

Israeli election: Who won and who lost?

Party	Seats
Likud	36
Blue and white	35
Shas	8
United Torah Judaism	7
Labor	6
Chadash Ta'al	6
The Jewish Home	5
Yisrael Beiteinu	4
Meretz	4
Kulanu	4
Balad Ra'am	4

WHO LOST BIG?

- THE NEW RIGHT - Leaders: Naftali Bennet and Ayelet Shaked. No seats, down from three. Once seen as rising young stars in Israeli politics, Bennett, a high-tech millionaire, was education minister and Shaked was justice minister in the outgoing government.
- ZEHUT - Leader: Moshe Feiglin. No seats. Soaring in pre-election opinion polls and crashing at the ballot, the new ultra-nationalist libertarian Zehut will not be part of the incoming Knesset. Its campaign demands for marijuana legalization appeared to be a huge draw for many young voters, who ultimately failed to come through for it.

Earlier on Tuesday, April 16th, President Reuven Rivlin said that a majority of parliament members had advised him to have Netanyahu form a government after the April 9 vote, effectively ensuring his nomination. In office for the past decade, Netanyahu won a fifth term despite an announcement by Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit in February that he intends to charge the prime minister in three corruption cases.

New Knesset sworn in, Rivlin urges coalition to be 'honorable winners'

Israel's 21st Knesset was ceremoniously sworn in on Tuesday, April 30th, afternoon, including its 49 new members, while President Reuven Rivlin urged for unity and mutual respect.

Rivlin spoke at the opening ceremony and criticized the heated campaigns that preceded the April 9 elections, and pleaded the members of the Knesset to put aside all differences, stop slamming their political rivals and have clean and honest debates which he called "the only thing that gives this home (of ours) a right to exist, and its status as a Jewish and democratic country a strong base."

Rivlin addressed both the coalition and the opposition and shared from his experience on both sides. "It is a great right to serve the people from the opposition, as much as it is a great responsibility," said the president. To the coalition Rivlin said they must be "honorable winners."

"You are not in the opposition, you have been holding the reins of power and leadership for a long time now," said the president, referring to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 5th term in office.

"It is your duty to stop trying to finish off your rivals, let go of the victimhood, and reign with respect and love over all the different kind of citizens who live here," Rivlin concluded.

**Did you know?**

There are more than 40 kosher McDonald's in Israel. The only one outside the Jewish state is in Buenos Aires



Beresheet spacecraft reaches moon but landing unsuccessful

The little craft aimed to end its six-week journey by making the Jewish state one of only four nations in the world to have achieved a lunar landing but an engine failed and mission control lost radio contact as the spacecraft fell and crashed into the moon's surface.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara and son Yair were present at the Yehud command room to watch the landing. Following the failure, he said: "If at first you don't succeed you try again."

Holocaust Remembrance Day commences

Israel marking the victims and heroes of the Holocaust with a ceremony at Yad Vashem; President Rivlin warned of rising European anti-Semitism from the Right and the Left, rebukes relationship with far-Right governments; Netanyahu: extreme Right, extreme Left, radical Islam agree on 'one thing: their hatred of Jews'



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Israeli Chocolate Balls (for 30 balls)

- 200 grams of biscuits - crumbling
- 100 grams of melted butter
- 2 tablespoons chocolate powder
- One chocolate bar (milk or dark)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup milk

1. Place the chocolate and butter in a bowl and melt in the microwave
2. Break the biscuits into small pieces – almost a powder
3. Mix all the ingredients including chocolate and biscuits, create small balls
4. Keep the chocolate balls in the fridge



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