



What food reminds you of a loved one?



Recipe with Memory

A unique initiative that works to commemorate fallen Israel Defense Forces soldiers and Israeli victims of terror, through cooking their favorite recipes and telling the stories of their lives.

Today's Activity:



Bake Eyal's favorite dish

The meal that was prepared for Eyal every Friday when he came back home from the IDF.



Learn about Eyal

His childhood, adolescence, interests, and his time in the army



Yom Hazikaron to Yom Haatzmaut

How both days are commemorated in Israel



Eyal Mishael Levy

איייל מישאאל לוי ז"ל

Favorite dish: Pizza

Eyal loved different foods but especially loved pizza. When he would return home from the army on Fridays, his family would prepare him pizza. As a "pizza express", he used to split the pita into two parts, added toppings, and heated it up in the microwave.





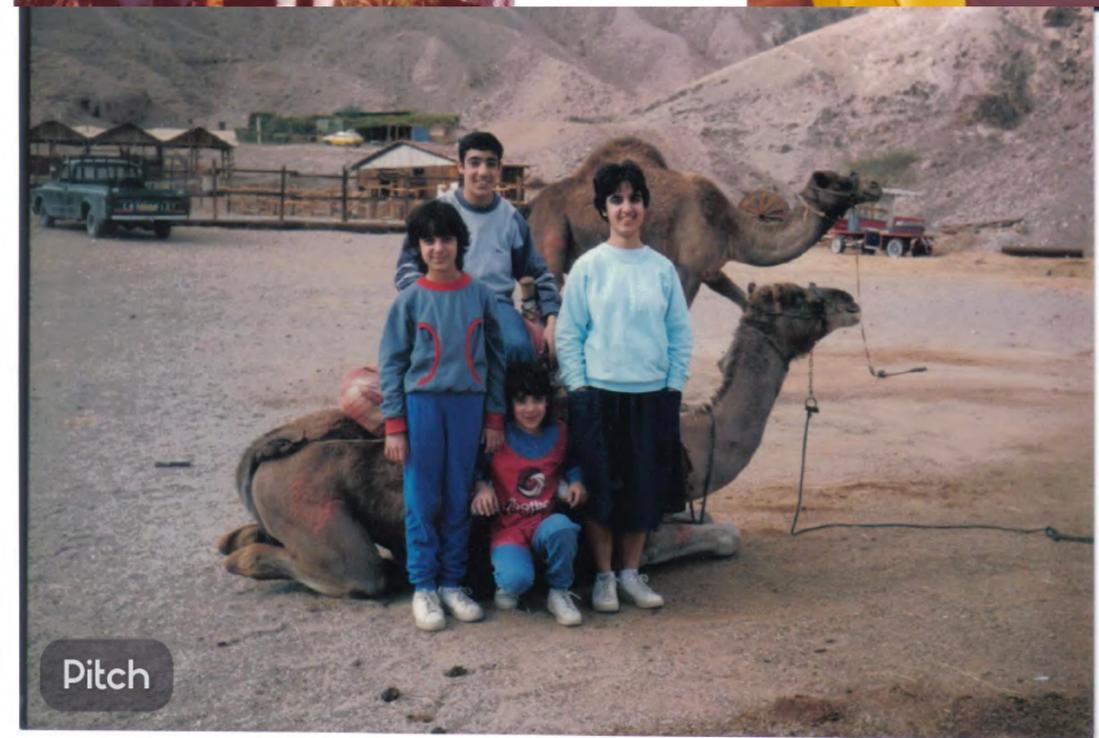
Childhood

- Eyal Mishael Levy was born in Jerusalem on Saturday, June 6, 1976. He is the son of Lair and Ruthi.
- He had a twin sister named Avital, an older sister named Orit, and a younger sister named Ofira.
- Eyal grew up in the Givat Mordechai.
- When he began 4th grade, he joined the Bnei Akiva (The largest religious Zionist youth movement in the world) as a trainee.

