

Centrist liberal party

- Leader: Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipora Malka "Tzipi" Livni
- 2005: Party founded by *Ariel* Sharon just six weeks before he suffers major stroke
- 2006: Becomes largest party in Knesset, winning 29 seats
- Under Prime Minister *Ehud Olmert* Israel fights two inconclusive wars with Hezbollah in Lebanon in
- 2006 and Hamas in Gaza this year

 Supports Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and creation of Palestinian state in West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- Jerusalem to remain Israel's "undivided capital". Large Jewish settlement blocs in West Bank will remain under Israeli rule. No Palestinian refugees will be