**Former Member of Knesset Amram Mitzna**

Born as Amram Mitzna in Kibbutz Dovrat, Mitzna was a graduate of the 9th class of the military boarding school for command, and starting from 1963, a military man. Among other things, Mitzna is a graduate of the US War College in Pennsylvania (1979), graduate of the Senior Public Relations Program at Harvard University (1989), and holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Haifa (1990).

**Military Service**

In 1963 Mitzna enlisted in the IDF and was positioned in the Armored Corps, where he trained as a fighter and tank commander. He would go on to complete the Armored Corps Officer’s Course and to fill most of the positions available in the corps, until becoming a division commander in corps.

Among the positions he held during his military service: Commander of the Reem Formation, Commander of the 188 Brigade, Commander of the 460 Brigade, and Commander of the 36th Division, Commander of the IDF Command & Staff College, Head of Operations at the General Staff, Head of Planning Directorate and Commander of the Central Command during the First Intifada.

Mitzna was awarded Medal of Distinguished Service for his contribution during the Six Day War as well as an honorable mention from the Chief of Staff for his command over the Battle of the Chinese Farm during the Yom Kippur War.

**Mayor of Haifa**

After his military service, Member of the Knesset Mitzna served for two terms as mayor of Haifa.

**Member of Knesset and Head of the Yeruham Appointed Committee**

In 2002 Mitzna ran for leader of the Israeli Labor Party during the 16th Knesset elections, competing with Ariel Sharon.

During these elections, Mitzna took a clear leftist political position, calling for the dismantling of settlements in Gaza. As a Member of the Knesset, he served as a member of the Foreign and Defense Committee and the Interior and Environment Committee. Mitzna was one of the initiators of the Geneva agreement.

In November 2005, Mitzna announced his resignation from the Knesset to serve as chairman of the Yeruham Committee. For this term he received in 2007 an honorary badge (Knight’s Badge) from the Movement for Quality Government in Israel, as well as the "Continuing the Way of Ben-Gurion Prize", for 2009. In 2010 he won the Ygal Alon prize for ‘Exemplary Pioneering Action’, an honorary Ph.D. from the Technion and an honorary Ph.D. of Philosophy from Ben-Gurion University.

**Back to National Politics**

On December 2nd, 2012, Mitzna announced he was joining the “Hatnua” party, led by Tzipi Livni. He was placed second on her list for the 19th Knesset elections and was elected.

In the 19th Knesset he was appointed as chairman of the Education Committee.

In late December 2014, upon the dispersal of the 19th Knesset, Mitzna announced that he was retiring from the political life.