

4th Quarter 2025 Summary



YAHALOM FOUNDATION

A Message from the Chair and CEO of the Yahalom Foundation | Heading into 2026

2025 was a tumultuous, painful, and challenging year for the entire State of Israel and for the Yahalom community. This year, our responsibility as a Foundation toward our operators, veterans, bereaved families, wounded, reservists, and lone soldiers took on a deeper and more binding meaning than ever before.

Throughout the year, the Foundation worked tirelessly to serve as a steadfast anchor, accompanying bereaved families, supporting the wounded and their loved ones, strengthening mental resilience, guiding lone soldiers, and providing solutions for unit veterans and reservists. This work was made possible thanks to the members of the Foundation – our volunteers, partners, and the broad community that stands behind us.

We are beginning 2026 with a profound commitment to continuing this journey. We enter this year with a heavy responsibility, but also with great faith in the power of community, partnership, and our ability to make an impact. In the coming year, we will continue to strengthen and expand our support and resilience programs, develop long-term solutions for bereaved families and the wounded, invest in lone soldiers and unit veterans, and deepen the connection between the past, present, and future of the Yahalom community.

Alongside our therapeutic and community efforts, 2025 was also marked by the strengthening of tradition, heritage, and the unit spirit. The event marking 30 years of the Yahalom Unit and 10 years of the Foundation was a significant moment of connection between generations of operators, linking past, present, and future, and expressing our commitment to preserving the values of camaraderie, responsibility, and the unit's sense of mission. At the same time, we continued working on the unit book, an in-depth project designed to document the story of Yahalom – its path, its people, and its values – and to instill them in future generations as the beating heart of our unit and community identity. We view the Foundation as a home built on the values of camaraderie, responsibility, commitment, and remembrance, alongside a clear-sighted, sensitive outlook on life. It is a home that understands that resilience is not a given; it must be built every day, with consistency and humility.

We want to thank all our partners on this journey: the donors, volunteers, professionals, unit veterans, and families, for your trust, guidance, and shared action. Together, we will continue to strive to be worthy of the mission entrusted to us.



Arnon Shibolet
Chairman

Sneer Rosenfeld
Executive Director

Processing Combat Experiences

In December 2025, one of the Yahalom Foundation's veteran teams returned from a significant processing journey in Peloponnese, Greece. This was an in-depth process designed to allow team members to pause, reflect on complex experiences from their service, and strengthen themselves so

they can continue serving as a stable anchor for the mental resilience of Yahalom operators.

The importance of such a journey is twofold: it allows the personnel and veterans who care for others to also care for themselves, sharpen their professional tools, and return with a more sensitive, precise, and mature presence. Only those who undergo deep processing themselves can truly hold the complexity, pain, and emotional burden of the operators they accompany. One of the journey's participants summarized it as follows:



“This is a life-changing journey. It touches upon the big things and the small, both groups and individuals. I returned with a sense of meaning, deep gratitude, and a renewed understanding of why I do what I do.”

The Yahalom Foundation views investing in veteran teams as an inseparable part of its commitment to the operators and their families. Strengthening those who support others is an essential condition for remaining present over the long term with depth and sensitivity.

A huge thank you to the veteran team and the resilience team, led by Asi Karp, for their sense of mission, professionalism, and open hearts.

Bereaved Mothers' Journey to Uganda – Continuing to Stand by the Families

At the beginning of December 2025 another group of bereaved mothers set out on a significant resilience journey to Uganda. This is part of the Yahalom Foundation's ongoing commitment to accompany and support the unit's bereaved families by providing spaces for pause, breath, and restoration.



Participating in this journey were Ayelet Silberg, Dganit Giat, and Ariella Maimon, who embarked together on an experience that was not merely a trip but a profound physical and emotional journey. The journey created a safe space for connection, dialogue, silence, and moments of relief alongside the pain. It allowed the mothers to meet one another and themselves through camaraderie and mutual understanding.

For the Yahalom Foundation, resilience journeys of this kind are an integral part of our approach to accompanying bereaved families, offering support that continues over time and cherishes life while making room for memory and loss.

We continue to work toward enabling additional journeys for bereaved mothers and fathers. We invite you to support the Foundation's work and help us facilitate more of these vital journeys for families in need.

A Meeting of Spirit, Values, and Heritage: Yahalom Unit Operators Host Simcha Goldin

On November 19, as part of a combat

experience processing day held in Shfayim, we had the honor of hosting **Simcha Goldin**, who came to meet with Yahalom Unit operators and speak with them about path, values, and heritage.

During the meeting, Simcha shared the story of his late son, Hadar Goldin, and the deep meaning of the connection between personal mission, faith in one's path, and the value of giving. In his remarks, he said one sentence that touched the hearts of all those present: **"You brought him back."**



As part of the gathering, a special edition of the book *Mesillat Yescharim*, which includes Hadar's personal notes and interpretations, was distributed to all operators. The books were graciously donated by The Phoenix company, ensuring that each operator received a personal gift of deep spiritual value that continues to illuminate Hadar's path and inspire us.

