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**IDF Military Colleges**

Dear Col Stephen William Rayson

We would like to welcome you and express our great appreciation for your visit to Israel.

As "People of the Book", we would like to present you a copy of *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev, a book that offers a reevaluation of the interweaving of seemingly unrelated events.

We see a great importance in viewing the Middle East as an intricate arena with many layers.

We wish you a productive visit and look forward to expanding our close cooperation.

Best Wishes,

**Major General Itai Veruv**Commandant of the Military Colleges  
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