

‘GREATER ISRAEL’ AND THE ERASURE OF PALESTINE

**THE ZIONISM FALLACY THREATENING
GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY.**

“ Zionism is not Judaism - it is a European colonial project rooted in racism, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, and settler colonialism. ”

- Vienna Declaration at the First Jewish Anti-Zionist Congress, 13 June 2025.

“ Neither Herzl nor Hitler ”

- Chanted in unison by all delegates at the opening of the first Jewish Anti-Zionist Congress in Vienna (13-15 June 2025). The location of the event was chosen for significant for historical reasons - being where Theodore Herzl formed the ideology that became modern Zionism, as well as Adolf Hitler’s birthplace - and for modern reasons - Austria, alongside Germany, provides unconditional support for Israel, a symptom of its guilt over the Holocaust.

“ Zionism is based on the fallacy that there exists a single nation encompassing all the world's Jews. How can Zionism claim that Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people, since the only attribute shared by all Jews is Judaism, a religion and not an attribute of nationhood in any modern sense of the word? Jews can belong to various nations - a Jew may be French, American, Indian, Argentinian, and so forth - but being Jewish excludes other religious affiliations. Thus, this essay argues, the Zionist claim that all the world's Jews constitute a single distinct national entity is an ideological myth, invented as a misconceived way of dealing with the persecution and discrimination suffered by European Jews, in particular. Indeed, from its earliest iterations and up to the present day, Zionism - a colonising project - has been fuelled by an inverted form of anti-Semitism: if, as it claims, Israel acts on behalf of all Jews everywhere, then all Jews must be collectively held responsible for the actions of that state - clearly an anti-Semitic position. ”

**- Moshe Machover in ‘An Immoral Dilemma: The Trap of Zionist Propaganda’
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“ Judaism, as most people know, is a religious and cultural tradition that dates back over 5,000 years. Zionism is a political ideology dating from the emergence of ethno-nationalism in mid-1800s Europe. Originally an Evangelical Christian idea to rid European society of Jews and hasten the Apocalypse, it was weaponised by Britain to install a proxy in the Middle East as the Ottoman - and British - Empires crumbled. Given the fact that Israel appears to be engineering its own spectacular demise, there is room for hope that Zionism won’t survive its 200th birthday. We Jews would do well to reflect on which historical, theological, and moral current we wish to follow. ”

- Michelle Berkon in her submission to the *Australian Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities* (published in August 2024 and titled ‘Inquiry into Anti-semitism: A Trojan Horse for the Israel Lobby’).

“ Zionism is based on lies and propaganda – beginning with its ideological slogan: “A land without a people for a people without a land.” ”

- Unknown

“ The greatest myth about Zionism and the State of Israel is that the point of the enterprise is to protect Jews.

False.

The goal of Zionism was to create a Jewish State in a land that was 95% non-Jewish. To do that, many, many, many Jews needed to (and still need to) sacrifice their lives to that end.

That’s why 1% of the Jews in Palestine died in 1948. 6,000 Jews had to die to make a Jewish state possible in a land that was at that time two-thirds non-Jewish.

That’s why, in the 1950s, Israel built 108 civilian centres in border areas to serve as a first line of military defence, including towns like Nahal Oz, short for Nahlayim Mul Aza, “Nahal soldiers across from Gaza,” which tragically ended up serving the purpose for which it was built, to put Israeli civilians on the frontlines as human shields.

That’s why military service is required for most Jews in Israel - the state needs more and more Jewish bodies to sacrifice their own lives to ensure acquiescence to the project of Jewish domination in Palestine.

That’s also why Israel invoked Hannibal directive on October 7th, killing dozens if not hundreds of Israelis on that day. Jewish bodies were the sacrificial lambs necessary to ensure the Jewish State could maintain its strategic domination over the Palestinians.

And that is also why the Israeli hostages and prisoners of war have been left to die, too. The State of Israel cares about its own preservation and domination, not about saving Jews.

For 76 years, the State of Israel has proven itself to be a total menace to the Jewish people.

I call on all people who care about the wellbeing of the Jewish people to stop arming Israel and stop supporting this genocidal state. The very survival of the Jewish people depends on it. ”

- Zachary Foster (2024).

“Israel is sustained by lies. The lie that Israel wants a just and equitable peace and will support a Palestinian state. The lie that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. The lie that Israel is an “outpost of Western civilisation in a sea of barbarism”. The lie that Israel respects the rule of law and human rights. ”

- Chris Hedges in ‘Israel’s Culture of Deceit’ (2023).

“ Zionists are indignant because for decades Israel - and the racist political ideology that drives it - has enjoyed “almost unchallenged hegemony in liberal ‘establishment’ discourse”, as Edward Said wrote. Zionism is now finally being interrogated from the “standpoint of its victims.”

