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Largest U.S.-Israel Military Exercise Held

The IDF and U.S. EUCOM (United States European Command) combined exercise, "Juniper Cobra 16," whose goal is to improve the cooperation and coordination between the forces and to improve readiness for defense from ballistic missiles, officially began Sunday. According to the Israeli Air Force (IAF), during the course of the exercise, over 1,700 soldiers from the U.S. will participate together with the IDF in addressing computer simulated challenges that Israel could face. The JC (Juniper Cobra) exercise which has been held biennially since 2001 is a large scale training exercise which is considered the peak of the U.S. Armed Forces and Israeli Aerial Defense Division's cooperative relations. Throughout the exercise, Americans and Israelis together, shoulder to shoulder will simulate war, exercise, debrief and draw conclusions. The exercise, which commenced with a celebratory ceremony, will simulate a week of war. "In this exercise, you can see the full architecture that builds the active defense world. This exercise is a significant mile-stone in the strategic relationship between the two countries, a security alliance unmatched by any other country in the world," exclaimed Brig.-Gen. Zvika Haimovich, Aerial Defense Division Commander.