

The British and Israeli teams at The Veteran Games - This Past Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apWdkfCJuuk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1M9iAmfq-9VVYyhG18UsXLlIvkxDtm3Zxt54O7AlHiGz0agPWs7b3Dpnw>

<https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/israels-invictus-veterans-games-unites-extraordinary-people/?fbclid=IwAR3wxk7Ohlxws03EZJU8edi-qz4WecQaeu1hM9qLbiaDiqCzxQHPsXuErrk>

Patron Capital has been extremely proud to be a headline sponsor of the inaugural Veteran Games, providing not only funding but personal support to the veterans and their families. Running over this past week, from Sunday May 26th to Thursday May 30th, the event brought together 114 wounded armed forces veterans from the UK and Israel, with a 57 British veterans travelling to Israel alongside 43 partners and 39 children, to celebrate the vital roles that both sports and family play in physical and emotional rehabilitation and enabling the two nations to learn from each other's experience.

All those who have taken part have learned from each other during this past week as they have shared experiences, built foundations of long-lasting friendships and created very special memories. We have all been inspired by the veterans' energy, passion, and drive that we witnessed over the past few days, redefining our ideas of what is possible.

See below for insights from the press, images and even a podcast, but if there is one key takeaway then let it be this: ***Aim High, Drive Forward, and Continue to Make a Positive Difference in this World.***

- The five-day sporting event took place at pioneering rehabilitation centers run by the charity Beit Halochem in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and included a three-day conference on mental health, PTSD and recovery featuring Sir Simon Wessely, professor of psychological medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, and consultant advisor in psychiatry to the British Army.
- Participants were from the leading rehabilitation and forces organisations including The Royal Marines Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Not Forgotten Association, Rock2Recovery, Veteran Scotland, Combat Stress and the Association of Jewish ex-Service Men and Women (AJEX).
- The Chelsea Foundation backed the event by providing football coaching for families attending and specialist workshops for Israeli sports teachers.
- The entire programme was funded by donations from The Patron Charitable Initiatives (The Breslauer Family), The Pears Foundation, Rachel Charitable Trust, The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust, The Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation, The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust and The Exilarch's Foundation with further support from several good friends.

<https://www.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-5516783,00.html>

https://broadcastdownload.precise.co.uk/assets/150177/Newgate_ITV1London_24.05.2019_06.15.mp4

<https://www.thejc.com/news/israel/israeli-president-reuven-rivlin-praises-wounded-british-military-veterans-as-true-heroes-1.484909>

Please see the Day 3 photos that are now up on the Released:

https://releasd.com/pages/LtTM_I5tYXSr2E5Vb11d4lZIDTWAf6uYeo6oh9P59fg

The Day 2 highlights video has also been uploaded and can also be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnF3LPaPcoU>

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Wounded-British-and-Israeli-veterans-to-compete-in-sporting-event-590500>

Please find below the following media coverage from the Jewish News:

<https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/israeli-envoy-meets-ex-soldiers-ahead-of-landmark-veteran-games/>

The Jewish Chronicle:

<https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/wounded-british-and-israeli-soldiers-first-ever-veteran-games-in-tel-aviv-and-jerusalem-1.484721>

And the latest from the Jerusalem Post:

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Overcoming-disabilities-through-competitive-sports-590808>

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Wounded-British-and-Israeli-veterans-to-compete-in-sporting-event-590500>







