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Message from the Chairman & CEO | Q1 Summary and Happy Passover

The first quarter of 2026 was marked by intensive work, deep commitment and continued close support of the Yahalom community in its most significant moments. Over the past few months, we have continued to work for the bereaved families, the wounded, the reservists, the lone soldiers and the unit's graduates, out of a sense of mission and responsibility that accompanies us every day. We held resilience campaigns, community meetings, employment programs and diverse activities designed to strengthen, connect and support each and every member of the community.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to the families who lost their loved ones during the recent war. At the same time, our hearts also go out to the citizens of the country who lost their homes as a result of the missile strikes, and are dealing with a complex and painful reality.

These days, when many of our members are being recruited for Operation Roar of the Lion, we continue to act and assist the fighters and families within the framework of the foundation's activities, while strengthening the community and providing assistance where needed. We are proud to see how the Yahalom community continues to consolidate, support and be there for each other. The special spirit of the unit is also expressed in civic action, mutual guarantee and the ability to create meaning even in challenging times.

As we approach Passover, the holiday of freedom, we would like to wish the entire Yahalom family a happy holiday, full of light, hope, and moments of togetherness. In the midst of this complex reality, we hope that we will also find moments of breathing, strengthening, and connection, alongside remembrance and commitment.

A big thank you to all our partners, donors, volunteers, and community members for their trust, support, and shared efforts.



Arnon Shibolet
Chairman

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Passover Haggadah for Bereaved Families – Remembrance, Connection, and Meaning

Ahead of the Passover holiday, Yahalom Foundation launched a unique and moving project: producing a dedicated Passover Haggadah for the unit's bereaved families. The Haggadah was created out of a desire to accompany families during the most significant and sensitive moments of the year, allowing them to observe Seder night with a deep connection to memory, family, and personal stories. Alongside the traditional text, the Haggadah includes content, photographs, and messages designed to hold space for the pain, the longing, and the unique story of each family. This project reflects the Foundation's philosophy: support does not end with official memorial events. It continues into life itself – into the holidays, family moments, and gatherings where loss is most keenly felt. For the families, this Haggadah serves as a bridge between past and present, between memory and life, allowing them to weave their loved ones into the ongoing story of the



Nation and the family.

The Yahalom Foundation places great importance on creating tailored, sensitive responses for bereaved families. It will continue to be there for them – in the smallest, most personal, and most meaningful moments.

Yahalom Wounded Veterans Bonding Evening

In January, the Yahalom Foundation held a unique and moving bonding evening for those wounded in the Swords of Iron war. The event took place at Antigon Farm (Social Space) in Petah Tikva on January 15, 2026.

The evening was designed to create a space for connection, reflection, and appreciation for the operators wounded during combat. Participants enjoyed a gourmet dinner, an experiential woodworking workshop, and a lecture regarding the realization of rights for disabled IDF veterans – a combination of engaging content, shared experiences, and practical tools for the journey ahead.

In addition to the activities, the primary value of the evening lay in the human connection: the chance for comrades to reunite, engage in open dialogue, and feel the deep sense of brotherhood that defines the Yahalom community. For many participants, this was a significant moment of belonging, reinforcing the feeling that even after injury, they are not alone.

The Yahalom Foundation views the ongoing support of the wounded and their families as a core mission. We will continue to create strengthening, professional, and supportive environments for them, driven by a deep commitment to our community and the unit's values of camaraderie.



"Cooking Up an Experience" Workshops

During January, we held our "Cooking Up an Experience" workshops, with approximately 300 unit veterans and their partners participating. These workshops have become a significant community gathering, connecting members through an experiential and enjoyable medium.

The evenings included collaborative cooking, culinary learning, conversation, and laughter, creating an opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet additional veterans and their families. Beyond the enjoyment of the activity itself, the workshops strengthened the sense of community and the bond between unit veterans long after their service.

For us, these evenings represent a rare opportunity to thank Yahalom veterans for their immense contribution over the years their service, their commitment, and the meaningful impact they continue to lead in civilian life.

For the Foundation, activities of this nature are part of an ongoing effort to maintain connections with veterans and strengthen the community support network built around the unit over the years.



Bereaved Fathers' Journey to Lapland

In February and March, groups of bereaved fathers set out on a resilience journey to Lapland. The expedition provided the fathers with a unique space of nature, silence, and deep human connection, allowing them to share, remember, and find strength together.

The powerful landscapes of Lapland and the time spent together created an environment where they could speak openly, listen, and meet other fathers sharing a similar experience of loss. Within this space, meaningful bonds and moments of closeness and brotherhood were formed, serving as a source of strength for the road ahead.

One of the participants, Lior Raver, father of unit combatant Staff Sergeant Yoav Raver z"l, wrote after the trip: "I had the privilege of participating in the bereaved fathers' journey abroad, which was very significant and contributed greatly to my ability to rehabilitate following the fall of my son in battle. Thanks to the many donors



as well as the dear people of the Foundation, I feel that my family and I have the ability to overcome many challenges."

Journeys of this kind have become a central part of the Foundation's activities for bereaved families, based on the understanding that the connection between people experiencing a similar reality can provide significant strength, hope, and the ability to move forward alongside loss. Yahalom Foundation will continue to operate and expand support frameworks for bereaved families, out of a deep commitment to accompany them every step of the way.

Paving Futures – Completion of Cohort 6 and Launch of Cohort 7

In February, we successfully concluded Cohort 6 of the **Paving Futures** program in Ashdod, while simultaneously launching Cohort 7.

The program provides unit veterans with personal mentorship and practical tools to integrate into the professional world and build civilian careers. As part of the program, participants engage in guidance sessions, professional accompaniment, and workshops that help them chart their professional course after their service. Paving Futures continues to be one of the Foundation's most significant employment initiatives, serving as a vital engine for empowering our veterans as they transition into civilian life.



Launch of the Yahalom Stamp

Another special and moving event in February was the official launch ceremony for the Yahalom Unit stamp. The stamp serves as a symbolic yet meaningful tribute to the unit's operations and the stories of its operators throughout the years. The ceremony was attended by active-duty operators, veterans, bereaved families, and representatives of Israel Post, marking a moment of pride and public recognition for the unit's vital work. The event further illustrated the unique place the unit holds within Israeli society and the profound appreciation for its contributions.



Visit of the Conference of Presidents Delegation from the United States

During February, the Yahalom foundation hosted a special delegation of approximately 50 Jewish leaders from the United States. The visit took place as part of the Conference of Presidents' delegation. It provided a significant opportunity to present the unit's operations and the Yahalom Foundation's ongoing work to these leaders.

During the visit, delegation members learned about the operators' activities, the unit's history, and the Foundation's support for veterans and families. The meeting helped strengthen ties with Jewish communities worldwide and deepen their understanding of the vital work of the Yahalom community.



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 foundation

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