben-Gurion University. Recently he established a startup aimed at utilizing Al tools to prevent drowning incidents, exemplifying his commitment to saving lives and making a positive impact on the world.

About Adam's jovial nature, a friend described him as a "funny friend" who always brought joy to those around him.







Capt. (res.) Adi Baharav Rabinovitz



Capt. (res.) Adi Baharav Rabinovitz, 62, who loved cooking, was killed while protecting residents his community.

He worked as a member of the Alert Squad of Nativ HaAsara. Adi was known for his good nature and adventurous spirit since childhood, and had a remarkable general knowledge of the world.

Among his greatest pleasures were cooking for friends and family. Every Shabbat, he especially valued the time he spent with his good friends, creating connections that remained his whole life.







Staff Sgt. Adi Danan



Staff Sgt. Adi Danan, 20, who loved basketball and music, was killed when an anti-tank missile hit the armored personnel carrier in which he was riding, also taking the lives of ten others.

He worked as a Squad Commander. Adi was a beacon of light in his household. He always offered a helping hand and a big, warm smile.

His memory remains in the hearts of everyone who knew him, a brave soldier whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.







Sgt. 1st Class Adi Eldor



Sgt. 1st Class Adi Eldor, 21, who loved Scouts and traveling, was killed by an anti-tank missile in western Khan Younis.

He worked as a combat soldier in the Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Adi was known for his love of humanity. He found purpose and solace in simple things, especially the peace he found in nature.

During one of his outings, he discovered a litter of puppies, and took it upon himself to find a caring home for each. One cherished dog remained, now a tribute to his compassion.







Staff Sgt. Adi Leon



Staff Sgt. Adi Leon, 20, who loved making music and served as a guide in the Maccabi Youth Movement, died after a major battle in Kfar Aza where he heroically saved many lives.

He was a combat soldier in the Givati Brigade, Tzabar Battalion. Adi was a devoted family man on whom everyone could depend. He was admired by friends and family for his selflessness and great integrity.

In Adi's last correspondence, he expressed his firm resolution in the cause for which he was fighting, calling it his solemn duty to protect his country with all his heart.







Staff Sgt. Adi Malik Harb



Staff Sgt. Adi Malik Harb, 19, who was a guide in the NOAL Movement, was killed fighting terrorists in Gaza.

He was a combat soldier in Nachal Reconnaissance. Adi always wore a charming smile. His family and friends will remember him as a courageous soldier and someone who loved to help people in need.

About him, a loved one said, "Our hero Adi, your face always bore a charming smile. You will always be remembered as a brave fighter, an outstanding soldier, a respected guide. You always loved to help people."







Staff Sgt. Adi Tzur



Staff Sgt. Adi Tzur, 20, who had great compassion toward people and animals, was killed on October 7 in Kibbutz Kissufim fighting terrorists.

He was a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, 51st Battalion. Adi died successfully defending the Kissufim base from enemy invasion, saving many lives in the process. A young man with a huge heart, he often volunteered to help at animal charities, and himself adopted a badly neglected dog to whom he gave a great life.

About Adi, his mother said, "Since your childhood, you always knew what you wanted, and what you didn't. You had so much modesty, respect for others, compassion and generosity. You were always a child of action more than a child of words."







Maj. Adir Abudi



Maj. Adir Abudi, 23, who loved soccer, was killed on October 7 fighting Hamas terrorists at the IDF Zikim Base.

He was a Company Commander in the Home Front Command. During the battle, Adir heroically ensured the safety of several young trainees and took a lead role in the fight. At home, the generous, kind-hearted young man especially enjoyed the game of soccer, as both spectator and player.

About Adir, his mother said he was "a quiet boy, introverted, but when we saw his behavior as a commander we got to know a different Adir, one of those people who leave a mark. As a commander, he was modest with a very high work ethic, who fought until the end and didn't lose his fighting spirit — until a bullet hit him in the heart."







Staff Sgt. Adir Eshto Bogale



Staff Sgt. Adir Eshto Bogale, 20, who was known as the type of person to volunteer first whenever help was needed, was killed on October 7 defending the IDF Nahal Oz post.

He was a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. Even as a child, Adir displayed a character of strong persistence and self-discipline. An inspiration to all, whenever he set his mind to do something, he would not stop until he accomplished that task.

About him, his family said, "Adir was a person who loved everyone, embraced everyone. He was a man of faith."







Lt. Adir Gaory



Lt. Adir Gaory, 20, who loved playing soccer, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 near the Gaza border.

He was a combat soldier in the Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Adir was passionate about sports, particularly as a player of soccer, with endearing enthusiasm.

All who knew him admired his energy and positive attitude. Adir's heroic acts in the face of grave danger will never be forgotten.







Capt. (res.) Adir Portugal



Capt. (res.) Adir Portugal, 23, who loved soccer, was killed on November 19 in northern Gaza in a battle at Jabalia.

He had served as an officer in the Shaked Battalion, Givati Brigade, then after service was traveling in South America when news of the October 7 attacks reached him. Without being called for reserve duty, Adir immediately headed back to Israel and was among the first forces to enter Gaza.

He always enjoyed playing and watching soccer. After having played soccer professionally until he was 16 as the team captain, Adir continued to play soccer with his friends every Saturday. A natural leader, he even organized soccer games at his military base.







Sgt. Adir Tahar



Sgt. Adir Tahar, 19, who excelled in academics, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists on October 7 near the Erez Crossing.

He was a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, 13th Battalion. Adir and his platoon defended the location, shielding others from harm and saving lives. He was a humble, modest young man greatly cherished by his friends and family.

About him, his mother said, "Adir Tahar, a hero of Israel. My angel, the heart refuses to accept that I won't see you and hug you again. Watch over the soldiers from above who are fighting and the hostages, so they can come home."







Staff Sgt. Afik Rosenthal



Staff Sgt. Afik Rosenthal, 20, who was known for his outgoing nature and great sense of humor, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists in the Nachal Oz area.

