



## Cross-Cultural Connection

**Lucy Aharish** is one of Israel's most prominent and mainstream Arab journalists and one of Israel's best-known news anchors, who was also selected to light the Mesoa (Memorial Torch) during Yom HaAtzmaut.

Recently, Lucy married Israeli Actor **Tzachi Levy**, who, among other roles, played an agent in 'Fauda', a high-profile Israeli-Arab relations fictional series. As two public figures, the wedding got a lot of public coverage.

**Knesset Member Oren Hazan** (Likud) responded to the news with a Tweet: *"I don't blame Lucy Aharish for seducing a Jewish soul with the goal of harming our country and for preventing more Jewish progeny from continuing the Jewish dynasty; on the contrary she is welcome to convert"*.

Israelis responded with a public outcry for the outrageous comment of KM Hazan, which initiated a discourse about Jewish Assimilation and Pluralism.

How do you see cross-cultural connection in Israel and in the US?



Lucy and Tzachi at their wedding



Lucy lighting the Mesoa



## Accessibility

Perah and Asa, two Industrial Design students in Holon, designed a product meant to assist people in wheelchairs in any place that is not Handicapped-Accessible.

Then, instead of patenting it for their personal gain, Asa and Perach made their product available to everyone, encouraging any person who could benefit from their creation to do so, free of charge!

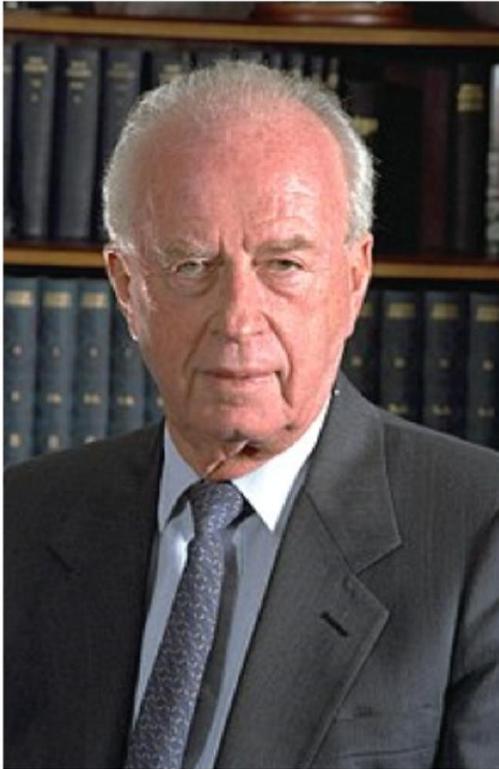
To watch their invention online, search "**portable ramp for omer**" on Youtube.



Left to Right: Perach and Asa



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Tomorrow, October 21 Israel will have a Memorial Day for **Yitzhak Rabin** (May His Memory Be A Blessing). As a Commando Force officer, IDF officer, Minister, Knesset member and Prime Minister, Yizchak Rabin dedicated his life to better Israel's citizen's life, promoting peace and bridging gaps with neighboring countries.

In the Fall of 1995, at the end of a peace rally, in support of the Oslo Peace Accords, Rabin was assassinated.

Nowadays, children, students, soldiers, college students and adults everywhere mark this day in memory of this man, his work for peace, his violent death, and the values that inspired him to change the state of Israel.

During my time as a lecturer in the IDF, it was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rabin's murder.

To commemorate this event, the IDF introduced a new Lesson Plan, discussing Freedom of Speech and Sedition through the lens of the negative public discourse around Rabin's murder. During the lesson, the soldiers and officers discussed the boundaries of Freedom of Speech, Pluralism and Tolerance and how does Sedition reflect on our democracy.

## **A Touch of Nepotism!**

The 21st of October is not only Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, it is also my brother's **Ofek Sharon**, birthday.

Ofek was a Search and Rescue Combat Soldier in the IDF. Upon his Honorary Release from the IDF, Ofek began acting on behalf of Animal Rights. Ofek is a prominent Vegan Activist, Volunteering in assisting Vegan and Vegetarian soldiers to stand up for their rights, suing negligent officers and communicating with IDF representatives to better improve the IDF's handling of Vegan and Vegetarian Soldiers and Officers. Ofek now also volunteers in Animal Shelters and Vegan Protests.



***DID YOU KNOW? The IDF is the Most Vegan Army in the world, with 1 out of 18 soldiers being Vegan!***



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