



ISR-DEFENSE TECH

FOUNDERS CLUB

Welcome.

Opening evening | Thursday 3 September 2026 | Tel Aviv

Food and drinks are served until 19:30. The panel begins at 19:30.



We are about to begin.

Please come through and take a front seat.

The bar stays open throughout.

THE EVENING

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WHY THIS EXISTS

Stronger founders build stronger companies.

When a trade-off comes up, the question is which option produces stronger founders, not which produces more members.

01

Strengthen the founder

The peers, answers and introductions you cannot get in public.

02

A stronger company

Fewer avoidable mistakes.
Faster access to capital,
suppliers and customers.

03

A stronger sector

A denser defense technology
industry that keeps its talent
here.

04

A country that can better defend itself

That is the point. Everything
else is a means to it.



AWS For founders

AWS Founders Club

- Office space for Founders (on this floor)
- AWS Activate credits
- Exclusive events on a regular basis
- Meetings with Specialists Solution Architects



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Israel Tech Guard.

Founded within hours of the attack on 7 October 2023: an army of civilian volunteers from Israeli hi-tech and academia, formed to develop and deploy technology for the security services at speed. Operational requirements came in from units; we turned them into working capability and handed it over.

845

Volunteers in the organisation

3,142

Volunteer applications

20

Projects delivered



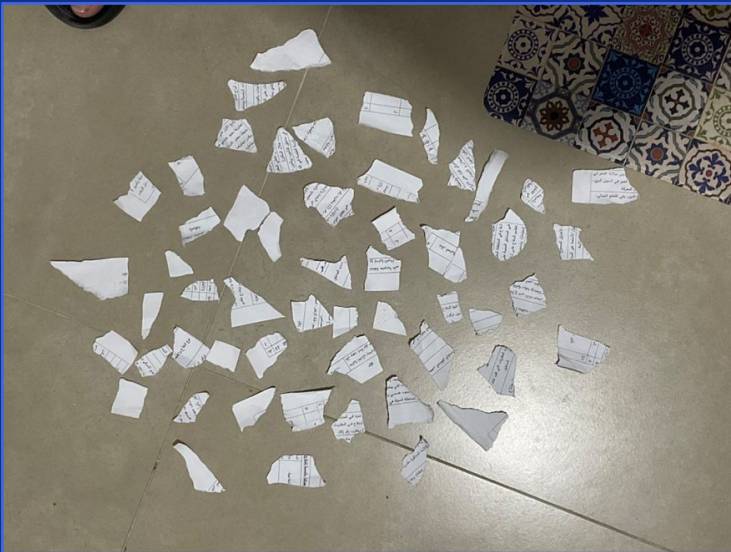
Israel Tech Guard

“An organisation that takes an operational requirement, translates it into a technical capability, finds the people, and leads it to delivery.”





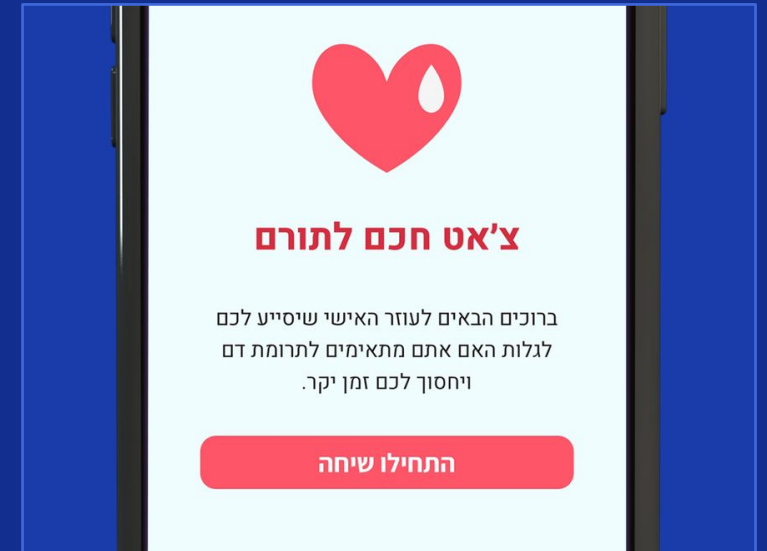
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Reassembling destroyed documents



Tracing terror financing

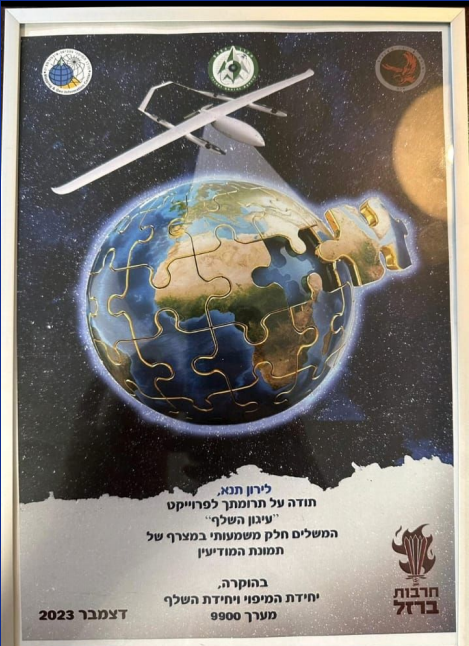


Blood donation logistics

Built by volunteers from across Israeli technology and academia, alongside their day jobs. Much of it is still in operational use today.



