

Answering the Call - MEIR SACHAKOV

Meir is a 25-year-old graduate of the Equal in Uniform program where he served in a prestigious IDF combat unit completing his service two years ago. Since then, he has been successfully employed in various capacities having emerged from the program with skills and confidence.

As Operation Swords of Iron progressed, Meir was invited to report to his unit as a reservist (“miluim”). **He is the first Equal in Uniform participant to be called up and one of the first in all programs serving individuals with intellectual disabilities. Meir promptly reported to his base with zeal:**

"This is the first time that I received a 'Tzav 8' (emergency enlistment), and now I'm making an impact. My goal is to act effectively and respond to every need and convey optimism until we achieve victory.

I have fulfilled a dream by being granted the opportunity to defend our home. It is also a privilege to bring joy to my fellow soldiers who are happy with my presence. In my first week back, I met many good and interesting people who are fully dedicated to the State of Israel like I am.

It is a source of pride to serve in this unit, where each and every person offers something special, standing shoulder to shoulder. This is family for me, inseparable from my life."

We are proud of Meir and his devotion to defending Israel at this difficult time. We believe in maximum inclusion and equal opportunity so Meir's induction to reserve duty and invitation to contribute at this time is a small victory for the EIU program, AKIM and our supporters.

As Meir wrote on his Facebook page: ***The People of Israel persevere by being united. We have an excellent army that strives for victory by going forward at all times, with determination in the righteousness of our path and deep faith in the eternity of our People."***

