



YOM KIPPUR WAR

מלחמת יום כיפור



On Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, Israel was taken by surprise in 1973 when Egyptian and Syrian armies attacked the thinly-manned Israeli front lines. As the IDF quickly mobilized hundreds of thousands of soldiers, the situation was so bleak that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reportedly told Prime Minister Golda Meir that he was not certain Israel would survive the war. US President Nixon authorized sending military supplies to Israel, helping turn the tide of events as the IDF encircled the Egyptian army. By the time a ceasefire took effect, 2,688 Israeli soldiers had died, and more than 9,000 were wounded.