Day in the Life: Niv Polani

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6:45

The alarm on my iPhone goes off and signals it's time to leave my bed and start the day. **Right away, I check the latest news alerts and emails.**

7:00

I make a fresh pot of coffee and fix myself toast with honey.

7:30

I hand my dog, Pablo, one of his favorite treats, grab my water bottle, and get into my car to head to the office, taking the highway during rush hour.

8:30

Once in the office, **I have a preliminary meeting with my team to assess today's challenges and to delegate tasks.**

9:30

I have back-to-back meetings with the senior management and the board of directors. The topics of discussion are always subject to change, but **today the main issue is a major IPO of our credit card company and risk management.**

13:30

Lunch. **Today, I have time to walk across the street and grab a nutritious lunch** — freshly grilled chicken breast, Mediterranean salad, and rice.

14:30

My team is devoted to handling Bank Hapoalim B.M.'s global projects and joint ventures. This requires me to spend quite a lot of time on the phone with foreign law firms and other service providers to make sure **I have the right professionals on my team when I try to advance one of our projects or joint ventures, such as E Wallet or fintech.**

17:00

I try to devote some time to jot down some of my thoughts/ideas/to-dos after a busy work day to make sure I don't miss anything that was on my mind during the day.

18:00

I have a few conference calls and meetings with the management team of the **ACC Israel Chapter**, discussing the relevant points that are on the agenda. **Currently, we are in the process of organizing the chapter's annual summit**, something which naturally takes a lot of time and attention from all of us.

21:00

I arrive home and am greeted by Pablo. **I snack on something light for dinner before taking him for a long (and deserved) walk to the park.**

22:00

I catch up with the latest news on TV and try to watch a bit of the football match. **I'm rooting for Arsenal, UK — my favorite team.**

23:00

I go to bed and prepare for whatever challenges tomorrow may bring.

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