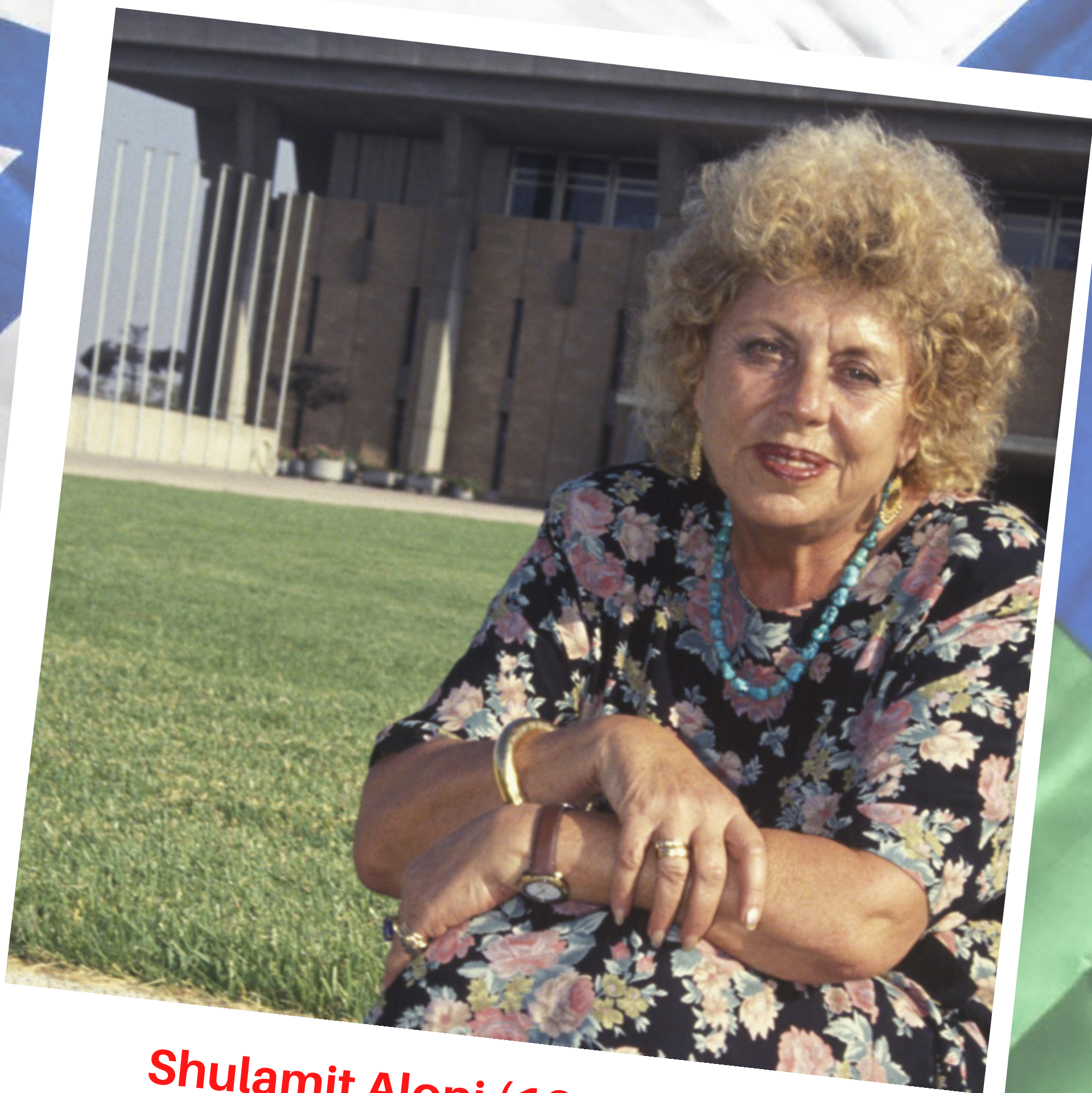


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SHULAMIT ALONI



Shulamit Aloni (1927-2014)
was a human rights activist, Member of
Knesset, Minister of Education, one of
the founders of the Meretz party and
chairman of the party, and winner of the
Israel Prize for contribution to society.



She was one of the most prominent spokespersons for LGBT rights in Israel in the 1960s. In a brilliant trick on March 22, 1988, Aloni managed to do the unbelievable and submitted the renewed amendment to the Penal Code, without the section prohibiting "unnatural intercourse".



The amendment's approval in the Knesset brought to an end an era in which homosexuality has appeared on the list of criminal offences in the Israeli law book. This achievement was a turning point in the attitude of the legislature and the judiciary toward the LGBTQ community.