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Seven months.

The risk we wrote down came true.

Our own risk register named it before it happened: a long war, an eroding volunteer force, and the companies carrying us unable to keep carrying us.

After seven months Israel Tech Guard could not sustain its operation.



Israel Tech Guard

2023 - 2024



This club is ITG 2.0.

What it proved

The talent turns up. Given a real requirement, the best engineers in this country will drop everything and build.

What it lacked

Volunteers cannot be a permanent institution. Goodwill is not a business model, and a surge cannot be sustained.

What changes here

Do not build the products with volunteers. Strengthen the founders who build them as companies that outlast any one war.

Stronger founders → stronger companies → a stronger sector → a country better able to defend itself.



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MODERATOR

Maayan Galili.



Defense Insider with a serious commercial pedigree

A senior strategy, positioning and growth transformation executive working across the defense and technology sectors.

A former award-winning P&G senior executive.

Works with IAI, Elta, and other defense and deep-tech companies on strategy, positioning, GTM and organizational transformation.

Her work sits at the intersection of defense, emerging tech and global markets, turning technological capability into a differentiated proposition and business growth.



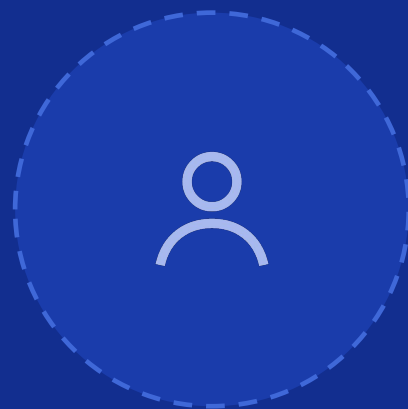
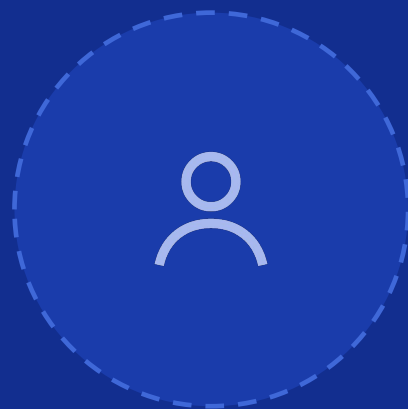
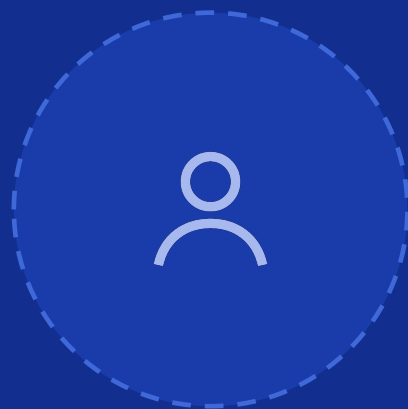
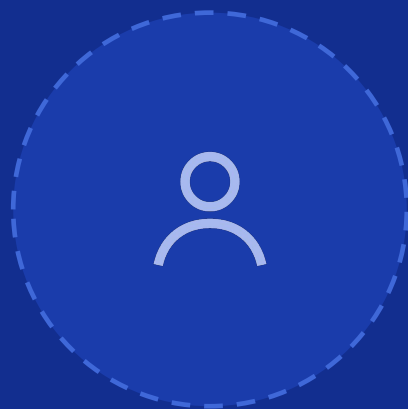
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ON THE PANEL

Four seats.



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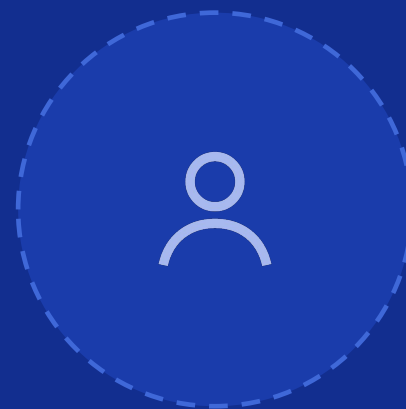
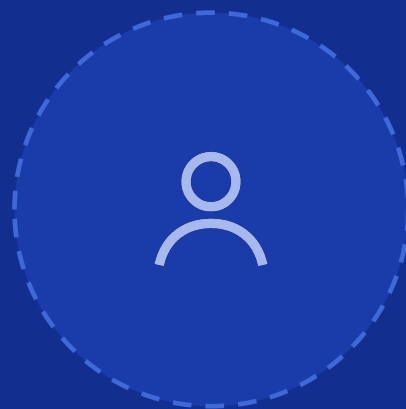
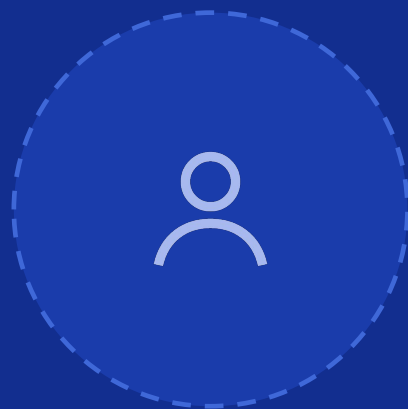
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Dor Raviv

