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Chicago Chapter**

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# 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 28, 2003  
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PRIME MINISTER

ראש הממשלה

Mr. Stuart Levine  
Chairman Emeritus  
Chicago Friends of the I.D.F.

October 28, 2003

Dear Mr. Levine

On behalf of the people of Israel, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of your colleagues for your heartwarming commitment and for the contributions which you continue to make, year after year, to the I.D.F and its soldiers.

Fifty-five years after its inception the I.D.F. continues to carry out its security brief successfully and provides the central building block for the security of the State.

The strength of the I.D.F. is what is currently enabling us to determine whether or not we can reach agreements with our neighbors. It is this strength that made it possible for us to make our decision to withdraw from Lebanon. And it is this strength that, in the future, will guarantee the implementation of any agreements - if and when signed.

I have no doubt in my mind, that your support for the State of Israel in general, and the I.D.F. in particular, constitutes an important component in the building and preservation of this power base, and we owe you considerable thanks for your participation in it.

As the new year approaches, I wish you and your colleagues and families a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,



Ariel Sharon  
*Prime Minister*

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## MINISTER OF DEFENSE



STATE OF ISRAEL

October 28, 2003

To: Mr. Dan Stern, *Chairman*  
Mr. Jacob Kiferbaum, *President*  
Mr. Stuart Levine, *Yonatan Netanyahu Award Recipient*  
The Chicago Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces

Dear Friends,

On the occasion of your annual dinner, let me congratulate you and extend my deepest gratitude.

The State of Israel, through the Association for the Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers, has always put the personal needs of its soldiers at a high priority. By helping to bring relief to them as they perform their duty, the bond between the soldiers and the people whom they defend is strengthened, and it is that bond that ensures our security.

Over the years, our friends in the United States have become an indispensable part of that bond, providing us with vital help, and showing our soldiers that they are not alone, that not only the Israeli state, but the entire Jewish world, stands with them, cares for them and supports them. Words alone cannot fully describe the gratitude these brave men and women feel at such support, and the wonders it does to their morale.

I applaud you for all your work. Best wishes for a wonderful annual dinner.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mofaz', written in a cursive style.

Shaul Mofaz  
*Minister of Defense*

**FIDF 00018**

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**ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES**  
**CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF**


October 28, 2003

To: Dan Stern, *Chairman*  
Jacob Kiferbaum, *President*  
Stuart Levine, *Yonatan Netanyahu Award Recipient*

On behalf of the Israel Defense Forces' soldiers and officers, I would like to convey my deepest gratitude for your support.

As we continue our efforts to safeguard Israel and maintain its security, it is evident that your contribution comprises an invaluable support for our mission. Your work raises our soldiers' spirits and provides encouragement to all of us who are working day and night to secure the homeland. The bond between the Israel Defense Forces and its friends in the United States continues to be a source of strength to us all.

I thank you for your dedication to this important cause.

  
Lt. General Moshe Ya'alon  
*Chief of the General Staff*

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## CHAIRMAN



Dan Stern, *Chairman*  
 Jacob Kiferbaum, *President*  
 Stuart Levine, *Yonatan Netanyahu Award Recipient*

October 28, 2003

On behalf of the brave young men and women of the Israel Defense Forces, let me convey our deepest gratitude and congratulate you on your work and devotion to our cause.

The Israel Defense Forces is one of Israel's most important assets, and we have made it our mission to make the lives of those who serve a little easier. The AWIS continues to provide facilities, equipment, educational and cultural experiences and support to the men and women who give of their best years to Israel's security. Through our work we show them the love and gratitude we feel, and help perform their most important task.

You, our friends in the United States, have helped us with our mission, and have shown outstanding concern and devotion to our soldiers and our state. Your generosity has shown Israel and the Israel Defense Forces that they have steadfast friends who stand by them and support them. You help us to bring relief to those who put their lives of the line in the defense of Israel and the Jewish people everywhere.

I wish you great success on your annual dinner,

Yours truly,

Brig. Gen. (Res) Rami Dotan  
*Chairman*

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## OUR 2003 ANNUAL DINNER HONOREE

### Stuart P. Levine



Stuart P. Levine is a prominent philanthropist and civic leader in the Chicago community. He holds a law degree from IIT-Kent Law School and practiced law from 1971 to 1978. He was one of the founders of HMO America, which owned and operated the largest HMO in Illinois. Since the company was merged in 1994, Stuart has been a private investor.

His numerous charitable and civic affiliations include positions on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System, Lincoln Park Zoological Society, Roosevelt University, Roosevelt University's Auditorium Theatre and Illinois Benedictine College, in addition to being Vice Chairman of both the Board of Directors for the University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School and the Illinois Health Facilities Plan Board. He is also a major contributor to the Jewish United Fund and past National President of NATPAC. The Levine Family has been involved with every Chicago Friends of the IDF project since 1991.

In 1994, he had the distinct honor of being knighted by the King of Sweden for fostering cultural and economic ties between Sweden and the United States.

Stuart and his wife Sheri, are lifetime Chicago residents. They have two children Kate, 19 and Bennett 16.

## TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

### The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson

As United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, is the leading advocate for the health and welfare of all Americans.

Secretary Thompson has dedicated his professional life to public service. In 1987 he was elected governor of Wisconsin, and made state history with re-elections for a third term in 1994 and a fourth term in 1998. On January 24, 2001, Tommy G. Thompson was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Secretary Thompson is married and has three children.

