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# ART OF WAR- ISRAEL'S WARS SEMINAR

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November 2015



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### Welcome

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We at the Institute for Advanced Military Thinking (IAMT) welcome you.

It is a unique opportunity for Art of War students to visit such a complex and war-saturated region/country.

Though not by choice, since the 1950s Israel has been the world's military laboratory – almost every new mode of war was tested here. We did not achieve the same degree of success in every one of them, but we learned, paid the price, as the world watched us, and sometimes imitated us.

We are about to introduce you to some of those wars, as seen by active participants who will also share with you the lessons they learned through hindsight.

We will discuss the Six Day War as an example for war in which one side (IDF) was ready and the other was not.

We will discuss the First Lebanon War also known at the time as Operation Peace for Galilee that was a political gamble that failed despite a military victory.

We will discuss the Yom Kippur war in the Golan Heights where two doctrines collided and the better-trained side, which was much better led, emerged victorious.

We will discuss the Second Lebanon War (2006) in which a sleepy regular military failed when confronted with a bunch of terrorists, despite superior power ratio.

We will try to present a comprehensive picture, take a critical look at the past then try to determine how it reflects on the future.

Make the best of it – and enjoy your stay!



BG (Res.) Gideon Avidor

Head of IAMT

## The IAMT

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The IAMT (Institute for Advanced Military Thinking) was conceived in order to fill in a glaring gap in professional yet establishment which has never been compensated by the activity of academic bodies and research institutes, primarily concerned with national security and the security concept.

The institute, like its counterparts around the world is dedicated to the study and analysis of warfighting doctrines proposing to preserve the accumulated insights and experience so as to combine it with current thinking facing the future. The founding members of the institutes, some of the most brilliant to have ever served in the IDF, are well known for their out-of-the-box thinking in various military disciplines. IAMT, a non-profit organization, aims to offer a well-researched perspective to decision-makers on the one hand and encourage creative and critical thinking in support of IDF future commanders and leaders.

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## Map of the State of Israel



## The program

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### **Saturday – November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Check in at the Carlton Hotel in Tel-Aviv

### **Sunday – November 8<sup>th</sup> -**

Free

### **Monday – November 9<sup>th</sup>**

0815– Drive to Latrun

0900-0945 – Opening discussion – Prof. Dan Marston, BG (Res.) Gideon Avidor

1000–1200 – Yom Kippur War at the Golan Heights: The Northern Command, The Syrians perspective – MG (Ret.) Uri Simhoni (J3), BG (Ret.) Avraham Bar David (Art.), Col (Ret.) Hagai Man (J2)

1200-1300 – Lunch Brake

1300-1400 - Yom Kippur War at the Golan Heights: The Northern Command, The Syrians perspective- Col (Ret.) Pesach Maluvani (Int. Analyst)

1400-1600 - Yom Kippur War at the Golan Heights: Defense and the counter attack – BG (Ret.) Yair Nafshi (Btn Co), Lt (Ret.) Haim Danon (Btn Co)

1600-1645 – Return to the Hotel

1900-2100 – Dinner at Tel-Aviv restaurant TBD

### **Tuesday-November 10<sup>th</sup>**

0915 – Drive to Latrun

1000-1100 – Peace for Galilee (1982): The road to Beirut - MG (Ret.) Amos Yaron

1100-1200 – Peace for Galilee (1982): Beirut - MG (Ret.) Yoram Yair (35<sup>th</sup>Bde)

1200-1300 -Lunch Break

1300-1400 – Second Lebanon War (2006) - Col (Res.) Boaz Coehn (J3)

1400-1500 – Second Lebanon War (2006) - BG Meeir Finkel – Tank Bde Co

1500-1700 – The First Missiles Boat Battle 1973 - Israeli Navy Vs the Syrian Navy- CAPT (Navy) (Ret.) Ehud Erell - Israeli Navy

1700-1745 – Return to the Hotel

**Wednesday – November 11<sup>th</sup> (time slip expected)**

0700-1000 – Drive to the Galilee  
1000-1030-Observation – The Western Sector (1982)  
1030-1100- Drive to Mt. Adir  
1100-1200 – Observation - The Central Sector (1982-2006)  
1200-1300 – Lunch (TBD)  
1300 – 1330 – Drive to Mt. Zfiya- Metula  
1330 – 1500 – The Eastern Sector (2006)  
1500 – 1530 - Drive to Hotel HaGoshrim

**Thursday – November 12<sup>th</sup> (time slip expected)**

0700 – 0900 – Tel Faher – Golani Bde in the 1967 War  
0900 – 1030 – Valley of Tears – 77<sup>th</sup>Btn – 1973  
1030 – 1130 – Mt. Bental – Northern Sector OP  
1130 – 1230 - Lunch (TBD)  
1230 – 1330 – Tel Fares – Central Sector – 679<sup>th</sup>Bde - 1973  
1330 – 1430 – Tel Saki – Southern Sector – 1973  
1430 – 1530 – Kfar Haruv – Looking west – 1967  
1530-1800 – Drive to Carlton Hotel TLV

**Friday – November 13<sup>th</sup>**

0815 – 0900 – Drive to Latrun  
0900 – 1200 – Tour at Latrun – The Armored Corps memorial center –  
BG Asher Levi – Company Co 32<sup>nd</sup> Btl  
1300 – Return to Tel-Aviv

