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Minister of Science and Technology

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Matan VILNAI

Born 1944 in Jerusalem
Married, three children

He served as a career officer in the IDF, attaining the rank of Major-General. He has a B.A. in History from Tel Aviv University.

1984

He became a fellow at the Center for International Affairs, at Harvard University, Boston

1998

He became a fellow at Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C.
Matan Vilnai is a member of the Labour Party.

Matan Vilnai had a distinguished military career serving in the IDF for 35 years and reached the rank of Major-General. During the Yom Kippur War, Matan Vilnai was commander of a task force in Sinai.

1976

Deputy Commander of the Entebbe rescue mission.

From 1978-1982

Chief Paratroop and Infantry Officer.

In 1989

Appointed OC Southern Command.

From 1994-1997

Major General Matan Vilnai was Deputy Chief of the General Staff. On retiring from the IDF and until elected to the Knesset he was involved in economic affairs.

1999	Elected to the Knesset.
August 1999	Appointed Minister of Science, Culture and Sport, and served as Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Israeli Arab Affairs.
March 2001	Reappointed Minister of Science, Culture and Sport
October 2002	serving until, when he resigned from the government together with the other Labour ministers.
January 2003	Elected to the Knesset.
January 2005	Appointed Minister in the Prime Minister's Office
August 2005	Acting Minister of Science and Technology.