

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

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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	Total :11 Average: 2
Asher Yaakov	United Torah Judaism	0	
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	