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## PROGRAM

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**Star Spangled Banner & Hatikvah**
**Cantor Stewart Figa**  
*West Suburban Temple Har Zion*


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**Welcome**
**Lester Crown**  
*Dinner Chairman*


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**Video Presentation**


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**Hamotzi**
**Rabbi Steven Mason**  
*North Shore Congregation Israel*  
**IDF Lieutenant Gilad Ya'ari**  
**IDF 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dana Garbali**


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**Dinner**


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**Introduction of Guest Speaker**
**Daniel B. Stern**  
*Chairman, Friends of the IDF Chicago*


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**Guest Speaker**
**The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson**  
*U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services*


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**Presentation of Award**
**Israel Levy**  
*Chairman Emeritus, Friends of the IDF Chicago*  
**IDF Maj. General Doron Almog**


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**Acceptance of Award**
**Stuart P. Levine**  
*2003 Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial*  
*Award Honoree*


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**Adjournment**
**Jacob Kiferbaum**  
*President, Friends of the IDF Chicago*  
**IDF Sgt. Kfir Ben-Ezra**  
**IDF Sgt. Miri Levi**


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SENATOR

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510-1304

October 28, 2003

Dear Stuart,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on being honored by the Chicago Friends of the Israel Forces. Your extraordinary leadership and generosity of both your time and talents to the Chicago Jewish community are an example to us all.

As you know, the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award is the highest award given by the Chicago Friends of the IDF. However, no award can adequately bestow our gratitude for your dedication and unwavering support of the Jewish community and the City of Chicago.

Congratulations again on this highest honor, and I join all Chicagoans in thanking you for your continued leadership and dedication to your community.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin  
*United States Senator*

FIDF 00023

## SENATOR



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 28, 2003

Greetings:

I am pleased to welcome everyone to the Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces' 16<sup>th</sup> annual dinner. I am especially pleased to welcome and congratulate Mr. Stuart P. Levine, the recipient of the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award.

Yonatan Netanyahu understood the impact each of us could make to our world. He once said of Israeli youth, "They are united by a feeling of brotherhood, mutual responsibility, recognition of the value of human life, a strong and sincere yearning for peace but at the same time a willingness to stand up to any challenge." Mr. Levine's many years of leadership and generosity make him a fitting recipient of an award honoring the memory of Yonatan Netanyahu, who embodied the spirit of self-sacrifice that has allowed Israel to endure through so many trials over the last half-century.

I join the Chicago Friends of the IDF in commending Mr. Levine as he receives the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award. On behalf of the people of Illinois, please accept my best wishes for a delightful evening.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter G. Fitzgerald".

Peter G. Fitzgerald  
Illinois

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1305

October 28, 2003

Mr. Stuart P. Levine  
Friends of the IDF - Chicago Chapter  
29 E. Madison Suite 1514  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Levine:

Congratulations on being honored by the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces with the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award.

This award is evidence of your leadership and generosity of time and personal resources to civic activities in Chicago's Jewish Community. Your dedication and conscientious spirit has been a guiding light and a source of pride and inspiration to all who have known you. While maintaining a fulltime job, you still found the time to share your wealth of experience and knowledge with the community.

I congratulate you and the Friends of the IDF on an excellent choice for the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award.

Sincerely,



Rahm Emanuel  
*Member of Congress*

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## MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Congress of the United States  
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Washington, DC 20515-1305

October 28, 2003

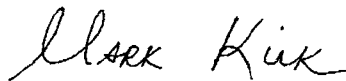
Dear Stuart:

I join in honoring you this evening for your efforts on behalf of the Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. I am unable to attend this year's event due to votes tonight in the United States House of Representatives.

On my most recent trip to Israel in August of this year I saw, once again, the wonderful work of the Chicago Friends of the IDF. Our group had the pleasure of having dinner with several scholarship students. They expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the "gift" of a lifetime...their education!

May all who support the work of the Chicago Friends of the IDF go from strength to strength in service to the people and to the State of Israel. May this year bring lasting peace to Israel and to the world.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Steven Kirk  
*Member of Congress*

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MEMBER OF CONGRESS

**Congress of the United States**  
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Washington, DC 20515-1305

October 28, 2003

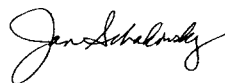
Dear Stuart:

Mazel Tov to you, Stuart, on this special occasion. Your strong philanthropic efforts and outstanding leadership have contributed greatly to the Chicago area and beyond.

At a time when tzedakah and tikum olom are two things our world needs most, your lifework serves as a shining example for all of us. The Chicago Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces have chosen well in honoring you with the prestigious Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award.

On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, I extend to you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your continued excellence.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky  
*Member of Congress*

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## GOVERNOR



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October 28, 2003

## GREETINGS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone in attendance for the Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces' 16th Annual Dinner.

Today's event serves to honor a very accomplished Chicagoan whose philanthropic efforts have benefited numerous charitable causes throughout the years. This year's Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award recipient, Mr. Stuart P. Levine, has displayed an outstanding commitment to advancing the Jewish community in Chicago. Through his stellar leadership and his generosity of time and personal resources, Mr. Levine has positively impacted the lives of numerous individuals. I am honored to send along my fondest congratulations to Stuart P. Levine on this distinguished occasion.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Blagojevich".

Rod Blagojevich  
*Governor*

**FIDF 00028**

MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 28, 2003

CONGRATULATIONS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to all those attending the Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces Annual Dinner.

I extend my congratulations to this year's distinguished recipient of the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award, Stuart P. Levine. A prominent philanthropist and civic leader in the Chicago community, Mr. Levine has positions on many charitable boards and is a major contributor to the Jewish United Fund and past president of NATPAC. The Levine family has been involved with every Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces project since 1991.

I commend the Chicago Friends of the Israel Defense Forces for its hard work and dedication and for its efforts to organize this event.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable dinner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard M Daley".

Richard Daley  
Mayor

FIDF 00029



## *Yonatan Netanyahu*

*1946-1976*

*In the early morning of July 4th, 1976, 30 year old Lieutenant Commander Yonatan Netanyahu led Israel's Elite unit on a top secret mission to free 103 Jewish hostages held by international terrorists in the Entebbe airport. An hour later, with the hostages safely on their way home, the miracle of Entebbe was born. And with it the legend of Commander Yonatan Netanyahu, who gave his life in the historic rescue.*

*Today he remains an inspiration to Israel and Jews around the world. The Friends of the IDF celebrates Yoni's legacy with the presentation of the Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award.*

***We proudly congratulate this year's award recipient,  
Mr. Stuart P. Levine***

Thank you to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews and to Mr. Michael Leiderman for special contributions to this evening's video.

