



## Jewish Groups Congratulate Bibi on Election Win

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US Jewish groups have sent congratulations to [Benjamin Netanyahu on his election win](#), making him prime minister of Israel for a fourth term.

The Republican Jewish Coalition has already put out a statement in the US: “Given the consequential issues facing the voters of Israel, such as a nuclear Iran and Israel’s security in a troubled region, they chose Netanyahu to lead them forward despite some international opposition. The RJC looks forward to continuing its work to enhance and strengthen American-Israeli relations.”

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today extended congratulations to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Likud Party for their strong showing in Israel’s elections.

Barry Curtiss-Lusher, ADL National Chair and Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director, issued the following statement:

“We extend our congratulations to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Likud Party for their strong showing in these elections, and wish the prime minister well as he moves to build a new governing coalition.

“With the highest turnout in 15 years for national elections, the people of Israel selected their parliamentary representation for the next four years. The proud demonstration of

Israel's open and vibrant democracy over the more than 67 years since its founding stands in stark contrast to every other country in the Middle East.

"Regretfully, this campaign was too often marked by extreme and divisive statements by candidates. We urge leaders of all parties to work to reach out to all segments of Israel's society and heal these wounds.

"Now the work of forming a governing coalition begins. We wish Israel's leaders success in establishing a new government that will be able to effectively address the many domestic and security issues facing Israel."

And Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC) congratulated the Likud Party and party leader Benjamin Netanyahu upon winning yesterday's country-wide election in Israel.

"The strength of Israel's democracy can be seen by the 34 political parties that fielded candidates in the election, including a newly formed Arab "Joint List" party, comprised of four smaller, traditional parties that finished third overall," noted FSWC President and CEO Avi Benlolo, who cast his ballot in Israel yesterday. "It was a real privilege to participate in such a vigorous, albeit singular democracy in the Middle East," he added.

The Likud Party will now have 42 days to build a coalition of 61 members in order to form the next government in the 120 seat Israeli Parliament, or Knesset.