

ISRAEL

Minister of Education, Culture and Sport

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Meir Sheerit

Born 1948, Morocco and immigrated to Israel in 1957
Married, 2 children

Career Data:

	He holds an MA in Political Science from Bar-Ilan University. He served in the IDF, with the rank of captain.
1974 – 1987	He served as Mayor of Yavneh
1988 – 1992	He served as Treasurer of the Jewish Agency. He is a member of the Board of Ben-Gurion University, the Open University and Bar-Ilan University. He is the recipient of several awards, including the Local Government Prize, the Knesset Tolerance Shield and the President's Voluntarism award.
1981	He was first elected to the Knesset in 1981.

Positions held:

10th Knesset (1981-84):

Member, Education & Culture Committee; Constitution, Law & Justice Committee; Finance Committee

11th Knesset (1984-88):

Member, Finance Committee; Defence Budget Sub-Committee

13th Knesset (1992-96):

Member, Finance Committee; House Committee; Committee on the Status of Women; Education & Culture Committee; Chairman, Israel-Korea Parliamentary Friendship League

14th Knesset (1996-99):

Deputy Speaker; Member, House Committee; Knesset Coalition Leader; Chairman, Israel-Korea Parliamentary Friendship League

15th Knesset (1999-2001):

Member, Knesset Committee; Finance Committee; Joint Committee for the Defence Budget; Anti-Drug Abuse Committee

February – July 1999 He served as Minister of Finance

March 2001 – Feb. 2003 Minister of Justice

February 2003 He was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the Finance Ministry

July 2004 He was appointed Acting Minister of Transportation and Road Safety, officially receiving the portfolio in August 2004

January 2006 He was also appointed Minister of Education, Culture and Sport