Support Our Young Soldiers

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# Friends of the IDF

## Israel Defense Forces

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Summer/Fall 2003

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## YIZKOR



The Children Who Will  
Never Return

### Terror Casualties

From 9/28/00 to 9/11/03

	Killed	Injured
<b>IDF</b>	256	1682
<b>Civilians</b>	605	4185
<b>Total</b>	861	5867

You continue to live in our  
collective memory.

*The Chicago Friends of the IDF sends  
condolence letters to the families of  
the fallen soldiers*

## Top IDF Generals and IMPACT! Combat Veterans Visit Chicago



This August, three IMPACT! scholarship recipients visited their sponsors in Chicago. Former combat soldiers (R-L) IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi, and IDF Sgt. Boris Sovoyev join Jon & Lois Mills and Irma & Edward Schwartz, who hosted a reception for the visiting scholars.

For more on their exciting week, see pages 10 & 11

### Friends of the IDF Chicago Chapter Hosted Two Top IDF Generals Over the Summer.

See story on pages 3 & 5

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## 2003 Dinner Honoring Stuart P. Levine

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Chicago Hilton and Towers

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# 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER

## Tuesday, October 28, 2003

honoring

### Stuart P. Levine

with the

### Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Award

guest speaker

## The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson

*United States Secretary of Health & Human Services*

Dinner Chairman

### Lester Crown

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**Neil Bluhm, The Honorable Emil Jones, Judd Malkin,  
Lester McKeever, Ruth Rothstein, James Ryan**

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### Honoree

#### Stuart P. Levine



Stuart P. Levine is a prominent philanthropist and civic leader in the Chicago community. He holds a law degree from IIT-Kent Law School and practiced law from 1971 to 1978. He was one of the founders of HMO America, which owned and operated the largest HMO in Illinois. Since the company was

merged in 1994, Stuart has been a private investor.

His numerous charitable and civic affiliations include positions on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System, Lincoln Park Zoological Society, Roosevelt University, Roosevelt University's Auditorium Theatre and Illinois Benedictine College, in addition to being Vice Chairman of both the Board of Directors for the University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School and the Illinois Health Facilities Plan Board. He is also a major contributor to the Jewish United Fund and past National

President of NATPAC. The Levine Family has been involved with every Chicago Friends of the IDF project since 1991.

In 1994, he had the distinct honor of being knighted by the King of Sweden for fostering cultural and economic ties between Sweden and the United States.

Stuart and his wife Sheri, are lifetime Chicago residents. They have two children Kate, 19 and Bennett 16.

### Guest Speaker

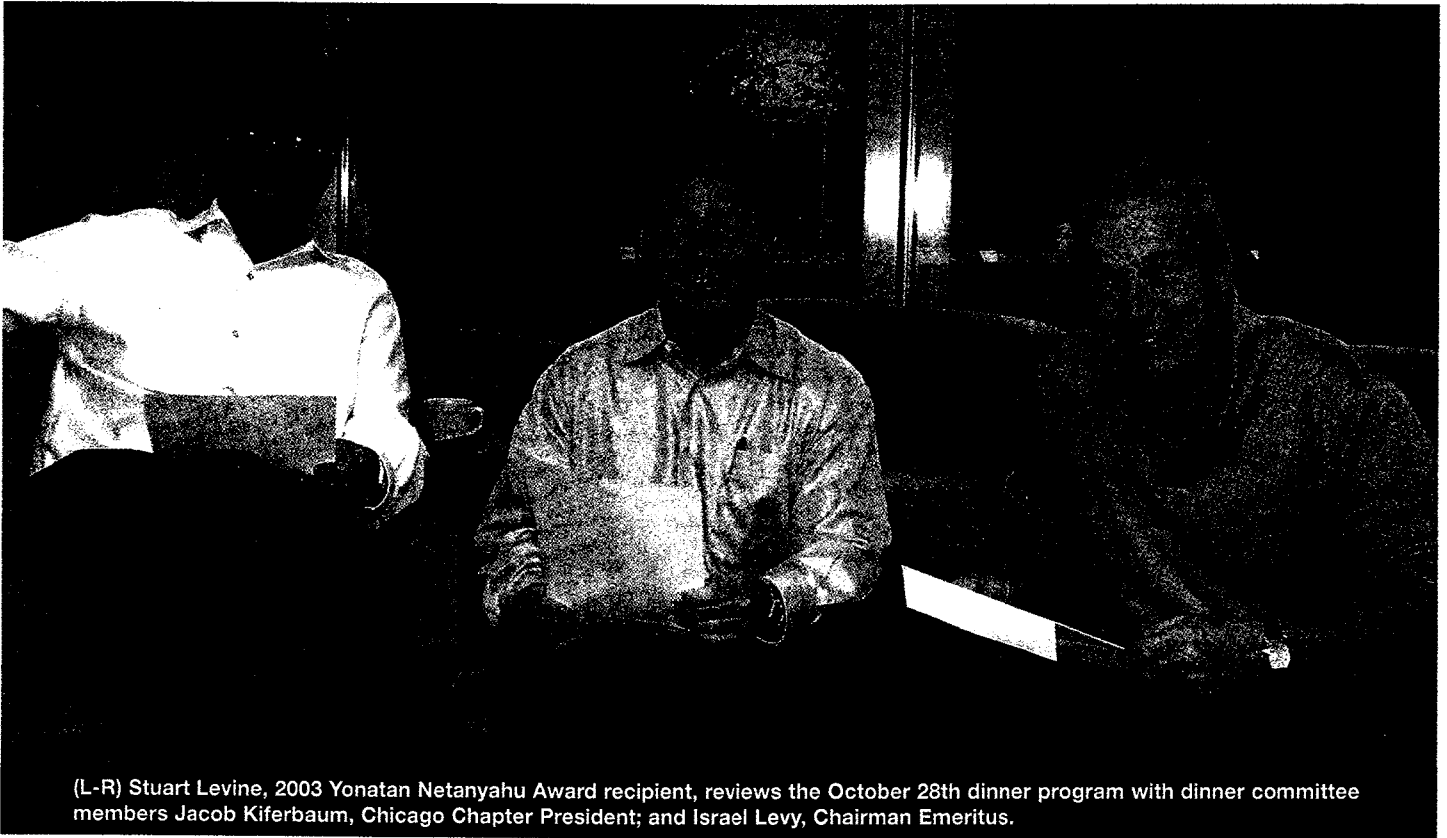
#### The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson

As United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, is the leading advocate for the health and welfare of all Americans.

