The First Sketch of History
Audiovisual Collections in the Knesset Archives

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Taken from: “Eyewitness – 60 years”, 2008 - David Rubinger (1924 – 2017)

Director: Micha Shagrir
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Courtesy of Jerusalem Cinematheque
Ben Gurion Style

David Ben-Gurion
First Prime Minister of Israel
(1886-1973)
Ben Gurion
Hairstyle

Israel Yeshayahu
Speaker of the Knesset
1972 - 1977

Zalman Aran
Member of the Knesset and Minister
1949 - 1970

Aharon Zisling
Member of the Knesset and Minister
1948 - 1955
Ben Gurion
Style

Finance Committee, First Knesset Period. Photo Credit: Medfin Services
Ben Gurion Style

Really?

Berta Winter worked in the Knesset Cafeteria taken from:
Oral History project
Knesset Museum

I think I have a photograph from the first time that David Ben-Gurion came to the Knesset.
Vertically Challenged

Yosef Sprinzak,
First Speaker of the Knesset

1949-1958
Vertically Challenged

Gideon Bar Yosef, Knesset accountant
Oral History project
Knesset Museum
Speaker of the Knesset Yosef Sprinzak reviewing the Knesset Guard outside the Knesset on its tenth anniversary, 16.1.49. Photo Credit: Moshe Pridan, GPO
When the MKs were celebs...

Kadish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset

1959-1969

Knesset Speaker Kadish Luz with children, 4.9.61 – Photo Credit: D. Rozenblum
When the MKs were celebs...

Cards from the collection of Yedidia Kaooli

Donated to the Knesset Museum by his son Shay Kaooli
When the MKs were celebs...

From the collection of Mordechai Zuzovsky

Donated to the Knesset Museum by him
When the MKs were celebs...

The Education Committee has come to a decision that this matter crosses all limits. The children chase the members of the Knesset and even break into their homes. The children's desire is very sympathetic, but the cultural boundaries must not be crossed.
When the MKs were celebs...
God is in the details

Liberty Bell Park, Jerusalem

Founded in 1976 to celebrate the USA's bicentennial

18.1.1993

Photo Credit: Moshe Milner, GPO
God is in the details

Ceremony of inauguration of the Liberty Bell, a present from Philadelphia municipality, 27.4.1955 – Photo Credit: Edgar Hirshbain
God is in the details

Visit of the Mayor of Philadelphia and his wife, 2.7.1956

Photo Credit: Moshe Milner, GPO
It is necessary to move the Knesset Menorah and the Philadelphia Liberty Bell before the inauguration of the Knesset building, since there will be representatives from England and America who will be interested in these two objects.
In the Kiria Garden, far from the Knesset building, a few years ago the “Liberty bell”, donated to the Knesset, was hidden in a remote corner. I think it’s time to move it to a nicer place near the building.
At first we thought of purchasing a copy of the bell and then we remembered that there is already a copy of this bell in the Knesset... I would like the Knesset to make available to us the bell that is in the Knesset garden.
I willingly give my consent to your proposal above and I would be happy if you could find a suitable form indicating that the bell was placed with the consent of the Knesset.
Inauguration of the Liberty Bell Garden in Jerusalem, 13.1.1976

Photo Credit: Yaakov Saar, GPO
About the Knesset Archives Audiovisual Collections

Historical Photo Collection
- 50,000 digitized photographs from 1948-2006

Digital Photo Collection
- More than 500,000 photographs from 2006-2023

Digital video collection
- Video footages and clips from the Spokesperson department

Oral History project
- Approximately 90 video interviews with former MKs and Knesset employees

Broadcast from the Plenum and the Committees
- From 1993, the collection is in process of digitization
About the Knesset Archives Audiovisual Collections

Challenges:
Increase in the number of photographs taken in the digital era

Number of pictures by Knesset Period

- Number of pictures: 0, 316, 446, 1269, 331, 466, 462, 505, 440, 1135, 2494, 8635, 11811, 15628, 18890, 19843, 12339, 17832, 13728, 34288, 85608
About the Knesset Archives Audiovisual Collections

Challenges:
Demands of the Spokesperson Department and the Media vs. Archival documentation

Opening Ceremony of the 25th Knesset, 15.11.2022 – Photo Credit: Dany Shem-Tov
Preparations to the Opening Ceremony of the 23rd Knesset, 16.3.2020 – Photo Credit: Adina Waldman
Preparations to the Opening Ceremony of the 24th Knesset, 5.4.2021 – Photo Credit: Dany Shem-Tov
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Challenges:
- Archival documentation
- Evolution of a board

July 1949 – Photo Credit: Rudi Weissenstein
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מספר פגיעות כולל פנים: 24
About the Knesset Archives Audiovisual Collections

Challenges:
Management and preservation

- Centralized storage for all the organization
- Metadata management
- Rights management
- Files formats and quality
- Search and retrieval
- Access control and permissions
- Integration with AI capabilities
- Accessibility

Digital asset management (DAM) system

- TIFF

Long term preservation
### Face Recognition Pilot

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Meir Argov  
(1905-1963)
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Challenges:
New technologies, face recognition, Artificial Intelligence
Thank you for your attention!!

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