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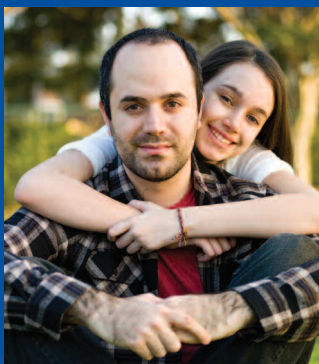
The YAMAM is the Israeli National Police's elite unit of operatives, tasked with safeguarding the State of Israel and its citizens. Combating serious crime, mounting hostage rescue operations, providing protection to heads of state, and answering the threat of terrorism are all part of YAMAM's mission. It is a job that unit's operatives have done effectively

and without hesitation for four decades, in some cases willingly sacrificing themselves for the safety of others.

The nature of the YAMAM's mission requires that the unit and its members must always

be on alert and ready to answer the call to service at a moment's notice. Operatives and their families give up much of the normalcy of everyday life so others may enjoy that same normalcy. The strain of this constant vigilance can affect the well-being of even the strongest of operatives and their families.

Friends of YAMAM was formed to advance projects that will return some of this normalcy to everyday life, help ease the strain, and provide an additional means of support for the YAMAM family.



Find out more about our mission

Friends of YAMAM is here to provide a way for individuals to recognize the essential work YAMAM operatives provide in keeping Israel and the world safe and free from threats. If you would like to learn more about our organization, please call or email us at our New Jersey location.

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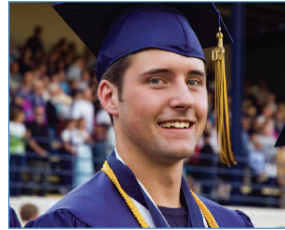


Friends of YAMAM is a non-profit organization based in Edison, New Jersey. It is dedicated to helping support the educational needs and the well being of the families of YAMAM. Through the efforts and the financial support of its members it hopes, in a small way, to give back to the operatives and their families, acknowledging their sacrifices and letting them know that their actions are appreciated.

Friends of YAMAM accomplishes this by offering a range of educational, social, cultural, and recreational programs. They are exclusively for the YAMAM operatives (current and retired), their families, and the families of the operatives who have lost their lives while in service in the unit. All of Friends of YAMAM's work is funded through philanthropic giving and individual donations.

Friends of YAMAM helps by providing:

- Educational/instructional programs at different levels including full scholarships for higher education degrees
- Supplies, electronics, and other materials required for educational classes and programs
- Activities and cultural events



About the YAMAM – Israel's elite special operations unit

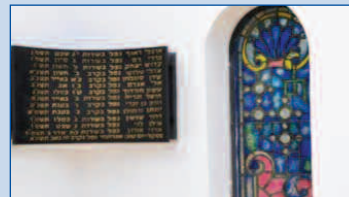
In the mid-1970s a tragic hostage situation involving school children from the Town of Maalot brought to light the need for a new, highly trained group that could respond quickly to any type of domestic crisis and provide a positive outcome. In response to the tragedy the Israeli government formed the independent Horev Commission to make recommendations on how best to upgrade the capabilities of the state's special operations units. As a result of their findings a new unit of the Israeli National Police, the YAMAM, was established to be the spearhead of Israel's efforts to meet the challenges of serious crime, hostage rescue, and terrorism.



Today the YAMAM is considered to be one of the best special operations units in the world. Since its inception, the unit has performed thousands of successful operations. As Israel has grown, so has the YAMAM, incorporating new methods and technologies to combat ever-greater threats.

YAMAM members are some of the most skilled and capable of all of Israel's special operations units. Only 2% of all candidates manage to pass all the stages of screening and training. The rigorous selection process, intense training, and requirement that all operatives first serve in an IDF combat unit make it difficult for those members who had planned on pursuing degrees of higher education. Joining the operational teams also requires operatives to be away from home many days, nights, weekends and holidays.

Because it is such a small group, YAMAM is like a close-knit family, helping and supporting each other, and most importantly, remembering the fallen. Thirteen YAMAM operatives have lost their lives since the establishment of the group. Many of them were killed while performing their duty as operatives. To honor their memory and legacy a special memorial was built where the fallen operatives are commemorated. The unit also maintains continuous contact with the families of those fallen operatives.



Show your support - become a part of our Friends of YAMAM family

Friends of YAMAM counts on the support of people like you to help us provide for the families of operatives. Through your donations we are able to give something back to those who give so much without asking for anything in return. All contributions are welcome.

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