Secretary Thompson has dedicated his professional life to public service. In 1987 he was elected governor of Wisconsin, and made state history with re-elections for a third term in 1994 and a fourth term in 1998. On January 24, 2001, Tommy G. Thompson was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Secretary Thompson is married and has three children.

# Planning the Dinner



(L-R) Stuart Levine, 2003 Yonatan Netanyahu Award recipient, reviews the October 28th dinner program with dinner committee members Jacob Kiferbaum, Chicago Chapter President; and Israel Levy, Chairman Emeritus.

# New FIDF National Director Named

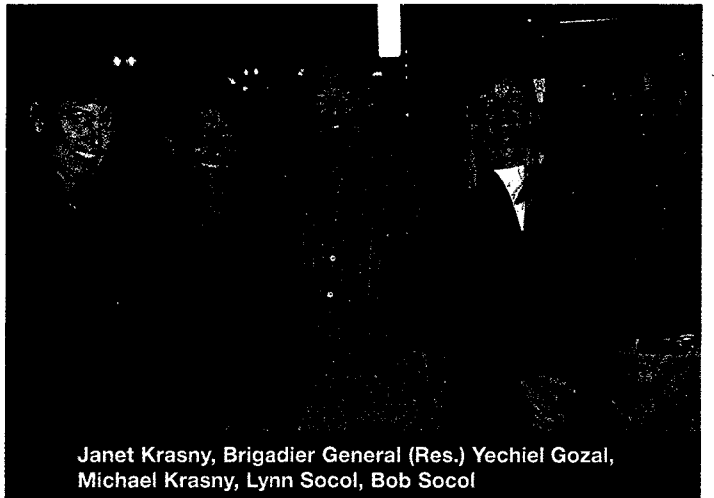
The National Board of the Friends of the IDF recently announced the appointment of IDF Brigadier General (Res.) Yechiel Gozal as its Chief Professional Officer beginning in September 2003.

Brigadier General Gozal held various assignments throughout

his 24 year career in the Israel Defense Forces, including Chief Operating Officer of the Southern Command. His most recent position was Israel's Defense Attache in France where he strengthened relations between the French and Israeli Military. Brig. General Gozal is married and has three children.



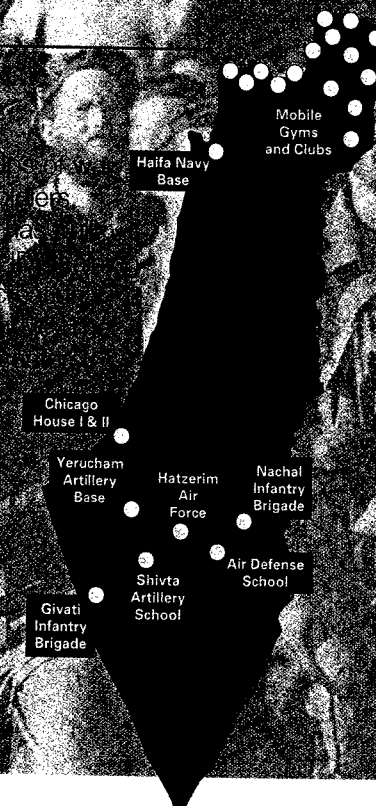
Bob Sklare, Brigadier General (Res.) Yechiel Gozal, Jerry Mizel



Janet Krasny, Brigadier General (Res.) Yechiel Gozal, Michael Krasny, Lynn Socol, Bob Socol

### Chicago Project

In an effort to make the hardships of war more bearable for our young soldiers, the Chicago Friends of the Defense Sports Branch, in conjunction with our bases, has provided mobile recreation facilities from the troops on the two newest sports opportunities to be available at the Haifa Navy Base and the Air Artillery School in the Golan Heights. Our chapter has raised over \$6.3 million to support the program. Soldiers and their families are being educated. Chicago Friends of the Defense are where the soldiers are.



### Sports/Fitness Centers

- Givatim Infantry Brigade
- Nachal Infantry Brigade
- Yavneh Artillery School

- Hazerim Air Force Base
- Haifa Navy Base
- Yavneh Artillery School

### Chicago House I & II

- Yavneh Artillery Base

### 10 Mobile Gyms

- Northern Border Security

### 5 Mobile Clubs

- Northern Border Security

### Family Centers

- Yavneh Artillery Base

### Total Raised To Date

Chicago Project: \$6.3 million

## Project & Scholarship Sponsors

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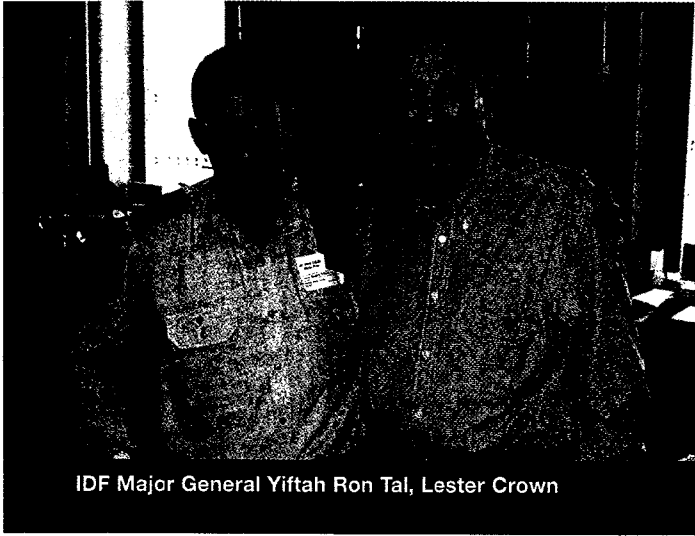
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# Visit of IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal

