In less than a month, Israel will hold its fourth election in two years, and the vote will once again serve as a referendum on the leadership of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Amid constantly shifting poll numbers, centrist opposition leader Yair Lapid, chairman of the Yesh Atid Party, has emerged as a challenger.

To understand the state of the election, Lapid’s policy prerogatives, and his vision for leadership, The Washington Institute is pleased to announce an online conversation with him, followed by a virtual panel discussion with Tamar Hermann and David Makovsky.
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