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...AND NETANYAHU'S CANDIDACY

Sir, - If Netanyahu succeeds in securing a contest with Barak for the premiership, the nation will have the dubious option of choosing between Tweedledee (forced to end his earlier term by his blunders, breach of promises, and his dismissive, not to say insolent behavior toward his colleagues and followers) and Tweedledum (ditto). Netanyahu out of office, however, managed to add to his achievements.

He abandoned his distressed and debt-ridden party after its defeat, leaving it to others to pick up the pieces, while he developed his private business concerns. Now, the moment the signs show that - owing to Barak's failures - the prospects for the Likud's return to power are bright, here he is, pushing himself to the front, unceremoniously shouldering aside his party's leader to announce that he will run for prime minister, and correct all the mistakes of Barak.

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