

## Biography: Gal Israeli

Gal Israeli was born in Jerusalem, Israel. His mother was born in Lithuania, his father was born in Jerusalem. Gal grew up in spending time in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. During his youth he was active on a professional swimming team and in the Israeli Scouts.

During high school Gal was involved in community service, he established a volunteer theatre troupe that performed among kindergartens to raise the awareness of ecological issues in Israel. During his junior and senior year he was involved in community action projects such as spending time with seniors and doing home repair. He also studied math and English at Hebrew University while in High School. Gal had the opportunity through his political activism to meet the former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Gal graduated from Boyer High school in 2007 majoring in Business management, Economics and Literature.

In 2008 Gal joined the Israel Defense Forces and served in a combat intelligence unit on the northern border of Israel. During his military service he was selected to come to the United States to represent Israel at Ramah New England where he served as a camp counselor and swimming instructor for two months. When he returned to Israel to complete the last six months of his military service he was selected to lecture to high school seniors about his personal experiences as a combat soldier in order to encourage students to serve in the IDF and combat units in particular.

Gal is currently working at the Jewish Federation of Peoria, in Peoria, Illinois. His responsibilities include presenting lectures in the community on topics such as the history of Israel and the Jewish people, Diversity in Israel, the IDF, Israeli culture, Judaism, Israeli politics, current events, and the Holocaust.



Gal can be contacted for speaking engagements by contacting The Jewish Federation of Peoria (309)689-0063 or [Gal@Jewishpeoria.org](mailto:Gal@Jewishpeoria.org). There is no fee for his services although donations are accepted.

