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Omri Casspi

(Born June 22, 1988) is an Israeli professional basketball player for the Sacramento Kings of the National Basketball Association (NBA). He is 6 ft 9 in (2.06 m) tall, and plays the small forward position, but he can play also at the power forward position. He was drafted 23rd overall in the 2009 NBA draft by the Sacramento Kings, making him the first Israeli to be selected in the first round of an NBA draft. With his Kings debut in 2009, Casspi became the first Israeli to play in an NBA game.[1] The Cleveland Cavaliers traded for him in June 2011. He signed with the Houston Rockets in July 2013.[2] In July 2014, Casspi was traded to the New Orleans Pelicans as part of a three-team trade, but was later waived. He then returned to Sacramento prior to the 2014-15 season.

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Shimon Peres

(Born Szymon Perski; August 2, 1923 – September 28, 2016) was an Israeli statesman and the ninth President of Israel, serving from 2007 to 2014. Peres served twice as the Prime Minister of Israel and twice as Interim Prime Minister, and he was a member of twelve cabinets in a political career spanning nearly 70 years. Peres was elected to the Knesset in November 1959 and, except for a three-month-long hiatus in early 2006, served continuously until 2007, when he became President, serving in the role for another seven years.

At the time of his retirement in 2014, he was the world's oldest head of state. He was considered the last link to Israel's founding generation. In 1996, he founded the Peres Center for Peace, which has the aim of "promoting lasting peace and advancement in the Middle East by fostering tolerance, economic and technological development, cooperation and well-being."

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Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Ha-Kohen Kook

1865-1935) was the first Ashkenazi chief rabbi of the British Mandatory Palestine, the founder of Yeshiva Mercaz HaRav Kook (The Central Universal Yeshiva), Jewish thinker, Halakhist, Kabbalist and a renowned Torah scholar. He is known in Hebrew as הרב אברהם יצחק הכהן קוק HaRav Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook, and by the acronym הראיה (HaRaAYaH), or simply as "HaRav." He was one of the most celebrated and influential rabbis of the 20th century.

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Or Sasson

(Born 18 August 1990) is an Israeli Olympic judoka.

He won a bronze medal in the +100 kg (+220 pounds) category at the 2016 Summer Olympics.

In June 2015, representing Israel at the 2015 European Games in judo in the +100 kg category in

Baku, Azerbaijan, Sasson won a silver medal for Israel in the inaugural European Games. In doing so he won the silver medal in the 2015 European Judo Championship.

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Ehud Banai

(Born March 31, 1953) is an Israeli singer and songwriter. Ehud Banai was born in Jerusalem. His father was the actor Yaakov Banai, the eldest of the Banai siblings. The family moved to Givatayim when Banai was four. At the age of ten he learned to play the cello.[1] In 1971 he was drafted to the Israel Defense Forces, and served in the Nahal infantry brigade. After his discharge, he moved to London, where he played in the London Underground for six months. His Albums: Ehud Banai and the Refugees (1987), Karov ("Close") (1989), Mitachat Siach HaYasmin (Under the Jasmine Tree), with Yaakov Banai (1989), Hashlishi ("The Third") (1992), Od Me'at ("Soon") (1996), Tip Tipa (1998), Ane Li ("Answer Me") (2004), Mamshich Linsoa (Keeps on Driving) (2006), Shir Chadash (New Song) (2008), Resisei Laila (Shards of Night) (2011), Beofek Acher (2012).

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Gal Gadot

(Born 30 April 1985) is an Israeli actress and model. As an actress, Gadot is known for her role as Gisele Yashar in The Fast and the Furious film series. In 2016, Gadot began playing the role of Diana Prince / Wonder Woman in the DC Extended Universe, starting with Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice and continuing as the lead in Wonder Woman (2017).

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Prof. Ada Yonath

(Born 22 June 1939) is an Israeli crystallographer best known for her pioneering work on the structure of the ribosome. She is the current director of the Helen and Milton A. Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly of the Weizmann Institute of Science. In 2009, she received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry along with Venkatraman Ramakrishnan and Thomas A. Steitz for her studies on the structure and function of the ribosome, becoming the first Israeli woman to win the Nobel Prize out of ten Israeli Nobel laureates, the first woman from the Middle East to win a Nobel prize in the sciences, and the first woman in 45 years to win the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. However, she said herself that there was nothing special about a woman winning the Prize.

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Ofra Haza

(November 19, 1957 – February 23, 2000) was an Israeli singer, actress and international recording artist. Inspired by a love of her Yemenite Jewish and Hebrew culture, her music quickly spread to a wider Middle Eastern audience, somehow bridging the divide between Israel and the Arab countries. As her career progressed, Haza was able to switch between traditional and more commercial singing styles without jeopardizing her credibility. Her music fused elements of Eastern and Western instrumentation, orchestration and dance-beat. She became successful in Europe and the Americas; during her singing career, she earned many platinum and gold discs.

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Adina Bar Shalom

(Born 1945 or 1946) is an Israeli educator, columnist and social activist. She is the founder of the first college for Haredi students in Jerusalem and spent years working to overcome gender discrimination in the Orthodox Jewish community. She was awarded the Israel Prize for lifetime achievement & special contribution to society in 2014. Adina Yosef (Bar-Shalom) was born in Jerusalem, the eldest daughter of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

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Anat Hoffman

(Born 1954) is an Israeli activist and serves as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, also known as IRAC, and is the director and a founding member of Neshot HaKotel, also known as Women of the Wall. She is a former member of the Jerusalem City Council. In 2013, the Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, named her "Person of the Year," noting the award reflected "the prominence that she has achieved across the Jewish world over the past 12 months, and the Jerusalem Post listed her fifth among its list of 50 Most Influential Jews for forcefully and successfully bringing the issue of women's rights at the Kotel to the "forefront of the consciousness of world Jewry.

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Luccy Haarish

(Born 18 September 1981) is an Israeli-Arab news presenter, reporter, and television host.

She serves as a morning anchor on a current-affairs show on Channel 2. Aharish is notable for being the first Arab news presenter on Hebrew-language Israeli television. From July 2013 until January 2016 she also presented the Evening Edition of the news broadcaster i24news.