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[Photo-Archive:] Photographs of an Israeli Soldier and Israeli Defense Forces Operations in the Field, circa 1956-1973

[Israel: circa 1956-1973]

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An archive consisting of 60 loose black & white snapshots and related photographs of an Israeli soldier and the military operations of an Israeli Defense Force (IDF) armored brigade in the field, spanning the years from 1959 through the mid-1970s. The collection includes images taken during the 1967 Six Day War and 1973 Yom Kippur War, and other IDF military operations. Also included are images of various bands of armed men dating back to 1959, most of whom are informally dressed and armed with rifles (rather than Uzi submachine guns which most Israeli soldiers were armed with).

The collection contains an Israeli ID card of a young man issued in 1958, presumably the photographer, who served in an armored brigade, along with a snapshot of a woman in uniform dating from the same period, and 3 or 4 family photographs taken in Eastern Europe, one of which shows a young boy and father at a family grave in Poland. Although we have not been able to clearly identify the photographer, the image of the headstone in Poland records the name of one Josef Sadek who died in 1956.

The collection is roughly divided into three lots, the first consisting of 21 prints dating from 1959 – circa 1960; a second lot of 33 prints dating from the 1960s – mid-1970s (including 1 color print of IDF soldiers assigned to a bulldozer); and a third lot of 6 personal prints (including the ID card). A few prints are captioned on the back in Hebrew, all in near fine condition. An intriguing collection featuring many compelling images of Israeli tank crews and individual soldiers, documenting in particular the ethnic diversity of the men, and their high morale.

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