



Benyamin Elon



Particulars

Date of Birth: 10/11/1954
Place of Birth: Jerusalem, Israel
Residence: Beit El
Family Status: Married
Number of Children: 6

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Education

Yeshiva studies at Merkaz Harav in Jerusalem, and "Kolel Ha-Idra" in the Golan
 Rabbinical Ordination, 1978
 High School and Rabbinical Seminary

Profession

Dean of Talmudic College "Beit Orot"

Languages

English

Military Service

IDF Officer, Chaplain in the Artillery Corps

Knesset Terms

Knesset 14 17.6.1996 - 7.6.1999
Knesset 15 7.6.1999 - 17.2.2003
Knesset 16 17.2.2003 - 17.4.2006
Knesset 17 17.4.2006

Committees

Knesset 14 Member, Internal Affairs and Environment Committee
 Member, Committee on Foreign Workers
 Member, Constitution, Law and Justice Committee
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 Member, Committee on the Status of Women
Knesset 15 Member, House Committee
 Member, Internal Affairs and Environment Committee
 Member, Ethics Committee
 Member, Committee on Foreign Workers

	Member, Committee for Appointing Judges
	Member, Special Committee for Discussion of the Security Service Law
	Substitute Member, Constitution, Law and Justice Committee
	Observer, Foreign Affairs & Defense Committee
Knesset 16	Member, Finance Committee
Knesset 17	Member, Committee on the Status of Women*
	Member, Science and Technology Committee*
	Member, Public Petitions Committee*
	Member, Special Committee on Planning and Preparation for Earthquakes*
	Substitute Member, Foreign Affairs & Defense Committee*
	Chairman, Science and Technology Committee

Knesset Lobbies

Knesset 16	Member, Knesset Christian Allies Caucus
Knesset 17	Chairman, Knesset Christian Allies Caucus*
	Member, Social Lobby*
	Member, Jerusalem Lobby*
	Member, Lobby for Public Health*

Parliamentary Groups

Knesset 14	Moledet
Knesset 15	Ichud Leumi, Ichud Leumi-Yisrael Beiteinu
Knesset 16	Ichud Leumi
Knesset 17	Ichud Leumi - Mafdal

*Current Roles

Roles in the Government

Knesset 15	Govt. 29	From 31/10/2001 Until 14/03/2002	Minister of Tourism
Knesset 16	Govt. 30	Until 06/06/2004	Minister of Tourism

Public Activities

- Founder and Director of Beit Orot Yeshiva (1990-1996)
- Along with his wife founded the Beit El Publishing House (1987)
- Emissary of Jewish Agency to Jewish Student Groups in North America (1983-1985)
- Rabbi of Kibbutz Shluchot (1979-1982)

Publications

Wrote and edited the "Tov Roah" series – Talmudic Interpretations of Rav Kook
 Publishe various Biblical publications.
 Founded the Beit El Publishing Library (1987)

