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POLITICS



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FIRST AND ONLY
FEMALE PRIME
MINISTER OF ISRAEL

Golda Meir

THE 4TH PRIME MINISTER TO BE ELECTED IN THE YOUNG STATE OF ISRAEL. SHE WAS ELECTED IN MARCH 1969 AFTER SERVING AS MINISTER OF LABOUR AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

When David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister called her "the only man" in his cabinet, she referred to this incident in her autobiography:

"What amused me about it was that obviously he (or whoever invented the story) thought that this was the greatest possible compliment that could be paid to a woman. I very much doubt that any man would have been flattered if I had said about him that he was the only woman in the government!"



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ANTI-APARTHEID
ACTIVIST, AND
LIBERAL POLITICIAN

Helen Suzman

SHE WAS AN ANTI-APARTHEID MEMBER OF SOUTH-AFRICA'S PARLIAMENT FOR 36 YEARS. FOR 13 YEARS SHE WAS THE ONLY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSED TO THE APARTHEID AND FOR SIX OF THOSE YEARS SHE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN IN PARLIAMENT.

Helen also tackled issues such as gender discrimination, capital punishment, freedom of press and segregated education, and loudly criticized the abuse of civil rights.

"Her role in the struggle against apartheid and in the building of the democracy was an extraordinary one – one not easy to forget, and one that should never be forgotten" Nelson Mandela.

POLICY



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THE 9TH & 1ST
FEMALE GOVERNOR
OF THE BANK OF
ISRAEL

Dr. Karnit Flug

DR. FLUG RECEIVED A PHD IN ECONOMICS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE IS THE CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

Besides her national achievements, her professional work has received international recognition. She is the only Governor to receive a perfect A score in the Global Finance ranking of Central Bank Governors for the past four years. She is known for her high professional standards, and thanks to her policy, Israel's economy is one of the steadiest in the world



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THE 9TH & 1ST
WOMAN GOVERNOR
OF THE SOUTH
AFRICAN RESERVE
BANK

Gill Marcus

HER FAMILY WAS EXILED TO LONDON FROM JOHANNESBURG IN 1969, BECAUSE OF HER PARENTS STATUS AS ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVISTS

In 1994 she was elected a Member of Parliament and Chair of the Joint Finance Committee. She became Deputy Minister of Finance in 1996 and Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank in 1999. In 2009, she was appointed Governor of the Reserve Bank and retired in 2014.

BUSINESS



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CEO OF FACEBOOK-
ISRAEL SINCE 2014.

Adi Soffer-Teeni

SOFFER-TEENI WAS APPOINTED THE POSITION IN 2014, WHEN FACEBOOK ISRAEL HAD ONLY 20 EMPLOYEES. IT HAS SINCE GROWN ALMOST 10 TIMES IN SIZE AND IS A FLOURISHING BUSINESS IN ISRAEL.

She has worked in several top management positions, including several major companies in Israel. She is known for her unique management style, encouraging a flat organizational structure and open door policy to all of her workers in Facebook. In 2015, she was ranked as the most influential woman in Israel by Forbes Magazine.



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FORMER CEO OF
SHANDUKA, AND NOW
CEO OF HER OWN
COMPANY, SIGMA
CAPITAL.

Phuti Mahanyele

UNDER MAHANYELE'S DIRECTION. SHANDUKA HAS BUILT MUCH OF HER REPUTATION AS CEO OF SHANDUKA, AND WAS NAMED FORBES AFRICA BUSINESS WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

Mahanyele has said that her drive comes from her privileged upbringing. Her father was a prominent businessman and that Mahanyele gave her the opportunity to acquire a higher standard of education. She understood that this was not available to many black girls at the time which gave her the appreciation she has now. Today she shares her knowledge and experience which she shares while mentoring young professional through the Dignity Day program.

JUSTICE



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THE FIRST WOMAN
TO BE APPOINTED AS
PRESIDENT OF
ISRAEL'S SUPREME
COURT.