And naturally, Zionists are distressed. It is impossible to continue to monopolise victimhood when the state they support is so brazenly committing crimes against humanity, and the world is finally taking notice. Zionists genuinely do not care about anti-semitism because of the cheap, patently false conflation between anti-Zionism and anti-semitism. As the silenced anti-Zionist Jews around the world argue, Zionism is the agent of anti-semitism. ”

- Anonymous

PREFACE

Jewish settlers and Zionism advocates assert that the Jewish people have biblical rights to the land of Palestine. However, the Palestinian territory held no more significance to the Zionist movement than the seven other regions located in different parts of the globe that were originally proposed as a homeland for the Jewish people ¹:

1. Grand Island on the Niagara River (United States) – abandoned in 1825.
2. Uganda (The Mau Escarpment, which now forms part of Kenya) – rejected in 1905.
3. Madagascar (island off the east coast of Africa) – rejected in 1905.
4. Argentine Pampas (Argentina) – abandoned in 1931.
5. Cyprus (the entire island) – rejected in 1903 and again in 1939
6. Kimberley region (northernmost section of Western Australia) – abandoned in 1941.
7. Suriname (Dutch Guiana in South America) – abandoned in 1942.

Given that the Zionist movement was primarily founded and driven by Ashkenazi Jews (AJ's) - who had no greater historical claim or sovereign connection to Palestine than other white Europeans - their assertion of a national right to the land must be viewed critically. The idea of Palestine as the rightful home of the Jewish people was a narrative developed and promoted by the Zionist movement, particularly by its Ashkenazi leadership. This narrative gained greater urgency after efforts to establish a Jewish homeland in each of the seven other proposed regions were either abandoned by the Zionist movement or the **Jewish Territorial Organisation**, or were rejected by the governing authorities of those areas.

This resource offers a comprehensive overview of the key stakeholders involved in the Zionist movement, tracing the journey from its origins in the mid-nineteenth century to its manifestation in contemporary Israel. It examines the individuals and organisations - collaborators, influencers, and enablers - who have contributed to what is framed here as a sophisticated and ambitious geopolitical project, rooted in a **supremacist ideology** and characterised by policies described as constituting a campaign of ethnic cleansing.

It explores the scope and complexity of a powerful global network that engages in covert operations and strategic influence efforts to advance the goal of a 'Greater Israel' - revealing:

- i. The emergence of a state accused of orchestrating some of the most audacious and deceptive false-flag operations in modern history.
- ii. The existence of a highly coordinated international propaganda infrastructure, including organisations such as *The Israel Project*, *Hasbara*, *Aish HaTorah* (AISH), *HonestReporting*, *OpenDor Media*, and *The Clarion Project*, among many others.
- iii. The influence exerted over American political and religious institutions - particularly through lobbying groups such as AIPAC and the mobilisation of Christian Zionist movements - positioning Israel as the dominant force in Western policymaking.
- iv. The strategic appropriation of genetic and genealogical research related to Ashkenazi Jews by scientists allegedly linked to Zionist advocacy efforts - aimed at reinforcing claims of ancestral connection to the Levant.

Zionism - particularly in its Revisionist form - not only undermines the true tenets of Judaism...it undermines global peace and security.

¹ The Zionist movement and the *Jewish Territorial Organisation* (ITO) scoped the seven separate regions as options for a Jewish homeland - ahead of Palestine. The scoping activities for each region were covertly conducted prior and leading up to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

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THEODOR HERZL: A FICTITIOUS LEGACY

"Neither Herzl nor Hitler" - chanted in unison by all delegates at the opening of the first Jewish Anti-Zionist Congress in Vienna (13-15 June 2025).

To understand the extent to which Theodor Herzl - the founder of Zionism - deviated from the tenets of Judaism, one need only examine the tragic legacy left within his family. The unveiling of the real person behind the Zionist movement – and the efforts to suppress this information - has been confirmed by several investigative agencies, including extensive research carried out by the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz*.

Herzl devoted himself almost entirely to the Zionist movement and died in 1904 at the age of 44, leaving his family penniless. Despite an unhappy marriage, in which Herzl was largely absent from home, he and his wife (**Julie Naschauer**) had three children: Paulina (born 1890), Hans (born 1891), and Margaritha ('Trude', born 1893). Nonetheless, Herzl's selfishness and relentless pursuit of his political goals took a devastating toll on his family's well-being. Herzl's wife died a lonely and melancholic woman in 1907, just three years after his death.

Herzl's eldest daughter Paulina suffered emotional problems in her youth – leading to mental illness and drug (morphine) addiction in her adulthood. She died in 1930 at the age of 40 from a heroin overdose.

As the only son, Hans was given a secular upbringing and Herzl refused to allow him to be circumcised. Following Herzl's early death in 1904 - and after reportedly being pressured to do so by his Zionist caretakers - Hans, then a ward, submitted to circumcision in 1905 at the age of fourteen. In 1924, at the age of thirty-three, Hans converted to Christianity, resenting the way he had been persuaded to be circumcised, and became successively a Baptist, then a Catholic, and flirted with other Protestant denominations. As a result of this conversion, he was abandoned by the Jewish community and denounced publicly. At 39 years of age and on the day of his older sister Paulina's funeral, Hans committed suicide with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Paulina and Hans had little contact with their young sister, 'Trude' (Margaritha). She suffered from severe bouts of depressive illness that required repeated hospitalisation. In 1943, the Nazis sent Trude and her husband to the Theresienstadt concentration camp where they both perished.