**Saturday – November 14<sup>th</sup>**

0700 – 1600 – Tour to the Dead Sea and Masada  
1600 – Return to Tel-Aviv

**Sunday – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

0815-0900 – Drive to Ammunition Hill – Jerusalem

0900-1200 – Six Days War – Jerusalem – The 3 Bde's battles – BG Uzi Eilam, Col.  
Yossi Languzki, Col. Hagi Man

1200-1300 – Lunch break

1300-1500 – Guest Speaker – Yom Kippur War – 1973 – The Suez Canal Crossing –  
MG Yaacov Even – 2IC 143<sup>rd</sup> Div

1600- Return to Tel-Aviv

**Monday – November 16<sup>th</sup>**

0900 – 1700 –Tour to the Jerusalem at War

1700 – Return to Tel-Aviv

**Tuesday – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

0815 – 1300 – Tour in Jerusalem

1300-1400 – Lunch in Jerusalem TBD

1400 – Return to Tel-Aviv

**Wednesday – November 18<sup>th</sup>**

0900-1100 –Summary discussion

1900 – 2100 – Farewell Dinner TBD

**Thursday - November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Departure



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**1948**

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The Independence war - Latrun





## Speaker's CV

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### **BG (Ret.) Asher Levi**

Join the Palmach in 1944. In 1946 commanded a company later adjacent to the 32nd Btn Alexandroni Bde.

In May 1948 the 32nd Btn was part of the 7th Bde in the battles over Latrun, he was wounded in that battle. One of his Plt. leaders was

Arik Sharon.

Between 1949 – 1954 he was an instructor in Btn. Commander Course.

In 1954 he commanded the 51st Btn.

In 1956 he attended the Company Commanders Course in Ft. Benning in the US.

In 1957 he went through armor training and commanded the 82nd tank Btn.

In 1960 he was student at Kimberly UK.

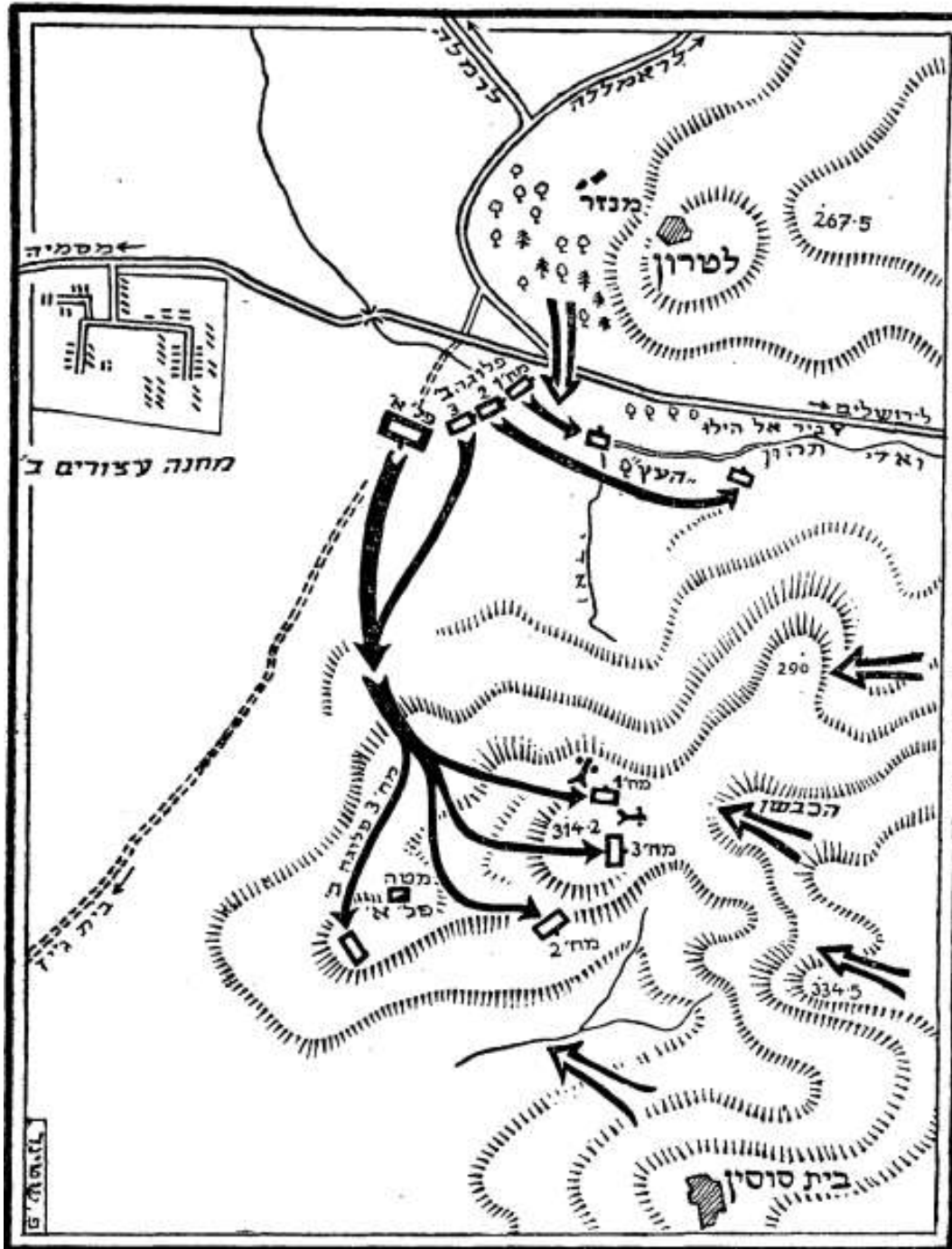
He served for two year as Ass. Defense Attaché in the UK.

