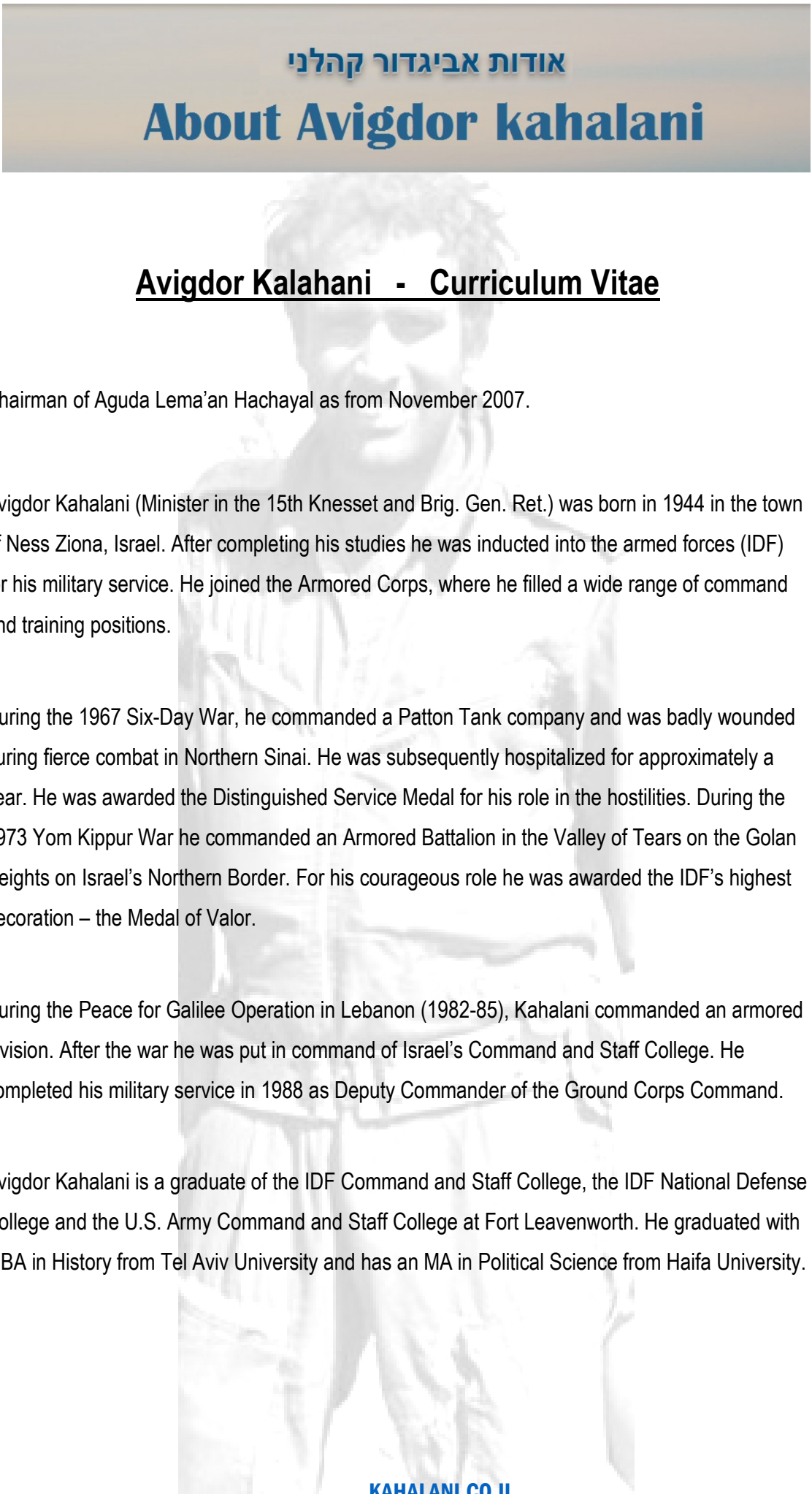




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Avigdor Kalahani - Curriculum Vitae

Chairman of Aguda Lema'an Hachayal as from November 2007.

Avigdor Kahalani (Minister in the 15th Knesset and Brig. Gen. Ret.) was born in 1944 in the town of Ness Ziona, Israel. After completing his studies he was inducted into the armed forces (IDF) for his military service. He joined the Armored Corps, where he filled a wide range of command and training positions.

