

Sexism and Death Threats: Why the Left is Afraid of Ayelet Shaked

Ari Soffer writes in [crude, sexist comments](#) to [hysterical reaction](#) to the appointment of Jewish Home MK Ayelet Shaked as Justice Minister has been shocking even by the low standards of the far-left.

Now, the incitement has reached such levels that Shaked will be [was laughing so hard](#).

Former Supreme Court President Judge Aharon Barak once compared his court to the sages of the Talmud (minus the commitment to *halakha*, of course) – fashioning the very shape of the Jewish people with a near-divine mandate. That is genuinely how they view themselves.

It should come as no surprise, therefore, that the appointment, for the first time, of a Justice Minister who has clearly voiced her intention to curb some of the Court's unlimited power, should be the subject of such ferocious hatred from the very political corner that Court has been doggedly advocating for and defending since the State's founding.

Even without the vulgar comments and threats to her life, Ayelet Shaked will face a tough time achieving the reforms she seeks to implement (which still require clear and comprehensive outlining to allow for public scrutiny).

Jewish Home leader Naftali Bennett achieved a major coup in netting both the Justice Ministry and the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, but already there are moves to defang Shaked – for example by removing her from the Judicial Selection Committee in favor of a more

pro-establishment Likud MK.

However, should she succeed against the odds, it will be nothing less than a revolution. By breaking the suffocating stranglehold of an unelected, leftist clique over Israeli democracy, she can pave the way for the Supreme Court's rehabilitation as a more balanced institution which actually represents the citizens of Israel.

Far from being a "threat to Israeli democracy," as the demagogues tell us, Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked may well be its last hope.