New army chief ‘knows where the IDF needs to go’

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Col. (res.) Dr. Hanan Shai: Unlike others in recent decades, he is a graduate of a command training program that was founded after “Operation Peace for Galilee” [the First Lebanon War], under the sponsorship of Dan Shomron [the 13th IDF chief of staff]. This program was created as a response to the realization that the IDF’s level of command professionalism was very low.

Zamir is the last officer who was trained under the original IDF doctrinal framework” and therefore has the knowledge and ability to lead the military back to a warfighting doctrine focused on the overarching goal of decisive victory. This, therefore, is his big advantage. He knows where the IDF needs to go, and more important, he knows how to get it there.

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