In Six Days War he served as the Southern Command Chief of Staff

He retired from IDF in 1970

In Yom Kippur War he served as the Southern Command Chief of Staff

## Latrun 1948





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**1967**

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The six days war



## Speakers CV



### **BG (Res.) Gideon Avidor**

Gideon Avidor is married to Maggie, father Hadas and Topaz and grandfather to four children.

B.G. (Res) Gideon Avidor retired from the Israeli Defense Forces in 1999 after 42 years of service – 30 years in active service and 12 years in active reserve.

He took part with armored units at various levels in the 1967, 1973 and 1982 wars.

Between 1983 and 1986, he served as the Israeli Ministry of Defense and the IDF Defense Adviser to Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

B.G. Avidor graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in 1978 and from the Israeli National Defence College in 1982.

Avidor graduate as BA in History from Tel-Aviv University and got his MA from Haifa University in Geography.

From 2007 to 2011, he established and managed the Institute for Land Warfare Studies in Latrun.

In 2012 he established and managed the Institute for Advanced military Thinking as a non-profit private organization.



### **BG (Ret.) Uzi Eilam**

1954 – Join the IDF to the Paratroopers

1956 – Company Commander – Paratroopers

1957 – Retired from the IDF; studied engineering and business management

1966 – Returned to the IDF at R&D and as Co 71<sup>st</sup> (55<sup>th</sup>Bde - Para) Btn - Reserve

1970 – Co Jordan Valley Bde

1976 – Head of the National Nuclear Energy Committee

1986 – MOD Chief Scientist



### **Col. (Ret.) Yosi Languzki**

1951 – Join the IDF

1967 – Co 16<sup>th</sup>Bde (Jerusalem) Reconnaissance CO - Reserve

1969 – Co Special Operations department at the Intelligence Corps

1976 – Military Attaché (Land) in USA

**Col. (Ret.) Hagai Man**

1964 G2 at the 16<sup>th</sup> (Jerusalem) Bde - Reserve

1967 – G2 at the 10<sup>th</sup> (Harel) Bde - Reserve

1971 – Co Intelligence Officers Course

1973 – J2 of the Northern Command

1980 – Defense Attaché – Singapore

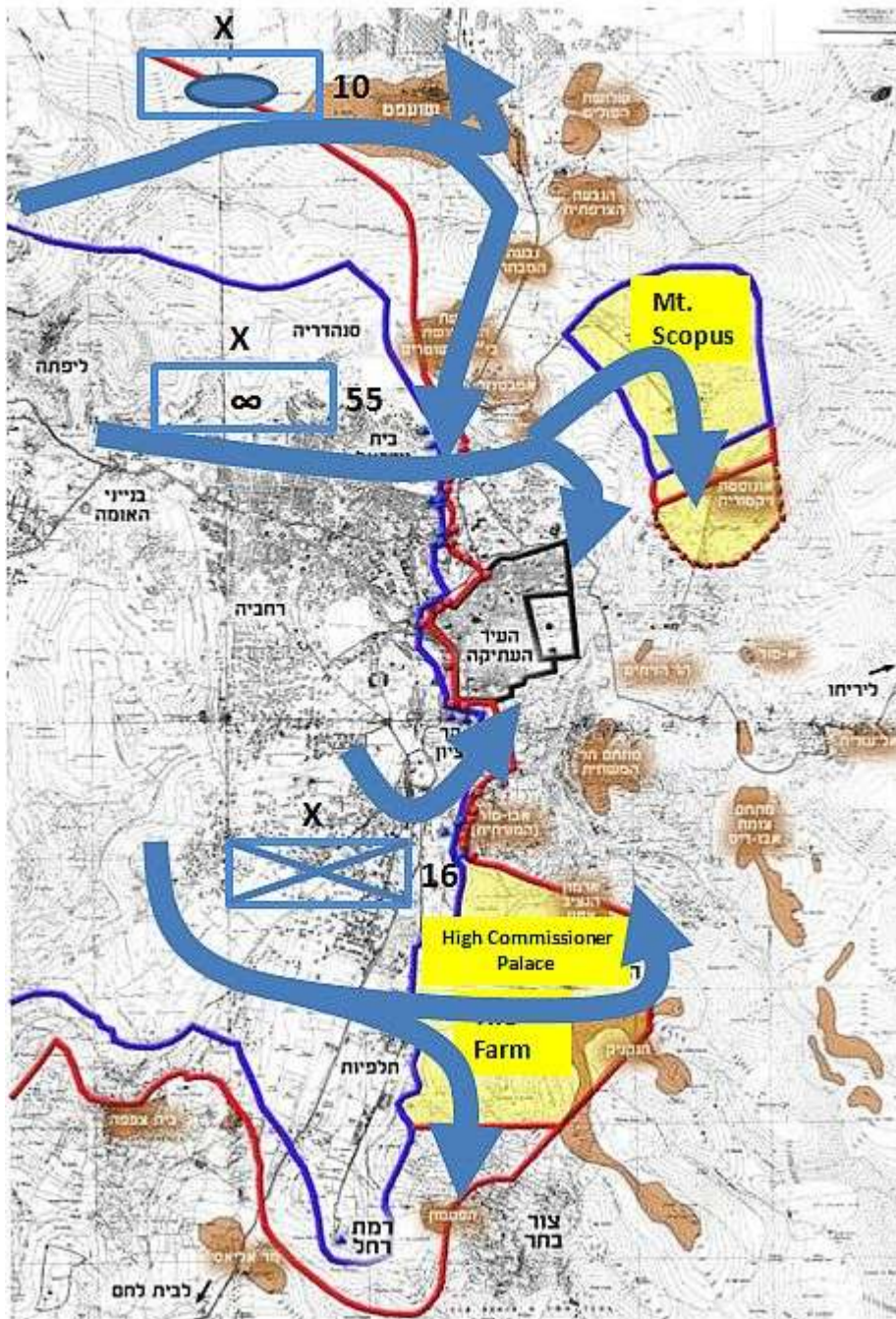
Hagai Man's military career was always centered on intelligence, especially when he planned and executed special operations which to this day are referred to as daring. In late summer, 1973 he was one of the very few that realized that a war was brewing, and he persuaded the commander of the northern command not to dismiss those signs; thus this command later claimed that in the north there was no surprise.

