

Once a year, Israel honors IDF soldiers who were injured while serving in the army during the Iron Swords war.

## YAIR'S STORY

### Pre-Listening:

You are going to listen to a recorded interview with an injured soldier. Look at the photo and the vocabulary items listed below. What do you think the interview will be about?



*Both photos are originals.*

**New Words:** *originally, probably, I was meant to, it sounds complicated, a tank loader, to be injured, to recover, a natural instinct, to head for, to cope with pain, medication, surgery, to deal with, pieces of shrapnel, to give him credit, to stay motivated, to blend in, crutches, a new goal, a proposal, to get permission, the helipad, reserve duty, regrets*

**Listen** to an [interview](#) with Yair Broder, a soldier who was injured in December 2023 while he was serving in the army. Then answer the questions that follow.

**A) Choose the correct answers:**

e.g, How old was Yair at the time of the interview?

- a. 20 years old
- b. 22 years old
- c. **25 years old**
- d. 30 years old

1. Where was Yair living before the war?

- a. Netanya
- b. Eilat
- c. Jerusalem
- d. Bet Shemesh

2. How did Yair first learn about the war?

- a. from a news report
- b. from a knock on the door
- c. from a text message
- d. from a phone call

3. What was Yair's planned course of study before the war?

- a. Psychology
- b. Industrial Engineering
- c. Computer Science
- d. Teaching English

4. What army unit is Yair in?

- a. Intelligence
- b. Cyber
- c. Tanks
- d. Air Force

5. How many surgeries did Yair have?

- a. 5
- b. 9
- c. 7
- d. 1

6. What were Yair's plans before the war began?

- a) to travel around the world
- b) to start studying
- c) to join a band
- d) to go skiing

7. Who helped Yair the most during his recovery?

- a) his mother
- b) his girlfriend
- c) his father
- d) his sister

8. At first, what motivated Yair to walk again?

- a) a friend's wedding
- b) a football match
- c) a family reunion
- d) a concert

**B) True or False:**

e.g. Yair was injured on December 15th, 2023. True / False

- 1. When the RPG hit his tank, Yair was on his way home. True / False
- 2. Yair was in the hospital for two months after being injured. True / False
- 3. Yair has no regrets about fighting in the war. True / False
- 4. Yair proposed to his girlfriend on the helipad of the hospital. True / False
- 5. Yair thinks he will never be able to go skiing. True / False

**C) Answer at least one of the following questions:**

- 1. Describe the moment when Yair realized he was injured. What did he feel and see?
- 2. How did Yair's father contribute to his recovery?
- 3. Why does Yair feel that he wouldn't change anything about his experience despite being injured?

**D) Write a message to Yair.**