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### ... Dorner Runs for Presidency

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#### Presidency heats up

After ex-Supreme Court justice Dalia Dorner announced she will run for Israel's presidency on Thursday — the first female candidate — Israel Hayom describes the upcoming campaign as having the largest number of candidates for president in the history of the State of Israel.

But columnist Matti Tochfeld expresses his reservations about the former justice in an op-ed. "Shechtman and Dorner's political abilities, which is crucial to winning, are identical: completely lacking. Therefore, the house on Presidents Street will likely not be occupied by either one," he writes.



Former Supreme Court justice Dalia Dorner (photo credit: Miriam Alster/Flash90)

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The paper also features a survey of readers on the presidency: 72% of respondents said the presidency should be secured by public vote, rather than governmental appointment; 63.8% said they believe the role of president is important; 53.6% said they would support an extension of President Peres's term; and 59% believed the NIS 500-million budget for president was not being appropriated correctly.

"With every passing day, another candidate joins the race," **Maariv** reports, chiming in to the discussion. According to the paper, MKs from Yesh Atid were planning to support particular candidates, but were informed they must hold off.

“Lapid doesn’t want MKs to commit in advance to certain candidates, in order to keep the option open to surprise [everyone] with an interesting and original candidate for president,” an unnamed Yesh Atid MK said. The paper suggests that the nominee would probably be female, and that biochemist Ruth Arnon remains the most likely candidate.

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