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Outgoing Deputy Chief of the General Staff, MG Eyal Zamir: “Tonight I finish another significant role of my 37 years of military service. The IDF is committed to providing maximum security to the State of Israel and its citizens. We are committed to the people - to their proper placement, to their personal growth, to building competence and developing good character, to strengthening moral thinking in both clear and complex situations. To unite the people, to turn them ‘from individuals into a unit.’ The human element is the recruits. They are the future of national security and the future of the State of Israel. The human element is the officer, the career soldiers and their families - esteemed, quality, mission-oriented people, who serve Israel with endless dedication in unique conditions. Changes must be made to the current career soldier model. We need to maintain healthy competition in order to improve their quality of life, salary, peace of mind and fair retirement conditions once and for all. The quality of the commanders is a component of national security. The human element is the right style of leadership that must be nurtured in the IDF - that brings the IDF together, influences it, and inspires and motivates the system. The Chief of the General Staff is leading a vital and impressive process of change. My commander, you are the right leader in the right place at a time when the IDF needed a leader like you. Herzi, my friend, you are entering a significant and influential role. You are an experienced commander and a fine leader. Proof of this can be found in all your past positions, as Head of the Intelligence Directorate, and as Commanding

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Officer of the Southern Command. I am convinced that you will learn a lot and will have a great influence as the new Deputy Chief of the General Staff."

Incoming Deputy Chief of the General Staff, MG Herzi Halevi: "I feel that a great responsibility will be placed on my shoulders in a matter of moments. I thank you, the Minister of Defense and the Chief of the General Staff, for your selection and trust in me. I will undertake every effort necessary for the success of the IDF in its many missions and complex challenges. Eyal - This is our second time rotating. I feel great appreciation for you. Leading up to Tisha B'Av we are in the "days between the troubles". The nine days between the collapse of the walls and the destruction of the temple. The role of the IDF is not only in preventing the destruction, but also, especially, in preventing the formation of threats to the stability of the walls. There are threats, but there are strong walls that we will continue to strengthen, and there is a home that we will continue to nurture and cherish."

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