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Final Report & Activity Summaries

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IDF Counter Terrorism Training Center

November 2017

Our first activity as ASL fellows was a visit to the IDF's Counter Terrorism Training Center where we also met a visiting group of NATO officers. Steven, one of the fellows, had the opportunity to shoot in the field. It was very interesting to learn how the center works and we were very grateful for the tour.



Visit to Hatzor Air Force Base

January 2018

In this occasion we visited the Air Force Base Hatzor. First we had a talk about the dilemma that represents making moral decisions in a battle field. After the briefing we went on a tour of an F-16 led by an F-16 pilot himself.



"Anti-Terrorist Barrier" Trip with Jonathan Davis

January 2018

On this day we went to Mr. Jonathan Davis' (IDC's Vice President and LTC res.) gorgeous house. After arriving to the house we had small talk with Mr. Davis and we introduced ourselves. Later, we received a lecture about the history of the Green Line, the security situation and the challenges alongside the security barrier. After finishing the lecture, we drove with Mr. Davis to the barrier and we got a closer look of it. Thanks to Mr. Davis' knowledge on the topics we were able to hear facts and stories about the Israeli settlements, East Jerusalem and the Second Intifada.



Lecture with Prof. Boaz Ganor

January 2018

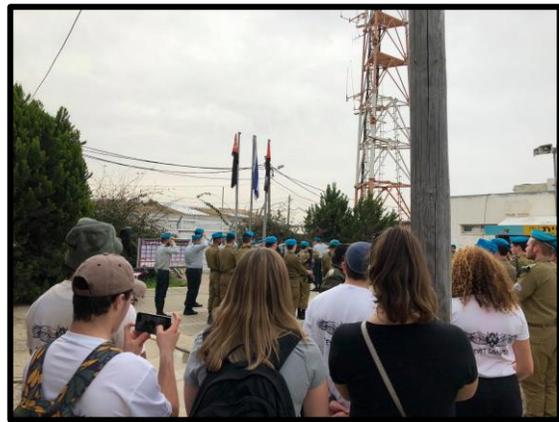


We finished the month meeting with Prof. Boaz Ganor, Dean of the Lauder School of Government at the IDC. Even though some of us attended his lectures, it was very different and interesting to talk to him one-on-one in a more personal discussion. Prof. Ganor spoke to us about the Israeli-Palestinian issues and how the field of counter-terrorism has rapidly developed. In addition, we also learned about Prof. Ganor's own experiences on the field.

Visit to IDF Outpost

February 2018

February started with a visit to an IDF outpost responsible for securing a section of the security barrier. We had the opportunity to see some of the technologies and techniques they use to succeed in this security. In addition to this educational visit we had fun taking part in a short stretcher run with a group of future lone soldiers.



Lecture with former Israeli ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor

February 2018

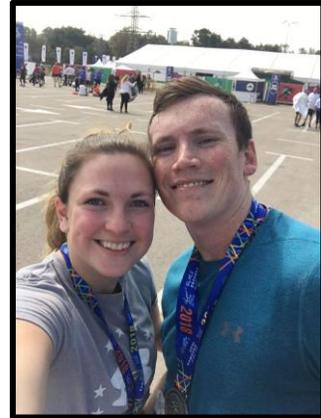
During this month we also had the honor to meet former Israeli ambassador to the UN, Ron Prosor. During the meeting Ambassador Prosor gave us an inside perspective on how the UN operates in the context of Israel.



Tel Aviv Marathon

February 2018

Two of the fellows ran the Tel Aviv Marathon. Amber Spawn ran the 10K and Spencer Lahrs ran the full marathon. It was an amazing experience to run in the streets of Tel Aviv with so many people.



Meeting with US Legal Attaché to Israel Cary Gleicher & LTC Stephanie Bagley

March 2018

During this event we met with Cary Gleicher, US Legal Attaché to Israel. He spoke to us about how it is to serve the US government overseas and work for the FBI. Later on we had another meeting with Stephanie Bagley, ICT's current US Army War College Fellow.



Tour of the Gaza Border

May 2018

Thankfully, this day was quiet and had no incidents on the Southern front; therefore we were able to do a tour of the Gaza border. We started at the “Black Arrow” monument where we received a briefing about past and current events. Afterwards, we saw how the new defensive barrier erected along the patrol route. To end the tour we traveled further south and got a closer view of the Egypt-Israel-Gaza border area.



North Trip with Dr. Eitan Azani

May 2018

At the beginning of the month we had a trip to the north with Dr. Eitan Azani. First, Dr. Azani gave us an updated briefing on Iran’s expansion via Shia militias in the region. Then, we talked about the current peace keeping efforts made by the UNDOF staff stationed at Mt. Bental. We continued the day in the Valley of Tears where we got a better understanding of how significant a single battle can be on the outcome of war. We finished the trip in the Lebanese border at the Dado and Mt. Adir observatories where we were able to get a better look at Hezbollah.



Israeli Intelligence and Commemoration Center

July 2018

As our final event of the year we visited the Israeli Intelligence Heritage and Commemoration Center in Gilot, also known as the IICC. During our visit we discussed research made in the field of intelligence with Brig. Gen (Res.) Yossi Kuperwasser. We also visited the terrorism museum and received a guided tour of the commemoration center itself.

