

THE FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Loving Memory of Our Students from the School of Political Science



The University of Haifa is dedicated to honoring the memory of 15 brave students and graduates from our School of Political Science who lost their lives defending Israeli citizens during the devastating attack on October 7th and the ensuing Swords of Iron War. To commemorate their heroism, we are launching The Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund for graduate students at the School of Political Science. The University of Haifa, a leading academic think tank in security studies, has the highest enrollment of Israeli military and security personnel in specialized academic programs.

The School of Political Science offers tailored master's programs for the IDF's Military Colleges and other security sectors like the Navy, Ministry of Defense, Police, and Prison Services – catering to both staff and command positions. The School's comprehensive curricula covers security studies, international relations, administration and management, regional conflicts and criminology, providing a well-rounded academic foundation for Israel's security personnel.

The Fund will include named scholarships in honor of 15 students and graduates who studied under the military master's programs and consequently held high-ranking positions in the military:

Alim Abdallah, Gal Bachar, Ehsan Daxa, Dan Ganot, Eli Ginsberg, Tomer Greenberg, Salman Habka, Asaf Hamami, Yuval Doron Kestelman, Roi Levy, Andrey Poshivay, Yehonatan Steinberg, Benji Trakeniski, Yehonatan Tzor and Ilan Moshe Yaacov

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING.

Through this initiative, we will keep their legacies alive, inspire future leaders, and contribute to a brighter tomorrow.

About the School of Political Science

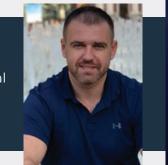
Led by Prof. Dana Vashdi, the School of Political Science is a prominent center for research and education – ranking among the top 100-150 globally* in politics, government, international relations, and public administration and policy (#1 in Israel and 41st globally*). The School is distinguished by exceptional faculty and esteemed alumni, who went on to hold senior positions in security, politics, media, and academia both in Israel and internationally.

*Source: Academic Ranking of World Universities (2024 Shanghai Rankings)

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

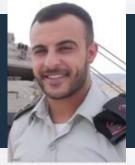
Superintendent Andrey Poshivay

Graduate of the General Command and Staff College (PUM) *University of Haifa*



Superintendent Andrey Poshivay, 39, was posthumously promoted for his heroic actions rescuing revelers during the Black Sabbath attack on Kibbutz Re'im. At 20, he immigrated to Israel from Crimea, served in the IDF, and later joined the Israel Police as a patrol officer at the Be'er Sheva Police Station in the elite Yoav Police Unit. His parents, Nikolai and Maria, were brought to Israel for his funeral through a special operation involving the police, Ministry of Defense, and Chabad. Chief Superintendent Yogev Chai Attias of the Southern District, under whom he served, vowed to honor Andrey's memory. The family has decided to stay in Israel for now. **Lieutenant Colonel Habka Salman** Graduate of the Staff and Command College (PUM)

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Lieutenant Colonel Habka Salman, 33, from the Druze village of Yanuh-Jat in the Western Galilee, left his wife and child on October 7th to confront terrorists in Be'eri, Israel's southern border town. Leading his troops with bravery and determination, he fell in battle.

"We lost a son and a hero. He was 'salt of the earth' who led by example and fell on the frontlines ahead of his troops... The Druze community is paying a heavy price; the best of its sons are fighting on all fronts, and finest commanders, including Salaman, have tragically fallen." –Excerpts from the eulogy given by Shaykh Mowafaq Țarif, Spiritual Leader of the Druze Community in Israel.



"The battalion is ready for any challenge... I urge the people of Israel to stay united – only together we will prevail".

These are the final words of Lt. Col. Salman Habka to boost morale moments before he fell in battle, later posted on social media.

Join Us in Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

By supporting **The Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund** you are not only honoring the memory of our 15 brave students and graduates but also empowering the next generation of leaders to follow in their footsteps. Your contribution will help provide scholarships to top-performing political science graduate students for years to come, ensuring that the legacy of our fallen heroes continues to inspire and guide.

A generous gift of \$135,000 over 3 years will support 15 graduate scholarships named in honor of our 15 fallen heroes, students and graduates of the School of Political Science.



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