MABAL Class 47 – 2019-20

TEAM 1

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Subject: Personal goals for Mabal attendance

I consider the participation to the 47th Mabal Class one of the highest points of my career as an officer in the Italian Air Force and, on a more global (and personal) level, of my life as a citizen of the world.

The opportunity to learn about Israel and its complex society, its role in the Middle East (and the whole world), and to discuss all of this with highly qualified instructors, teachers and colleagues coming from different nations and backgrounds is truly priceless.

My personal goals (list not necessarily in order of importance and probably not exhaustive) for this year are:

* Overall personal growth
* Gain knowledge about Israel (history, society, politics, culture, other…)
* Gan knowledge about the Middle East and the balance of power between countries in the region
* Gain a global perspective on defence strategy of countries in different part of the world, with focus on ME and Far East in relation to Europe and US
* Find new acquaintances/friendships both on a personal and professional level
* Learn Hebrew (to a B1/B2 CEFR level in speaking, writing and reading)
* Allow my family (wife and two kids, 20 and 10 years old) to also get a better understanding of this part of the world.

I see the chance to dedicate a whole year of my career to education without operational pressure/stress as a privilege my country is providing me with and I hope I will be able to use what I’ll learn in my future assignments.