

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to introduce you to a man who is above all a leader...

He is an **accomplished soldier** in his own right, having just completed a five-year tour of duty with the special operations unit of the Israeli Navy having spent the last two years of his service as a Commander...

He is a much **respected commander**, led the rigorous and grueling training of his unit regarding the physical, educational, ethical and technical challenges of their training, while stressing character building, increasing resilience, strategic thinking and communal responsibility...

And he is a **caring and social-minded man**, having volunteered at Ilanot, a special education institute for teens with severe disabilities...

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome **Matan Ben Gigi**.