He was a combat soldier in the prestigious Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Since he was a child, Afik looked forward to serving his country and dreamed of joining the Maglan Unit. He achieved that dream only two months before giving his life to his country.

Because Afik's unstoppable courage saved many lives, his family and friends can take comfort in the fact that he achieved his heroic aspirations before his untimely passing.







Sgt. Afik Tery



Sgt. Afik Tery, 19, who loved playing soccer, was killed in southern Gaza in the Khan Younis area when the building in which he was stationed collapsed after being hit by explosive devices.

He was a combat soldier in the Nachson Battalion. Afik excelled in his studies at Ort High School in Rehovot. He was a greatly positive young man, always giving, respectful, and modest.

About Afik, a family member said, "He was a child who knew how to respect everyone, quiet and modest, a salt of the earth, a source of pride for his parents. A child of giving. He excelled in everything."







Sgt. Maj. Aharon Farash



Sgt. Maj. Aharon Farash, 36, who was a beloved father of five children, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 at the IDF Urim Base.

He was a logistics non-commissioned officer from Ofakim. Aharon is remembered as a commander who was looked up to as a father by his troops. As an actual father, his family, parents, and siblings admired him for his innate goodness and his force as a guiding light for all.

About Aharon, a loved one said, "Your professionalism and your goodness will always be a guiding light to me. I had the privilege to serve alongside you and know you — you will be greatly missed."







Staff Sgt. Alemnew Emanuel Feleke

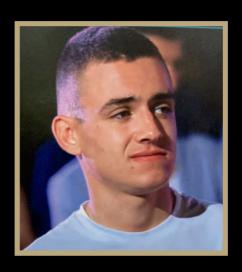


Staff Sgt. Alemnew Emanuel Feleke, 22, who was a guide in Bnei Akiva, died from wounds received from fighting Hamas terrorists in southern Gaza.

He was a combat soldier in the Duvdevan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. His family made aliya to Israel from Ethiopia where he graduated from a yeshiva high school in Bat Yam. He was a modest, goal-oriented young man with great humility, who even in death helped others as a multiple-organ donor. About him, a deputy commander said, "Emanuel was a symbol and a legend in his life. You were number one everywhere. Determined, goal-oriented, doing everything for the best. Imbued with a sense of mission and spirit and unafraid of challenges, and all this with enormous humility and modesty."







Staff Sgt. Alexander Masliy



Staff Sgt. Alexander Masliy, 21, from Afula, was killed when he was riding in an armored vehicle.

He was a technician in the 601st Combat Engineering Battalion. Alexander was born into a family of professional boxers. Upon his death, his hometown inaugurated a new boxing hall in his honor.

Alexander's heroic devotion to saving lives and ensuring the safety of the people of Israel will never be forgotten.







Warrant Officer (res.)
Alexander Shpits



Warrant Officer (res.) Alexander Shpits, 41, from Karmiel, died for his country in southern Gaza.

He was a combat soldier in the Paratroops Reserves 6623rd Battalion of the 55th Brigade. Alexander worked for a food company in its security division. Life for his family and coworkers will never be the same without him.

Alexander lived as a hero and died a hero, and his contribution to the safety of Israel will never be forgotten.







Lt. Col. Alim Abdallah



Lt. Col. Alim Abdallah, 40, who was a family man and part of the Druze community, was killed in fighting along the Lebanon border on October 9.

He was a Lieutenant Deputy Commander of the Baram Formation. Alim was an inspiration to his wife, three children, and all who knew him. His fellow soldiers described him as one who would watch after them as he would his own family.

About him, the mayor of Yanuh-Jat said that Alim was "a modest, pleasant man who loved his family very much. He was a man of values, morals, he was a great ambassador for his family, for the village and for the Druze people in our beloved land."







Sgt. 1st Class (res.)
Alon Kleinman



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Alon Kleinman, 21, who loved mathematics, was killed by enemy forces on February 11 in battles in Khan Younis.

He was a reserve combat soldier in the Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Alon exhibited outstanding talents in academics and was loved by family, friends, and teachers. Always seen with a smile, he also enjoyed sports and was an excellent basketball player.

Alon's courageous acts saved lives and his bold heroism in the face of enormous danger will never be forgotten.







Sgt. Maj. Alon Kudriashov



Sgt. Maj. Alon Kudriashov, 21, a natural athlete, was killed in a missile attack by Hamas forces on March 29 in the southern Gaza Strip.

He was a combat soldier in the Egoz Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Alon excelled at snow skiing, scuba diving, karate, and extreme sports. He lived his life fearlessly and was preparing a backpacking adventure to South America and Thailand.

Those who knew him described Alon as a strong, tall, and handsome young man with a gentle soul, full of grace and kindness, loving and sensitive to his surroundings, always seeing the good in everything.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Amichai Yisrael Yehoshua Oster



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Amichai Yisrael Yehoshua Oster, 24, who loved traveling, was killed fighting Hamas in Gaza on January 1.

He was a combat soldier in the 7020th Battalion. Amichai, a dual U.S./Israeli citizen, was traveling in the United States when he learned of the October 7 attacks, then rushed back to Israel to help. He is remembered as one who was humble, modest, committed, and especially happy and fun.

About him, his mother said that Amichai "was here doing exactly what he wanted to be doing. He died doing what he came home to do. And now he will remain forever frozen in your memories as a beautiful, brave, caring young man. A quiet hero."







Sgt. Amichay Shimon Rubin



Sgt. Amichay Shimon Rubin, 23, from Akko, died from injuries sustained in a bombing attack near the Gaza border.

He was a combat soldier in Golani brigade, 51st Battalion. Amichay was a modest, humble young man who had plans to start training as a commander. Not only did he save lives during his own life, he saved another five lives after his death by donating his organs to those in need.

He was known by all as an outstanding soldier and was scheduled to attend the commanders' course just a month after his untimely death. Amichay's tremendous heroism will never be forgotten.







