



Tweede Kamer

DER STATEN-GENERAAL

Den Haag, 27 november 2017

Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken**
Volgcommissie(s): vaste commissie voor Defensie

Activiteit: **Bijzondere procedure**
Datum: donderdag 30 november 2017
Tijd: 11.00 - 12.00 uur
Openbaar/besloten: openbaar

Onderwerp: Yair Lapid, Israëlish parlements lid

Agendapunt: **Het lid Ten Broeke ontvangt in het kader van de bijzondere procedure Yair Lapid, lid van de commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken en Defensie van de Knesset (zie bijgevoegde informatie). U bent van harte uitgenodigd aan dit gesprek deel te nemen.**

Zaak: Brief derden - Yesh Atid te Tel Aviv 6744365 – 14 november 2017
Verzoek Yesh Atid, namens Israëlish parlements lid en partijleider van Yesh Atid, om gesprek met vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken over o.a. toekomst Israëlish-Palestijnse conflict, veiligheidssamenwerking tussen Israël en Nederland en positie EU t.o.v. huidige situatie in de regio d.d. 30 november 2017 - 2017Z15353

Griffier: T.J.E. van Toor

Activiteitsnummer: 2017A03808

Chairperson of Yesh Atid, MK Yair Lapid

Member of Knesset Yair Lapid is the Founder and Chairperson of *Yesh Atid*, Israel's largest centrist party. Lapid served as Israel's Finance Minister and a member of the Political-Security Cabinet, the forum charged with defining and implementing Israel's foreign and defense policies during the 19th Knesset. In the 2015 elections, Yesh Atid secured 11 seats confirming its place as a major actor on the Israeli political scene. In the current Knesset, MK Lapid serves in the Foreign on Intelligence and the Security Services.



Yesh Atid offers a centrist alternative to the traditional left and right wing blocs in Israeli politics. The party remains focused on improving the standard of living in Israel, equality across Israeli society, economic growth, fighting corruption, and a commitment to a regional diplomatic solution based on the principle of two states for two peoples which will ensure Israel's long term security.

Before his entry into politics Lapid was a leading television personality, having anchored the main Friday evening news program for 4 years and prior to that having hosted his own show for 8 years on Israel's Channel 2

Between 2002 and 2013, when he founded *Yesh Atid*, Lapid wrote a weekly column in Israel's leading daily newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot* (which often set the public agenda) and he was widely recognized as one of Israel's most influential columnists.

Lapid is also a prolific writer having published 11 books (translated and distributed in numerous countries), a number of which became best-sellers in Israel. He is a two-time recipient of the "Platinum Book Award" by the Israeli Union of Publishers.

Throughout his professional life, Lapid has been active in community affairs. Among the nonprofits in which he volunteered are those assisting the underprivileged such as *Aleh*, *Youth Renewal Fund* (YRF) and *Miftan Safed* (which he chaired). Until he entered political life, he taught civics and media studies at a special "inner-city" high school in one of Tel Aviv-Jaffa's poorest neighborhoods. He was also a partner in the founding of *Home for Life*, a residential facility for autistic youth.

Yair Lapid lives in Tel Aviv with his wife Lihi and three children.