

Diplomatic Postings of Lishkat HaKeshet (Liaison Office) Representatives

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Liaison Office representatives began showing up in diplomatic posts in 1953. In the listings below, individuals marked with a solid triangle (▲) preceding their name, were “Office” representatives — based on my direct knowledge or as noted. Personnel of the Moscow Embassy are fully catalogued here; however, for other selected diplomatic posts, only “Office” representatives are listed.

Israeli diplomatic and consular postings from 1953-1966 are from *Government Yearbook, Representatives of Israel Abroad* (שנתון הממשלה נציגויות ישראל בחוץ לארץ), vols. 5-17. (From vol. 18 (1967) on, only names of ambassador or head of consulate were published.) Postings for 1968 are from *Représentation à l'étranger, État d'Israël, Ministère des Affaires* (only the 1952 and 1968 registers were available). From 1969 on, identification of “Office” representatives is based on my personal knowledge or as noted.

Vol. 5: תשי"ד (1953-1954)

Mission: Sofia, Bulgaria
▲N. Baruch, attaché

Mission: Warsaw, Poland

▲Zvi Netzer, 2nd secretary

Vol. 6: 1954-1955

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
S. Eliashev, ambassador
Y. L. Gideon, 2nd secretary
▲N. Levanon, attaché
M. Kehat, attaché
Mission: Sofia, Bulgaria
▲N. Baruch, attaché

Vol. 10: 1958-1959

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Brigadier-General Josef Avidar, amb.
Gideon Shomron, 1st secretary, adm.
▲Arie Eliav, 1st secretary²
Moshe Gat, 2nd secretary
Gershon Gorev, 3rd secretary
Yaacov Reuveni, 4th secretary
Yoram Nir, 4th secretary
Jacob Kelman, 4th secretary
Mission: Warsaw, Poland
▲Zvi Netzer, 2nd secretary

Vol. 7: 1955-1956

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Brigadier-General J. Avidar, amb.
A. Chelouche, 1st secretary
▲N. Levanon, attaché¹
M. Kehat, attaché
M. Sela, attaché
Y. Halevi, secretary archivist
A. Behar, secretary archivist
Mission: Sofia, Bulgaria
▲N. Baruch, attaché

Vol. 11: 1959-1960

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Arieh Harel, ambassador
Gideon Shomron, 1st secretary
▲Arie Eliav, 1st secretary
Moshe Gat, 2nd secretary
▲Yehoshua Prat, 2nd secretary
Yaacov Reuveni, secretary archivist
Moshe Ronen, secretary archivist
Jacob Kelman, secretary archivist
Mission: Warsaw, Poland
▲Zvi Netzer, 2nd secretary
Consulate: New York
▲Binyamin Eliav, Consul General³
▲Uri Ra'anan, Consul⁴

Vol. 8: 1956-1957

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Brigadier-General J. Avidar, amb.
A. Chelouche, 1st secretary, adm.
A. Shaanan, 1st secretary
A. Agmon, 2nd secretary
G. Gorev, 3rd secretary
E. Hazan, attaché
A. Behar, 4th secretary
Y. Katz, 4th secretary
Mission: Sofia, Bulgaria
▲N. Baruch, attaché

Vol. 12: 1960-1961

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Arieh Harel, ambassador
Yaacov Sharett, 2nd secretary
▲Yehoshua Prat, 2nd secretary
Yitzhak Agmon, 2nd secretary
Avraham Dagan, secretary archivist
Jacob Kelman, secretary archivist
Mission: Warsaw, Poland
▲Zvi Netzer, 2nd secretary
Consulate: New York
▲Binyamin Eliav, Consul General
▲Uri Ra'anan, Consul

Vol. 9: 1957-1958

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Brigadier-General Josef Avidar, amb.
Aviezer Chelouche, 1st sec., admin.
Avraham Shaanan, 1st secretary
Avraham Agmon, 2nd secretary
Gershon Gorev, 3rd secretary
Eliahu Hazan, attaché
Yehuda Katz, 4th secretary
Yoram Nir, 4th secretary