Co-Founder and CTO

Orca AI



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ON THE PANEL - 1 OF 4

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Co-founded Orca AI in 2018 and has been its CTO since, and today leads the company's defense products. Orca AI builds maritime perception and autonomy software: Sentinel for coastal and port surveillance, Beacon for USV and vessel retrofit perception, and AMOS, an autonomous maritime operating system. The same detection and collision-avoidance stack is proven across more than 1,500 commercial vessels.

He has served in the Israeli Navy's unmanned autonomous ships programme since 2009, as its first technical project manager, and continues in the reserves.

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Founder

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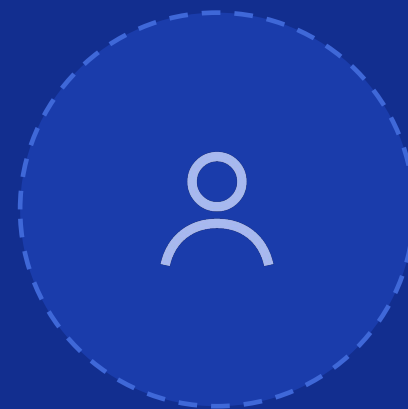
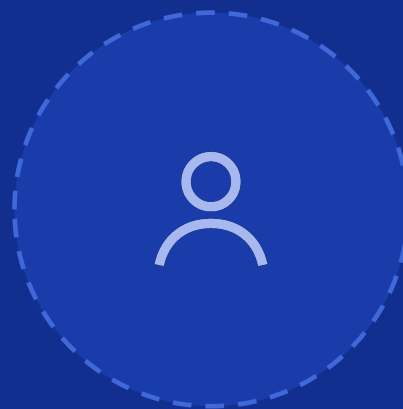
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Assaf Chaprak

Co-Founder and CTO

Shifters



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Assaf Chaprak.



Co-Founder and CTO

Shifters

Co-founded Shifters in 2023 and is its President and CTO. The company builds teams of ground robots that move autonomously through complex terrain and carry sensors into places people should not go: TRUST, the robots themselves; RITA, the layer that turns an operator's intent into action; and ARENA, which coordinates a mission across a team of them.

Shifters raised a \$10.2 million seed led by Ace Capital Partners. He served in the Israeli Air Force, latterly as a major, then spent years in computer vision in the United States.

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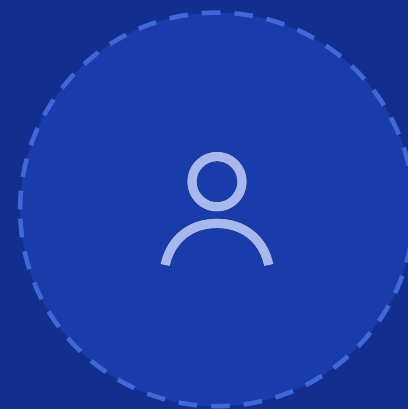
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Co-Founder and Managing Partner at Protego Ventures. She co-founded Carbyne, the emergency communications company sold to Axon for \$625 million, then became a Partner at Frontier Resource Group, investing in defense, aviation and cybersecurity.

A Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree and a founding member of the UAE-Israel Business Council. Eleven years of service in the military and intelligence field as a Major (res.) in the IDF's Southern Command, where she still serves in the reserves.

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Senior marketing director at Israel Aerospace Industries' Military Aircraft Division, with a career spent in defense and in unmanned aerial systems. He has led and commanded operational units in that field, worked in the operation of unmanned systems, and served as Israel's Air Force attache in Singapore.

He later held a senior management post at a defense company, and has seen the founder's side of the table at close range.



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Break.

Back at 20:45

Prof. Meir Litvak on Israel vs. Iran: Ideology and Strategy. Twenty five minutes, and worth being in your seat for.



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Prof. Meir Litvak.



Israel vs. Iran: Ideology and Strategy

Tel Aviv University

Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History, and Director of the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies. His field is modern Iranian and Shi'i history.

PhD, Harvard. Author of Shi'a Scholars of Nineteenth Century Iraq (Cambridge University Press) and co-author of From Empathy to Denial: Arab Responses to the Holocaust (Columbia University Press).





Israel vs. Iran: Ideology and Strategy

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THANK YOU

Tell us how it went. Then tell one person.

This club is built on who is in the room, and the room grows one vouched-for founder at a time. There is no public ticket and no open sign-up: every member comes through an application and a person who checks it.

Tell us how tonight went



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still in the room.

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Spread the word



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The opening evening.



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