Congregation Shaarei Zedeck in Clinton, MA, was happy to welcome fellow Clinton resident Dr. Ehud Eilam to speak in April, 2024 about Israel's national security. His extensive expertise in this subject matter was evident in his talk. Although he lightly touched upon some political aspects of the current Gaza conflict, his focus was much more on the military perspective of Israel's current security needs. In particular, he gave an incisive overview of the changing nature of Israel's security challenges, describing the transition between fighting surrounding established nation-states in the past to fighting Iranian proxies such as Hamas and Hezbollah and guerillas in the West Bank in the present.

In the extensive question-and-answer period Dr. Eilam provided valuable context and thoughtful, clear, and well-reasoned responses. It was reassuring that his obviously well-informed overall evaluation is that Israel is up to the task of defending itself and its continued existence is not in question.

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