Staff Sgt. Amichay Yaacov Vanino



Staff Sgt. Amichay Yaacov Vanino, 22, who loved people and psychology, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 while protecting and evacuating the residents of Kibbutz Kfar Aza.

It was when he was assisting in the process of saving an injured friend that he received fatal injuries. He was a Squad Commander in the Maglan Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade.

Amichay likely would have pursued education or psychology as a career. He also wrote poetry, to be published in his memory. His true heroism will never be forgotten.







Sgt. Amir Eyal



Sgt. Amir Eyal, 19, a natural athlete, was killed in a battle defending the IDF Nachal Oz Base.

He was a combat soldier in the Border Defense Force, 414th Battalion. Amir loved playing sports, especially basketball. He could always be counted on to help anyone in need, without hesitation.

He died heroically fighting for his beloved country and the Jewish people, and for that young Amir will never be forgotten.







Sgt. Maj. Amir Fisher



Sgt. Maj. Amir Fisher, 22, who loved playing soccer, was killed in the battles of Kfar Aza when ambushed by Hamas terrorists on October 7.

He was a combat soldier in the Duvdevan Special Forces Unit of the Commando Brigade. Growing up in Ghana, Amir dreamed of becoming a Lone Soldier.

He was particularly affectionate to others and often expressed his feelings adeptly though words. Full of life and energy, Amir enjoyed socializing, dancing, and celebrating with friends. He was deeply appreciative and polite, and his heroic spirit always burned brightly. Amir will never be forgotten.







Maj. (res.) Amir Naim



Maj. (res.) Amir Naim, 27, a particularly bright young man, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 in Kibbutz Erez.

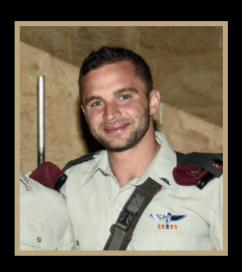
He was a member of the IDF Alert Squad. Amir was mostly self- taught and highly knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects.

Leaving behind a wife, pregnant with their first child, Amir will be remembered as a special person who gave his life so that others may live.

About Amir, his father said, "Before engaging in debate with him, one had to think twice because he always came out on top. Everyone was his friend."







Maj. Amir Skoury



Maj. Amir Skoury, 31, who loved technology, was killed by Hamas terrorists while defending an Israeli settlement under attack.

He was a combat soldier in the Sayeret Matkal Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Amir had a sharp intellect and enjoyed all areas of technology. He was a natural leader, beloved by fellow soldiers, friends, and family alike.

Dedicated to the defense of his country, his memory will be cherished by his loved ones and comrades-in-arms as a true hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for the security of Israel.







Capt. Amir Zur



Capt. Amir Zur, 23, who was a national champion in the field of navigation, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 while defending Kibbutz Kfar Aza.

He was a paramedic in the elite Sayeret Matkal Unit. Amir possessed a wide range of talents, from academia to music, including being an accomplished pianist. Although he met or surpassed every high challenge he set for himself, Amir was always exceptionally modest.

About him, a loved one said, "Amir, you will always be our source of strength to believe in humanity, to believe that it is possible that there really will be goodness. Amir, you will always be our guardian angel."







Sgt. Amit Hod Ziv



Sgt. Amit Hod Ziv, 19, a natural athlete, was killed near Shtula on the Lebanon border on December 22 by a Hezbollah missile attack.

He was a combat soldier in the Armored Corps, 71st Battalion. Amit loved playing sports, especially basketball. While he could have enlisted otherwise, he made the heroic decision to choose a combat role because he passionately wanted to serve his country.

An IDF commander described him as an excellent and dedicated soldier who had plans to join the tank commanders course. Amit died a true hero and will never be forgotten.







Staff Sgt. Amit Most



Staff Sgt. Amit Most, 20, from Modi'in Maccabim Reut, was killed near the Gaza border by Hamas terrorists while clearing out residences for safety.

He was a combat medic in the Reconnaissance Battalion of the Nahal Brigade. Amit had great determination to excel as a medic. His kindness and compassion were limitless and saving lives was a life-long commitment.

In his last letter, Amit wrote about his strong belief in Israel's cause and his deep gratitude for the opportunity to fulfill his aspiration of saving lives. Amit's courage will never be forgotten.







Sgt. 1st Class Amit Peled



Sgt. 1st Class Amit Peled, 21, who loved music -- especially playing the guitar and drums - - was killed by Hamas terrorists while defending settlements near the Gaza border.

He was a combat soldier in the Egoz Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Amit was passionate about all music, especially rock, indie, and metal. He never passed up the opportunity to practice and enjoy the uplifting experience that music gave him.

On the battlefield Amit was a genuine hero who saved lives before he ultimately sacrificed his own. His extreme courage in the face of danger will never be forgotten.







Sgt. Amit Tsur



Sgt. Amit Tsur, 19, from Elyakhin near Hadera in Israel, died from injuries sustained while protecting the IDF post and its defenders.

He was a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, 51st Battalion. Amit pursued every opportunity and always dreamed of joining the IDF. He was known as a true gentleman who always wanted to make the very most out of life.

Amit's mother described him as someone who always cared for those around him. Indeed this is how Amit died, a true hero, while in the midst of protecting and saving the lives of others. His tremendous bravery in the face of danger will never be forgotten.







Warrant Officer (res.)
Amit Vax



Warrant Officer (res.) Amit Vax, 48, a beloved family man, was killed by Hamas terrorists where, after securing his family in a shelter, he went to protect his neighbors.

He was a member of the Alert Squad of Nativ HaAsara Border Defense Corps. Amit was an energetic, highly optimistic person who cared about others. He always welcomed every challenge with a positive attitude.

About him, a friend said that Amit "instilled confidence and a feeling that everything was going to be alright. Hundreds of people knew him, he volunteered in every place, always with a big smile, always modestly, always with a huge heart."







Capt. Amitay Zvi Granot



Capt. Amitay Zvi Granot, 24, a passionate student of the Torah, was killed in a missile attack near the IDF Nurit outpost on the Lebanon border.