## June 1967 – The Six Days War





## Jerusalem 1967 – The Six Days War





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**1973**

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The Yom Kippur war





## Speakers CV

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### MG (Ret.) Uri Simchoni

1954 – 1957 Join the IDF – to the Paratroopers

1964 – Return to service

1967 – G2 at 1<sup>st</sup> (Golani) Bde

1970 – Co Egoz Special Operations Btn

1972 – J3 Northern Command

1974 – Co 1<sup>st</sup> (Golani) Bde

1975 – Chief Infantry and Paratroopers Officer

1975 – Co 96<sup>th</sup> (SOPS) Div - Reserve

1981 – Head of Training

1984 – Defense Attaché – USA

MG Uri Simchoni fought with the paratroopers from the Sinai Campaign, but saw action in the Six Day War with the elite infantry Golani brigade, and later with special operations units. From 1972 and during the Yom Kippur he was chief of operations at the northern command, and later assistant chief of the operations branch at GS. Simchoni then served as head of training, and following that as defense attaché in the US.



### MG (Ret.) Yaacov Even

Joined the IDF in 1951 to the Armored Corps.

Commanded Armored units at all levels – from Company to Division among them the 79<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion and the 7<sup>th</sup> Tank Bde and the 143<sup>rd</sup> Division

He took part in 1956, 1967 and 1973 wars.

In Yom Kippur War, he served as MG Sharon 2IC and commanded the Suez Canal Crossing operation.

He graduated from the Advanced Armor Corps School in Ft. Knox and from the Royal College of Defense Studies in the UK

His last IDF assignment was the Military Colleges Commander

**BG (Ret.) Yair Nafshi**

Served at the Combat Engineers Corps.

In the Six Days War, he was the 7<sup>th</sup>Bde Combat Engineers Company Commander., and later the Bde Reconnaissance Company Commander

In June 1972, he appointed 74<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion at 188<sup>th</sup>Bde.

In Yom Kippur war, he commanded the northern sector was at the Golan Heights northern part for four days.

Later he commanded the 188<sup>th</sup> Tank Bde, the 252<sup>nd</sup> Div, and the 440<sup>th</sup>Div in the 1982 Peace for Galilee war in Lebanon

**BG (Ret.) Avraham Bar David**

1956 – Join the IDF

1967 – DY Co 334<sup>th</sup>Btn (160 mm Mortars)

1969 – Co 334<sup>th</sup>Btn (Mortars)

1973 – Co Artillery of Northern Command

1974 – Co School of Artillery

1976 – Chief Artillery Officer

BG Bar David is an artillery specialist, and his experience in the field was a great asset when he was chief of the research branch in the service. Bar David truly believes that artillery solves problems that armor and aviation cannot cope with.

