

POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE KNESSET FOLLOWING THE 2013 ELECTIONS

The Coalition

Party	Translation	Leader	Seats	Position
<i>HaLikud</i>	The Consolidation	Binyamin Netanyahu	19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emphasizes national security policy based on a strong military force 2. 1999 party platform supported right of settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, claimed the Jordan River as the permanent eastern border of Israel and claimed Jerusalem as belonging to Israel 3. Previously ruled out possibility of a Palestinian state, but more recently indicates it will not oppose such a state under proper conditions
<i>Yesh Atid</i>	There is a Future	Yair Lapid	19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reform the ineffective system of government 2. Overhaul the educational system 3. Create a more equitable system for enlisting Israelis in serving their country 4. Jump start the economy through small business assistance for the middle class 5. Provide housing opportunities for IDF veterans and young couples
<i>HaBayit HaYehudi</i>	The Jewish Home	Naftali Bennett	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primarily represents Modern Orthodox Jews 2. Promised in 2013 to end the system of draft exemptions for ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students [agreeing with Yesh Atid] 3. Opposes concessions to the Palestinians and advocates annexation of Area C in the West Bank [disagreeing with Yesh Atid and with Hatnua]
<i>Yisrael Beiteinu</i>	Israel is Our Home	Avigdor Lieberman	12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Party's base consists of secular, Russian-speaking Israelis 2. Considered by many to be right-wing and nationalist party 3. Advocates a two-state solution but with redrawn borders and some population transfers to separate Jews and Arabs into separate states
<i>Hatnuah</i>	The Movement	Tzipi Livni	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Favors negotiation to achieve a Palestinian state 2. Seeks to protect the environment and protect social rights, including women's rights and gay rights 3. Supports same-sex marriage

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The other parties with Knesset representation but not in the ruling coalition

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<i>Miflegat HaAvoda HaYisraelit</i>	Labor Party	Isaac Herzog	15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports a market economy with strong social welfare programs 2. Foreign policy: strong orientation toward the United States 3. Permanent peace with the Palestinians can be based only on enforceable agreements 4. Continued existence of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. 5. Supports the promotion of individual human rights.
<i>Shas [Shomrei Sfarad]</i>	Sephardic Guards [i.e., of the Torah]	Aryeh Deri	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Represents the interests of Haredi [ultra-Orthodox] Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews. 2. Advocates "return the crown to the former glory" and repair what it sees as the "continued economic and social discrimination against the Sephardic population of Israel" 3. Advocates that the state run according to Halakhah
<i>Yahadut HaTora HaMeuhedet</i>	United Torah Judaism	Yaakov Litzman	7	<p>A coalition of two factions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Degel HaTorah ("Banner [of] the Torah") party that is guided by the rabbinic heads (usually the leading rosh yeshivas ["deans"] of the Lithuanian yeshivot) of non-Hasidic Haredi Ashkenazi Jews. 2. The Agudat Israel ("Union [of] Israel") party that is guided by the followers of Hasidism in Israel, and also consisting of Ashkenazi Jews.
<i>Meretz</i>	Energy	Zahava Gal-On	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peace between Israel and the Palestinians based on a two-state solution, and dismantling most of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank 2. Rights of minorities in Israel, fight against discrimination, and support for affirmative action. 3. LGBT and women's rights and feminism. 4. Separation of religion and state, and religious freedom. 5. Liberal secular education.
<i>Ta'al [Tnu'a Aravit LeHithadshut]</i>	Arab Movement for Renewal-	Ibrahim Sarsur	4	One of three Arab parties in the Knesset.
<i>Hadash [HaHazit HaDemokratit LeShalom VeLeShivion]</i>	The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality	Mohammad Barakeh	4	A communist and Arab party. It advocates complete evacuation of all settlements outside the 1949 armistice line and creation of a Palestinian state there.
<i>Balad [Brit Le'umit Demokratit]</i>	National Democratic Assembly	Jamal Zahalka	3	Third Arab party. Stated purpose: transform the state into a democracy for all its citizens, irrespective of national or ethnic identity. Opposes the idea of Israel as a solely Jewish state, and supports its recasting as a binational state.
<i>Kadima</i>	Forward	Shaul Mofaz	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Israel has a national and historic right to the whole of Israel. To maintain a Jewish majority, however, part of the Land of Israel must be given up to maintain a Jewish and democratic state. 2. Jerusalem & West Bank settlement blocks will be kept under Israeli control.