Dorit Beinisch

BEINISCH'S LEGAL CAREER WAS ALWAYS FOCUSED IN THE PUBLIC REALM, STARTING AS AN INTERN IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IN 1967.

Beinisch was a leader? and in 1989 she was the first woman in Israel to hold the position of State attorney from 1989, in 1995 she became a supreme court judge, and in 2006 was appointed the 9th president. Paving the way for two more woman to be appointed to this position. Throughout the years she received four Honorary Doctor degrees, and in 2013 was awarded the "Yakir Yerushalaim" (Worthy Citizen of Jerusalem) for her endless effort in strengthening justice and the public's trust in the Judiciary system, and stabilizing Jerusalem's stature as Israel's center for law.



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THE FIRST NON-WHITE
WOMAN JUDGE OF
THE HIGH COURT OF
SOUTH AFRICA

Navi Pillay

SHE SERVED AS THE UNITED-NATIONS HIGH-COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FROM 2008-2014.

Pillay was born in the poor neighbourhood of Durban in the Natal Province, and was supported by her local Indian community with donations that gave her the opportunity to graduate Natal University. She is the first South African to obtain a Doctorate in Law from Harvard Law School. During her 28 years as a lawyer in South Africa she defended anti-apartheid, and held a critical role in exposing the torture of political detainees. Before being appointed as High-Commissioner in the UN she served as a judge in the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

ENTREPREURSHIP



★
AN EDUCATOR &
A SOCIAL
ENTREPREUR

Adi Altschuler

SHE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE KREMBO WINGS YOUTH MOVEMENT - ISRAEL'S "FIRST MOVEMENT FOR YOUTHS WITH AND WITHOUT SPECIAL NEEDS".

SHE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF MEMORIES@HOME, AN ALTERNATIVE GATHERING ON THE ISRAELI HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY.

Formerly led Google for Education-Israel, where she would advise teachers on the use of IT.

She has won numerous awards including Israel Woman of the Year by LIONS and the Rappaport Award for leading social change in Israeli society.

In 2014, Adi was elected by TIME Magazine as one of the six future world leaders, and in the same year she was chosen to speak at the UN on Social Entrepreneurship as a vehicle for growth in developing countries.



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THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR OF
SIMODISA

Matsi Modise

AN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO ACCELERATE ENTREPREURSHIP BY COLLABORATING WITH POLICY MAKERS TO ENHANCE THE SUCCESS RATE OF HIGH IMPACT, HIGH GROWTH ENTREPRENEURS.

Modie is also the founder of Furaha Afrika Holdings, a Pan African enterprise development advisory and investment firm. Her experience ranges from Investment Banking at Investec Bank Ltd, and Enterprise Development advisory with South African banks to name just a few. She was named one of the Top 30 African leaders in technology, business, art, science, politics, design and media by Quartz Media Africa in 2016, and the Coca-Cola Young Achiever of the Year award at the Women In Leadership - Africa Summit in 2013.

HEROINES



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WONDER-WOMAN
GAL GADOT IS ONE
OF HOLLYWOOD'S
RISING STARS.

Gal Gadot

AFTER WINNING THE MISS ISRAEL BEAUTY PAGEANT IN 2004, SHE SERVED IN THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE AS A COMBAT INSTRUCTOR.

We first met Gadot in her role as Gisele, in the “Fast and Furious” franchise and she has captured our hearts since then.

As a mother of 2, she has become a symbol for strong women thanks to her outstanding performance on and off the screen, along with her charismatic personality. Not everyone could work through re-shoots of an action film while being five months pregnant, which is what Gadot accomplished with grace.



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ACADEMY AWARD
WINNING ACTRESS FOR
HER ROLE IN THE MOVIE
“MONSTER”, IN 2004.

Charlize Theron

Theron came a long way from her difficult childhood. When growing-up in the Gauteng province, she was diagnosed with jaundice. Due to heavy antibiotics she didn't have teeth until the age of 11. Her father suffered from an alcohol addiction and was abusive towards her and her mother.