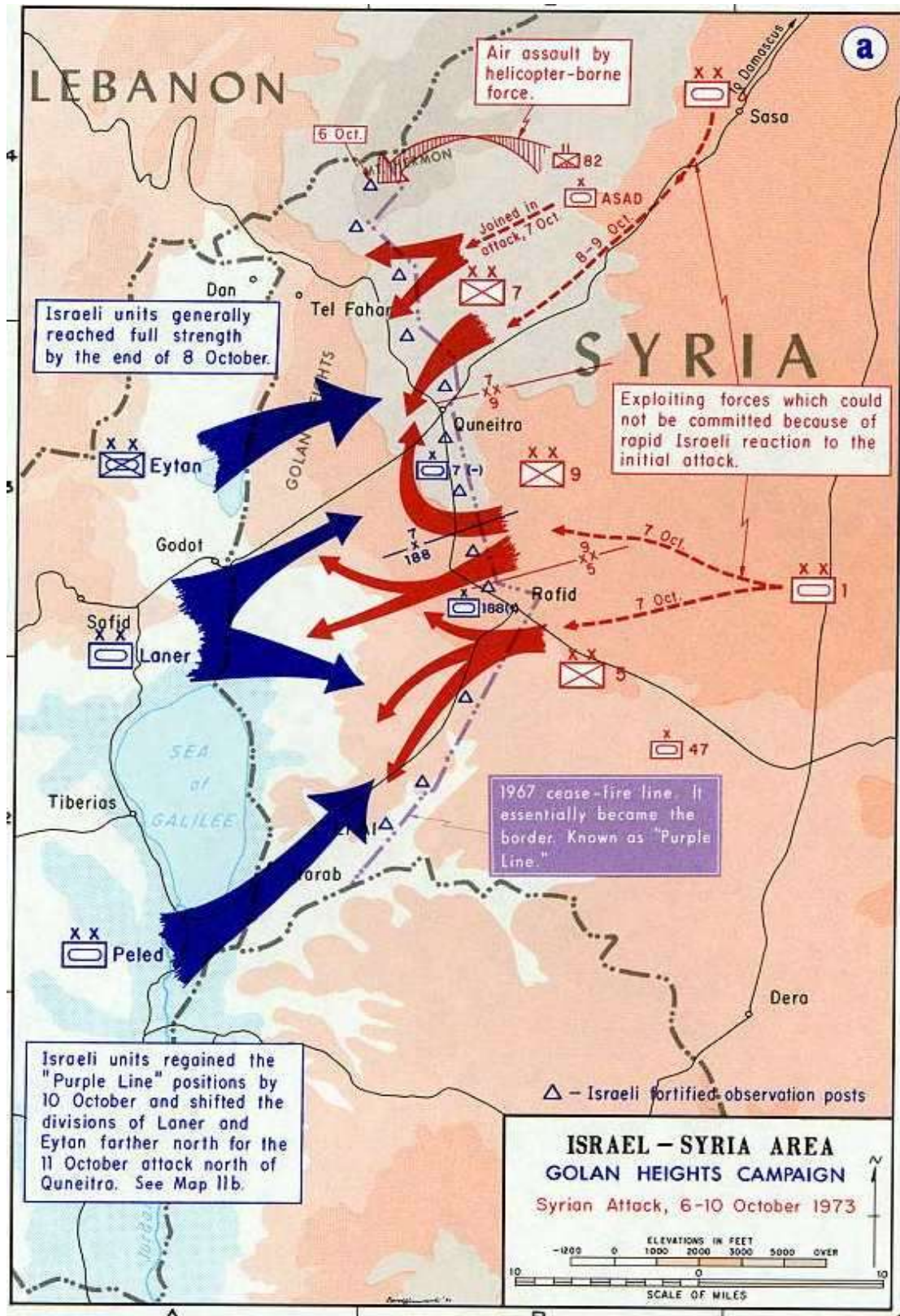
**Col. (Ret) Pesach Malovany**

Served as an officer in the Military Intelligence Division in the IDF. During his career, he hold various positions, in the collection, early warning and research branches.

Retired in 1991 from active service as a full colonel and continued to serve in the reserve forces, till his final retirement in 2003. During his service, col. Malovany experienced all the wars in the Middle East between the years 1966-2003, including those that Israel was not involved.

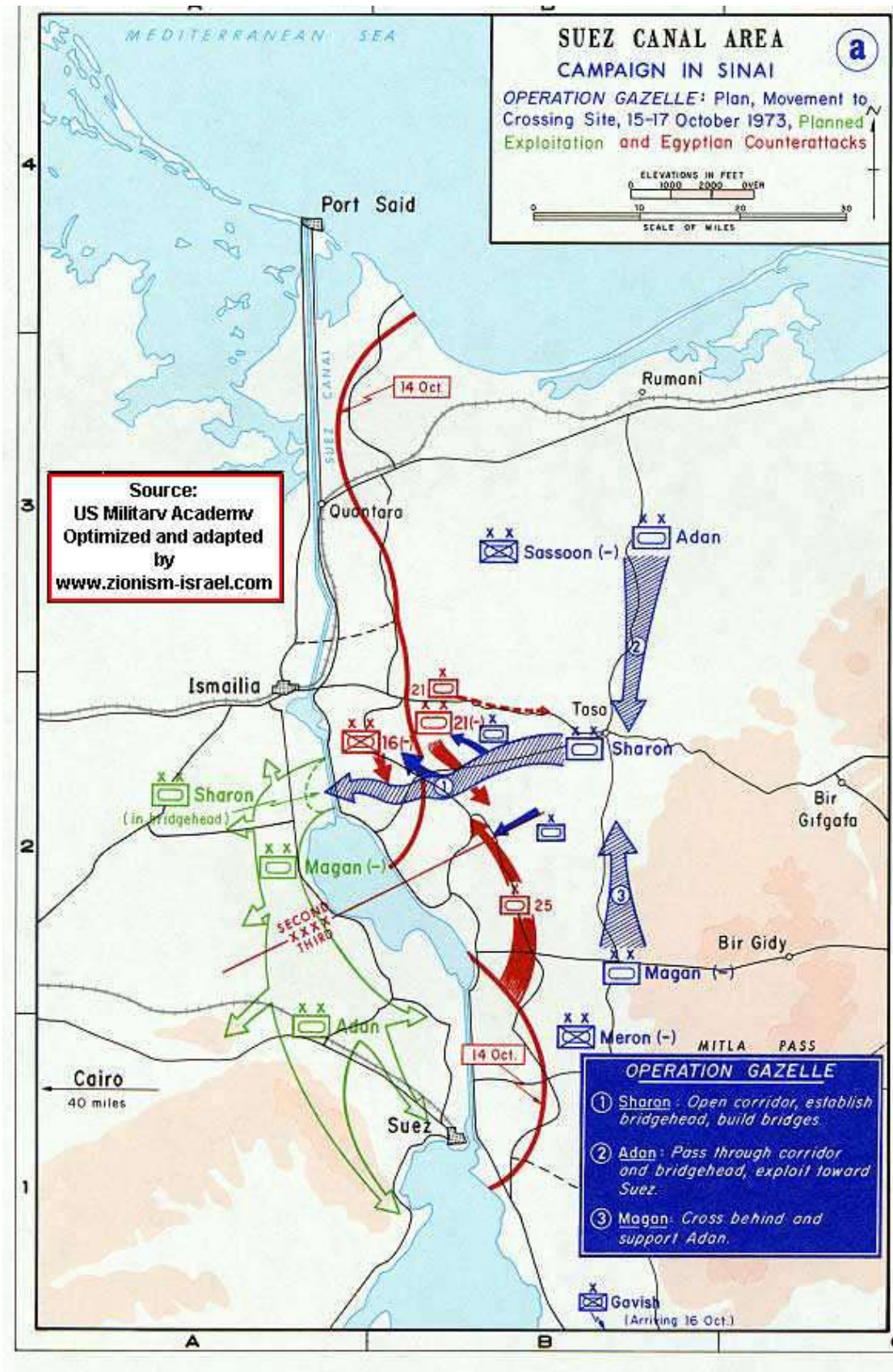
Pesach Graduated from the University of Tel Aviv in General and Military History and Middle Eastern Studies (1966).