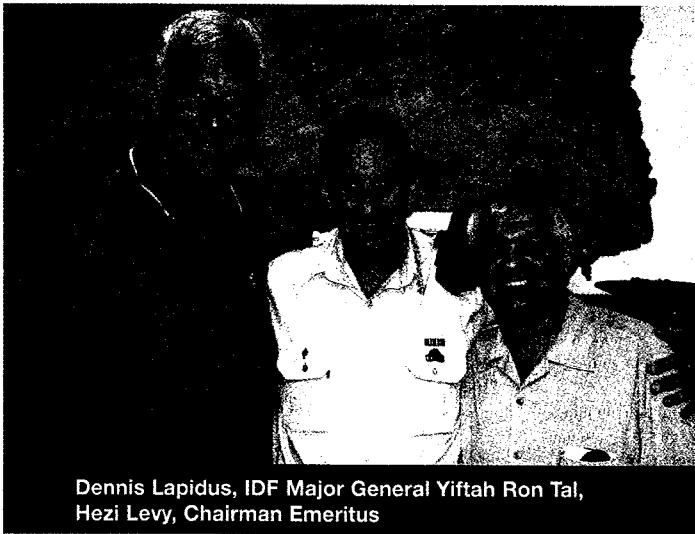
Commander of All IDF Ground Forces



IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal, Lester Crown



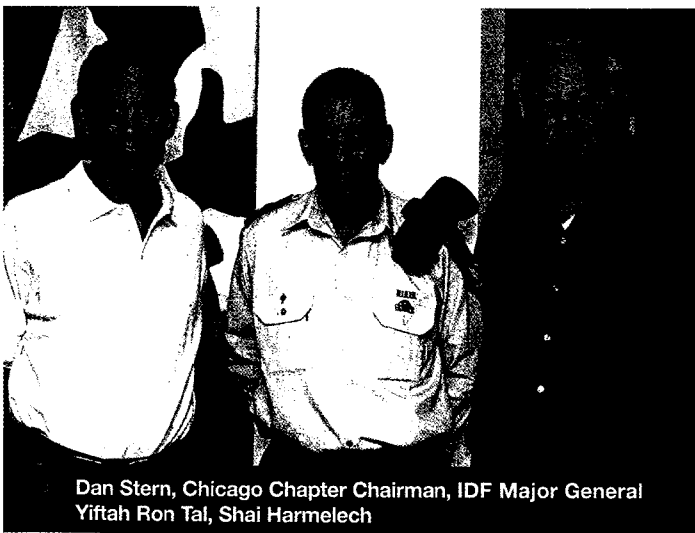
IDF Colonel Shosh Raban, Ted Netzky, Israel Levy, Chairman Emeritus, Judd Malkin, IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal



Dennis Lapidus, IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal, Hezi Levy, Chairman Emeritus



Zev Karkomi, IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal, Jacob Kiferbaum, Chicago Chapter President



Dan Stern, Chicago Chapter Chairman, IDF Major General Yiftah Ron Tal, Shai Harmelech



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## Друзья Армии Оборона Израиля

### Кто мы?

“Друзья Армии Оборона Израиля” это международная благотворительная организация основанная с единственной целью помочь израильским солдатам служащим в **боевых частях** и позаботиться об их физическом и душевном состоянии.

“Друзья Армии Оборона Израиля” оперирует в США в пяти региональных отделениях: Нью-Йорке, Лос Анжелесе, Майами, Чикаго и Детройте.

Чикагский офис самый активный благодаря преданности и обязательству лидеров организации а также их щедрости.

“Друзья Армии Оборона Израиля” даёт гражданам и солдатам Израиля чувство того что евреи всего мира стоят за ними, твёрдо поддерживая и ценя их опасную и трудную службу.

### Почему наша организация важна ?

Израиль находится в состоянии непрекращающейся враждебности со стороны внешних и внутренних врагов. Поддержание высокого оборонного потенциала и одновременного ведения «малой войны» с исламскими экстремистами требует чрезмерных для маленькой страны затрат. Материальная помощь друзей А. О. И. в значительной мере помогает выполнить то, что бюджет Израиля не в состоянии обеспечить. Каждый дополнительный доллар очень и очень важен.

Израильская армия считается одной из лучших армий в мире. Её солдаты обучены действовать с наибольшей компетентностью в любое время независимо от обстоятельств. Одна из главных причин успеха израильской армии это хорошо сбалансированная структура и единство действий подразделений.

У нас есть всевозможные программы которые облегчают службу израильских солдат а также помогают их семьям в трудную минуту. Вы можете выбрать ту программу на которую вы хотите пожертвовать деньги, указав её на Вашем чеке:

### Программа для вдов и сирот



Когда погибает израильский солдат, мы чувствуем боль. Потеря отца или мужа это эмоциональный переворот который трудно пережить. Наша задача - позаботится о семьях, оказавшихся в трудной ситуации.

### Помощь новым иммигрантам

Имигрируя в Израиль, евреи всего мира становятся гражданами. Служба в армии это неотъемлемая часть израильской жизни. Язык и происхождение могут затруднить службу новым иммигрантам.

Мы помогаем создавать центры, облегчающие интеграцию недавно прибывших в страну юношей и девушек в новые для них армейские условия.



# Chicago Project

"Making the Hardships of War More Bearable"

- Sports Centers on 7 Permanent IDF Training Bases
- Mobile Recreation Facilities for IDF Troops on the Move

For the next 3 Annual Dinners, project donors receive a table with premier seating. All project contributions are payable over 3 years.

- \$ 250,000.....Minister of Defense Sponsorship
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  - \$ 60,000.....Major General Sponsorship
  - \$ 30,000.....Brigadier General Sponsorship
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  - \$ 10,000.....Lieutenant Colonel Sponsorship
- Payable over 2 years: Dinner table for 2 years.