Childhood

- Eyal was thin but strong. He didn't walk, he ran. He was sociable, lively, and full of life.
- His singing and self-confidence made him stand out from the rest and at the age of three, he sang the "Anaim Zmirot" in the neighborhood synagogue.

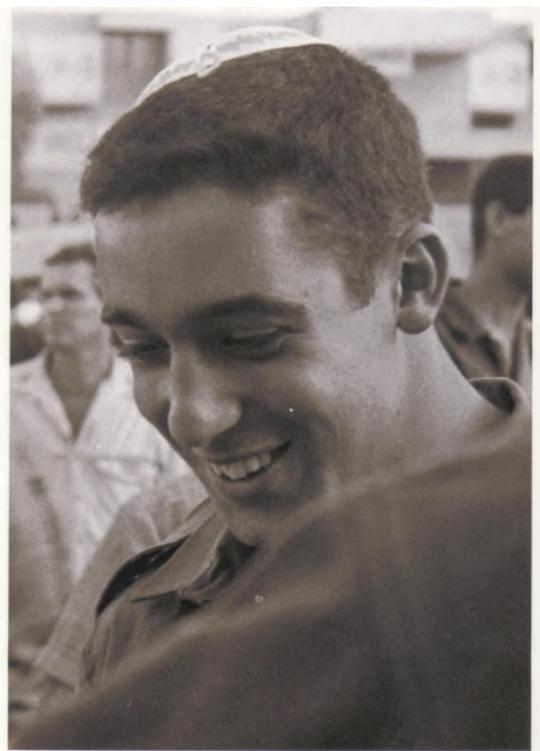




Adolescence

- Eyal continued his studies at the professional yeshiva "Kiryat Noar" with a focus area of electronics. He was very talented in that field.
- In Bnei Akiva, Eyal went on to become an officer. He was an ambitious leader who was never shy from challenges. He was innovative, organized, and caring. He spend most of his time and enegry with this orginization.





Hobbies and interests

- Eyal loved sports, distance cycling, trained in running, and did bodybuilding. From a skinny teenager, he became muscular. Yet a light-footed guy.
- Eyal also loved to read books and collect stamps. He loved animals and loved to travel around Israel.
- Eyal spent most of his time with his friends, he strongly believed in the value of friendship and invested quite a bit in it.





Before the IDF

- Prior to his enlistment in the army, Eyal joined the Golani Project and was motivated to enlist as a combat soldier. He wanted to become a Commander and be in the first line to defend his homeland.



Recruitment to the IDF

- In late October of 1989, Eyal enlisted in the airforce. Eyal really wanted to drop out, in order to be in Golani and join his friends.
- Indeed, he later joined the Golani family and immediately stood out as a prominent figure.



IDF Service

- Throughout his military service, his home served him allowed him to recharge his energy.
- The family would all gather to greet him on Fridays.
- Eyal always tried to not make his mom worried. His parents' opinion was very important to him. He would always be the one the family consulted with.
- When Eyal was about to end his service, the IDF asked to extend it a bit. He agreed, of course.



