

Mapam - Facts and Data

Membership (1968)

32,000 members, in 134 branches: 74 Kibbutzim of "Kibbutz Artzi" with about 16,000 members; 60 branches in cities and villages, also with about 16,000 members.

Election Achievements (1965)

Histadrut Elections: 95,000 votes (15%)
Knesset Elections : 80,000 votes (6.6%)

Knesset (Parliament) Representation

(The Party participation in Coalition Government 1955-1961, and since 1966)

8 Members, out of 120

(7 Jews, 1 Arab; 5 Kibbutz Members, 3 town residents; 7 men, 1 woman)

Mapam Ministers

Mordechai Bentov (Minister of Housing), born 1900
Israel Barzilai (Minister of Health), born 1913

Representatives at Histadrut Headquarters

Yehuda Yudin, born 1910; Aaron Ephrat, born 1911;
Shmuel Cohen, born 1906

Other Responsibilities

Mapam is represented on the executives of the World Zionist Organisation and of the World Jewish Congress. It plays a leading role in progressive Associations and Committees such as the "League against Religious Coercion", "the Movement for Peace and Security", and the "Israel-Rumania League of Friendship". The Chairman of the "Committee of Lecturers, Students and Intellectuals for Peace in Vietnam", the Secretaries of the "Israel Peace Committee", the "Israel-Cuba League of Friendship", the "Israel-Czechoslovakia League of Friendship" and the Editor of the non-partisan Middle East Journal "New Outlook" - are members of Mapam.

- affiliated collectively with MAPAM, with each of the kibbutzim also serving as a local Party branch. Hashomer Hatzair Israeli Youth Organization, which is affiliated to the "Kibbutz He'artzi" and educated for personal "self-fulfillment" in its kibbutzim, also participates in political activity among youth together with MAPAM's Youth Section.
- Sifriat Poalim (workers' Book Guild), the Kibbutz He'artzi's publishing house, is one of the country's largest and also serves the needs of the Party.

Party Press

- 1 daily ("Al Hamishmar" - On the Guard)
- 1 weekly in Arabic ("Al Mirsad" - The Guard)
- 1 Youth bi-weekly ("Hotam" - Stamp)
- 1 theoretical bi-monthly ("Bashaar" - At the Gate)
- 1 Yiddish and 1 Rumanian weekly,
- 1 Bulgarian fortnightly, 1 Persian monthly } for new immigrants

Mapam Bulletins in English, French and Spanish. published by the International Department

Party Leaders

- Meir Yaari - born 1897, Hashomer Hatzair leader, Member of Knesset, Secretary General of Mapam, (Kibbutz Merhavia)
- Yaakov Hazan - born 1899, Hashomer Hatzair leader, Member of Knesset, Leader of Mapam's Parliamentary Group (Kibbutz Mishmar Haemek)
- Yitzhak Yitshaki - 1901 - 1955, Left Poale Zion leader (Tel Aviv)

Mapam's Arab Leaders

- Abdul Aziz Zou'bi - born 1926, Member of Knesset, Vice-Mayor of Nazareth (Nazareth)
- Jusuf Khamis - born 1919, Former Member of Knesset, Mapam Representative at the Histadrut Executive (Haifa)
- Ibrahim Shbat - born 1929, Editor of Mapam's Arab weekly "Al Mirsad" (Nazareth)

Party Congresses

Founding Congress	January 1948, Tel-Aviv
Second Congress	May 1951, Haifa
Third Congress	January 1958, Haifa
Fourth Congress	April 1963, Tel-Aviv
Fifth Congress (I. Session)	March 1968, Tel-Aviv
(II. Session)	Nov. 1968, Tel-Aviv

World Union of Mapam Parties

The Union comprises Mapam Parties, Youth Sections, Women's Organisations and Sympathetic Groups all over the world. Mapam Parties and Groups are active in Great Britain, Belgium, Holland, Austria, Italy, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Brasil, Chile. In the U.S.A. the World Union is represented by "Americans for Progressive Israel" (A.P.I.); in France, by the "Bernard Lazare Circle" and "Mishmar" Youth Circle; in Canada, by "Friends of Pioneering Israel"; in Australia, by "Friends of Hashomer Hatzair"; in Argentina and Uruguay (in addition to the Mapam Parties in those countries), by the "Martin Buber Circle". In Argentina, Uruguay, Brasil and Venezuela, the Mapam Youth Sections are called "Mordechai Anilevitz Youth Sections" (in memory of Mordechai Anilevitz, Commander of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt of 1943, who was one of the outstanding leaders of the "Hashomer Hatzair" Youth Movement in Poland). The "Haviva Raik Women's Movement" in Brasil, Uruguay, Chile, Australia and France - is affiliated as well (Haviva Raik was a member of a "Hashomer Hatzair" kibbutz and volunteer parachutist, who was dropped into Slovakia in 1944, participated in the Slovakian Revolt against the Nazis and was executed).

International Contacts

Independent Left-Socialist Parties; Committees of Intellectuals for a negotiated Peace in the Middle East; Left-Wings within Labour and Social-Democratic Parties; a number of Communist Parties and personalities.

Hakibbutz He'artzi Hashomer Hatzair

- was founded in 1927. It is the largest of the national kibbutz federations (75 kibbutzim with a total population of more than 30,000).