He was a Squad Commander in the Armored Corps, 75th Battalion. While in high school, Amitay volunteered for the Kav L'chaim association. Two weeks prior to his death, he proposed to his girlfriend with whom he was looking forward to a long life.

About Amitay, his mother said that he was a loving child, full of heart, always caring for those around him.







Maj. (res.) Amishar Ben David



Maj. (res.) Amishar Ben David, 43, cousin of Finance Minister Smotrich, was killed during battle with Hamas terrorists in the southern Gaza Strip.

He was head of the Commando Brigade Chief's forward command team. Amishar also served as the head of the Magen David Adom ambulance service team in Eli. He was a beloved leader with a long history of exceptional military service.

Regarding Amishar, his cousin said, "we will completely destroy our enemies and not stop for a moment. Your death and the death of all our heroic soldiers will not be in vain."







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Andu'alem Kabeda



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Andu'alem Kabeda, 21, who dreamed of becoming a combat soldier, was killed by Hamas terrorists in a battle in the southern Gaza Strip.

He was a combat soldier in the 603rd Combat Engineering Battalion. Andu'alem was a quiet young man, noticeably modest and respectful to others. He was known as someone who never complained, but rather dug in and got the job done.

In the face of grave danger, Andu'alem displayed true heroism time and time again, ultimately giving his life for Israel and the Jewish people. For this, he will never be forgotten.







Staff Sgt. Aner Elyakim Shapira



Staff Sgt. Aner Elyakim Shapira, 22, greatgrandson of a signer of Israel's Declaration of Independence, was killed on October 7 at the Supernova Music Festival near Kibbutz Re'im.

He was a combat soldier in the Reconnaissance Battalion of the Nahal Brigade. Although unarmed Aner saved many lives by fending off multiple Hamas grenade attacks, courageously tossing back at least seven live grenades before being killed by the eighth.

About Aner, a survivor of the attack said that he "saved our lives and he deserves a medal of honor for being an angel who guarded us."

Aner's heroic actions will never be forgotten, especially by those who lived to witness them.







Master Sgt. (res.) Ari Yehiel Zenilman



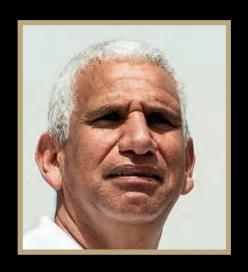
Master Sgt. (res.) Ari Yehiel Zenilman, 32, who was devoted to the study of the Torah, was killed by Hamas terrorists in Gaza after discovery of a massive underground network.

He was a combat soldier in 5th Brigade, 8111th Battalion. Originally from New York, Ari made aliyah to Israel with his parents. He worked as a computer programmer and was a visionary individual, driven by his internal integrity and strong religious beliefs.

He also was a compassionate family man, husband, and father of three children who will always remember his bravery.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Arie Kraunik



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Arie Kraunik, 54, natural athlete and devoted family man, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 during the invasion of Kibbutz Be'eri.

He was head of the community's local security team. After warning everyone to enter safe rooms, Arie, known as Arik to his friends, was the first to head to the gate that morning where he fought heroically to protect the community. He was well known for his high energy, loud expressions of his feelings, and seemingly endless generosity toward others.

About him, a daughter said, "To me, he was a figure to be admired. He was a Zionist, who loved the country, who always convinced me to give back to the country, to give as much as possible to the country."







Maj. Ariel Ben Moshe



Maj. Ariel Ben Moshe, 27, an officer with a promising future, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7 in Kibbutz Re'im.

He was Company Commander in Matkal Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade. Ariel took the risk to search for a child thought to have been inside a house containing the enemy. His courageous effort resulted in mortal injury, but his heroic efforts and dedication to the IDF will never be forgotten.

About Ariel, his mother said, "I put all of my love onto him, he was the spotlight of the house and I understood this from the day he was born. He had an aura. I believed that he would become IDF Chief of Staff."







Sgt. Ariel Erez



Sgt. Ariel Erez, 19, from Amka, was killed by Hamas terrorists on October 7.

He was a combat soldier in the Golani Brigade, 13th Battalion. Ariel's commitment to his service in the defense of his beloved country was always at the forefront.

His courageous actions saved lives and he died a true hero. The ultimate sacrifice he made will never be forgotten.







Capt. (res.) Ariel Mordechay Wollfstal



Capt. (res.) Ariel Mordechay Wollfstal, 28, economics and business expert, was killed in Gaza during a building collapse caused by Hamas rocket-propelled grenades.

Back home, he worked in an investment company in Tel Aviv. Before his military service, Ariel attended a leadership program in Yatir. He was known as an amazing friend and a magnificent soldier who never hesitated to do his duty for family or country.

About Ariel, his father said, "I am proud of you and salute you for the path you took, a magnificent soldier, a revered commander who always cared for his soldiers."







Maj. (res.) Aryeh Rein



Maj. (res.) Aryeh Rein, 39, beloved family man, was killed by Hamas rocket-propelled grenades.

In reserves, he served as an officer in the 79th Battalion of the Armored Corps. Back home in Mishmarot, Aryeh was a manager at a start-up company. Married for over ten years, he was the beloved father of three young daughters.

About Aryeh, a fellow soldier recounted that "he said his destiny was to command and fight. He was a true combat officer who never complained and was not afraid of hard work."

Aryeh died a true hero and his courage will never be forgotten.







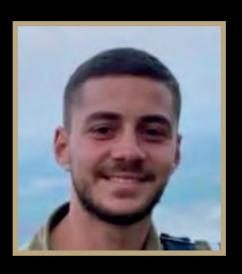
Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Ben Zussman



Sergeant 1st Class (res.) Ben Zussman, 22, from Jerusalem, of the Combat Engineering Corps' 601st Battalion, fell in Gaza on December 3rd. Ben cherished the closeness of those around him. In a posthumous letter to his family, he urged them not to "wallow in sadness" and instead to turn shiva into a "week of friends, family and fun." He continued: "I am full of pride and a sense of mission, and I always said that if I have to die, I hope it will be protecting others and the country." Ben was an avid Beitar Jerusalem soccer fan and a devoted big brother to two younger siblings who miss him deeply.







