

2018 Mattot Arim Achievement Report: "Some MKs achieve far more than others"

The 2018 Mattot Arim Achievement Report chronicles achievements of Israeli ministers and Knesset Members -- from a right-wing perspective. The purpose of the Mattot Arim report is to help right-wing voters understand how well they have been served, each term, by each legislator and minister.

Are all Knesset members created equal?

The 2018 Mattot Arim Achievement Report, as in previous years, found large discrepancies between the energy levels and executive abilities of Israel's leaders. Some MKs and ministers achieved far more than others, the report found.

About 10% of the National Camp's elected leaders were found to be top-achievers, each garnering 40 or more achievements.

However, the achievers were the exception rather than the rule. In sharp contrast, almost 70% of the National Camp's elected leaders had 10 or less achievements.

Moreover, 20% of Knesset members managed to earn only a single achievement -- or earned none (0 achievement).

The Mattot Arim reports hit prime time television news in 2012, when it was reported that a well-known Likud politician, Dan Meridor, appeared to have earned no achievements at all. Subsequently, Meridor was ousted from the Knesset by the Likud electorate.

First place to one of Israel's youngest ministers

For the current Knesset and government term, slated to end in November 2019, the first place in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report, by a wide margin, was earned by a woman who is also one of Israel's youngest ministers -- Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked (78 achievements).

Minister Shaked, on her Facebook page: **"It is a great honor for me to be in the first place ...in the Mattot Arim report....it's good someone is keeping tabs on what elected officials are actually doing"**.

Tourism Minister Yariv Levin, who came in number 2, commented on his Facebook page that he was "proud to be second in the list of ministers and Knesset members working for the National Camp (Israeli conservatives). Levin also assured his supporters that he would "continue to work with all my power for the Land of Israel -- and for our right to build throughout the Land", **a clear reference to construction beyond existing settlement blocs.**

The top 10 Likud faction achievers in the 2018 Mattot Arim report were:

Yariv Levin – 58 achievements, Ze'ev Elkin 49, Land of Israel Knesset lobby Chairman Yoav Kish 43, Gilad Erdan 37, Miri Regev 36, Ofir Akunis 31, Amir Ohana, 22, Yehuda Glick 16, Tzipi Hotovely 16, and Miki Zohar - 15 achievements.

The Likud is Israel's ruling party.

Naftali Bennet's Jewish Home party was, on average, the best-performing party, with 100% of MK's earning a double-digit number of achievements. First place in the Jewish Home party was, as aforesaid, Ayelet Shaked by a wide margin (78 achievements), followed by Land of Israel Knesset lobby Chairman Bezael Smotrich – 45 achievements, Naftali Bennett himself - 42, and Moti Yogev 27.

Other parties

Yisrael Beiteinu's leader Avigdor Lieberman boasted 41 achievements in the Mattot Arim report. The other Yisrael Beitenu legislators and ministers accomplished significantly less.

The Kulanu party was led by Minister Eli Cohen (18 national achievements) -- who came out ahead of his own party leader Moshe Kahlon who earned 6 achievements for the National Camp.

In the ultra-Orthodox (Hareidi) parties, only a few achievements were earned by each MK. Shas MKs had more achievements on average than United Torah Judaism did. In United Torah Judaism, MK Eichler led (4 achievements), whereas in Shas, party leader Aryeh Deri led in terms of his number of achievements (6 achievements).

Women

Ayelet Shaked shattered whatever gender-specific glass ceiling may have been present in the past in Israeli politics. The young, energetic minister led the pack with 78 achievements. Shaked was followed by Miri Regev, 36, Shuli Mualem-Rafaely, 21, Tzipi Hotovely (who earned 16 achievements despite going on maternity leave during the term), and Gila Gamliel with 13 achievements.

Topics

Topics selected as strategic enough for the National Camp, to merit coverage in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report, included:

- Opposition to Palestinian State, Mattot Arim's flagship topic
- Preventing early elections that curtail parliamentary and government efforts,
- Blocking dangerous national concessions such as acquiescence with the Saudi plan,
- The clash between the executive branch and Israel's overly powerful Supreme Court,
- Regulatory work required by Israel's settlement enterprise,
- Blocking Arab-European takeovers of national land areas,
- The fight against terrorism,
- Sovereignty,
- Hasbara: Legality of the Zionist enterprise, and
- Promotion of actual construction in Judea and Samaria.

The last, hot topic was presented under two separate headings: conventional construction in existing settlement blocs (which constitute 10% of the area) and the all-important "strategic" construction beyond existing settlement blocs (to prevent any future pullout from 90% of Judea and Samaria).

Opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian State was dominated in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report by Minister Ofir Akunis. Legality hasbara was both initiated and led by Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely .

The Mattot Arim Report on the web (in Hebrew):

- Full text, 2018 Mattot Arim Report (Hebrew): <http://a7.org/?file=20181014212127.pdf>
- The Mattot Arim Report on national prime-time television, 2012: <https://www.mako.co.il/news-channel2/Channel-2-Newscast/Article-f6b61424804e531018.htm>
- Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked's post – responsive to her first-place listing in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report: <https://www.facebook.com/ayelet.benshaul.shaked/photos/a.237706393014461/1830383620413389/?type=3&theater>
- Tourism Minister Yariv Levin's post, responsive to his second-place listing in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report: <https://www.facebook.com/levin.yariv/photos/a.475472609212611/1961516953941495/?type=3&theater>

Tables

Tables presenting each minister's and legislator's number of achievements in the 2018 Mattot Arim Report, are shown below.

| Elected Official | Party | Number of Achievements | Total and Average Number of Achievements per Party |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Akunis Ofir | Likud | 31 | Total: 459 Average: 16 |
| Amsalem David | Likud | 7 | |
| Begin Dr. Benny | Likud | 3 | |
| Berko Anat | Likud | 4 | |
| Bitan David | Likud | 13 | |
| Boker Naava | Likud | 8 | |
| Dichter Avi | Likud | 7 | |
| Edelstein Yuli | Likud | 9 | |
| Elkin Zeev | Likud | 49 | |
| Erdan Gilad | Likud | 37 | |
| Gamliel Gila | Likud | 13 | |
| Glick Yehuda | Likud | 19 | |
| Hanegbi Tzahi | Likud | 5 | |
| Haskel Sharren | Likud | 11 | |
| Hazan Oren | Likud | 9 | |
| Hotoveli Tzipi | Likud | 16 | |
| Kara Ayub | Likud | 5 | |
| Katz Chaim | Likud | 9 | |
| Katz Israel | Likud | 11 | |
| Kish Yoav | Likud | 43 | |
| Koren Nurit | Likud | 10 | |
| Levi Jackie | Likud | 1 | |
| Levin Yariv | Likud | 58 | |
| Mazuz Yaron | Likud | 2 | |
| Nagosa Abraham | Likud | 3 | |
| Ohana Amir | Likud | 22 | |
| Regev Miri | Likud | 36 | |
| Steinitz Yuval | Likud | 3 | |
| Zohar Miki | Likud | 15 | |

| Elected Official | Party | Number of Achievements | Total and Average Number of Achievements per Party |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaluf Eli | Kulanu | 0 | Total: 44 Average: 4 |
| Azariya Rachel | Kulanu | 0 | |
| Ben-Ari Meirav | Kulanu | 0 | |
| Biton Yifat Shasha- | Kulanu | 0 | |
| Chason Avram | Kulanu | 1 | |
| Cohen Eli | Kulanu | 18 | |
| Folkman Roi | Kulanu | 4 | |
| Gallant Yoav | Kulanu | 11 | |
| Kahlon Moshe | Kulanu | 6 | |
| Oren Michael | Kulanu | 3 | |
| Pluskov Tali | Kulanu | 1 | |
| Ariel Uri | Jewish Home | 24 | Total: 265 Average: 33 |
| Ben-Dahan Eli | Jewish Home | 18 | |
| Bennet Naftali | Jewish Home | 42 | |
| Rafaeli Shuli Mualem- | Jewish Home | 21 | |
| Shaked Ayelet | Jewish Home | 78 | |
| Slomiansky Nisan | Jewish Home | 10 | |
| Smotrich Bezalel | Jewish Home | 45 | |
| Yogev Moti | Jewish Home | 27 | |
| Azulai Yinon | Shas | 4 | Total: 23 Average: 3 |
| Ben-Zur Yoav | Shas | 3 | |
| Deri Aryeh Deri | Shas | 6 | |
| Malchiel Michael | Shas | 5 | |
| Margi Yaakov | Shas | 1 | |
| Nahari Meshulam | Shas | 1 | |
| Sida Dan | Shas | 1 | |
| Vaknin Yitzchak | Shas | 2 | |
| Amar Hamed | Yisrael Beiteinu | 1 | Total: 56 Average: 9 |
| Forer Oded | Yisrael Beiteinu | 6 | |
| Ilatov Robert | Yisrael Beiteinu | 7 | |
| Landver Sofia | Yisrael Beiteinu | 0 | |
| Lieberman Avigdor | Yisrael Beiteinu | 41 | |
| Melinovsky Julia | Yisrael Beiteinu | 1 | |
| Asher Yaakov | United Torah Judaism | 0 | Total :11 Average: 2 |
| Eichler Israel | United Torah Judaism | 4 | |
| Gafni Moshe | United Torah Judaism | 1 | |
| Litzman Yaakov | United Torah Judaism | 1 | |
| Maklov Uri | United Torah Judaism | 1 | |
| Moses Menachem | United Torah Judaism | 3 | |
| Porush Meir | United Torah Judaism | 1 | |

