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CISO | Cyber Educator | Creator

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior Information Security Officer (CISO) bridging the gap between high-stakes technical defense and human-centric leadership. Currently managing security for a global SaaS organization (SysAid) with deep expertise in **GRC, AI Security, and Cloud Defense**.

Unlike traditional security leaders, I bring a unique multidisciplinary approach: combining the strategic rigor of an **Executive**, the clarity of an **Educator**, and the storytelling ability of a **Creator** to build security cultures that actually work.

Security Executive

- GRC Strategy (ISO, SOC2)
- AI Security Governance
- Cloud Security Architecture

Cyber Educator

- Training & Mentorship
- "Zero to Hero" Program
- Public Speaking

Creative Strategist

- Security Awareness
- Crisis Communication
- Cross-Functional Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SysAid

Netanya, Israel

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

March 2024 – Present

- **Executive Leadership:** Managing the entire information security posture for a leading ITSM SaaS company, directly managing a team of **11 security professionals**.
- **GRC & Compliance Authority:** Leading all Governance, Risk, and Compliance efforts. Successfully managing audits for ISO 27001, SOC2, and GDPR, serving as the primary liaison for privacy authorities.
- **AI Security Strategy:** Spearheading the security framework for "Agentic AI" integration, defining guardrails for AI tools to ensure safe innovation while mitigating data leakage risks.
- **Incident Response (IR):** Orchestrating enterprise-wide risk assessments and leading the Incident Response team during critical security events.
- **Secure Culture:** Transformed organizational awareness by implementing engaging, narrative-driven training programs that increased employee compliance.

Maccabi Health Care Services

Tel Aviv, Israel

Head of Cyber Defense & Engineering

Jan 2016 – Dec 2023

- **Large-Scale Team Management:** Managed a diverse technical division of **17 employees**, overseeing security architecture and operations for a massive enterprise (2M+ users, thousands of endpoints).
- **Operational Excellence:** Built and led the security operations team, mentoring junior engineers and fostering a security-first culture across a complex, heterogeneous environment.
- **Strategic Defense:** Architected defense-in-depth strategies and led enterprise vulnerability management, prioritizing remediation across critical infrastructure.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP & PROJECTS

Founder & Lead Instructor | "From Zero to Hero in 24 Weeks"

2025 – Present

- Developed and delivered a comprehensive cybersecurity career program, translating complex concepts (CISSP, Risk Mgmt) into accessible lessons for aspiring professionals.
- *Impact:* Demonstrates ability to simplify complex technical topics—a key skill for executive reporting and board presentations.

Author & Content Creator

- **Children's Literature:** Author of books on smart finance and anti-bullying.
- **Visual Storytelling:** Creator of "Being Russian in Israel," a project exploring cultural identity.
- *Relevance:* These projects hone my ability to craft compelling narratives, essential for influencing organizational culture and stakeholder buy-in.

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & LANGUAGES

- **Certifications:** CISSP (ISC²), CISM (ISACA), AWS Certified Solutions Architect, CCSK (CSA).
- **Core Domains:** GRC, Cloud Security (AWS/Azure), AI Governance, Privacy Law (GDPR/CCPA), Risk Management, Secure SDLC.
- **Languages:** Hebrew (Fluent), Russian (Native), English (Fluent).
- **Education:** B.Sc. in Computer & Information Systems Security, ITMO University.

"1987 Model, Personal Import" – Combining Professional Excellence with Human Authenticity.