

Annual Conference on National Security and Democracy

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Tuesday, November 24, 2020 >

10:00am **Opening remarks**

Yohanan Plesner, President, Israel Democracy Institute (IDI)
Dr. Alexander Brakel, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
(Israel office)

10:10am **"Let the IDF Win?" - Public Confidence in the IDF**

Presentation of IDI Survey on Public Confidence in the IDF
Prof. Tamar Hermann, Senior Fellow, Guttman Center for
Public Opinion & Policy Research

> Conversation with IDF Spokesperson **Brig. Gen. Hidai
Zilberman**

10:40am **Perspectives on Public Confidence in the IDF**

Maj. Gen. (res.) Yitzhak Brick, former commander of IDF
colleges and IDF ombudsman
MK Zvi Hauser (Derech Eretz Party); Chair, Knesset Foreign
Affairs & Defense Committee
MK Michal Cotler-Wunsh (Blue and White Party)
Dr. Idit Shafran Gittleman, Director, IDI Military and Society
Program
Moderator: **Oded Ben-Ami**, former IDF Spokesperson;
Channel 12 news journalist

11:40am > **Nir Dvori**, Channel 12 news journalist in conversation with
MK Ofer Shelah (Yesh Atid Party)

12:00pm **Militarization of Civilian Crises**

> Conversation with **Gen. Uri Gordin**, Commander of the IDF
Home Front Command

**Perspectives on Military Involvement in the COVID-19
Crises**

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow & Director, IDI Program
on National Security and Democracy; Ono Academic College

> **Amos Harel**, "Haaretz" Analyst in conversation with Prof.
Ronni Gamzu, CEO of Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center and
former Israel National Coronavirus Project Coordinator

12:45pm **"When Theory meets Practice"**

Aiman Saif, Head of the Interior Ministry's Coronavirus
Directorate for the Arab Population; former Director of the
Authority for the Economic Development of Minorities Sector,
Prime Minister's Office

Dr. Carmit Padan, Research Fellow at the Institute for
National Security Studies and the Samuel Neaman Institute
for National Policy Research

Yisrael Parush, Mayor of Elad

Moderator: **Prof. Yuval Shany**, IDI Vice-President for
Research

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 >

10:00am **Berets & Kippahs - The IDF and the National Religious
Public**

> Conversation with **Rabbi Rafael Peretz**, Minister for
Jerusalem Affairs and Heritage, and **MK Elazar Stern** (Yesh
Atid Party)

Rabbi Amichai Eliyahu, Chair, Association of Community
Rabbis

Brigadier General Sharon Nir, former advisor to the Chief of
Staff on gender issues

Rabbanit Michal Nagan, Head of the 'Tzahali' Pre-Military
Academy for Religious Women

Roi Sharon, Military Affairs Correspondent, "KAN" News

Moderator: **Yair Ettinger**, "KAN" News Journalist and Analyst
and Author of Unraveled

11:00am **IDF as the "People's Army" - Reducing Military Service**

Prof. Avi Ben-Bassat, Department of Economics, Hebrew
University of Jerusalem; former Director-General, Ministry of
Finance

Maj. Gen. (ret.) MK Orna Barbivai (Yesh Atid Party)

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Yaakov Amidror, The Anne and Greg
Rosshandler Senior Fellow at the Jerusalem Institute for
Strategy and Security; former Chair of the National Security
Council

Amir Reshef, Deputy Director, Budget Department, Ministry
of Finance

Moderator: **Dr. Asaf Malchi**, IDF researcher, Ultra-Orthodox
and IDF-Israel Society programs

12:00pm **"Sister - An Elite Unit is the Ultimate!"**

Adv. Amihai Weinberger, Petitioner to the Supreme Court
for gender equality in elite and tank combat units

MK Matan Kahane (Yemina Party)

Alice Miller, Trailblazer for gender equality in the IDF

Omer Saria, Petitioner to the Supreme Court for gender
equality in elite combat units

Moderator: **Yossi Yehoshua**, Military Commentator, Yediot
Aharonot

1:00pm **Summary**

Note: All hours are Israel Standard Time

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