



ISRAEL'S DEFENSE AND SECURITY FORUM

A STRONGER ISRAEL, A SAFER WORLD.

Shaping Security Policy. Combatting Antisemitism.
Securing the Jewish Future.



WHY IDSF EXISTS

THE CHALLENGE

The October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas was not an isolated failure, but the culmination of a long-term erosion in national preparedness. Years of flawed threat assessment, degraded defensive capabilities, and insufficient civilian readiness left Israel vulnerable. October 7 exposed a systemic national security gap, one that extends beyond the battlefield to leadership, institutions, and society itself - **and still exists today.**

OUR SOLUTION

IDSF exists to close this gap. By advancing policy, shaping public understanding, and strengthening civilian preparedness, IDSF works to ensure that Israel's national security is never again neglected.

OUR FOUNDER

Brigadier General Res. Amir Avivi

is the founder and chairman of IDSF. He is a leader in Israel's national security landscape and regularly advises numerous leading figures in Israel and senior European and US officials on the situation in Israel.

General Avivi retired from the Israeli Defense Forces in 2017 with over 30 years of military, counter-terrorism, and national defense experience. In his last role, he served as the Head of the Auditing and Consulting Department of the Israeli defense establishment.

He had previously served as the Israeli General Chief of Staff's aid-de-camp and was at the heart of the policy-making process in the Israeli government and defense establishment.



THE IDSF MISSION

Israel's Defense and Security Forum (IDSF) is an Israel-based nonprofit organization committed to safeguarding Israel and the Jewish people by strengthening national security understanding, countering antisemitism and misinformation, and reinforcing societal resilience.

WHAT WE DID IN 2025

GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT



Mobilized our nationwide grassroots movement of 55,000 members across Israel to strengthen national resilience, civic responsibility, and societal cohesion.

DAVID INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY POLICY



Conducted over 65 high-level briefings and strategic meetings with senior decision-makers in Israel and internationally. Published more than 100 in-depth articles in six languages, exposing the realities of security threats that challenge Israel and the West.

EDUCATION



Delivered educational programs and lectures in over 80 schools throughout Israel, and established our own educational institution in the Gaza Envelope, directly supporting communities on the front lines.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



Achieved over 2,500 media appearances in Israeli and international outlets, shaping public discourse, countering misinformation, and advocating for a strong Israel and a united Western alliance.



2026 CORE PROGRAMS

CIVILIAN SECURITY PROGRAM

Building a nationwide civilian security framework to strengthen coordination, preparedness, and training.

SHOMRIM FELLOWSHIP

Advancing senior military and security leaders through an elite leadership program in partnership with a leading U.S. academic institution and Israeli defense bodies.

DAVID INSTITUTE

Producing targeted high-impact policy research on antisemitism, sovereignty, internal security threats, and Iran's proxy warfare.

PRE-ARMY EDUCATION

Expanding our pre-army and high school curriculum nationwide, focused on national service, Islam, Zionism, and civic leadership.

IDSF MECHINA IN MOSHAV TEKUMA

Entering our second academic year, our program develops the next generation of IDF leaders. **Sponsor our amazing students with a scholarships for the 2026–2027 academic year.

GLOBAL MEDIA IMPACT

Expanding engagement in major international media to counter antisemitism and strengthen Israel's global standing.

EMPOWERING JEWISH YOUTH

Engaging youth on the digital platforms they use most through targeted, values-driven campaigns that strengthen Zionism, encourage national service, and provide knowledge to confront antisemitism.

DELEGATIONS TO ISRAEL

Hosting delegations of students, journalists, and security professionals to study Israel's approach to antisemitism and security threats.



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