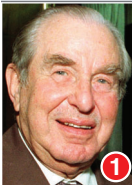


Isaac “Bougie” Herzog

■ **1960:** *Isaac Herzog* born in Tel Aviv, son of Israel’s sixth president, Irish-born *Chaim Herzog* (1). Egyptian-born, French-speaking mother *Aura Ambache* nicknamed Isaac “Bougie” – cross between Hebrew word for doll “booba” and French “bijou” or jewel



Isaac is also grandson of Israel’s first chief rabbi, *Isaac Halevi Herzog* (2), and nephew of *Abba Eban* (3) – high-profile foreign minister 1966-1974

■ **1975:** Attends high school in New York while father serves as UN ambassador. Goes on to study law at Tel Aviv University and New York’s Cornell University

■ **1978:** Returns to Israel and serves as officer in elite army intelligence unit during his military service. Later joins *Herzog Fox & Neeman* – most politically connected law office in Israel



■ **1999-2001:** Serves as cabinet secretary under Prime Minister *Ehud Barak*

■ **2003:** Elected to Knesset as Labour MP – goes on to hold various ministerial portfolios under Prime Ministers *Ehud Olmert* and *Benjamin Netanyahu*

■ **2013:** Elected chairman of Labour Party, becoming leader of opposition in parliament

■ **Dec 2014:** Forges alliance with centrist *Hatnua Party*, led by former Foreign Minister *Tzipi Livni*, to create *Zionist Union*

■ **Mar 2015:** Israeli elections. If Herzog becomes prime minister, he promises to “re-ignite” talks with Palestinians and repair frayed ties with U.S.