

The Commander of the Nahal Brigade, Colonel (COL) Jonathan Steinberg HYD, was killed today (Saturday) during a confrontation with a terrorist adjacent to Kerem Shalom.

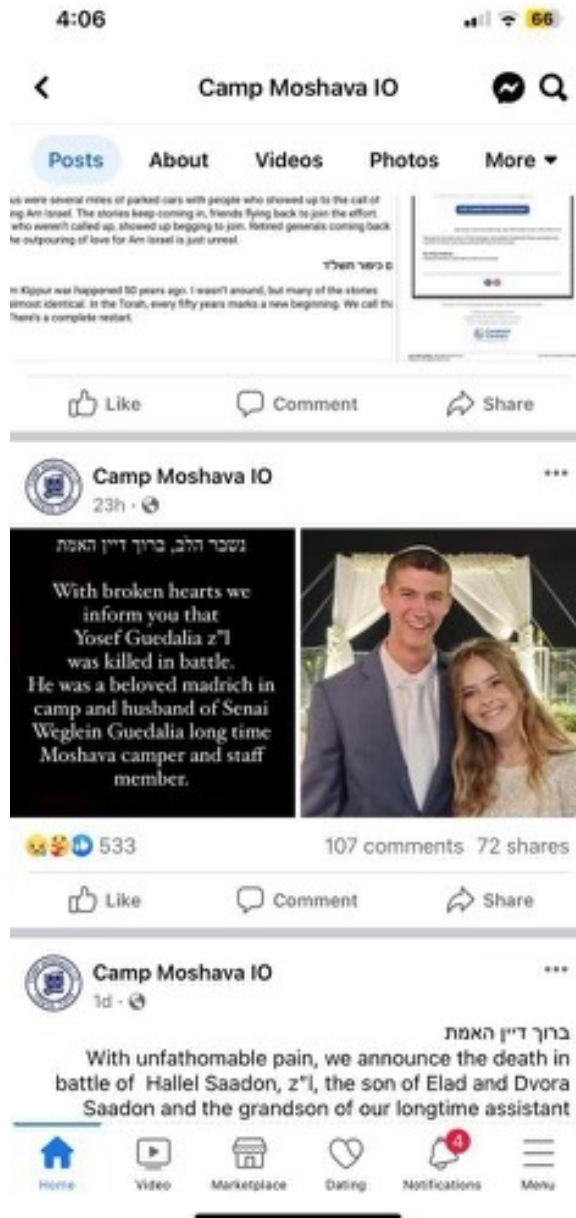
Jonathan Steinberg, 42 years old from Kibbutz Shomria, was on his way to an exchange of fire that his soldiers were engaged in with terrorists. On his way, he had a confrontation with a terrorist and was killed during an exchange of fire adjacent to Kerem Shalom. His family has been notified.

Sergeant First Class Yosef Malachi Guedalia, 22, from Jerusalem, HYD, will be laid to rest at the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery in Jerusalem on Wednesday evening. Sfc. Guedalia was among the IDF soldiers who fell while fighting to protect the civilians of southern Israel against Hamas terrorists on Saturday.

Yosef left behind a wife, parents, grandparents, four sisters, and two brothers. "Yosef, you were a lion, even in your last moments, you fought like a lion," said one of Yosef's commanders.

Yosef's wife, Sinai, eulogized her husband: "My Yossi, it's hard to know where to start. Nothing I say can encompass you in completion. There have been a lot of words going around, people telling me things. I want to focus on one word, an obvious one: Malachi, your middle name so apt. Early on in our relationship, I decided to call you by your full name, Yosef Malachi, you told me it felt too formal for you, another one of your beautiful traits, your modesty. I explained to you that Malachi was so right, I really did feel that you were an angel. But it was too much for you, so I agreed to think of a new nickname, hence Joseph, my Joseph. I know you're sending me strength because you always do, I know I could count on you. Joseph, I really need you right now. What's my life without you? People keep asking me what I need, and I say I don't know, but I do, I need you."

Yosef's brother remarked: "All the Jews around the world, come home, that's the only way to avenge Yosef's death."







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