



“Iron Swords”



Matan Falach

Matan's Life motto:
Do good, it will be good!

First Sergeant Matan Falah, born in 2003, is single and lives in Hod Hasharon. Matan served in the Nachal Brigade, went through a commander's course, fought as a coms specialist to the company commander. He then served as the commander of a medical squad in the 932 Battalion, which was one of the first infantry battalions to enter Gaza on foot in the Iron Swords War. His younger brother enlisted, while Matan was fighting in Gaza, to the same brigade, the same battalion, and the same company as Matan.

Matan fought for about a month in the north of the Gaza Strip, with a paramedic and three medics under his command, who were an integral part of every attack carried out by the force. While the company was staying in the Palestine Square area, Matan stayed with the paramedic and two other fighters protecting and guarding Gazan prisoners they had captured. Suddenly they spotted a terrorist who was headed to attack the rest of their company that were close by clearing a building. Matan went out with the paramedic to flank the terrorist before he attacked the company, encountered the terrorist, and was hit by a bullet. Matan was indeed injured, but thereby saved the lives of the other fighters who did not know about the terrorist who was on his way to attack them.

Matan is currently in daily rehabilitation, is being treated for trauma with horseback riding, and dreams of finishing his rehabilitation and fulfilling the dreams he had before the war.