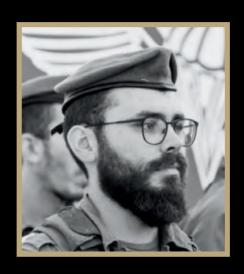
Capt. Beni Wais



Captain Beni Wais, 22, a company commander in the 460th Armored Brigade's 195th Battalion from Haifa, fell in Gaza on November 3. Beni believed that it was his duty to fight alongside his platoon, even though he was given the opportunity to transfer out of Gaza to receive more training. He is remembered as a quiet but strong leader who led with conviction.







Staff Sgt. Benjamin Loeb



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Loeb, 23, from Brunoy, France was a combat fighter in the Orthodox Division of the Paratroopers 202 Brigade. He fell securing Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 8. The son of a French Chabad Rabbi, Binyamin put his computer science studies on hold to make Aliyah and serve his country. He is remembered as someone with a deep faith who cherished his family, particularly celebrating holidays together. He died only a few months before he was scheduled to return to France to resume his studies. He leaves behind a devastated family and many friends.







Maj. Benjamin Trakeniski



Maj. Benjamin (Benji) Trakeniski, 32, of Netanya, was an off-duty soldier in the 7th Brigade of the IDF Armored Corps. He was killed by Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Be'eri as he helped evacuate civilians on October 7. Benji died just months prior to his wedding to his dear fiancée, Simone. When he awoke in Tel Aviv on the day of the massacre, Ben drove to the south to help in any way that he could. He is remembered for his big heart and his fearless optimism.







Sgt. Binyamin Meir Airly



Sgt. Binyamin Airly, 22, of the Paratroopers Brigade's 101st Battalion, who had a 'love affair' with the Land of Israel, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists in Gaza on November 18. A well-rounded, native New Yorker who made Aliyah with his family to Beit Shemesh, Binyamin immersed himself in Israeli history, Jewish law, as well as break dancing and long-distance running. Binyamin embodied both magnetism and humility. A born leader, he motivated other soldiers in his unit, always wanted to be in the front, and died as he lived: protecting the country and people he loved with all his heart.







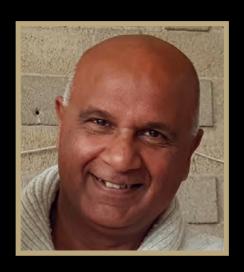
Sgt.Binyamin Yehoshua Needham



Sgt. Binyamin Yehoshua "Benji" Needham, 19, a UK-born champion kickboxer and a soldier in the Combat Engineering Corps' 601st Battalion, was killed fighting in Gaza on December 3rd. Binyamin was the beloved baby brother to five older siblings. Ranked number two in Israel for his age group in mixed martial arts, Benji is remembered for being a friend to all, constantly smiling, and gregarious. His siblings greatly mourn the loss of "our baby, our joker, our warm-hearted, kind, funny, loving brother, son, uncle, grandson, hero."







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Boaz Abraham



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Boaz Abraham, 61, was a member of Nir Yitzhak alert squad, where he lived for 40 years. Boaz first came to Nir Yitzhak as a member of the Nahal Brigade in his 20s, and never left. He died on October 7 defending his kibbutz. He did so with heroism and bravery. Ben's family remembers his stoicism and his deep Nir Yitzhak roots. He leaves behind a wife and three children.







Sgt. Boaz Menache Yoggev



Sgt. Boaz Menache Yoggev, 19, from Talmon, served as a defense systems technician in the northern Gaza brigade. He died fighting Hamas terrorists and defending the Israeli border on October 7. Boaz loved to surround himself with close friends and family. They remember him for his keen ability to make everyone feel like the most important person. Ever since he was a child, Boaz would take things apart to figure out how to put them back together. His family is left with a deep void.







Staff Sgt. Brando David Flores Garcia



Staff Sgt. Brando David Flores Garcia, 21, a
Peruvian soccer phenom from Be'er Sheva,
served in the southern Gaza brigade and died
defending residents of the south on October 7.
He is remembered for his team spirit, positive
outlook, and athleticism that spread far beyond
the soccer field. Brando made Aliyah with his
family as a teenager, and his coach at Maccabi
Be'er Sheva remembers how he joined the team
despite not knowing any Hebrew. He quickly
became an invaluable and integral member of
the squad.







Maj. Chen Bouchris



Maj. Chen Bouchris, 26, from Ashdod, deputy commander of the Maglan commando unit, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists in southern Israel on October 7. The youngest of five brothers, Chen sought out challenges at every opportunity. He excelled thanks to his determination, drive, and humble demeanor. In his final act, he neutralized five out of seven terrorists who infiltrated Nir Oz.







Maj. (res.) Chen Yahalom



Maj. (res.) Chen Yahalom, 34, from Kfar Aza, was an officer in 8159 Battalion Artillery Corps and died tragically when he was home on leave for only a day. He was a competitive triathlete and recently won an Ironman competition in a feat of athleticism unparalleled for his age group. Chen's family remembers that throughout his great successes, he never let his accomplishments sway his humble attitude. He excelled quietly, and his father remembers how Chen performed "good deeds in secret," far from the accolades and fanfare. His outstanding modesty lives on in his family and friends.







Master Sgt. (res.) Constantine Sushko



Master Sgt. (res.) Constantine Sushko, 30, from Tel Aviv, served in the 7086 Engineer Battalion of the Golani Brigade and died in Gaza on December 29. Known as Costa, he was a computer science and engineering student at Ben Gurion University who is remembered for his curiosity and kindness.







Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Cydrick Garin



Sgt. First Class (res.) Cydrick Garin, 23, was a combat soldier in 6262 Reserves Battalion who died on January 22 in Gaza. Cedrick was born in Israel to Filipino parents and was raised by his mother after his father was deported, when Cedrick was just two. Cedrick struggled as a teenager, dropped out of high school and was often in trouble with the law. Against all odds, he was able to turn his life around and successfully petitioned to enlist in the IDF where he thrived and excelled in his next chapter. His wife, dear family and friends mourn this tragic loss.







Master Sgt. (res.)
Dan Assulin



Master Sergeant (res.) Dan Assulin, aged 38, led his local security team in the Mivtahim moshav in southern Israel. He tragically lost his life in combat against Hamas terrorists on October 7. Dan is fondly remembered for his altruistic spirit and unwavering commitment to protecting others. His final act epitomized his selflessness, as he sacrificed himself so that others might live. Dan was a devoted Real Madrid enthusiast, often combining his passion for the team with his exceptional barbeque skills. He leaves behind a daughter and a son, born shortly after his passing, ensuring his legacy lives on through his family.







Master Sgt. (res.) Dan Wajdenbaum



Master Sgt. (res.) Dan Wajdenbaum, 24, served as a combat soldier in the Armored Corps, 5037 Reserves Battalion. A natural born leader, Dan was a fitness instructor who was planning to study physical therapy. When the war broke out, Dan had just returned from a South American vacation. He stopped everything and joined the war effort despite knowing the intense dangers he would face. His commander eulogized: "You led the team in every battle until the one in which you fell."







Staff Sgt. Daniel Bezgodov



Staff Sgt. Daniel Bezgodov, 22, from Afula, was a free-spirited nature lover who served as a combat soldier in Nahal Reconnaissance. He lost his life protecting Israeli citizens from Hamas's brutal attack on October 7. Daniel loved to spend time with his family and friends and is remembered as a natural born leader. He died months before he was due to be discharged and get married. Daniel's promising future was cut short and those who loved him mourn his tragic loss.







Master Sgt. (res.)
Daniel Kastiel



Master Sgt. (res.) Daniel Kastiel, 24, a Maglan soldier from Beit Shemesh, was killed battling Hamas terrorists on Zikim Beach on October 11. One of five brothers, Daniel is remembered as someone who always had a smile on his face and a contagious joy for life. Shortly before his death, Daniel danced with the Torah in full uniform on Simchat Torah. He was focused, determined, and proud to serve his country.







Staff Sgt. Daniel Kasvachuk



Staff Sgt. Daniel "Danny" Kasvachuk, 21, an electromechanics technician in the 214th Artillery Regiment's elite Moran unit, was killed on October 7 while off-duty and attending the Supernova music festival. He is remembered for his loving nature and joyful spirit. Danny was beloved by his family and friends and described as "salt of the earth." His passing has left a profound void in the hearts of all who knew him.







Capt. Daniel Perez



Captain Daniel Perez, 22, from Yad Binyamin, embodied the essence of modern-day Judaism and Zionism. He served valiantly as a platoon commander in the 7th Armored Brigade's 77th Battalion and was on active duty near Nahal Oz on October 7. Daniel was initially listed as a hostage until his tragic death was confirmed on the war's 163rd day. This devastating loss profoundly impacted his family, who had immigrated from South Africa and prayed daily for Daniel's safe return. Daniel's father, Rabbi Doron Perez, Executive Director of the World Mizrahi Movement, recalls his son as a courageous individual who dedicated himself to protecting his homeland and serving others...







Staff Sgt. Daniel Rashed



Staff Sgt. Daniel Rashed, 19, a Golani soldier from Shfaram, was killed October 7 when Hamas terrorists overran the Nahal Oz IDF outpost where he was on guard. Daniel was a beloved member of the Druze community, and one of 19 children. He had permission to be off base after a family wedding but insisted on returning to his unit a day early in the "spirit of Golani." Daniel is remembered for his sweet disposition and shy, good nature.







Staff Sgt. Daniel Shperber



Staff Sergeant Daniel Shperber, 20, from Yehud-Monosson, served as a combat intelligence collection soldier in the 414 Battalion of the Border Defense Corps and was killed on October 7 by Hamas terrorists. In recognition of his exceptional bravery, Daniel was posthumously promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. Daniel's youthful and angelic demeanor serves as a poignant reminder of a life cut short far too soon. His courage and dedication to duty exemplify the highest ideals of service and sacrifice.







Master Sgt. (res.) David ("Dudi") Digmi



Master Sgt. (res.) David ("Dudi") Digmi, 43, from Rishon LeZion, was a paramedic in the Southern Gaza Brigade who died from injuries sustained from a car accident while heading home for a short respite from the war. He was an inspirational leader to his friends and family and is described as "the epitome and the beacon of our household." He leaves behind two daughters who greatly miss their father.







Capt. Dor Sade



Cpt. Dor Sade, 22, a platoon commander in the Givati Brigade from Arugot, was killed fighting Hamas terrorists in Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 8. He was home on leave when the war began, and quickly headed to his unit. He was tragically killed fighting the last Hamas terrorists who had holed up a house in Kfar Aza. Dor was greatly inspired to serve his country by his grandfather, Cpl. Yitzhak Bar-Sade, who was killed during the Yom Kippur War almost 50 years earlier. In a journal found after his death, Dor wrote, "I want to give back to the country in the best way there is, like my grandfather Yitzhak gave, and all of my family after him."







Capt. Dor Yarhi



Captain Dor Yarhi, 21, from Rishon LeZion, served as a combat soldier in the 13th Battalion of the Golani Infantry Brigade. He was a skilled basketball player who played for the youth team of Maccabi Rishon LeZion. Greatly beloved by his friends, Dor is remembered for his generous spirit and heartwarming smile.







Master Sgt. (res.) Dov Moshe Kogan



Master Sgt. (res.) Dov Moshe Kogan, 32, from Nov settlement in Ramat Hagolan, died during intense combat in Gaza on November 9. He was in an advanced degree program at Technion and served as a combat soldier in the elite Shaldag Special Force Unit of the Commando Brigade in his reserves service. He left behind a beloved wife of eight years and three young children. Dov is remembered for his deep love for his family, friends, and the Golan Heights.