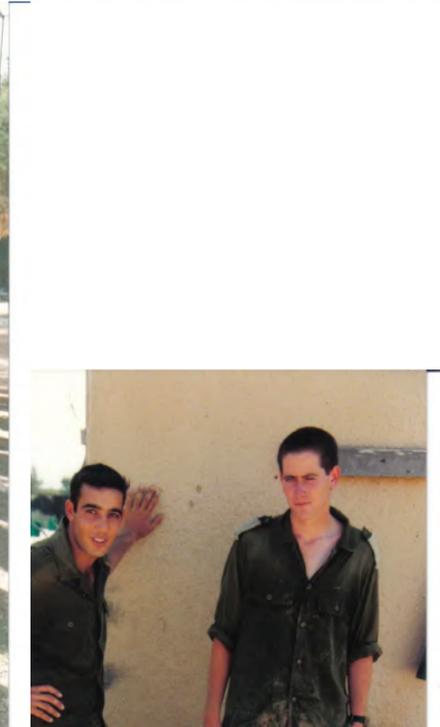
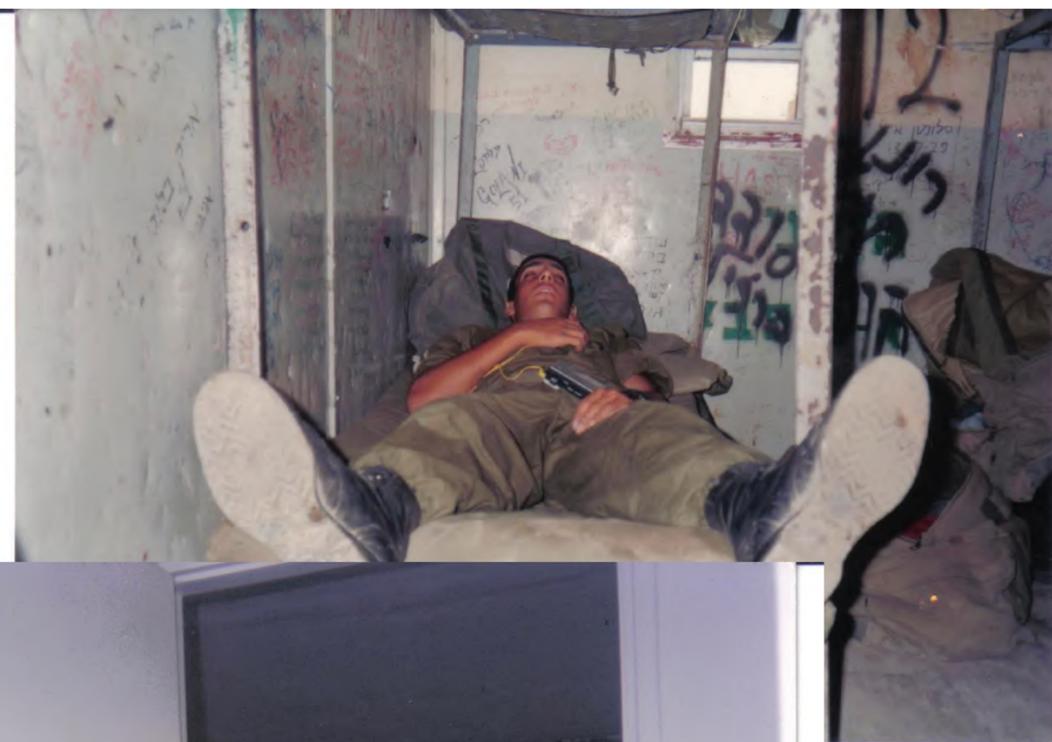
Story of his fall

- On Monday, 8/19/1993, after an ambush night, Eyal headed a force of fighters towards the continuation of the mission, a search for a hiding place in the observation post to prevent the passage of terrorists to the northern settlements. At dawn, in difficult terrain conditions, one of the soldiers encountered barbed wire, that then activated several roadside bombs. Eyal was killed on the spot, along with six of his fighters and were two wounded. He was laid to rest in the military cemetery on Mount Herzl. He was twenty-two years old when he fell.



Obituaries

- His friends wrote: "The sarcastic Eyal knew how to throw the right word in the right place, and made all the guys laugh. Eyal the commander, leads his soldiers and is a role model for them to emulate and admire. Eyal the friend, who is full of love for the land, which he initiated and participated in countless trips we made "





Commemoration

- A website was established in Eyal's memory and the family published a book in his memory.
- In addition, on his birthday after his fall, about a hundred of Eyal's friends and his family went out for a hike as a memorial to Eyal. From then on, every year on his birthday a family trip takes place to the same lovely places Eyal used to visit often.