



The 24th Knesset Central Elections Committee

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Central Elections Committee Chairman, Supreme Court Justice Uzi Fogelman, ruled that the Meretz Party has first rights to use the [Hebrew] letters Mem, Reish and Tzaddi in the upcoming elections.

Additionally, the judge ruled that the use of the letters Reish and Tzaddi by other parties does not require the consent of the Meretz party's legal representation.

The Meretz requested of the CEC chairman early approval to use the letters Mem, Reish and Tzaddi as representative letters for their candidate list.

The legislature granted each party first rights to use the same representative letters they used in the previous elections.

It was also decided that if a party chooses to use the same letters they used in the previous elections, any other candidate list may not use any or all of those letters without the consent of the party's legal representative.

In the 223rd Knesset elections, the Meretz party ran on a joint candidate list with the Israel Labor and Gesher parties. This list, Labor-Gesher-Meretz, used the representative letters Aleph-Mem-Tav. The Meretz party claims now that this was a temporary adoption of those letters, only for that one election campaign.

In light of this, the Meretz party requested that the Central Elections Committee make a decision already regarding the right to use those letters, in order to clarify the party's rights on the subject and in order that the CEC publish as soon as possible the list of letters available for other candidate lists to use.

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In his ruling, the judge determined that the Meretz party has first rights to use the letters Mem, Reish and Tzaddi in the upcoming elections, but the use of the letters Reish and Tzaddi by other candidate lists is not dependent upon approval from the Meretz party.

Attached is [the decision](#) (in Hebrew)

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