Sgt. Maj. (res.) Etay Perry



Sgt. Maj. (res.) Etay Perry, 36 of Modiin, was a loving father, husband, engineer, and soldier. Etay served in the 5th Brigade's 8111 Battalion when he and four other IDF soldiers were killed by a grenade during a reconnaissance mission in a tunnel under Khan Younis, Gaza. He is survived by his three beautiful children, each a product of their father's love and honor. Etay was a force to reckon with and a beacon of hope during the darkest of times. Etay died defending the land and people that he loved.







Staff Sgt. Eytan Dishon



Staff Sgt. Eytan Dishon, 21, was a brilliant leader who died defending the country he loved. Eytan was a stellar student with a passion for learning and unmatched ambition. He especially loved studying the Torah. Eytan was killed on November 20th in Northern Gaza while serving in the Givati Reconnaissance Unit. He is survived by his loving family, including his father, Lieutenant Colonel Dori Dishon, who is currently serving in reserve duty.







Capt. Guy Admoni



Capt. Guy Admoni, 25, a uniquely loving soul, was murdered alongside his mother in their home in Kfar Aza on October 7th. The two were found in an embrace in the safe room of their house. Guy was serving as an officer in the Intelligence branch of the IDF. He was the best uncle to his nieces and an amazing partner to his girlfriend. He loved spending time with his large family and died honoring their legacy. While Guy and his mother are no longer here in body, they will always be strong forces in spirit.







Staff Sgt. Guy Simhi



Staff Sgt. Guy Simhi, 20, was a paratrooper who gave his life on October 7th while fending off Hamas terrorists after attending the Supernova music festival near Kibbutz Re'im. He managed to flee to a friend's apartment where he was able to escape to, eventually fighting off terrorists who broke in and threw grenades inside. Guy was killed while jumping out a window and protecting 14 other friends, all of whom survived. Guy was a beautiful role model, holding together the lives of his friends and family. He saved not only 14 lives, but 14 worlds.







Capt. Hadar Kama



Capt. Hadar Kama, 24, was killed in combat serving in the Sayeret Matkal Unit on October 7. He and four other Sayeret Matkal members died in Kfar Aza while fending off Hamas terrorists. Hadar was a truly noble and kind soul, selflessly committing to help his family in their Givat Shapira home. Hadar loved sports and physical activity and worked in his "Five Fingers" youth group to stimulate leadership through movement. Hadar is survived by his loving family, who will forever honor his memory.







Staff Sgt. Hallel Shmuel Saadon



Staff Sgt. Hallel Shmuel Saadon, 21, was a bright soul with a heart of gold. Hallel was guarding a bunker near Kibbutz Sufa on October 7th when he and his fellow soldiers were overrun by Hamas terrorists. He bravely served in the Nahal Reconnaissance Unit and was a model soldier and friend. Hallel's greatest passion in life was spending time with horses. He was a brilliant horseback rider, a lover of all animals, and an advocate for nature. Hallel felt deep ties to the country of Israel and was honored to serve in her honor. He is survived by his parents and his four younger siblings.







Sgt. Ido David Binenshtock



Sgt. Ido David Binenshtock, 19, was a fierce combat paramedic of the Golani Brigade Battalion 13 who died while attending to his fellow soldier's wounds near the Gaza border on October 7th. Despite facing increasingly powerful terrorists, Ido did not hesitate to risk his life protecting his fellow defenders of Israel. He was a devoted Scout, Ioving brother, and a true testament to the integrity of an IDF soldier. The night before Ido was killed, he remarked the following to his squad: "If anyone ever touches one of you, always know that I'll have your back." He is survived by his parents and two siblings.







Maj. (res.) Ido Hubara



Maj. (res.) Ido Hubara, 36, was a member of the Kibbutz Sufa alert squad who died protecting his family on October 7th. Following Hamas terrorists' invasion into the kibbutz, Ido went to join a small defensive team that tried to protect the rest of the kibbutz where he was badly injured. Ido's father, Zohar, a medic, arrived on scene to treat his son who unfortunately succumbed to his injuries while in his father's arms. Ido is survived by his wife Noa, his twins Gal and Goni, his son Guy, and his father Zohar. May his memory be a blessing.







Chief Warrant Officer (res.) Ido Rosenthal



Chief Warrant Officer (res.) Ido Rosenthal, 45, was a great hero not only of the IDF, but of Israel. Serving in the Shaldag Unit of the Air Force, Ido and his unit went into Kibbutz Be'eri on October 7th to fight off a group of Hamas terrorists. As he was attending to a wounded soldier, Ido was shot and killed on the spot. Known lovingly as "Crido" or "Crazy Ido" by his friends and squad members, Ido was a gifted photographer and an avid traveler. Though he was not a man of many words, the words Ido spoke changed the lives of those around him. He is survived by his wife, Noga, and their three children.







Staff Sgt. llay Gamzu



Staff Sgt. Ilay Gamzu, 20, was a talented soccer player with a smile that brightened every room he was in. Itay lived his life by his motto, "Smile, because a smile is joy, and joy is the strength to go on." A former member of the Ironi Ashdod soccer team, Itay served as a squad commander in the Paratroopers Brigade. Despite being on leave in Ashdod on October 7th, he responded to a call near Netiv HaAsara, north of Gaza, and was shot alongside a fellow soldier during the Hamas invasion. Itay is survived by his parents and two siblings.







Sgt. Ilay Noam Ben Muha



Sgt. Ilay Noam Ben Muha, 20, a soldier in the 51 Battalion of the Golani Brigade, was killed at the Kissufim outpost by Hamas terrorists on October 7th. Ilay was a caring family man who always went out of his way for his loved ones, especially his girlfriend whose dream business he relentlessly supported. On the day of the Hamas attack, Ilay and his fellow soldiers left safety to fight a slew of invading terrorists at the gate of their base, a decision that enabled many soldiers to prepare for battle and saved multiple lives. Ilay is survived by his parents and three older siblings.







