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Former Head of the Ministry of Defense Security-Society Branch

Itshak Turgeman served as electronic engineer in a wide range of technical positions in the R&D unit of the IDF Intelligence Corps between 1975 and 2002 with his last position – Department head for electronics and production technology administration.

In 1999 one of the founders, leaders and administrative director until 2003 of the Atidim Program, established in order to assist youth with potential from developing towns in the periphery to acquire an academic education in engineering or the exact sciences within the framework of the IDF's academic reserve.

Since 2003 Head of the Ministry of Defense (M.O.D) Security-Society branch; 2004-2006 CEO "Friends of Atidim"; 2006-2007 President "Friends of Atidim"; since 2008 is Deputy General Director Promotion of Excellence, Rashi Foundation and in 2012 becomes a General Director of the Rashi Foundation, position that he held until 2016.

During his career Itshak Turgeman awarded with Israel Defense Prize (1988) - awarded by the President of the State of Israel to for activities that contributed the most significant contribution to the security of the State of Israel; Head of IDF Intelligence Prize for Creative Thinking (1999); Technion Honorary Fellowship (2003); Lions Israel's - Man of the Year in the field of education (2007).

Currently Itshak Turgeman is a Chairman of the Executive Committee of Ben Shemen Youth Village; member of the Executive Committee and Co-Founder of Israel Living Lab Smart Mobility; member of the Executive Committee of Technion - Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa; member of the University Council – Open University; member of the Board of Directors - SCE-Sami Shamon Academic College of Engineering; member of the General Assembly - Friends of Atidim; member of the Executive Committee – Shetufim - Strategies For Social Impact; member of the Executive Committee - Ma'ase Center Association; member and Executive Committee - Knowledge Tech and member of the Steering Committee in Madaney Haatid - Future scientists for the gifted and outstanding children.

Itshak Turgeman obtained B.Sc. in electrical engineering and M.B.A. from Ben Gurion University of the Negev and M.A. in quality assurance and reliability from the Technion in Haifa.

