



## Prime Minister Yair Lapid

Yair Lapid is the Prime Minister of the State of Israel and Minister of Foreign Affairs in Israel's 36th government. He is also the chairperson of the Yesh Atid (There is a Future) Party.

Prime Minister Lapid was born in Tel Aviv in 1963. He is married to Lihi and the father of Yoav, Lior and Yael.

He is the son of the late Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, a Holocaust survivor who immigrated to Israel, and who later became a prominent journalist, the CEO of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, a member of Knesset, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice; and of Shulamit Lapid, an acclaimed novelist, playwright and former chair of the Hebrew Writers Association in Israel.

Before entering politics, PM Lapid was an author, journalist, TV presenter, playwright, actor and musician. He published twelve best-selling books, the most notable of which is *Memories After My Death*, written about his late father. He wrote a weekly newspaper column, which was the most widely read column in Israel, and presented several TV programs that won numerous awards. He also anchored the highest-rated news show on Israeli TV. In addition, Lapid has written hit songs, which reached the top of the Israeli music charts.

Yair Lapid was also active in many social organizations, including: Aleh — the Association for Assistance to People with Special Needs; the Association for Children at Risk for children with autism and the Youth Renewal Fund for young people with disabilities. He also taught citizenship at a school in Jaffa.

In 2012, Lapid announced his entry into politics and founded Yesh Atid, a centrist, Zionist, liberal party, which he still heads. Yair Lapid served as the Minister of Finance in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Government and was a member of the Security Cabinet during Operation Protective Edge Israel's conflict with Hamas in Gaza, in 2014. He served as Opposition Leader during the 35<sup>th</sup> Government in 2020 and as Alternate Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Strategic Affairs in the current Government.

PM Lapid believes in bolstering Israel's security, striving for regional stability and extending Israel's hand in peace to its neighbors. As Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Lapid founded and hosted the first Negev Summit, with the participation of foreign ministers from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Egypt, together with the United States Secretary of State. The historic summit was held in Sde Boker in March 2022, and is planned to become an annual event. Lapid also founded the I2U2, a summit between Israel, the United States, India and the UAE focused on bolstering cooperation between the countries.

As Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lapid also inaugurated Israel's embassy in Abu Dhabi in what was the first official visit to the country by a member of the Israeli government. He also inaugurated Israel's diplomatic mission in Rabat and inaugurated the Israeli embassy in Manama.

Lapid has been included in TIME magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world and Foreign Policy's 100 Leading Global Thinkers.