Master Sgt. (res.) Itai Moreno



Master Sgt. (res.) Itai Moreno, 24, was killed by Hamas terrorists during a battle on the Zikim Beach on October 11, 2024. Itai died alongside his best friend and fellow soldier in the Maglan Commando Unit, Master Sgt. Daniel Kastiel. He was an extremely talented athlete, an aspiring engineer, and the nephew of war hero Lt. Col. Emmanuel Moreno who was killed fighting in Lebanon in 2006. Itai always pursued justice and profoundly impacted those lucky enough to cross his path. He was a modest and humble soul, and his family will continue to carry the legacy he worked so hard to cultivate. He is survived by his wife, his parents, and his three siblings.







Staff Sgt. Itai Ofek Glisko



Staff Sgt. Itai Ofek Glisko, 20, had a heart of gold and was loved by all for his inclusive and inviting spirit. He was a soldier in the Golani Brigade who enlisted in the IDF just eight months before he was killed fighting off Hamas terrorists near the Gaza border during a sneak attack. Despite spending much of his childhood in New Jersey, Itai developed a bond to Israel that could not be severed. He fought bravely until the end, giving his life to protect the country he loved. Itai is survived by his parents and two siblings.







Staff Sgt. Itay Saadon



Staff Sgt. Itay Saadon, 21, was a tank commander in the 52 Battalion of the 401 Armored Brigade. Itay was killed in combat in Northern Gaza, serving the country he so dearly loved. He was a proud native of Israel and hoped to one day build a family in Har Halutz, where he lived. Itay worked tirelessly to realize his dream of becoming a pilot. An avid fan of Formula 1 racing, Itay had an insatiable taste for adventure and took life by the horns at every turn. Despite not being on duty on November 2nd, he volunteered to stay at his base, forgoing a trip to Berlin. Itay always fought for those he loved with honor and bravery. He is survived by his parents and his sister.







Sgt. 1st Class Itay Yehudah Bausi



Sgt. 1st Class Itay Yehudah Bausi, 22, was known for his sense of humor and zest for life. He was killed by Hamas terrorists during the Supernova music festival on October 7th. Just hours before, Itay was enjoying Shabbat dinner with his beloved family, whom he cherished deeply. In the face of the attack, he courageously confronted the terrorists unarmed, not only engaging in combat but also tending to wounded soldiers before tragically succumbing to his injuries. He and his girlfriend dreamed of one day moving to Northern Israel to raise sheep and start a big family. He is survived by his parents and three siblings.







Col. Itzhak Ben Basat



Col. Itzhak Ben Basat, 44, was a dedicated and loving father of four who served as head of the Golani Brigade chief's Forward Command team. Itzhak was on vacation on October 7, and rushed back to the front lines to help rescue victims of terror. He was tragically killed during an ambush on Gaza City. He always exhibited inspiring leadership and cared for any soul who crossed his path. Itzhak's unrelenting love for Israel led him to save many lives and ensure a safer future for his beautiful family. He is survived by his wife and four children.







Maj. Jamal Abbas



Maj. Jamal Abbas, 23, was a commander in the 101st Battalion of the Paratroopers Brigade who was killed in combat in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. Hailing from the Druze village of Peki'in, Abbas was one in a long line of high-ranking military personnel in his family. Jamal was a remarkably positive, joyful, and sociable individual who consistently demonstrated kindness and love towards everyone he encountered. His legacy of generosity and goodwill will continue to bring joy and inspiration for generations. Jamal was a proud Zionist, and his enduring legacy will reflect his commitment to the inclusion of the Druze community in Zionism.







Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Malachi Guedalia



Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Malachi Guedalia, 22, was a loving husband, son, and brother. With a sense of pride for his Spanish-Portuguese heritage, Joseph was born and raised in Beit Shemesh. He was killed near Kibbutz Kfar Aza during the October 7th attacks. Joseph was approaching many milestones, almost at the end of his IDF service and about to celebrate his first wedding anniversary. Joseph was characterized by his love for life and his ever-glowing smile. He is survived by his wife, parents, and six siblings.







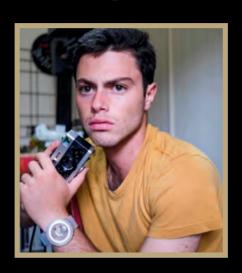
Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Joseph Gitarts



Sgt. 1st Class (res.) Joseph Gitarts, 25, was killed in Southern Gaza while fighting off Hamas terrorists. Joseph was born and raised in Russia, and his family moved to Israel when he was just 12. Despite drafting into non-combat duty in the IDF, Joseph was insistent on protecting Israel by joining the frontlines. An honors student, he was passionate about ending damaging effects of aging and disease through means of technology. Joseph was set to be discharged just five days after he was killed on December 25th. He is survived by his parents and four half-siblings.







Staff Sgt. Lavi Lipshitz



Staff Sgt. Lavi Lipshitz, 20, was a photographer and cinephile who was killed in the Northern Gaza Strip by a Hamas RPG. Lavi served in the Givati Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit and used his brilliant creativity to document the atrocities of the Hamas terrorist attacks. While he was a gifted soldier and team player, at heart, Lavi was a passionate creative. A sensitive soul, Lavi's legacy will rest in his art which will speak to generations for years to come. He is survived by his parents and three siblings.







Sgt. 1st Class Liav Aloush



Sgt. 1st Class Liav Aloush, 21, was a passionate combat soldier in the Duvdevan Unit of the Commando Brigade. Liav was a proud defender of Israel, and always pushed himself to grow both as a soldier and a person. He endured many difficult trainings for his special force unit and loved it implicitly. Liav was killed in battle in Gaza while fighting off a terrorist cell. He was a true friend, phenomenal athlete, and a travel connoisseur. Those who knew Liav were blessed to witness his lust for life and his wonderful sense of humor. He is survived by his parents and sister.



