

Avigdor Lieberman



■ **1958:** Born in Soviet city of Kishinev, now Chisinau, capital of Moldova

■ **1978:** Emigrates to Israel – gains degree in social sciences from Jerusalem's Hebrew University

■ **1993-97:** Administrative head of Likud, and chief of staff to **Benjamin Netanyahu** during his first premiership

■ **1999:** Founds **Yisrael Beiteinu** (Israel Our Home) to create platform for Russian immigrants

■ **2002-04:** Minor cabinet posts in **Ariel Sharon's** Likud-led government

■ **2004:** Resigns in protest over Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza

■ **2006:** Minister of Strategic Affairs in Kadima-led government of **Ehud Olmert**

■ **2008:** Pulls out of government, refusing to back peace talks with Palestinians under Annapolis process

■ **2009:** Foreign minister in Netanyahu's new administration

■ **2011:** Facing possible charges of corruption and money-laundering