## October 1973 – Opening Situation





## October 1973 – Suez Canal Area





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**1982**

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Peace for Galilee



## Speakers CV



### MG (Ret.) Amos Yaron

Yaron joined the IDF in 1957. He volunteered for the Airborne Battalion

He later served in several command positions in the Paratroopers Brigade ,

During the six-day war, he served as the operations officer of the reserve 55th Paratroop Brigade that fought in Jerusalem .

From 1970 to 1973 Yaron served as the commander of the Nahal Airborne Battalion, In January 1971 commanded one of the forces that raided Lebanon during Operation Bardas 20,[2] Operation Bardas 54-55, and Operation Spring of Youth.

In 1975 Yaron was promoted to commander of the Paratroopers Brigade in reserve and later to the regular Paratroopers Brigade .

Between 1978 and 1980 Yaron established Division 720 (Judea Division), a reserve division that operated from 1978 and 2004.

In 1981 he was appointed to Chief Officer of infantry and paratroopers .

During the 1982 Lebanon War, Yaron commanded the division landing at the mouth of the Awali River which fought all the way to Beirut .

in 1984 Yaron was promoted to Major General. In 1986 Yaron was appointed military attache to the United States and Canada, a position he held until 1989.

was Israel Defense Forces Major General and former head of the Manpower Directorate .

He served as the Director General of the Ministry of Defense from 1999 until 2005.



### MG (Ret.) Yoram Yair (YaYa)

1967 – Co Commander

1973 – Co 50<sup>th</sup> Para Btn - Reserve

1981 – Co 35<sup>th</sup> Bde (Paratroopers)

