

Major General (ret.) Ido Nehushtan

Major General (ret.) Ido Nehushtan served as the sixteenth Commander of the Israel Air Force, a position he held from May 2008 to May 2012.

During his tenure, General Nehushtan significantly augmented the Israel Air Force's Ballistic Missile Defense capabilities and oversaw the successful launch of the "Iron Dome" active defense system for intercepting rockets and missiles in the air. Nehushtan expanded the IAF's fighter aircraft capacity, signing a memorandum of understanding for procuring the first IAF squadron of the advanced 5th generation F-35 fighter jets.

He also enhanced the Israel Air Force's operational capabilities in fighting terrorism, and commanded the Air Force during operation "Cast Lead" to stop rockets attacks from Gaza in January 2009.



Career highlights:

Born in Jerusalem in 1957, Nehushtan enlisted in the Israel Defense Forces and volunteered for the Israel Air Force flight academy, graduating *with honors* as a fighter pilot. He then served in a variety of operational positions in the Israel Air Force, including commander of both F-16A and F-16C/D operational squadrons and commander of Hazor operational AFB.

Nehushtan also served in senior Air Force Staff positions as Head of Planning & Organization department, Head of IAF Intelligence, Head of the Air Division and Chief of Air Staff and Deputy IAF Commander. In 2006, Nehushtan was promoted to the rank of Major General and appointed Head of Planning Directorate for the IDF. In this position, Nehushtan was responsible for strategic planning and force design for the IDF. Among others, Nehushtan was responsible for the planning of the IDF's 5-year plan, had represented the IDF in the Brodet committee for the national defense budget and represented the IDF in the Israeli negotiation team for the 10 year - \$30B Foreign Military Support MOU with the US government.

Nehushtan was appointed Commander of the Israel Air Force in May 2008. In 2012 He was awarded the USA Legion of Merit by the US Air Force Commander, General Norton Schwartz. Nehushtan retired from service in May 2012.

Today Nehushtan is active in the private sector. Among others, he serves as the Chairman of the board of Cannasure Therapeutics Ltd. and as a senior strategic consultant for technological companies such as Dell EMC and ELBIT systems. In addition, Nehushtan is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Wexner Foundation in Israel, the Chairman of the Israel – Australia Commerce Chamber and a member of the International Board of the Weizmann Institute for Science.

Education:

Nehushtan holds a Bachelor of Science degree *cum laude* in mathematics and computer science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management and the Reccannati School of Business Administration at Tel Aviv University. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Advanced Management Program. Nehushtan is married to Orna; they have three children.