I / We would like to make a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please remind us of our pledge in \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my tax-deductible gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to Friends of the IDF or  
Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# "Impact!"

American Scholarship Program for IDF Soldiers

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Scholarships are \$ 4,000 per year for 4 years.  
Donations to this fund will go only to the scholarship program.  
General administrative expenses will not be charged to this program.

Scholarships are \$ 16,000 per soldier / scholar.  
Pledges are payable over 4 years at \$ 4,000 per year.

- I / We would like to sponsor a group of 10 students for 4 years.
- I / We would like to sponsor a group of 5 students for 4 years.
- I / We would like to sponsor a group of \_\_\_\_\_ students for 4 years.
- I / We would like to start by sponsoring one student for 1 year.

This contribution is made:  in memory of  in honor of

On the occasion of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Memorial, birthday, anniversary, etc.)

Please inform:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Приобретение медицинского оборудования



Мы помогаем купить необходимое медицинское оборудование для спасения жизней солдат в суровых полевых условиях.

## Помощь раненым и госпитализированным солдатам

Мы помогаем раненым и госпитализированным солдатам как можно скорее вернуться к нормальной жизни.



## Помощь солдатам одиночкам



В Израиле сегодня более 3,200 солдат одиночек. Обычно, солдаты одиночки это волонтеры из других стран которые решили принять участие в защите Израиля и его людей. Мы стараемся создать для них тёплые домашние условия в неслужебное время.

## Строительство спортивных центров для тренировок солдат

“Друзья Армии Оборона Израиля” строят спортивные центры для солдат **боевых частей** обеспечивающие высокий уровень физической и психологической формы.

Мы уже построили:

- 3 спортивных центра (для ВВС части, пехотной бригады “Нахаль” и пехотной бригады “Гивати”).
- 2 центра для отдыха для солдат **боевых частей** на границе с Газой.
- 10 передвижных гимнастических залов и 5 передвижных клубов отдыха для солдат **боевых частей** на северной границе с Ливаном и Сирией.
- Полевые центры, где семьи могут посетить своих родственников солдат во время выходных и праздников.



Сейчас, наш офис спонсирует дополнительные спортивные центры на артиллерийской базе в пустыне “Негев”, спортивный центр для школы ВВС и военно-морской школы.

## Стипендии для учёбы в университете



Наша организация предоставляет полную стипендию для **солдат боевых частей**, проявивших героизм и закончивших службу, чьи семьи не могут оплатить университетское образование.

Каждый год мы получаем сотни тёплых писем со словами благодарности от солдат, которые учатся в израильских университетах, благодаря нашей программе.

**Давайте все вместе поможем Армии Оборона Израиля  
оставаться сильнейшей армией в мире.**

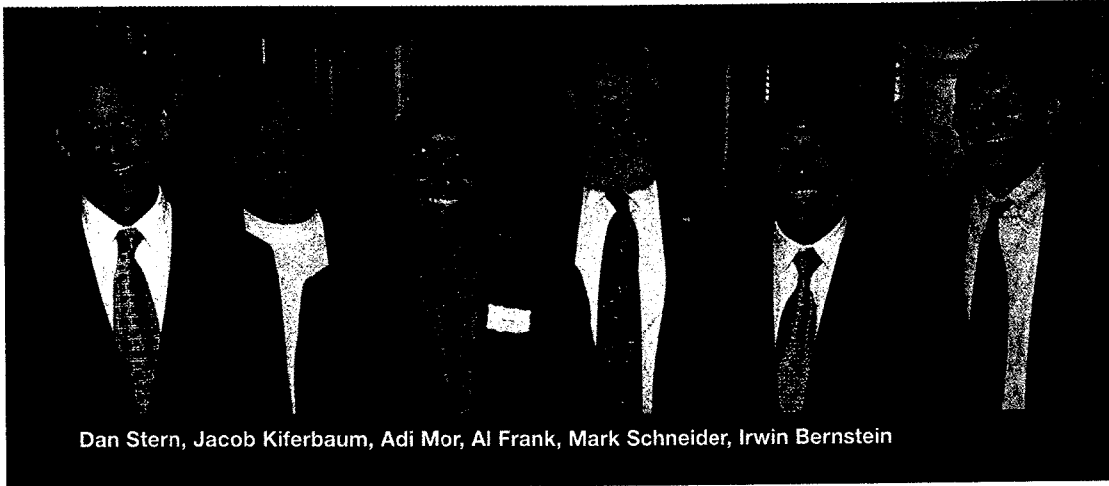
**Только это гарантирует существование государства Израиль!!!**

Ваши пожертвования посылайте, пожалуйста, на имя **Friends of the Israel Defense Forces** по адресу: **29 E. Madison, Suite 1514, Chicago, IL 60602**. Получить более подробную информацию об организации и её программах вы можете по телефону: (312) 372-8500.

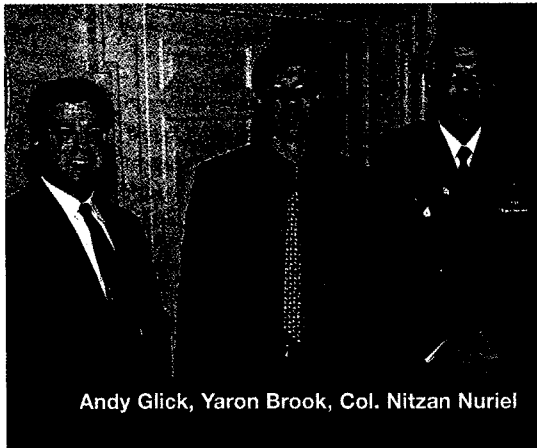
# At the 2003 Installation Dinner

The Friends of the IDF Chicago Chapter 2003 Installation Dinner took place at The Standard Club on May 1. The new executive board members were introduced as were new members of the board of directors. Andy Glick, Eugene Lerner and Liora Mizel were honored for their dedication and hard work while serving on the Executive Committee.