1985 – Co Div

1988 – Co Northern Corps

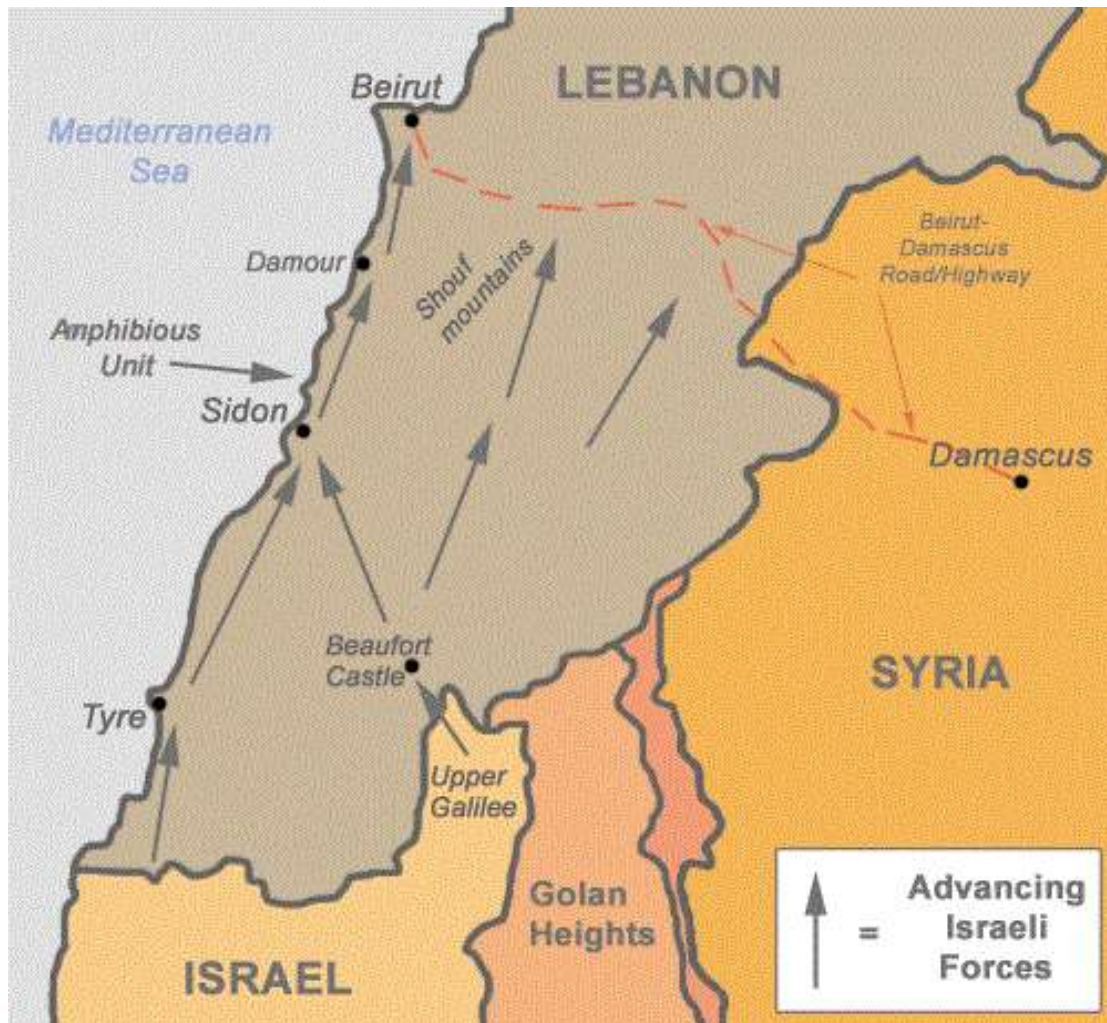
1992 – J1

1995 – Defense Attaché USA

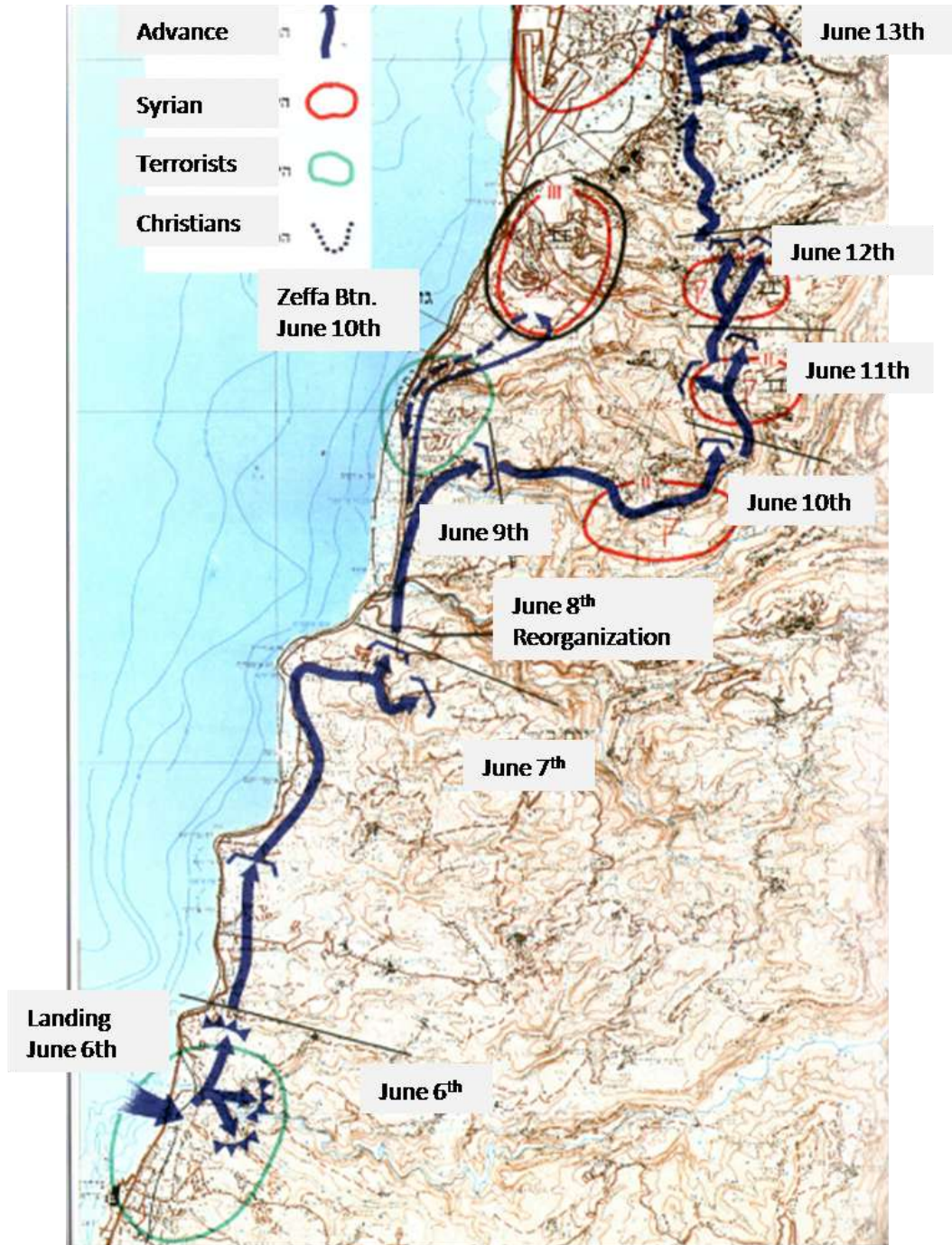
MG Yoram Yair is famous around the country as a paratrooper even though he commanded three infantry and armored divisions in his time aside from the paratrooper brigade. He took part in the Six Day War, the Sinai Campaign, the Yom Kippur War and the first Lebanon War, and was one of the authors of the Spirit of the IDF, defining ethics in war.



