



YAHALOM FOUNDATION

A challenging and demanding year has come to an end, yet the **Yahalom Foundation** has continued to work with full strength to support the unit's soldiers and alumni. This year also brought a series of moving and meaningful events, foremost among them the 30th anniversary of the unit and the 10th anniversary of the foundation, celebrated in August with thousands of alumni gathered together.

As we welcome the new year, we wish for more peace and security, more time with family, greater certainty, and a sense of calm. May it be a year of joy and success, a year of swift recovery for our wounded. From all of us in our community of thousands, we send warm holiday greetings, wishes of good health, a heartfelt embrace to the bereaved families, and a prayer for the swift return of all the hostages to their homes.

with respect,
Arnon Shibolet
Chairman, Yahalom Foundation

Change of Command in the Yahalom Unit

After three years in the position, Col. **Eli David** completed his term as commander of the Yahalom Unit. He is expected to be appointed as Chief Combat Engineering Officer next year. The foundation and the Unit extend deep gratitude and appreciation to him for his years of leadership, dedication, and significant contribution to Israel's security and to the unit's soldiers. The command of Yahalom was assumed by Brigadier General (res.) **Yaron Beit-On**, a member of the foundation's board. We wish him much success in this important mission and thank him for taking it upon himself. In the coming months, Brig. Gen. Yaron Beit-On will be replaced by a permanent commander.

New CEO of the Yahalom Foundation

In May 2025, **Sneer Rozenfeld** assumed the position of CEO of Yahalom Foundation, succeeding **Nadav Zimand**, who had completed his term. Sneer comes to the foundation after serving as CEO of Cyber 2.0, bringing with him rich experience in management and innovation. We wish Sneer success in his new role and thank Nadav for his meaningful contribution to the foundation during his years of service.



Marking 30 Years of the Yahalom Unit - and 10 Years of the Foundation

On August 5, 2025, a festive assembly was held to mark **30 years since the establishment of the Yahalom Unit and 10 years since the founding of Yahalom Foundation**. Around 3,500 soldiers and commanders, active duty and reserves, veterans from all generations, public figures, and family members gathered at Ra'anana Amphipark for a moving, unifying, and pride-filled evening.

The assembly hosted by journalist Danny Kushmaro, was an impressive and powerful event that became a great celebration of heritage, intergenerational connection, and recognition of bereaved families and the unit's wounded.

During the evening, company areas were opened, allowing old friends and new ones to reconnect. Later, the central ceremony took place, weaving together stories from the past and current achievements, alongside impressive displays of the unit's capabilities. The atmosphere was a rare combination of pride, strength, memory, and joy.

The highlight of the evening was **the launch of the unit's Heritage Book** - an exceptional project that had been prepared over the course of a year and a half. The book was written after thousands of hours of research by author Shmuel Katz, accompanied by powerful photography from Ziv Koren, and based on an extensive collection of materials, testimonies, and stories from meetings with veterans and founders. It recounts the history of the unit from the Hebrew Resistance Movement in 1945, through the War of Independence, the establishment of the Special Demolitions Unit in 1965, the founding of Yael in 1982, the creation of Yahalom in 1995 in Sirkin, and up to the Swords of Iron war. The book serves as a central cornerstone in preserving Yahalom's operational and human legacy, passing its unique story to future generations.





The Yahalom Foundation in Toronto - A Moving Encounter with the Community

In May 2025, a delegation from **Yahalom Foundation** traveled to Toronto, led by Yossi Tanuri, to meet with the local Jewish community. The community received us with warm and moving hospitality that gave us a sense of home even across the ocean.

During the meetings, we shared the story of the unit and the foundation, focusing on our preservation of heritage, support for soldiers and their families, and our broader efforts to strengthen social resilience in Israel. The listening, interest, and desire of community members to participate and support reinforced our understanding that the connection between Israel and the Diaspora is a genuine source of strength.

Yahalom Foundation wholeheartedly thanks the Jewish community in Toronto for their warmth, openness, and partnership. We returned to Israel with a renewed sense of mission and with valuable ties that will accompany us for many years to come.



Yahalom Unit Wounded Gathering - Strength through Unity and Community

In July 2025, we held a special gathering for the wounded veterans of the Yahalom Unit, initiated and led by **Shay Chiti, Shaked Tzarfati, and Avi Zigdon**.

The event took place at "Cooking an Experience", where all the wounded came together for an extraordinary evening of experiential cooking, bonding, and reconnecting with the community. The atmosphere was warm and family-like, filled with humor, personal conversations, sharing, and a sense of togetherness that strengthened us all.

This gathering was more than just a meal – it was an opportunity to pause from daily life, meet face-to-face, and remind ourselves that resilience is built through human connection and mutual care.



Yahalom Foundation Launches New Employment Webinar Series

In August 2025, **Yahalom Foundation** launched a new and unique series dedicated to employment - a **monthly live webinar** designed to provide unit veterans with tools, knowledge, and practical

opportunities for integration and advancement in the job market. The series is led by **Yuval Pereg**, who is responsible for the employment field at the foundation.

The first webinar, featuring **Shay Chiti** and **Manor Harel**, focused on the real estate sector -exploring opportunities, challenges, and preparing for a professional career. The session drew great interest and enthusiastic responses from participants.

As part of the series, a new webinar will be held each month on a range of topics, including navigating the job market, CV writing, career development, and practical tools for workforce integration. The goal is to provide Yahalom veterans with professional guidance and support after their military service, as part of the foundation's commitment to continuing support for them at every stage of life.

Yahalom Foundation is proud to launch this new series and thanks **Yuval Pereg** for taking the lead on this.

Yahalom Foundation's Bereaved Siblings Gathering - Connection, Solidarity and Community

In July 2025, **Yahalom Foundation** held its first-ever gathering for the bereaved brothers and sisters of fallen Yahalom Unit soldiers. The event took place at the Market House Hotel in Jaffa, in a warm and inclusive atmosphere, and represented another significant step in the foundation's work to strengthen community resilience.

Led by **Morel Avraham** and **Barak Buta**, the gathering featured a range of experiential and bonding activities designed to foster a sense of belonging, create an open space for dialogue, and lay the groundwork for a supportive and caring community.

The gathering gave the siblings an opportunity to come together, share experiences, and build connections that will continue to support them moving forward.

Yahalom Foundation is proud to have initiated and led this unique gathering, viewing it as a significant milestone in building a community that acknowledges pain, embraces it, and transforms it into a shared strength of solidarity and support.



Support our community

like any non profit organization, the strength of our foundation depends on the level of support and resources we are able to mobilize.

The more we succeed in expanding our community of supporters and increasing the scope of contributions, the greater our impact will be on our community and on Israel society as a whole.

While the wartime period led to an increase in donations, most of those resources have already been directed toward supporting our community members — on the frontlines, on the home front, and throughout the return to normal life.

We invite you to take part in broadening this circle of support — in your workplaces, among Jewish communities abroad, and in any other setting where you feel connected to our mission.

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