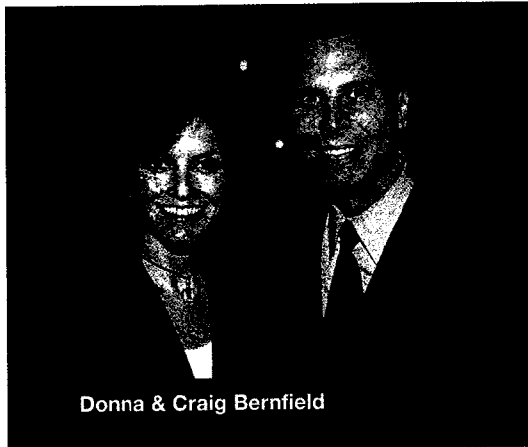
After the induction ceremony and dinner, guest speaker Former IDF Officer Yaron Brook spoke about the current situation in Israel and possible solutions. The Friends of the IDF was honored to host Assaf Zohar accompanied by his uncle Shmuel Haviliyo. Assaf is the son of IDF Major Amir Zohar, an Israel combat soldier killed in action.



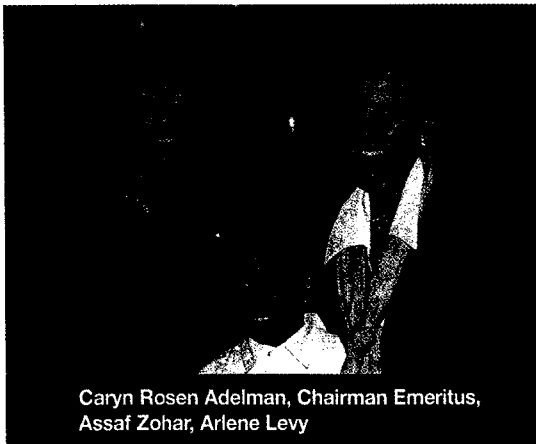
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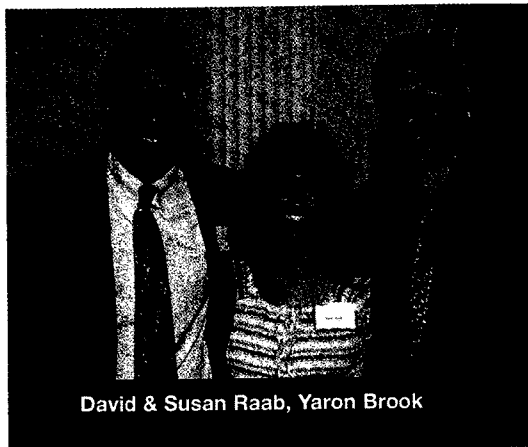
Andy Glick, Yaron Brook, Col. Nitzan Nuriel



Donna & Craig Bernfield



Caryn Rosen Adelman, Chairman Emeritus, Assaf Zohar, Arlene Levy



David & Susan Raab, Yaron Brook

## Executive Committee

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**Jeanne Randall Malkin**

**Gerald Mizel**

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## New Directors

**Craig Bernfield**

**Yehuda Bitton**

**Mark Chudacoff**

**Doug Cohen**

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# IMPACT!

## The American Scholarship Program for IDF Soldiers

The Friends of the IDF's commitment to our soldiers does not end with the completion of their tour of duty. IMPACT! is open to all male and female IDF combat veterans – including Druze and Bedouins- who, due to financial inability would otherwise be unable to attend college, university or technical schools.

This program, a "GI Bill for Israel's soldiers" is projected to add at least 200 new scholarships every year for the next several years. Scholarships are \$4000 a year for 4 years. Recipients are required to

maintain an appropriate grade point level and to perform 130 hours of community service each year. In addition, they serve 30-45 days per years in the reserves.

Full scholarship donors to IMPACT! will receive a biography and photo of the recipient and ongoing reports on the scholastic and community achievements of the scholarship recipients they have sponsored. The donor is encouraged to correspond with the scholarship recipients.

All donations to this scholarship program are tax deductible. Donations to this

fund will go only to the scholarship program. General administrative expenses will not be charged to this program.

### Chicago

#### Total raised to date: \$4.5 million

The Chicago Chapter's participation in IMPACT! is coordinated by Jerry Mizel, IMPACT! Grant Committee Co Chair. The committee members added (in alphabetical order) are: Craig Bernfield, Donna Bernfield, Doug Cohen, Stewart Grill, Buz Hoffman, Al Frank, Annette Lidawer, Adi Mor, and Ed Schwartz.



Sponsors Meet Their Students in Israel

(L-R) Orna Pesach, IMPACT! Executive Director; Carol Cohen, IDF Sgt. Taleb Elchamat, IDF Sgt. Haim Mamalaya, Doug Cohen, Rob Rubin, Andrea Hoffman, Buz Hoffman, IDF Sgt. Daniel Levi, and U.S. Congressman, Mark Kirk (who led the JUF mission with Doug Cohen).

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## IMPACT! Combat Veterans Visit Chicago



Israel Levy, Chairman Emeritus, IDF Sgt. Boris Sovoyev, Judd Malkin, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi, IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman

During the week of August 10th, we had the pleasure of welcoming three IMPACT! Scholarship recipients, Dror Levi, Tzachi Turman, and Boris Sovoyev, to Chicago. Just hours after deplaning at O'Hare, they were the guests of honor at an IMPACT! barbecue, graciously hosted by Craig and Donna Bernfield. The barbecue was well attended by scholarship donors and friends of the organization, including special guest, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. The students were introduced by their respective sponsors and had the opportunity to thank them in person.

The barbecue was just the beginning of an eventful week. The numerous meetings and receptions attended by the students included a beautiful breakfast reception at the home of Jon and Lois Mills, co-hosted by Edward and Irma Schwartz; breakfast with Judd Malkin and Israel Levy; and several lunches with prospective sponsors. They also spoke at Friend's of the IDF's Chicago Chapter board meeting on Tuesday, August 12th, where they thanked the board for the work done by the IMPACT! program and its commitment to the future of Israel.

