

# פורום דבורה Forum Dvorah

נשים במדיניות חוץ ובטחון לאומי  
WOMEN IN FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY



## Dear Friends and Partners

At **Forum Dvorah**, we are excited to launch our first **English-language newsletter**, specially created for you, our valued partners and friends. This newsletter aims to bring you closer to our mission, sharing updates and achievements while deepening your involvement in fostering female leadership in foreign affairs and national security, and building a more secure, equitable, and inclusive future.

**Reflection:** As we approach Rosh Hashanah תשפ"ה, it is a meaningful time to reflect on a year filled with both remarkable achievements and unprecedented challenges. Since October 7th, 2023, and the ongoing war that followed, our work has become even more essential. In these turbulent times, the importance of strong, female leadership has never been clearer in shaping the future of Israel.



**Forum Dvorah Award for 2022:** Among the recipients of the award are First Lady **Michal Herzog** and former Minister **Limor Livnat**

**Our Leadership and Impact:** At Forum Dvorah, we take pride in advancing female leadership across the key fields of foreign affairs, national security and public discourse.

Our professional network continuously breaks barriers and drives impactful change in these critical areas. While we've made significant strides, we are mindful of the work that still lies ahead.

**Our focus remains on promoting leadership that not only enhances decision-making at the national level but also creates a more inclusive and just society.**



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## In Honor of Israel's Heroines – Now Also in English

Forum Dvorah has launched a **unique website commemorating the women soldiers who have fallen in Israel's wars.**

Their strength, heroism, and contributions to the defense of Israel have been especially highlighted during the current war, which began on October 7, 2023. This website is the first step in a long-term initiative to share the stories of women in combat, especially those who have fallen since Israel's establishment. Launched on the eve of the last Memorial Day, the site has received an emotional response from the public and serves as a source of inspiration, empowerment, and education.

**We hope it resonates with you as well.**

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**Forum Dvorah Members in the Media** Since early 2024, Forum Dvorah memberexperts in a wide range of foreign policy and security issues have made over 600 appearances across Israeli and international media outlets.



Our experts are prominently featured on key national and global platforms, shaping public discourse and bringing critical perspectives to the forefront.

**Forum Dvorah in the Knesset:** Major (Res.) Or Cohen, the first commander of a Dvora-class fast patrol boat in the Israeli Navy, and Attorney Gail Shores, a former senior official in the Mossad, both members of Forum Dvorah's board, participated in a recent discussion in the Knesset's Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women and Gender Equality. The discussion focused on the service of women in the reserves during the Swords of Iron War.



**Colonel (Res.) Miri Eisin**, former Head of the Syria Department of Military Intelligence and co-founder of Forum Dvorah. She has also served as Director of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism Policy at Reichman University and as Chair of the Taub Center. Miri has been interviewed on the escalation in the north by major outlets such as BBC, CNN (English), BBC (Arabic), TV7 Israel News, and others.

We invite you to listen to her recent interview on CNN News.  
Together, we will continue to make an impact!



**Stay Connected:** Our newsletter will keep you updated on Forum Dvorah's latest initiatives, successes, and challenges. Each edition will feature stories showcasing our achievements and the impactful processes we are leading.

Be inspired by the Forum Dvorah community, from emerging leaders to seasoned professionals

all working together to influence policy and decision-making, driving long-lasting and meaningful change.

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As Rosh Hashanah approaches, Forum Dvorah wishes you and your beloved, a happy, peaceful, and hopeful new year filled with health and prosperity.

In these difficult and painful times, our hearts are with all the hostages held by Hamas, and we fervently pray for their quick and safe return to their families. We hope for the end of the war and for the swift and safe return home of all the soldiers, both men and women. Forum Dvorah remains committed to promoting gender equality in the fields of national security and foreign policy, with the hope that this year we will see the policy changes we aspire to, and the integration of female leadership at the helm of the country.

Wishing us all a year filled with light,

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