

YAAKOV TURKEL



Born in Tel Aviv, Yaakov Turkel is a former Israeli Supreme Court judge. He graduated in law from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1960, and became a member of the Israel Bar Association in 1961. In serving as a judge for 38 years, he was appointed as a justice of the peace in Be'er Sheva in 1967, as a district court judge in 1973 and as president of the district court in 1981. He served as a Supreme Court Judge from 1995 until his retirement in 2005. He also served as a member of the Committee of Judicial Appointments and as Chairman of the Central Elections Committee of the Knesset. He chaired the Committee for the Amendment of Inheritance Law, the Committee for the Designation of Righteous Among the Nations of "Yad Vashem", the Advisory Committee for Senior Appointments by the Government and other public bodies. He served in the past as a lecturer at Ben Gurion University in the Negev, at Tel Aviv University, the Law School of Netanya Academic College and other academic institutions. Turkel is a member of the Board of Governors and Executive Council of Ben Gurion University and Chair of the Constitution Committee. He served full compulsory military service in the IDF and today serves in the reserves as a judge in the military court of appeals with the rank of Colonel.