



Haim Yavin

Founding Father of Israeli Television News

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Since the introduction of television in Israel, Haim Yavin anchored all major events in the country, including Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel, the peace process, the Oslo Agreements, the first war in Lebanon and the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. One of the founders of Israel's legendary Channel 1, Yavin has informed the nation of all its election night results, live, since 1969 in addition to key senior editorial and executive positions.

Yavin was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize in 1997. In 2008, he retired from a 40-year stint as anchor for the MABAT news program which helped him earn the title of "Mr. Television" in Israel and the moniker of "Israel's Walter Cronkite" by the American media. He continues to work on documentaries and makes numerous public appearances.

Yavin earned a B.A. in Hebrew and English Literature from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He pursued additional studies for a Masters in Literature, Education and Communications also at Hebrew University.

Born in Germany, Yavin immigrated to Israel a year later in 1933. He is married to Josepha, a lawyer, and has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.