

# The Annual Conference on National Security and Democracy

November 23–24, 2021

The Israel Democracy Institute, 4 Pinsker Street, Jerusalem

## › Tuesday, November 23

9:00–9:45 Registration

9:45–10:00 Greetings

**Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute  
**Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy**, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung  
Israel

10:00–11:45 **How Long will it be a People's Army?**

**Moderator: MK Ram Ben Barak**, Chair, Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee

**Greetings: Dr. Idit Shafran-Gittleman**, Director, Military and Society Program, Israel Democracy Institute  
**A Model for Optimal Service: Col. (Res.) Dr. Liron Libman**, Research Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute

**Panelists**

**MK Alon Schuster**, Deputy Minister of Defense  
**Adv. Itai Ofir**, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Defense  
**MK Emilie Haya Moatti**, Labor  
**Amir Reshef**, Deputy Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance

11:45–12:00 Break

12:00–12:15 **The IDF and Israeli Society : Survey Findings**

**Prof. Tamar Hermann**, Senior Research Fellow and Academic Director, the Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, Israel Democracy Institute; The Open University

12:15–13:30 **Which Way is the Fighting Spirit Blowing?**

**Moderator: Dr. Idit Shafran-Gittleman**

**Panelists**

**Brigadier General Dado Bar-Kalifa**, Commander of the Sinai Division and of the Israeli War College  
**Ro'i Sharon**, Military Affairs Analyst, Kan News

13:30–14:15 Lunch break

14:15–16:00 **The IDF as Reflected in Israeli Society**

**Moderator: Yair Ettinger**, Correspondent and Analyst, Kan News

**Amos Harel**, Correspondent, Military Affairs Analyst, Ha'aretz, in conversation with **Maj. Gen. (res.) Udi Adam**, former Director General, Ministry of Defense

**Panelists**

**Maj. Gen. (res.) Yair Golan**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Industry  
**Naveh Dromi**, Columnist  
**Adv. Col. (res.) Sharon Zagagi Pinhas**, former Chief Military Prosecutor  
**Maj. Gen. (res.) Roni Numa**  
**MK Miri Regev**, Likud

16:00–16:20 **Law and Security**

**Prof. Amichai Cohen**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute, in conversation with Attorney General **Dr. Avichai Mandelblit**

## › Wednesday, November 24

9:45–10:05 **Public Trust in the Military**

**Yohanan Plesner**, President, Israel Democracy Institute, in conversation with **Matan Kahane**, Minister of Religious Services and a member of the Security Cabinet

10:05–10:25

**Dr. Idit Shafran-Gittleman** in conversation with **MK Ibtisam Mara'ana-Menuhin**, Labor Party

10:25–11:45 **From the Periphery to the IDF**

**Moderator: Dr. Asaf Malhi**, Researcher, ultra-Orthodox in Israel Program, Israel Democracy Institute

**Dr. Asaf Malhi** in conversation with **Penina Tamano-Shata**, Minister of Immigrant Absorption

**Panelists:**

**Brig. Gen. (res.) Amal Asad**, businessman and public figure  
**Col. (res.) Yael Hess**, Director, Mandel Leadership Institute  
**Yossi Levy**, Director, Nezach Yehuda Association

11:45–12:45 Lunch break

12:45–14:00 **The Legal System and National Security**

**Moderator: Adv. Lila Margalit**, Senior Researcher, Israel Democracy Institute

**Panelists:**

**Adv. Eli Bahar**, former Legal Counsel to the General Security Service  
**Adv. Geula Cohen**, Chair, Security Forum, State Attorney's Office  
**MK Gaby Lasky**, Meretz  
**Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer**, Senior Fellow, the Israel Democracy Institute

14:00–14:20

**Prof. Amichai Cohen** in conversation with former Justice **Hanan Meltzer**, President of the Israel Press Council and former Vice-President of the Supreme Court

14:20–14:30 Break

14:30–14:50 **Security Considerations and Democratic Values**

**Prof. Yuval Shany**, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute, in conversation with **Adv. Shai Nitzan**, former State Attorney and Deputy Attorney General for special assignments

15:00

Overview by **Major General Eliezer Toledano**, Commander of the Southern Command

The conference will be livestreamed on the IDI website: [www.idi.org.il](http://www.idi.org.il)

Registration is limited.

Advance registration required on the IDI website and entrance is permitted only for Green Pass holders.