

Israel's Wars

Session I: Introductions and roots of the IDF

Readings:

- “Ben-Gurion’s Army: How the IDF Came into Being (and Almost Didn’t)” by Martin Kramer
- “A Primer on Strategic Concepts.” *Mosaic Magazine*.

Session II: Airpower and Pre-emption in the Six-Day War

Readings:

- “Air Power in the Six-Day War,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*
- “The Six-Day War: An Inevitable Conflict,” *Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies*.

Session III: Understanding intelligence and geopolitics of the Yom Kippur War

Readings:

- “Strategic Surprise or Fundamental Flaws? The Sources of Israel’s Military Defeat at the Beginning of the 1973 War,” *The Journal of Military History*.
- “The Importance of the Tactical Level: The Arab-Israeli War of 1973,” *The Strategy Bridge*.

Session IV: Understanding Hybrid Warfare

Reading:

- “Winning Counterinsurgency War: The Israeli Experience,” *Jerusalem Center Public Affairs*.

Session V: The Second Intifada

Reading:

- “Lessons from the Palestinian ‘War’ Against Israel,” *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*.

Session VI: The Second Lebanon War

Reading:

- *The Quiet Decade: In the Aftermath of the Second Lebanon War*, “The Second Lebanon War: The Limits of Strategic Thinking.”
- “The Military Campaign in Lebanon,” *Tel Aviv: Institute for National Security Studies*.

Session VII: The Shadow War & Recent Escalation

- “Israel’s Strategic Goal in Syria,” *BESA Center Perspectives Paper*.
- “The Campaign between Wars: Faster, Higher, Fiercer?” *INSS Insight*.
- “The Campaign Between Wars: How Israel Rethought Its Strategy to Counter Iran’s Malign Regional Influence,” *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Policy Watch*.

Session VIII: The Contemporary Conflicts

- “America Needs a Decisive Israeli Victory,” *Tablet Magazine*.
- “If We Have to Go In To Gaza – Then Let’s Go All the Way,” *Midah*.