

The name of the director of the Tzuriel Midrasha in Ashdod, who was accused of impersonating another person and receiving fraudulently under aggravated circumstances, was released. Among other things, Ben Menachem disguised himself as an officer who fought in Operation Tzuk Eitan in order to maintain romantic relationships and sexual relations with many women

The Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that Yinon Ben-Menachem, 38, the [director of Midreshet Tzuriel in Ashdod](#), is the director of the Midrasha, accused of fraudulently accepting fraudulent acts and impersonating the other. children, [Posing since 2009](#) another person, under a fictional character named Iontn Ahron, in order to maintain romantic relationships and sex. among other things, the accused posed as IDF officer who fought a rock.

So far, over [ten women who gave their testimony to the police](#) have complained against Ben Menachem , four of whom were confronted with him about two weeks ago. "The aggravating circumstances are reflected in the scope of the defendant's actions, the systematic nature and the multiplicity of cases," the indictment states. Judge Salim Jubran noted in the decision that "a well-known rule is that when the indictment is filed, the balancing point changes on the question of publication, and the rule is the publication of the accused's name."

Menahem is attributed six counts of fraudulently accepting aggravated circumstances, and another charge of impersonating another. The indictment further alleges that for the purpose of impersonation the defendant created fake profiles on Facebook and dating sites, and through them he managed relationships with many women from all over the country without knowing each other. He introduced himself as a secular bachelor who lives in Ramat Gan without children, and as CEO of the company "Point Point", which is in business relations with the security authorities, including the Shin Bet and the Mossad.

In addition, the Defendant claimed that he was a reserve officer with the rank of Major, and in this framework he participated in military operations such as Shuvu Achim and Tzuk Eitan. He even told the women that he had fought in the Gaza Strip during the operation, and even told them that he was wounded during the fighting there and needed lengthy treatment. He also claimed that he was taking part in operations by the Ministry of Defense and the army, and therefore was not available for frequent meetings. The defendant impersonated this figure in order to deceive dozens of women, and to make them have romantic relationships with him, while having full sex.



Yinon Ben Menachem. "Told the women that he was wounded during the fighting in Gaza and needed prolonged treatment."

Thus, for example, according to the indictment, in May last year the defendant created a contact under his false identity, with a divorced woman and a mother of a child from the center of the country, through the acquaintances' meeting site. "Until July 2015, and based on the false representation, the defendant had a romantic relationship with the woman, in which the defendant often promised her a marriage and that they would have children together," the indictment states. "The Defendant met with her once every two weeks, and as part of their relationship, starting from 2015, they even had consensual sex," he noted.

The indictment also alleges that the Defendant claimed in order to deceive the complainant that he had to change Pelephone's numbers due to his work, and that he was looking for an apartment in his neighborhood because he was interested in "being close to her." During the Operation Tzuk Eitan, the defendant arrived at the apartment of the complainant dressed in IDF uniform, wearing the insignia of a major, and stayed overnight in her apartment, complaining of the defendant's fate during the operation.

Attorney Ariel Atari said in response: "The publication of the defendant's details does not change the basic fact that he did not commit any offense and that the indictment was submitted with extreme discretion and puts any man or woman who ever lied to their spouses on the way to bed."

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The affair was revealed in "Israel Hayom" newspaper, where dozens of women were reported to have been charged by the director of the Midrasha, a married man with children. According to them, he posed as a fictitious profile on the dating sites of "Tzuk Eitan" and a major in the paratroopers, distributing to those women who are thirsty for the relationship, promises without cover for marriage and the establishment of a family. Last Wednesday morning he was arrested at his parents' home in Ashdod on suspicion of impersonating another person with the intent of fraud, rape and sodomy. He was later extended several times.

Ben Menachem, who is married again and has two children, grew up in Ashdod and currently lives in Jerusalem. In recent years, he has served as the director general of Midreshet Tsurriel, an established and respected educational institution in Ashdod founded by his mother, Shuli Ben Menachem, more than 20 years ago.

The Midrasha serves as a center for the deepening of Judaism through classes in schools in the city of

Ashdod and operates as part of the Association for Centers for the Enhancement of Judaism. It is considered one of the largest Jewish identity centers in the country and has about 65,000 students every year. In addition, the Midrasha provides seminars on faith and Judaism for religious elementary schools across the country, as part of the Midrasha. The Midrasha employs service girls alongside paid instructors, and they are responsible for distributing and imparting the values of the Midrasha in Ashdod and elsewhere.

In his role as director general of the Midrasha, Ben-Menachem has become a well-known educational figure among young men and women in religious Zionism, hundreds of whom are exposed every year to his fascinating lectures, in seminars and seminars he conducts throughout the country. calls also deal with issues such as the strength of the manufacturer, the importance of maintaining the touch, and the relationship modest gender. teenage girls from many exposed many times the activity of Ben Menachem, interested, later also to reach and serve the college considered as premium beers and quality.

years of service at the college manages , And the hundreds of girls who listened in a seminar And his religious and moral advice, are still overwhelmed by the suspicions against the admired educational figure, who find it hard to digest how those who believed in values and morals now appear to have been accused of mistrusting many women. .