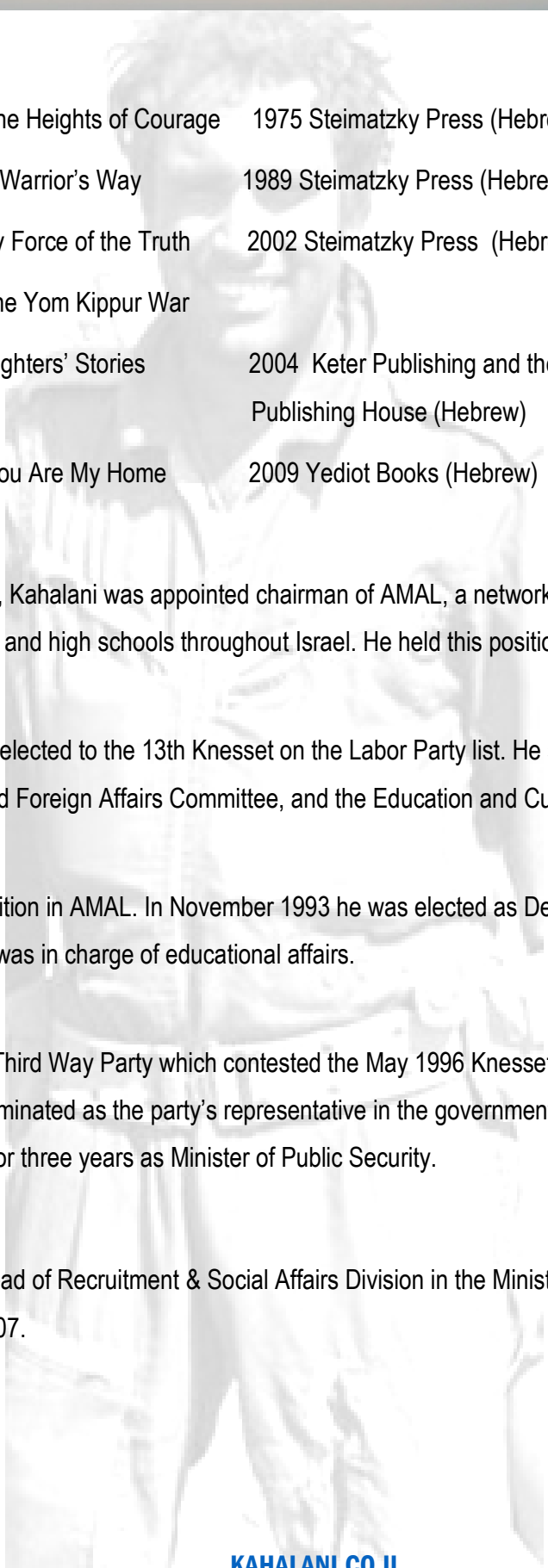
During the 1967 Six-Day War, he commanded a Patton Tank company and was badly wounded during fierce combat in Northern Sinai. He was subsequently hospitalized for approximately a year. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his role in the hostilities. During the 1973 Yom Kippur War he commanded an Armored Battalion in the Valley of Tears on the Golan Heights on Israel's Northern Border. For his courageous role he was awarded the IDF's highest decoration – the Medal of Valor.

During the Peace for Galilee Operation in Lebanon (1982-85), Kahalani commanded an armored division. After the war he was put in command of Israel's Command and Staff College. He completed his military service in 1988 as Deputy Commander of the Ground Corps Command.

Avigdor Kahalani is a graduate of the IDF Command and Staff College, the IDF National Defense College and the U.S. Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He graduated with a BA in History from Tel Aviv University and has an MA in Political Science from Haifa University.

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Published Books: The Heights of Courage	1975 Steimatzky Press (Hebrew and English)
A Warrior's Way	1989 Steimatzky Press (Hebrew and English)
By Force of the Truth	2002 Steimatzky Press (Hebrew)
The Yom Kippur War	
Fighters' Stories	2004 Keter Publishing and the Ministry of Defense Publishing House (Hebrew)
You Are My Home	2009 Yediot Books (Hebrew)

After leaving the army, Kahalani was appointed chairman of AMAL, a network of more than 50 technological colleges and high schools throughout Israel. He held this position until July 1993.

In 1992 Kahalani was elected to the 13th Knesset on the Labor Party list. He served on the Knesset's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee, and the Education and Culture Committee.

In 1993 he left his position in AMAL. In November 1993 he was elected as Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv Municipality and was in charge of educational affairs.

Kahalani headed the Third Way Party which contested the May 1996 Knesset elections and won four seats. He was nominated as the party's representative in the government formed after the elections. He served for three years as Minister of Public Security.

Kahalani served as head of Recruitment & Social Affairs Division in the Ministry of Defense from 2004 to November 2007.

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In November 2007, Kahalani was nominated as Chairman of the Aguda Lema'an Hachayal and maintains that position to this day.

Kahalani was awarded the President's Medal of Distinction in January 2014. The medal is Israel highest civilian honor.

Avigdor Kahalani and his wife Dalia live in Tel Aviv. They have three children and six grand children.

