

ISRAEL

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Ophir Pines-Paz

Born 1961, in Israel
Married, 2 children

Career Data:

	<p>He completed his army service with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an M.A. in Public Policy from Tel Aviv University. He served in the past as Deputy Director-General of the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency, Chairman of the Authority for Rehabilitation of Prisoners, and Secretary General of the Israel Labor Party.</p>
1996	<p>A Member of Knesset since the 14th Knesset, He most recently served as a member of the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice, State Control, and Science and Technology Committees, as well as a member of the Municipal Lobby.</p> <p>In the 15th Knesset he served among others as Chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee and as Coalition Chairman.</p> <p>In the 14th Knesset he served as Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Workers.</p>
Jan. – Nov. 2005	<p>He served as Minister of the Interior, when the Labor resigned from the government.</p>
May 2006	<p>He was appointed Minister of Science, Culture and Sport.</p>