

An Evening in Memory of

IDF Elite Forces Medic Sgt. Maj. Yona Brief, z"l

Presented by his brother, Micha Brief



Same Special Presentation... 3 Different Nights

WEST ROGERS PARK

Congregation KINS
Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025
7:00 PM
2800 W. North Shore Ave
Chicago, IL 60645



LAKEVIEW

Anshe Emet Synagogue
Tuesday, Mar 4, 2025
7:00 PM
3751 N. Broadway St
Chicago, IL 60613



NORTH SHORE

Congregation BJBE
Wednesday, Mar 5, 2025
7:00 PM
1201 Lake Cook Rd
Deerfield, IL 60015



PRESENTING SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Anshe Emet Synagogue
Anshe Sholom B'nai Israel
Congregation BJBE
Congregation KINS
Darchei Noam of Glenbrook

Kehilat Chovevei Zion
Lake Shore Drive Synagogue
Moriah Congregation
North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

Or Torah
Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob
Temple Beth El
Temple Shalom



ABOUT YONA:

Yona Brief, z"l, was a combat soldier and paramedic in the elite Duvdevan. He was critically wounded on the morning of October 7, 2023, in Kibbutz Kfar Aza. Yona was the youngest child, born to American parents who made Aliyah from San Francisco, California in 1995.

The story of Yona's injuries actually began in May 2023. During a mission with his unit, he was wounded in his legs by an explosive device that was thrown at him. After months of rehabilitation, and after he was offered the opportunity to be discharged from and complete his army service, he CHOSE to return to his unit. Yona rejoined his unit a month before the Swords or Iron War broke out.

On October 7, Yona was called up with his team to Kibbutz Kfar Aza. Working to evacuate civilians from the kibbutz, while simultaneously engaging in fierce battles with dozens of terrorists, his commander, who was also his good friend, was killed. While working to evacuate his wounded fellow soldiers, Yona was shot 13 times and was critically wounded. Evacuating Yona was an extremely complex operation, with many more encounters with terrorists until the helicopter was able to reach him and take him directly to Tel HaShomer hospital.

He was the first wounded soldier of this war to arrive at Tel HaShomer and since his arrival had been in the ICU. He was surrounded at all times by his family and friends who didn't leave his side for even a moment. During this time, Yona endured many difficult procedures and dozens of operations that included the amputation of both of his legs. All along, Yona suffered from severe persistent infections. Every day Yona fought to survive and did everything he possibly could in order to continue to live. After 14 months, 417 days, he succumbed to his wounds and passed away.

Yona loved life. He loved to travel, play his guitar, he loved to have fun and learn new things. He always had a smile on his face - literally from ear-to-ear - even during his time in the ICU. Yona was the glue that held his family and his friends together and connected us all.

**PLEASE REGISTER AT LEAST 2 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR EVENT DATE. NO COST TO ATTEND.
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