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Seated: (l. to r.): Prof. Stuart Cohen, Prof. Shmuel Sandler, Dr. Hillel Frisch, Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Dr. Ron Schleiffer

Standing: (l. to r.): Dr. Mordechai Kedar, Maj. Gen. (res.) Avraham Rotem, Prof. Efraim Inbar, Dr. Gil Feiler, Dr. Jonathan Fox, Dr. Shlomo Shpiro, Dr. Amikam Nachmani, Col. (res.) Dr. Danny Shoham.

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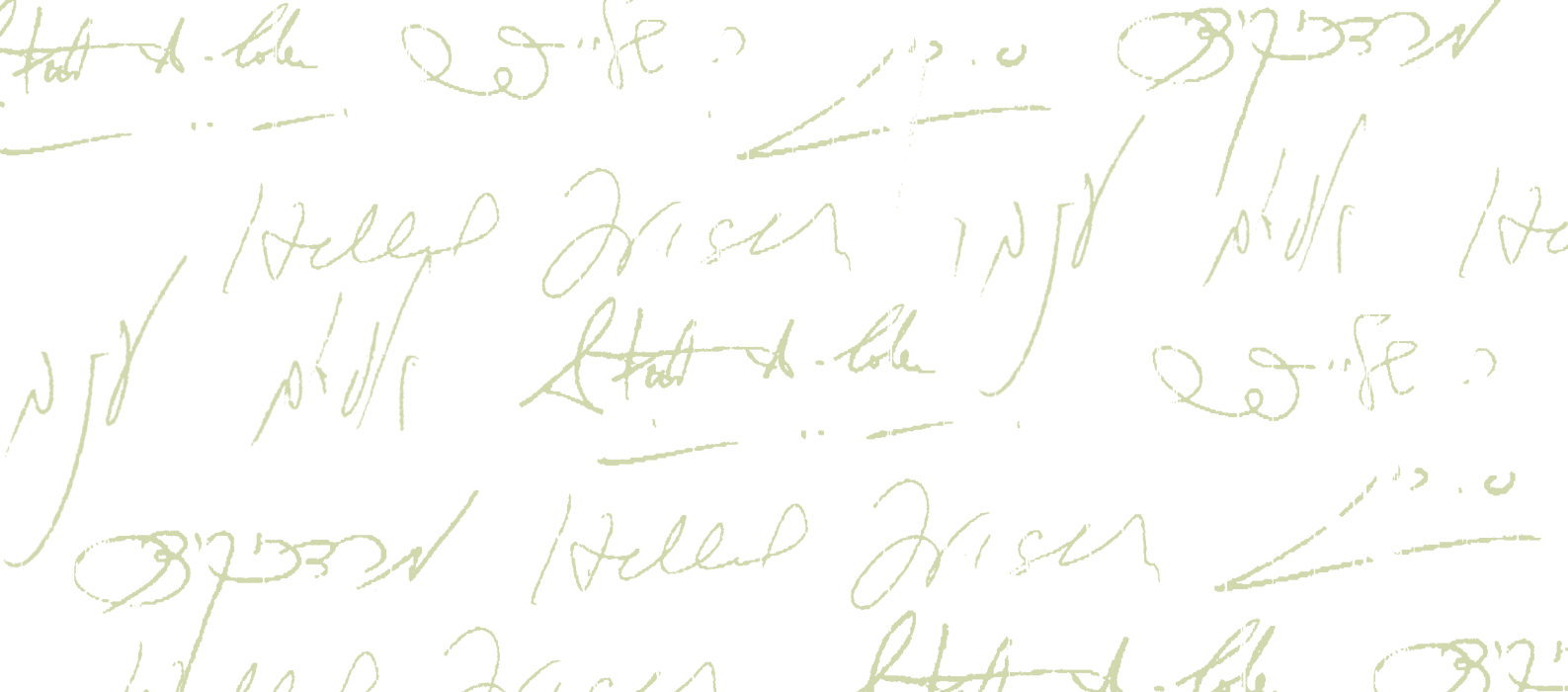
Dr. Zeev Bonen is considered the founding father of Israel's military industries. For forty years, he was president and director-general of Rafael, the weapons development authority of the Israeli Ministry of Defense. He specializes in weapons technologies and military strategies, and the defense industries. (Ph.D. Cambridge U.)

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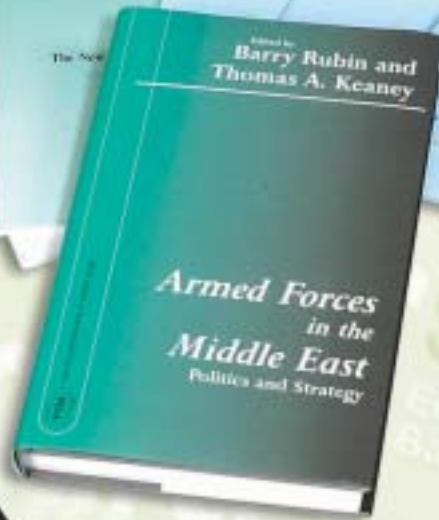
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