

The Parties

Party	Ideology	Leader	
Labor	Seeks a social welfare state- reduce unemployment and the social gaps Separation from the Palestinians, removal of settlements. Amir is in favor of Oslo	Amir Peretz	
Kadima	Believes in road map. Supports Palestinian state. Stopping of terrorism an essential element of any further negotiations	Ehud Olmert	
Shas	Shas feels threaten by Amir's labor party both on a social and ethnic basis. Believes in more religious legislation, addressing the ethnic divide	Eli Yishai	
Yahad Meretz	Withdrawal to 1967 borders, against religious coercion	Yossi Sarid	
National Union	Oslo is a disaster, so is a Palestinian state	Avigdor Lieberman	
Shinnui	Separation of religion and state, supports a free market economy	Yosef Lapid	
NRP	Pro-settlement, supports religious status quo	Effi Eitan	
United Arab List	Palestinian state, increased funding for Arab sector	Abdulmalik Dehamshe	
Hadash / Ta'al	Equal rights, recognition of Israeli Arabs as national minority	Mohammed Barakeh	
United Torah Judaism	Religious legislation, dissemination of Jewish tradition	Meir Porush	
Balad	A country of all its citizens, cultural autonomy for Arabs	Azmi Bishara	

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