

WOMEN IN THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE

Israel is the only country in the world that obligates women, 18 years old and above, to a military service of 2-3 years.

More than **90%** of all positions in the IDF are open to women.

Over the last decade, record numbers of combat positions were opened to women, including pilots, naval ship captains and infantry soldiers.



Today, the percentage of female secretaries is half the rate it was in 1998.



In 2011, Maj. Gen. Orna Barbivai was appointed Head of the Manpower Directorate: the first woman to reach that rank, which is the IDF's second-highest.

December 2011: a record number of 5 female pilots graduated the 163rd IAF Flight Course — the highest number to graduate simultaneously.



DID YOU KNOW?



IDF weapon systems operated by women have smaller joysticks to better accommodate women's hands.

Combat vests in the IDF are specifically designed to suit the female torso.

The IDF combat fitness test wall, which cadets must leap over, was lowered to suit the average female height.