Vol. 13: 1961-1962

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Arieh Harel, ambassador
▲Yehoshua Prat, 1st secretary
Yehuda Carmel, 2nd secretary
▲Zvi Ofer, attaché
Zeev Dagan, attaché
Avraham Dagan, secretary archivist
Itzhak Zohar, secretary archivist
Jacob Kelman, secretary archivist
Arie Arad, cultural attaché

Meir Biran, 3rd secretary
Eliezer Priman, attaché
Eliahu Avidan, attaché
Haim Tayar, secretary archivist
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Meir Rosenne, consul

Vol. 14: 1962-1963

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Yosef Tekoah, ambassador
Avraham Agmon, 1st secretary
Yehuda Carmel, 2nd secretary
▲Zvi Ofer, attaché
Zeev Dagan, attaché
Eliahu Avidan, attaché
Avraham Dagan, secretary archivist
Shmuel Bental, secretary archivist
Arie Arad, cultural attaché
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Meir Rosenne, consul

Vol. 17: 1965-1966

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Katriel Katz, ambassador
▲David Bartov, 1st secretary
Yosef Govrin, 2nd secretary
Moshe Zimrat, 2nd secretary
David Gavish, 2nd secretary
Yehuda Katz, 3rd secretary
Meir Biran, 3rd secretary
Eliezer Priman, attaché
Avraham Raveh, attaché
Haim Tayar, secretary archivist
Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nehemiah Levanon, counselor min.
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Meir Rosenne, consul
Embassy: London, England
▲Yaacov Yannay, 1st secretary

Vol. 15: 1963-1964

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Yosef Tekoah, ambassador
Avraham Agmon, 1st secretary
▲Shmuel Ben-Haim, 3rd secretary⁵
Moshe Zimrat, 3rd secretary
▲Zvi Ofer, attaché
Eliahu Porat, attaché
Eliezer Priman, attaché
Eliahu Avidan, attaché
Shmuel Bental, secretary archivist
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Meir Rosenne, consul

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Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nehemiah Levanon, counselor min.
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yoram Dinstein, consul

Vol. 16: 1964-1965

Embassy: Moscow, USSR
Yosef Tekoah, ambassador
▲David Bartov, 1st secretary
Yosef Govrin, 2nd secretary
▲Shmuel Ben-Haim, 2nd secretary

1969

Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nehemiah Levanon, counselor min.
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yoram Dinstein, consul

1970

Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nir Baruch
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yoram Dinstein, consul

1971

Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nir Baruch
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yehoshua Pratt
Embassy: London, England
▲Yitzhak Rager⁶

1972

Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nir Baruch
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yehoshua Pratt
Embassy: London, England
▲Yitzhak Rager

1973

Embassy: Washington, D.C.
▲Nir Baruch
Consulate: New York, U.S.
▲Yehoshua Pratt
Embassy: London, England
▲Yitzhak Rager

End Notes

1. Levanon was expelled from the Soviet Union in 1955, charged with conducting clandestine operations: B. Prakhye, *Deceived by Zionism*, Novosti Press Agency, Moscow, 1971, p. 8.

2. “As an emissary of the Mossad, the overseas intelligence service, in the late 1950’s and 1960’s, he [Eliav] built a network of covert ties with Jews in the Soviet Union,” interview of Lova [Ariel] Eliav by Joel Greenberg, *New York Times*, November 25, 1999.

3. In the early 1960’s, Binyamin Eliav was Shaul Avigur’s lead man in the U.S. — according to Dr. William Korey (then, director of the B’nai B’rith International Council United Nations Office, New York), during conversation with me, November 30, 1990.

4. Yaacov Ro’i, *The Struggle for Soviet Jewish Emigration 1948-1967*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, p.122.

5. Leonard Schroeter, *The Last Exodus*, Universe Books, New York, 1972, p. 72.

6. The following listings for the London embassy, 1971-1973, are from Michael Sherbourne, London, England.