Additionally, the Yahalom Unit Book, signed by the new Unit Commander, was presented to Simcha as a gesture of appreciation and gratitude for the path he leads and for his ongoing contribution to preserving Hadar's heritage, values, and light. It was a powerful, moving, and strengthening meeting, one that reminded us that the connection between operators, values, and heritage is at the heart of the Yahalom community's work.

The Yahalom Foundation in Atlanta

As part of Taglit (Birthright) activities, the Yahalom Foundation hosted two students from the United States, Justin and Jacob, who arrived in Israel in June 2025. During their stay in Israel, the two volunteered in the Foundation's ongoing activities, gained firsthand insight into its work, and got to know the unit's values and the community behind it.

At the onset of the Twelve-Day War with Iran, the two were forced to cut their stay in Israel short and return to the United States earlier than planned. Despite this, the deep connection that was formed – particularly Justin's deep bond with Yahalom's values, its people, and the unit's story – remained strong and meaningful.

Upon his return to the United States, Justin worked out of a sincere desire to honor the unit and the Foundation for the experience, values, and relationship that were created. In November 2025, Justin's family organized a special tribute and fundraising evening for the Yahalom Foundation in Atlanta, USA.

Approximately 70 friends, family members, and partners attended the evening to learn about, honor, and support the Yahalom Foundation's activities. It was a moving evening that illustrated how a personal connection, even if brief, can turn into a deep, values-based partnership and a wide circle of support spanning continents.

The Yahalom Foundation thanks Justin, Jacob, and their families for their trust, connection, and shared action, and continues to work toward strengthening ties with young people and Jewish communities worldwide as part of the Foundation's long-term vision.



Tailwind Project: A Hanukkah Party for Lone Soldiers

On the eighth candle of Hanukkah, we held a unique and moving Hanukkah party for our lone soldiers. In one evening of light, warmth, and belonging, we had the privilege of pausing our routine to pamper the soldiers, light the Hanukkah candles together, and create a true sense of home for those who give so much of themselves.

The highlight of the evening was an emotional and unforgettable performance by Odelia Yakir, who brought joy, emotion, and a special energy, adding a great light to the entire night.

At the heart of the event was the Tailwind Project (Ruach Gabit), which provides a support envelope and guidance for the unit's lone soldiers throughout their service. The project seeks to be there for the soldiers, not only for practical needs but also through personal accompaniment, attention, and nurturing a sense of belonging.



That evening, we said a moving farewell to Yishai Stern, who led the Tailwind framework with devotion and love over the past few years. A huge thank you to Yishai for the journey, the commitment, and the big heart he had for every single soldier. We welcomed Yuval Marom and Nir Arazi, who are stepping into the role to continue leading the framework forward, and we wished them great success in this important work.

A big thank you to all the partners who took part and made this special evening possible: Zeus, Comfort, Tzuriel, Kraus, Soashi for the culinary treats, Nexen, and Odelia Yakir for a heartfelt performance. We also extend our deep gratitude to the congregants of the "Chayei Olam" synagogue and the Gabbai, Asher Stracker, for their generous donation of "Hanukkah Gelt" for the soldiers.

May we always merit to spread light, to strengthen those in need, and to continue being a warm and supportive home for our lone soldiers.

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Family Activities – Connection, Experience, and True Togetherness

In recent months, the Yehalom Foundation held a series of unique activities for reservists' families, aimed at providing moments of respite, connection, and deepening family and community bonds during this challenging and ongoing period.

The activities included several gatherings at a winery, featuring a tour of a windmill and wine and cheese tastings, an experience combining nature, culture, and shared quality time. Additionally, tickets were distributed for enjoyable leisure activities for the whole family, including

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visits to Cinema City cineplex and Superland amusement park, allowing for lighthearted, joyful recreation for children and parents alike.

Alongside these, we held bonding and team-building meetings for reservists, their spouses, and family members through various experiential cooking workshops filled with good energy. The workshops created a space for open dialogue, sharing, and laughter, strengthening the sense of belonging and community.

These activities were built on a deep understanding that family resilience is inseparable from personal and community resilience, and that supporting families is a central component of long-term accompaniment for reservists. The Yahalom Foundation will continue to work to create more moments of connection, meaning, and togetherness.

A big thank you to Shaked Tzarfati, Avi Zigdon, and Yehonatan Yefet for leading the families project with great dedication.

”Launching “Gar’in Yahalom

Over the past two years, we have all contributed to the effort to restore security to the communities of the Galilee and the Gaza Envelope. We all know that an inseparable part of restoration is not just returning security but returning life itself. Understanding both the importance of this mission and the fact that many of us were seeking change, came the idea for “Gar’in Yahalom” (Gar’in traditionally refers to a group – often young friends – who immigrated together to the land of Israel to provide mutual support, often going on to found a kibbutz).

This initiative grew out of a partnership between Yahalom Foundation and the Hinenu nonprofit, aimed at establishing a community group composed of unit veterans in the Galilee and Gaza Envelope regions.

The goal of the Gar’in is to make this change together.

The Gar’in we expect to establish will not form a new kibbutz or moshav but rather strengthen existing communities that need and desire a renewed human spirit.



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



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