75 Years of WOMEN IN COMBAT

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Even before the creation of the country of Israel in 1948, israeli women served in combat roles in support of the British and then would later become big parts in the soon-to-be-created IDF. Women joined combat rank and platoon commanders in the Palmach and Haganah, working side by side with men.





In the 1994, Alice Miller stood up for openings women's roles in the army. She didn't pass army assignments and tests due to its level (it was the exact same for women and men). She then followed to protest and opened the gap and allowed for women to now be pilots. This broke the bridge for women in the

army.



In between the 1948-1990s, women were an essential part of the military, but the roles were limited non-combat roles. They were still incorporated in amazing ways, in cerebral roles such as training men, commanding, mathematical roles. There is a huge unit in the army called the "Chel Nashim" that lit up a spark in women to get an important part in the IDF.





In 2000, the door opened for women to be bigger roles in the army. As much as combat were needed, women were needed in training men, helping them, and preparing them for what they had to come. It was then allowed for women to enlist in the prestigious Moran, Meitar, amd Skyrider units in combats, leaders, and officers.



Today, women are seen in every field and unit. It is remarkable that a country surrounded by strict countries that don't allow women simple rights does allow amazing and incredible jobs and ranking in the army. Most even train and are in charge of men, preparing them for everything they need to know. The amazing opportunities given to women truly show what an inclusive and supportive country Israel is and it represents the incredible future the country has yet to come!







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