

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT?

**11.20.19**

End of the 28-day period Knesset member Benny Gantz had to assemble the government.

**11.21.19**

The president, Reuven Rivlin, informed the Knesset chairman, Yuli Edelstein, that no candidate was able to form a government. A 21-day period begins during which at least 61 Knesset members could offer the role of assembling the government on a Knesset member (the mandate may be given to a Knesset member who has previously tried to form a government) to the president. The Knesset member must agree to the offer.

**12.11.19**

No Knesset member has been offered, the President must notify the Knesset chairman, that no application has been made.

Knesset member has been proposed, the President will put the task of assembling the government on the same Knesset member within two days. (This can happen during the 21-day period).

**TWO DAYS AFTER**

The Knesset member that was chosen to form the government will be given 14 days to do so.

The Knesset member **failed** to form the government.

The Knesset member **succeeded** in forming a government.

The President must notify the Knesset chairman

**The government will assemble after receiving the Knesset's confidence.**

The President and the Knesset chairman will dissolve the government.

**Third election will be held on the last Tuesday in the 90-day period from the day the Knesset is dissolved.**

## **AG submits Netanyahu indictment; PM has 30 days to seek immunity**

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit on December 2<sup>nd</sup> officially submitted to Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein the indictment drawn up by his office against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for fraud, bribery and breach of trust over three separate cases.

Netanyahu now has 30 days to request parliamentary immunity, a period that expires on January 1, 2020.

While the prime minister has 30 days to submit his request, the committee that decides whether or not grant immunity, the Knesset House Committee, is not sitting as there is no government.

In his letter to Edelstein, Mandelblit wrote that Netanyahu's trial will take place at Jerusalem District Court and that a date has been set for the proceedings but has not yet made public.

There will be an estimated 333 witnesses called during the trial, Mandelblit wrote.

The attorney general announced on November 21 that his office would indict Netanyahu in the three separate cases. Israeli law dictates that a prime minister must resign from office if convicted, but there is less clarity concerning a pending trial.

## **Tel Aviv ranks #7 in top locations every food lover should visit**

Tel Aviv ranked seventh on the BCC's "Good Foods" list of the "Top 10 destinations for foodies 2020"

Tel Aviv's vegan-friendly culture is what made the BCC put the Israeli coastal paradise city at number seven.

"In recent years, Tel Aviv has upped its game to become the world's self-designated vegan capital, with slick vegan coffee shops and local chains such as Domino's offering animal product-free pizza" the BBC said in its review.

BCC described the benefits of eating in Tel Aviv, including plant-based food that oftentimes travels from farm-to-table within the same day, followed closely by the beautiful beaches and other fine scenery throughout in the city itself- followed by its bustling, youthful atmosphere and secular culture.

### **Did you know?**

People who keep Shabbat in Israel can buy car insurance which doesn't cover Saturdays, making it cheaper

## **Zalabia – just in time for Hanukkah!**

### **You will need –**

- 7 cups flour
- 3 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 thin tablespoon of salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon of baking powder
- Oil
- water



### **How to make it –**

1. Mix all the dry ingredients
2. Add the eggs and mix
3. Add 2-4 cups of water (the dough needs to be a bit sticky)
4. Knead the dough
5. Put oil in the frying pan and heat the oil
6. Take small pieces of dough and fry them in the oil
7. When the dough is gold color flip the Zalabia

**The *Shlichim* in the Greater Washington Area opened a WhatsApp group where we will share articles, news, and government updates from Israel. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Yael .**



*Edited by Yael Shafir*

*Shlichah at Congregation Har Shalom*

*Yael@harshalom.org*

