

The Annual Conference on Security and Democracy

November 25-26, 2025 | The Israel Democracy Institute, 4 Pinsker Street, Jerusalem

Day I – Police and Law Enforcement | November 25

09:00-09:30 | Gathering

09:30-09:50 | Sderot: A Story of Hope

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College

In conversation with: **Shiran Ohana**, Community Director, Israel National Authority for Community Safety, Sderot

09:50-10:45 | Survey: Police and Law Enforcement - Presentation and Discussion of the 2025 Findings

Discussion led by: **Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer**, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute Participants:

Assistant Commissioner (Ret.) Efrat Altholz Marom, Former Head, Policy and Strategy Division, Ministry of National Security

Tomer Lotan, Visiting Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute, Former Director General of the Ministry of National Security

Prof. Hagit Lernau, Head, School of Criminology, University of Haifa

10:45-11:00 | Break

11:00-12:20 | Private Firearms in Civilian Space: Situational Assessment

Discussion led by: **Mirit Lavi**, Researcher, Center for National Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute

Participants:

Dr. Aviad Agam, Head, Research Department, Beterem – Safe Kids Israel

Prof. Lt. Col. (Res.) Uzi Ben-Shalom, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Dr. Nehemia Stern, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ariel University

Rela Mazali, Coordinator, "Gun Free Kitchen tables" Coalition

Fainy Sukenik, Director, Media and Business Partnerships, "Red Lines" Initiative

Itzik Chiprut, Chair, The Israeli Association for Promoting Weapon Culture in Israel

Saeed Tali, Head, Domestic Violence Treatment Division and Risk Assessment Supervisor, Ministry of Welfare

12:20-12:50 | Police and Protest: Israeli Democracy Under Test

Dr. Yael Litmanovitz, Senior Researcher, Center for Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with:

Deputy Commissioner (ret.) Zohar Dvir, Deputy Commissioner of the Israel National Police, The Western Galilee College

Dr. Yair Yassan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

12:50-13:10 |

Yohanan Plesner, President, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with:

Maj. Gen. (res.) Yair Golan, Chair of The Democrats; Former Deputy Chief of Staff, IDF

13:10-13:50 | Lunch Break

13:50-14:20 | The Role of the Police in Safeguarding Election Integrity

Prof. Suzie Navot, Vice President of Research, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with:

Justice Hanan Melcer, Former Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Israel; Former Chair, Central Elections Committee for the 21st and 22nd Knesset

Deputy Commissioner (Ret.) Sigal Bar Tzvi, Former Head of Operations Division, Israel Police

14:20-14:50 |

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with:

Deputy Commissioner (Ret.) Yitzhak Aharonovitch, Former Minister of Public Security

Deputy Commissioner (Ret.) Yoav Segalovitz, Yesh Atid Party; Former Deputy Minister of Public Security

14:50-16:10 | The Fight Against Serious Crime:

Between the Community and the State

Discussion led by: **Dr. Yael Litmanovitz**, Senior Researcher, Center for National Security and Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute

Participants:

Fadi Elobra – Director of "AWTAD" – The Multi-Sectoral Partnership for Eradicating Crime & Violence in Arab Society

Zohar Ackerman-Elia Project Manager, "Stop the Bleeding" Program, State Attorney's Office

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Yigal Hadad, Former Deputy Head, Planning Division, Israel Police; Visiting Researcher on Serious Crime, Israel Democracy Institute

Prof. Badi Hasisi, Institute of Criminology, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Hanan Sabbah, Director of the Community Security Authority, Tur'an Local Council

Wiam Kablawi, Head of Department, State Attorney's Office, Northern District (Criminal Division)

16:10-16:30 |

Tomer Lotan, Visiting Senior Fellow, IDI; Former Director General, The Ministry of Public Security

In conversation with: **MK Mansour Abbas**, Chair of Ra'am (the United Arab List)

16:30 | Closing Session

Day II – IDF and National Security | November 26

09:30-10:00 | Gathering

10:00-10:20 | Repair and Hope – On Personal and National Levels

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, IDI

In conversation with:

Rafi Ben Shitrit, Father of Staff Sergeant Elroy who fell in the battle for Nahal Oz, Former Mayor of Beit She'an

10:20-11:05 | Survey: "The IDF through the Eyes of Israeli Society"

Discussion led by: **Amos Harel**, Military Correspondent, Haaretz

In conversation with:

Dr. Lior Yohanani, Manager of Quantitative Research, Viterbi Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, IDI

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College

11:05-11:15 | Break

11:15-11:35 |

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, IDI

In conversation with:

MK Yair Lapid, Leader of the Opposition; Former Prime Minister

11:35-12:55 | IDF Code of Ethics: Setting a Direction

Discussion led by: **Prof. Yuval Shany**, Senior Fellow, IDI:

Dr. Ofra Ben-Ishai, Lecturer, The Open University Institute for Research on Society–Military Relations; The Association of Civil-Military Studies In Israel

Dr. Col. (res.) Reuven Gal, Research Fellow, Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research

Amos Harel, Military Correspondent, Haaretz

Prof. (Emeritus) Stuart Cohen, Department of Political Science, Bar-Ilan University

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Noam Tibon, Former Commander of the Northern Corps

12:55-13:20 | Lunch Break

13:20-14:35 | The IDF Reserve System in a Changing Reality

Discussion led by: **Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer**, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, IDI

Participants:

Dr. Brig. Gen. (res.) Ariel Heiman, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College

Shira Amiel Ben Aba, Deputy Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance

Prof. Elisheva Rosman-Stollman, Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University

Adv. Shavut Re'anan, Co-founder, Forum of Reservists' Wives and the Reservists' Movement

14:35-15:00 | Israel's Challenges in the International Arena –

A Global Perspective

Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Director, Center for National Security and Democracy, IDI

In conversation with: **Ambassador of Germany to Israel Steffen Seibert**, The Federal Republic of Germany

15:00-16:10 | Judicial Review of Operational Activity

Discussion led by: **Prof. Suzie Navot**, Vice President for Research, Israel Democracy Institute

Participants:

Dina Zilber, Former Senior Deputy Attorney General

Prof. Amichai Cohen, Senior Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute; Ono Academic College

Prof. Ido Porat, College of Law and Business

Adv. Oded Feller, Director, Legal Department, Association for Civil Rights in Israel

Dr. Roy Schöndorf, Head of the International Dispute Resolution Department, Herzog, Fox and Neeman; Former Deputy Attorney General (International Law)

16:10-16:30 |

Yohanan Plesner, President, Israel Democracy Institute

In conversation with:

Lt. Gen. (Res.) Gadi Eisenkot, Chair of the 'Yashar!' Party

16:30 | Closing Session