

Understanding Israel's Election Results

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Israel's 2019 election proved to be one of the most hotly contested races in recent memory.

In a new Washington Institute video, Ziegler Distinguished Fellow David Makovsky and William Davidson Distinguished Fellow Ambassador Dennis Ross discuss their takeaways from this controversial election season and its implications for U.S.-Israel relations.

The Institute experts explain why this election was so razor-thin; why the Labor Party fared so poorly; what Benny Gantz's Blue and White Party could have done differently; and how Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will balance the forthcoming Trump peace plan with his campaign promise to annex parts of the [West Bank](#) (<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/view/settlements-and-solutions>).

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Their newest book, *Be Strong and of Good Courage* (<https://www.amazon.com/Be-Strong-Good-Courage-Important-ebook/dp/B07MPX7LKR>), will be released in September 2019.

DAVID MAKOVSKY PREVIEWED THE ELECTIONS IN THIS MARCH PODCAST



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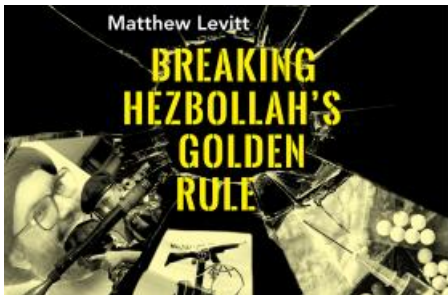
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