



The Mattot Arim Report:

Achievements Of Right-Wing Representatives In Knesset And Government

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Table 1: Most Active Elected Officials (Male)

(for details – see Table 3)

Name	Party	Achievements
Asst. Foreign Minister Zeev Elkin	Likud	60
Minister Naftali Bennett	Bayit Hayehudi	57
Knesset Member Moshe Feiglin	Likud	55
Minister Yisroel Katz	Likud	50
Knesset Member Yoni Chetboun	Bayit Hayehudi	49
Asst. Minister <u>Ofir Akunis</u>	Likud	47
Coalition Head Yariv Levin	Likud	47
Knesset Member Nissan Slomiansky	Bayit Hayehudi	47
Knesset Member <u>Mordhay Yogev</u>	Bayit Hayehudi	44
Deputy Minister Danny Danon	Likud	40
Minister Uri Ariel	Bayit Hayehudi	40

Table 2: Most Active Elected Officials (Female)

(for details – see Table 3)

Name	Party	Points
Knesset Member Orit Strock	Bayit Hayehudi	60
Asst. Minister Tzipi Hotevely	Likud	47
Knesset Member Ayelet Shaked	Bayit Hayehudi	42
Knesset Member <u>Shuli Moalem-Refaeli</u>	Bayit Hayehudi	39
Knesset Member Gila Gamliel	Likud	32
Minister <u>Sofa Landver</u>	Likud Baytenu	22
Deputy Minister <u>Fania Kirshenbaum</u>	Likud Baytenu	22
Knesset Member Miri Regev	Likud	22

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Table 3

Introduction

Past experience has shown that it is useful to compile a report comparing levels of activity of elected officials. The main purpose: **To encourage active legislators** by enabling the electorate to identify those who are carrying their own weight by striving for national achievements. In contrast, several legislators are characterized by a minimum of activity; this is exactly the behavior that disappoints Right-wing voters.

In this report, we summarize initial successes of the government. In addition, we have focused on several situations that permit elected officials to be compared to one another. For example, we report two unsuccessful votes, each of which failed because of a small number of votes that were missing (three votes short in the case of transferring the Negev to the Bedouin and four votes short in determining the members of the committee to appoint judges).

We also reviewed three major issues of the period in order to determine who made supporting statements and who showed indifference by remaining on the sidelines. The issues chosen included: Palestinian Statehood of course, releasing terrorists and freezing (building)

Results

A. Achievements:

Half a year has passed, and several adroit representatives have already managed to reach achievements in issues that unify the national camp. Some 100 representatives have not as yet attained any legislative achievements.

Danny Danon: Improved statements of government policy: Instead of "Israel is in favor of a Palestinian State", "Views in Israel about a Palestinian State are divided." Commentary in leading world newspapers:

Zeev Elkin: As Asst. Foreign Minister he explained that a Palestinian State is a controversial subject – in policy meetings with the Pope, the German Development and Cooperation Minister, the President of Rwanda, the Asst. Chairman of the Lithuanian Parliament and other Lithuanian government representatives, and the Foreign Ministers of: the European Union, the Ukraine, Holland, New Zealand, China, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Russia, and others.

"Bogie" Ya'alon: Plans have been made for future building (not at this time) of a relatively small number of housing units in Itamar, Bruchin and Bet-El (several hundred units). In addition, building plans for a small number of units have been made for Sansena, a community in Southern Har Chevron. Sensena was even approved by the government about six months ago and the plans were published as required by law. The Yeshiva in Har Bracha also received back its designation as a "Hesdar (military) Yeshiva." The State is preparing to authorize a small number of outposts <http://www.haaretz.co.il/news/politics/1.2021162> Attempts to expose the connection between UNWRA and the terrorist organizations. Modest reduction in terrorism on the highways.

Naftali Bennett: A decision in the appropriate government forum that any negotiations with the Palestinian Authority should be discussed – instead of the Israeli government immediately acquiescing without waiting for the eventual disagreements that will become apparent afterwards.