At the age of 15 her father was shot dead by her mother, after he threatened to kill them both. Finally free of the abuse and encouraged by her mother, Theron pursued her dreams and landed her first acting gig in 1995, and is best known for her role as prostitute turned serial killer in the movie “Monster”.

SPORT



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FIRST ISRAELI TO
HAVE WON AN
OLYMPIC MEDAL

Yael Arad

ARAD IS A JUDOKA, WHO REPRESENTED ISRAEL IN THE 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES, AND WON THE SILVER MEDAL FOR THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT DIVISION. SHE DEDICATED HER MEDAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE 1972 MUNICH MASSACRE.

She started taking judo classes at the age of 8 and within 6 months was ranked second in Israel in her weight class. She was awarded the honor of lighting the torch at Israel's 1993 Maccabiah Games. She is recognised as one of Israel's most successful athletes, and is credited with bringing judo to mainstream athleticism in Israel.



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TWO TIME OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDALIST

Caster Semanya

SEMANYA IS THE FIRST ATHLETE TO HAVE WON ALL THREE OF THE 400 M, 800 M, AND 1500 M TITLES AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

She was born in Ga-Masehlong, a village near Polokwane, and grew up in Fairlie, in the Limpopo province. Semanya began running as training for soccer, but quickly veered her focus to running, mainly in the 800m run. Throughout her impressive career Semanya won 11 medals, 10 of which are gold, the first which she won at the age of 18. She was recently nominated in the Favorite African Star category, in the 2018 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.

SOCIAL ACTIVISTS



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**CO-FOUNDER AND
PRESIDENT OF AN NGO
FOR EMPOWERING
BEDOUIN WOMEN CALLED
DESERT EMBROIDERY**

Na'ama Al-Sana

AL-SANA WON THE 2015 RAPPAPORT PRIZE FOR WOMEN WITH BREAKTHROUGH ACHIEVEMENTS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO A POSITIVE CHANGE IN ISRAELI SOCIETY.

The organization's main finances come from their embroidery program, to generate income for Bedouin women and preserve traditional handicrafts. They also operate a mobile library serving over 1,500 children, as well as educational programs for women and youth.



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**AN EDUCATOR
DEDICATED TO WOMEN
EMPOWERMENT**

Wendy Luhabe

SHE FIRST FOUNDED A CONSULTANCY FIRM CALLED BRIDGING THE GAP, WHICH HELPED PREPARE PREVIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE FOR THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT. IN 1999 SHE WAS RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE 50 LEADING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS OF THE WORLD. THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM RECOGNISED HER AS A GLOBAL LEADER OF

She broke new ground in 1994 by founding women's investment group Wiphold, which enabled tens of thousands of women to invest for the first time and was the first women-owned company to list on the JSE. She also started a private equity fund for women-owned businesses.

BEAUTY



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THE FIRST ETHIOPIAN-
BORN JEW TO WIN THE
MISS ISRAEL BEAUTY
PAGEANT.

Yitish “Titi” Aynaw

AYNEW WAS NOMINATED BY CLOSE FRIENDS, AND HADN'T WORKED AS A MODEL PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. DOORS OPENED AFTER HER WIN AND SHE HAS PURSUED A MODELLING CAREER, AND PARTICIPATED IN THE ISRAELI “SURVIVOR” REALITY SHOW.

Titi is also socially active and advocated for the Jewish Ethiopian Community on various occasions. She came to Israel in 2003, with just her brother. Her father passed away in 1993, and her mother in 2001, while they were still living in Ethiopia. She served in the IDF as an officer in the Military Police Forces, and in 2013 she won her title as “Miss Israel”.



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MISS SOUTH AFRICA
AND MISS UNIVERSE
2017

Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters

NEL-PETERS IS FROM SEDGEFIELD, WESTERN CAPE, AND RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FROM NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY. SHE IS INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED BY HER SISTER, FRANJE, WHO IS PHYSICALLY DISABLED.

“As Miss Universe you have to be confident in who you are as an individual. And Miss Universe is a woman that has overcome many fears and by that she is able to help other women to overcome their fears. She is a woman that nothing is ever too much to ask for and I think that is exactly who I am”.