

Israel's Religious Zionism alliance

As Israelis go to the polls for the fifth time since 2019, the far-right religious umbrella *Religious Zionism* alliance could become the third-largest party in the Knesset



■ **Aug-Sep:** Likud party leader, **Benjamin Netanyahu** (third left), brokers deals with far-right **Religious Zionism Party**, **Otsma Yehudit** and **Noam** parties to run together in election

■ Religious Zionism alliance:

New incarnation of movement of late Rabbi **Meir Kahane** (inset). Kahane's ideology was considered so repugnant that Israel banned him from parliament



■ **Alliance platform:** Annexation of West Bank settlements, deport Arab politicians, attack judicial system, including revoking criminal infraction "**fraud and breach of trust**" – basis of three of four corruption charges that Netanyahu is facing

1 Bezalel Smotrich:

Leader of **Religious Zionist Party**. Arrested by Shin Bet security service in 2005 for allegedly planning attacks on Israeli infrastructure

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2 **Itamar Ben Gvir:** Leader of **Otsma Yehudit** and Kahane disciple. Wants to deport "disloyal" Arab Israelis who attack soldiers, impose death penalty on terrorists and enable Jewish worship on Temple Mount – currently prohibited

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3 Avi Maoz: Leader of Noam party.

Openly homophobic to LGBT community, extreme views on Israeli Arab population and women's rights – role is to marry and have children

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