

GEDALIA GAL



Gedalia Gal's family was among the founders of the Magdiel *moshav*, in today's Hod Hasharon area in central Israel. Gal is a public servant who served as a Labor Member of Knesset from 1988 to 1996. At the end of the 1950s, Gal spent half a year in Ethiopia with the IDF, where he was involved with the establishment of a military commando section of Emperor Haile Selassie's armed forces. In the Six Day War of 1967, he served as a commander in the Paratrooper's Brigade, and participated in Israel's taking of the Rockefeller Museum area in Jerusalem. Upon returning to civilian life, Gal served in various senior posts in the *moshav* movement, before being elected to the Knesset 'alignment' in 1988. In parliament, he worked to enact legislation pertaining to the family agricultural sector in 1992, known colloquially as "the Gal Law". He also drove enactment of the 1996 Electricity Law. Gal was among the founders of the Third Way, though when it began to become institutionalized as a political party, he chose to remain in Labor. After leaving the Knesset, Gal was appointed as chairman of Tnuva, a position he held until 2001. He has since served in various public and voluntary roles. Today, Gal lives in Kfar Vitkin, a *moshav* in central Israel, and works in livestock rearing.