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For more than 7 years, Ofir serves as Deputy Director General in the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration and heading the Policy Planning and budget department. Prior to taking this position, Ofir was a Senior Manager in this department and in total Ofir is in the ministry for more than 10 years. Ofir is leading various governmental programs of integration in Israel mainly from the Policy Evaluation and Making aspects.

Ofir attends conferences regarding integration in various frameworks, including on a ministerial level such as G2G conference (Berlin,2016).

Between 2007 and 2009, he worked in London as an economist handling acquisitions and business development for a Private Equity property holdings firm.

In 2006, Ofir successfully joined the competitive interns' program in the EU's European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

Ofir has a Master's Degree Summa cum Laude in Public Policy from IDC Herzliya. From Tel Aviv University, he has another Master's Degree Magna cum Laude in Diplomacy Studies from the Faculty of Political Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Management. During his B.A studies, Ofir was selected to represent Tel-Aviv University for one semester at Venice International University.

Ofir is married with three children. He lives in Kiryat Ono where he was born and raised. He is an extreme sports fan and loves skiing, scuba diving and rock climbing.