Netanyahu rivals unite for Israel election

Two of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's top rivals announced they would join forces in an upcoming election to oust his coalition government

- Right-wing ***Naftali Bennett*** *(right)* and centrist ***Yair Lapid*** *(far right)* will run together under new united party named ***BeYachad*** – Hebrew for "Together"
- New party combines Lapid's ***Yesh Atid*** with ***Bennett 2026*** under Bennett's leadership
- Move could reshape direction of upcoming elections scheduled for no later than Oct 2026

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- Party expected to pursue security posture similar to that of Netanyahu on issues like Iran, Gaza and Lebanon, so Israel's foreign policy would remain largely unchanged

KNESSET SEAT PROJECTION *(Kantar/Kan poll, Apr 27)*

Opposition bloc

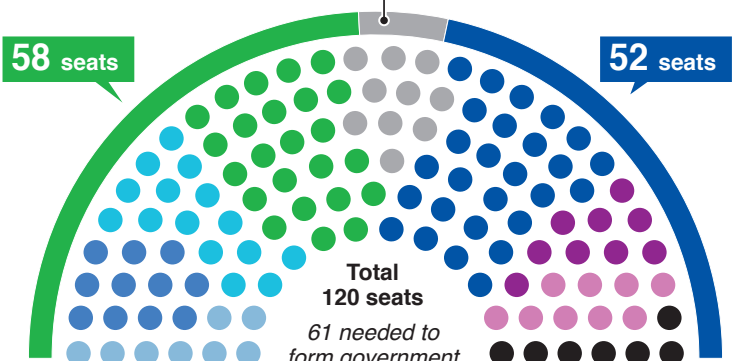
- 24 Together
- 15 Yashar
- 11 Democrats
- 8 Yisrael Beitenu

Unaligned

- 5 Ra'am
- 5 Hadash-Ta'al

Ruling coalition (Netanyahu)

- 27 Likud
- 9 Otzma Yehudit
- 9 Shas
- 7 United Torah Judaism



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