Yoni Chetboun: Strong ideological statements during Obama's visit. Also, the "Jenin Jenin" Law forbidding slander against IDF soldiers passed its initial reading.

Gideon Sa'ar: The Knesset approved the recommendation introduced by Interior Minister Saar, concerning the extension of the limitations on “family unification” because of security concerns.

Moshe Feiglin: His speech “Where is the money?” explained that he had "found" 453 billion NIS wasted by pro-Palestinian policy makers. 30,000 hits on Youtube.

Ofir Akunis: In the name of the Prime Minister, as government representative, consistently emphasized from the Knesset podium that there is no “occupation” because all of the land is ours.

Yariv Levin and Orit Struk: Blocked initiative to authorize a security base for the Palestinian Secret Service overlooking Route 443. Also: promise from the Legal Advisor of Judea and Samaria that Jewish residents who act in accordance with the “Boaz Dromi” Law pertaining to self defense – will not be prosecuted.

Yisrael Katz: In comparison to other ministers, the Transportation Minister is making a sincere effort, within his area of responsibility, to overcome neglect and poor infrastructure in Judea and Samaria.

Mordechai Yogev: Modest reduction in statistics for terror on the roads (as a result of his activity as the chairman of the Judea and Samaria subcommittee in the Security and Foreign Relations Committee.)

Yuli Edelstein: Radical pro-Palestinian artist Yair Garbuz caused a tempest when he demanded that his paintings be returned by the Knesset. Instead of being embarrassed, the Knesset Chairman immediately replaced the painting with those of another artist, Mordecai Lipkin (immigrant from Russia, resident of Gush Etzion, murdered by villains.)

B. Failure: Only three votes (40 – 43) were lacking – 1st reading of a law transferring much of the Negev to the Bedouin was passed

Knesset members' functioning:

High Level –

Moshe Feiglin – voted against. Orit Struk lobbied to minimize damage from the law. Supported the law but were key to minimizing the damage: Uri Ariel (prepared an agreement document) and Zeev Elkin (opposition within the ruling party – Likud).

Middle Level –

Naftali Bennett, Yariv Levin, Ophir Akunis, Miri Regev, Ayelet Shaked and Zevulun Kalfa: Voted in favor of the law but helped minimize damage from the law that could have been much worse.

Opposition members who voted against: Yakov Asher, Moshe Gafni, Uri Maklev, David Azoulay, Aryeh Deri, Yitzchak Vaknin, Nissim Zev, Meshulam Nehari.

Coalition members who abstained or did not participate: Silvan Shalom, Avigdor Liberman, Sofa Landver, Yitzchak Aharonovitch, Tzipi Hotovely, Fania Kirshenbaum, Haim Katz, David Rotem, Yuval Steinitz, Tzachi Hanegbi, Gila Gamliel, Nissan Slomiansky and Avi Wortzman.

Third Level –

Voted for but supported faction decision to minimize damage from law: Uri Orbach, Eli Ben-Dahan, Mordechai Yogev, Shuli Moalem-Refaeli and Yoni Chetboun.

Fourth (lowest) Level –

Opposition members who did not bother to vote against: Ariel Atias, Yitzchak Cohen, Amnon Cohen, Yakov Margi, Avraham Michaeli, Eliyahu Yishai, Yakov Litzman, Meir Porush, Menachem Moses and Israel Eichler.

Voted in Favor: Yuli Edelstein, Shimon Ohayon, Robert Ilatov, Ofir Akunis Gilad Erdan, Danny Danon, Boogi Ya'alon, Yisrael Katz, Limor Livnat, Orli Levy, Dr. Uzi Landau, Gideon Sa'ar, Hamad Amar, Ruby Rivlin, Yair Shamir.

Policy Statements that preserve the National Camp's Red Lines

C. Against Palestinian State

Boogie Ya'alon, Dr. Yair Shamir, Dr. Uzi Landau, Yisroel Katz, Danny Danon, Ofir Akunis, Tzipi Hotovely, Yariv Levin, Ruby Rivlin, Naftali Bennett, Uri Ariel, Orit Struk, Nissan Slomiansky, Mordhay Yogev.

