

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
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

Ro'i Sharon, Military Affairs Analyst, Kan News
Brig. Gen. (res.) Moshe Tamir, former commander of the Gaza Division

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 Lecture by a senior IDF officer

Program subject to change

The conference will be livestreamed on the IDI website: www.idi.org.il

Registration is limited.

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