It wasn't all business, though, for the three Israelis, whose sponsors made sure that this was a week to remember. Jon and Lois Mills, accompanied by their grandchildren, took the students to some of Chicago's most enjoyable attractions, including the Museum of Science and Industry's Omnimax Theatre and Navy Pier. National Chairman of IMPACT!, Jerry Mizel and his wife Liora added some cultural diversity to the week's activities by bringing them to a performance of Cirque du Soleil. The students also were treated to one of Chicago's imperative outings: a Cubs game with the Bernfield family. These are just a few examples from a very busy week.

Acting as ambassadors of the IMPACT! program, Boris, Dror, and Tzachi made positive impressions on everyone they met, displaying uncommon poise and maturity, as well as a deep apprecia-

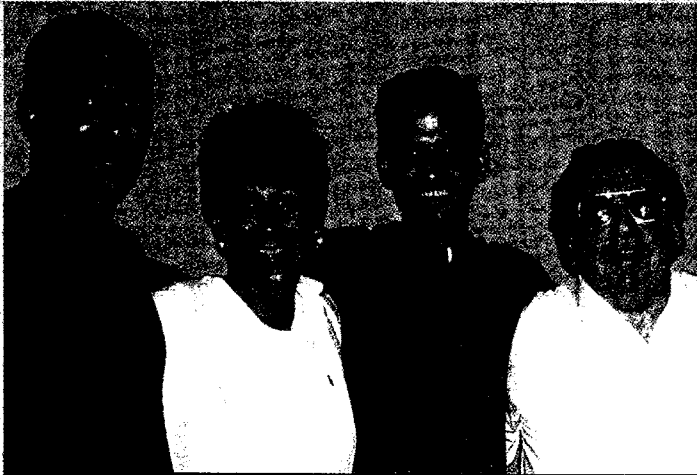
tion for the opportunity they have been given. The IMPACT! Scholarship Program provided the means for 202 Israeli combat veterans to attend school this past year and we could not have asked for three better individuals to represent their fellow scholars.

**First Sergeant Dror Levi of the Golani Brigade** is currently attending Tel-Aviv University, where he is studying economics and communications. For his community service, a requisite of each IMPACT! scholar, Dror spends time with elderly Israelis. They are often lonely and need the companionship and friendship that he provides. His sponsors are Craig and Donna Bernfield, and their daughter Jamie.

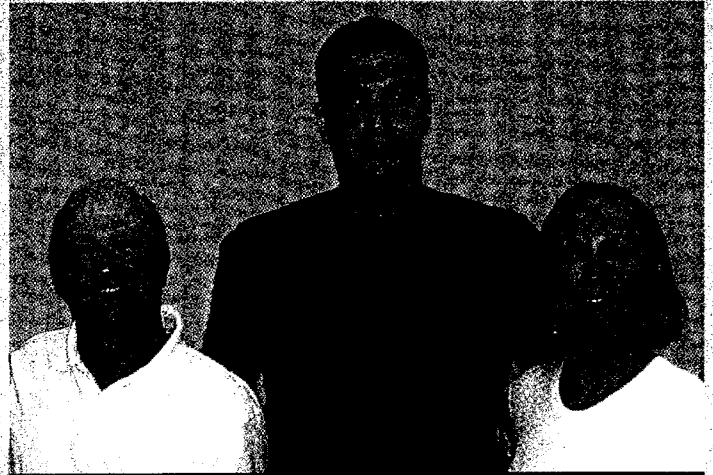
**First Sergeant Boris Sovoyev** attends Haifa University and is studying mathematics and computer science. As a "big brother" to a little boy with learning disabilities, Boris helps him with his homework, plays with him and generally serves as his mentor. Jon and Lois Mills are Boris' sponsors and hosted him.

**Sergeant Major Tzachi Turman of the IDF Navy** is a law student at Haifa University. He gives back to the community by teaching tennis to underprivileged children. Involving these kids in a constructive activity, like tennis, builds their self-confidence and helps them overcome the issues in stress of their everyday lives. Tzachi is sponsored by Liora and Jerry Mizel.

*Thank you to Craig and Donna Bernfield for underwriting this visit, and thank you to Liora & Jerry Mizel, Jon & Lois Mills, Annette Lidawer & Rob Rubin, Al & Pat Frank, and Sal Balsamo for hosting the students.*



IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman, The Honorable Maria Pappas, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi, Zev Karkomi



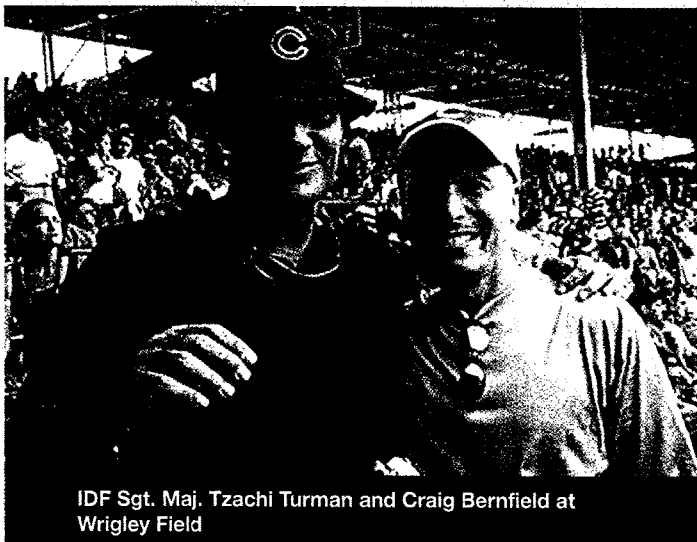
Jerry Mizel, IMPACT! National Chairman, IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman, Liora Mizel



IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi, Al Frank, Chicago Chapter Vice President, IDF Sgt. Boris Sovoyev



IDF Sgt. Boris Sovoyev, Candy Hyman, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi



IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman and Craig Bernfield at Wrigley Field



IDF Sgt. Boris Sovoyev, IDF Sgt. Maj. Tzachi Turman, IDF Sgt. Dror Levi with Chicago's Finest





Clarette Frank and other FIDF activists participated in the JUF's Walk for Israel.

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