THE ELECTIONS ERA

A timeline of Israel’s five elections in the last four years.

DECEMBER 26, 2018
20th Knesset dissolves, triggering elections

APRIL 9, 2019
First Elections
Benjamin Netanyahu appears poised to form the next government

APRIL 18, 2019
President Reuven Rivlin gives Netanyahu the mandate to form the next government

MAY 29, 2019
Netanyahu fails to form a government; 21st Knesset dissolves

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
Second Elections
Benny Gantz’s Blue and White becomes the largest party but neither bloc has a Knesset majority

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
President Rivlin gives Netanyahu the mandate to form the next government

OCTOBER 23, 2019
President Rivlin passes the mandate to Gantz after Netanyahu fails to form a government

NOVEMBER 21, 2019
President Rivlin passes the mandate to the Knesset, allowing any MK to form a government, after Gantz fails

DECEMBER 11, 2019
No MK manages to form a government; 22nd Knesset dissolves

MARCH 2, 2020
Third Elections
Likud is once again the largest party, but the Netanyahu bloc remains short of a Knesset majority

MARCH 13, 2020
Gantz announces his intention to form a unity government with Netanyahu to address the COVID-19 crisis

MARCH 15, 2020
President Rivlin gives Gantz the mandate to form the next government

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Fifth Elections
MAY 5, 2021
President Rivlin passes the mandate to Yair Lapid after Netanyahu fails to form a government

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NOVEMBER 4, 2021
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