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Yaron and Tulip

How the Israel Guide Dog Center Transforms Lives



Yaron's Journey

Yaron, a married father and grandfather in his early 60s lives in a village near Jerusalem. Before earning a certificate in engineering, he was a medic in the Israeli army. Being a soldier is in Yaron's DNA—his father was a fighter in Israel's War of Independence in 1948, Yaron fought in the 1st Lebanon War in 1982, and now his sons are fighting in Israel's current war.

For years, Yaron has suffered from the effects of PTSD including anxiety, daily panic attacks, depression, night terrors, and terrible stomach aches. Because he was embarrassed to admit his struggles, his marriage suffered. Eventually, his wife convinced him to go to couples therapy. That's when the therapist mentioned the words Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and suggested Yaron seek help from the Ministry of Defense. After taking this step, he was connected to the Israel Guide Dog Center and partnered with Tulip.

Meet Tulip

Tulip is a female yellow lab. She and Yaron were partnered in fall of 2024 and bonded immediately. His entire family has fallen in love with her.

"Most importantly, Tulip is able to help me cope with my stress better and because of her my marriage has become stronger. Thank you to the Israel Guide Dog Center and all of the donors!"

Transforming Lives, One Partnership at a Time

It is estimated that 7,000 IDF veterans suffer from PTSD as a result of their military service. They have recurring nightmares, panic attacks, depression, and other trauma symptoms. The Israeli government predicts that in 5 years, the number will increase to 20,000.

Help us continue changing lives like Yaron.
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