## Lebanon 1982 – Peace of Galilee

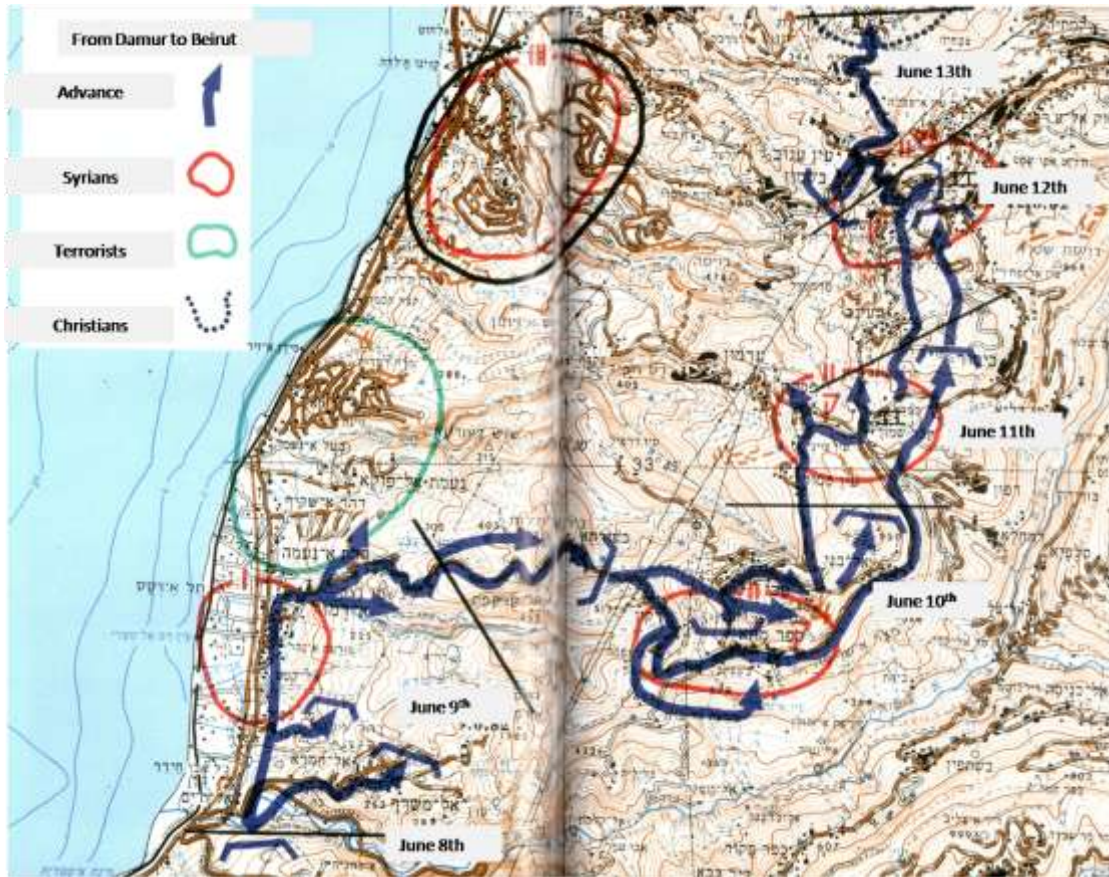


## Lebanon 1982 – Peace of Galilee - 35<sup>th</sup> Bde





## Lebanon 1982 – Peace of Galilee - 35<sup>th</sup> Bde





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**2006**

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Peace for Galilee- Lebanon- 2



## Speakers CV

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### **BG (Res.) Meeir Finkel**

Served at the Armored Corps as Platoon, Company and Battalion Commander.

During the Second War in Lebanon (2006), he commanded Merkava Tank Bde at the 91<sup>st</sup> Division.

After the war appointed as the Ground Forces Command head of Doctrine and Concepts Department

In 2014 was promoted to BG and appointed as the commander of Dado Center for interdisciplinary thinking



### **Col. (Res.) Boaz Cohen**

1970 – Join the IDF

2001 – Co 188<sup>th</sup>Bde (Armored)

2006 – J3 Northern Command

Col. Boaz Cohen, an armor officer was the operations officer at the northern command during the Second Lebanon War. After retired, he is the director of the Ground Fighting Systems division in Elbit Systems.

## General Information

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Working Days – Sunday to Friday (short),

Business hours – offices: 0800 – 1700, Shops: 0900 – 2100

Currency – Israeli new Shekel (ILS) Rate to Australian Dollar:

1 Aud = ILS 2.77 (slight changes daily), Rate to USD: 1 US\$ = ILS3.94

There are ATM machines in public places (malls, banks offices), money changers next to hotels and commercial centers, post offices. The better rate is at money changers.

One can pay with US dollars but change will be given in ILS.

Transportation - In the city there is public transportation system (Buses) and cabs. Subway is under construction will be available in 2021 (hopefully)

Tips – 15% is the norm in restaurants

Attire - Casual

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Emergency (Police) - 100

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