YAEL DAYAN

Yael Dayan is the daughter of Ruth and the late General Moshe Dayan. She served in the Israel Defense Forces as a Captain in the IDF Spokesman’s Office and studied International Relations at the Hebrew University, as well as Biology at the Open University of Israel. Dayan first made a name for herself as an author and newspaper columnist. She has published five novels as well as a memoir of the Six-Day War called Israel Journal: June 1967 and a biography of her father, entitled My Father, His Daughter. Dayan is a peace activist, among the leaders of Peace Now, and was also involved in the Oslo and Geneva Peace accords. Yael lectures around the world on the topics of peace, security and Human Rights, Women’s Rights and GLBT rights. In 1992, Dayan was elected to the Knesset on the Labor list and served as chairwoman of the Committee on the Status of Women. She has initiated legislation on Domestic Violence, Sexual harassment, and Women's rights, and was reelected to the Knesset in 1996 and 1999. Dayan headed the Meretz list in the Tel Aviv-Yafo municipal elections in 2004, and reelection in 2008 to Mayor Ron Huldai’s coalition. Dayan is Chairperson of the City Council of Tel Aviv-Yafo and responsible for Welfare services and Human Rights.