We are saddened that Dr. Yuval Steinitz and Gilad Erdan spoke in favor of a Palestinian State – this is a disappointment. As Gilad Erdan himself said so superbly about Sharon: “ It begins with a Palestinian State, continues with a withdrawal and a transfer of Jews, and soon we will wake up to a division of Jerusalem”. (Maariv, 12/26/2003).

All of the other Members of the Knesset did not express themselves either against or in favor

D. Against Terrorist Release

Elected officials who made public statements:

Haim Katz, Yariv Levin, Gila Gamliel, Danny Danon, Shimon Ohayon, Yisrael Katz, Miri Regev, Naftali Bennett, Eli Ben-Dehan, Yoni Chetboun, Shuli Moalem-Refaeli, Mordhay Yogev, Zevulun Kalfa, Ayelet Shaked, Orit Strock, Nissan Slomiansky, Avraham Michaeli, Yakov Margi, Nissim Zev, Israel Eichler, Robert Ilatov.

E. Opposed Building Freeze in Jerusalem and/or Judea and Samaria

Elected officials who made public statements:

Avigdor Liberman, Yisrael Katz, Gilad Erdan, Silvan Shalom, Danny Danon, Zeev Elkin, Ophir Akunis, Tzipi Hotovely, Moshe Feiglin, Naftali Bennett, Ayelet Shaked, Mickey Levy, Avraham Michaeli, Meir Porush, Ariel Atias, Nissan Slomiansky, Orit Struk.

F. Failure: Increase in The Power of the Left to influence the appointment of Judges

In a vote of the committee to appoint judges, Yitzchak Cohen (Shas), considered part of the Left Wing of Shas, defeated David Rotem, a Rightist, by four votes (61 vs. 65).

The vote was secret but we have identified three of the 4 Knesset members who caused the damage: Gilad Erdan, Danny Danon and Yitzchak Aharonovitch –all of whom did not vote.

G. Visited the Temple Mount

Zeev Elkin, Uri Ariel, Tzipi Hotovely, Shuli Moalem-Refaeli, Moshe Feiglin

Results – Numerical summary

	Total	Achieved Proactive Result	Defended The Negev	Opposed Palestinian State	Opposed Release of Terrorists	Opposed Freeze	Reducing Left's Influence on Judiciary	Visite Temp Moun
Likud								
Avigdor Liberman	32	0	7	5	0	10	10	0
Gideon Sa'ar	25	10	0	5	0	0	10	0
Yair Shamir	20	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Gilad Erdan	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Silvan Shalom	32	0	7	5	0	10	10	0
Uzi Landau	20	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Yisrael Katz	50	10	0	10	10	10	10	0
Danny Danon	40	10	0	10	10	10	0	0
Sofa Landver	22	0	7	5	0	0	10	0
Ruby Rivlin	20	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
Moshe Yaalon	30	10	0	10	0	0	10	0
Yitzchak Aharonovitch	12	0	7	5	0	0	0	0
Zeev Elkin	60	10	10	10	0	10	10	10
Tzipi Hotovely	47	0	7	10	0	10	10	10
Orli Levy	15	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Yariv Levin	47	10	7	10	10	0	10	0
Yuli Edelstein	25	10	0	5	0	0	10	0
Fania Kirshenbaum	22	0	7	5	0	0	10	0
Haim Katz	32	0	7	5	10	0	10	0
Miri Regev	22	0	7	5	0	0	10	0
David Rotem	22	0	7	5	0	0	10	0
Moshe Feiglin	55	10	10	5	0	10	10	10
Yuval Steinitz	17	0	7	0	0	0	10	0
Robert Ilatov	25	0	0	5	10	0	10	0
Tzachi Hanegbi	22	0	7	5	0	0	10	0
Limor Livnat	15	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Hamad Amar	15	0	0	5	0	0	10	0
Ofir Akunis	47	10	7	10	0	10	10	0
Gila Gamliel	32	0	7	5	10	0	10	0
Shimon Ohayon	25	0	0	5	10	0	10	0