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Prof. Miki Malul was born and raised in Dimona. Following his military service, he worked as a contractor at a plastic bottle manufacturing factory in Yeruham. After being laid off, he pursued higher education at BGU earning a bachelor's and two master's degrees in economics, all with honors. His doctoral research focused on location decisions and economic efficiency in regional systems, and he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Cornell University.

In 2005, Prof. Malul joined BGU's Department of Administration and Public Policy, where he served as department head. He was recently appointed Chairman of the Ministry of Science and Technology Grants Committee and has advised multiple Negev development initiatives, including the IDF. His research, with over 50 publications in international journals, explores economic policy in labor markets, regional development, wage disparities, and the impact of education on economic growth.

Prof. Malul served as the Dean of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management and as of December 2024, was appointed as Head of Presidential Strategy for Vision and Negev Development. His life experiences shape his belief that higher education is key to economic growth and reducing socio-economic disparities.