Of the four descendants of Theodor Herzl, **Stephen Norman** (born **Stephan Theodor Neumann** - the son of Margaritha and Herzl's only grandchild), was the only one to have been a Zionist, been to Israel and openly stated his desire to return. However, Norman became deeply depressed over the fate of his family and his inability to help the Jewish people "languishing" in the European camps. On 26 November 1946, unable to endure his suffering any further, he jumped to his death from the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge in Washington, D.C.

In the 1940s, a book was written about Herzl's children, revealing the deeply painful reality of their lives. However, the *World Zionist Organization* suppressed the book, opting to bury both Pauline and Hans in Bordeaux instead of allowing them to be laid to rest beside their father in Austria. This decision was likely made to preserve Herzl's image, as the tragic lives of his children could tarnish his fictitious legacy.

Herzl's personal neglect of Jewish practices and family traditions - such as his refusal to have his son circumcised - reveals a stark contrast to the very Jewish identity and heritage he sought to preserve and defend through Zionism. This dissonance between his actions and his advocacy for Jewish national identity symbolises the inherent contradiction between Zionism and Judaism.

THE 'LAW OF RETURN' AND THE ZIONIST CAMPAIGN TO SUBVERT SCIENCE

Jewish Ethnic Groups and Genealogy: Sephardic Jews, Mizrahi Jews and Ashkenazi Jews

Historically, Jewish people have been classified by the distinct region they inhabited and the cultural elements/characteristics they practiced. Despite Jewish historians and scholars acknowledging that a significant portion of the Jewish people living around the globe converted to Judaism during the last millennium (and therefore are not descendants of the people of Judea), controversy still exists as to which group comprises genuine descendants of Judea, and which group comprises converts to Judaism.

In essence, the Jewish population is divided into the following three main ethnic groups – each of whom disputably claim a legitimate right to settle in Palestine:

1. **Sephardic Jews** - descended from the Eastern Mediterranean (Spain and Portugal), Northern Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia), and Arab nations in the Middle-East (Levant) region. They primarily spoke Hebrew.
2. **Mizrahi Jews** - descended from Central Asia and the Caucus region, and includes Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq and the countries ending with the Persian suffix '-stan' (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan). Depending on the country of residence, they primarily spoke Hebrew or various dialects of Hebrew.
3. **Ashkenazi Jews** - descended from Central and Eastern Europe. They primarily spoke Yiddish (a language with Irano-Turko-Slavic origins, which later underwent a relexification process with the West Germanic vocabulary).

Almost all of the Jews that perished in the Holocaust were Ashkenazi Jews. Given the geographical separation from the major events of World War 2, both Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews were largely untouched by the Holocaust, and generally insensitive to the Ashkenazi preoccupation with it.¹

Of the approximate 15.2 million Jews around the world, approximately 64% are Ashkenazi, 30% are Mizrahi, and the remaining 6% are Sephardic.

The United States hosts the largest Jewish population outside of Israel, with approximately 7.6 million people (or 2.4% of its population). Approximately 67% identify as Ashkenazi, 3% as Sephardic, 1% as Mizrahi and the remaining population identify as a combination of the three groups. It should be noted that this demographic breakdown varies between reporting agencies, since it is based on the definitive criteria applied by each agency.

Zionism and the 'Law of Return'

The concept of the "Jewish people" remains controversial. A central tenet of Zionism is the *Law of Return* - the Israeli law that established the right of Jews around the world to settle in Israel and which remains in force today.

Zionism originated in Central and Eastern Europe, driven predominantly by secular Ashkenazi Jews. A central tenet of the movement is the narrative that Ashkenazi Jews are the indigenous people of the Levant, underpinning their asserted right to settle in Palestine. Any evidence that challenges this narrative would fundamentally weaken the ideological basis of the Zionist movement and provoke significant controversy and condemnation.

Throughout most of the 19th century, an estimated 60% of the Jewish population in Palestine was Sephardic. By the mid-1930's, this dropped to 23%, because from 1919 to 1948, approximately 90% of the immigrants to Palestine were Ashkenazi Jews.

Sephardic immigration rose rapidly in the late 1940's, and from 1948 to 1962, 55% of Jewish immigration were Sephardi Jews. By the late 1970's, Sephardi Jews constituted 55-60% of the Jewish population and a near-majority of the Jewish electorate. Currently, the Jewish population in Israel comprises approximately 53% Sephardic/Mizrahi Jews, and the remaining 47% are Ashkenazi

Jews. It should be noted that this demographic breakdown varies between reporting, since it is based on the definitive criteria applied by each agency.

Genealogy of Ashkenazi Jews: The 'Khazarian Hypothesis' versus the 'Rhineland Hypothesis'

Contemporary Ashkenazi Jews comprise the largest ethno-religious aggregate of modern Jewish communities, representing over 65% of the global population of Jewish people. The question of Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry has been the subject of controversy over the last two centuries (the debate arose just prior to the establishment of the global Zionist movement), and has yet to be resolved.

During that period, the debate was narrowed down to two hypotheses that evolved to explain the origins and emergence of the Ashkenazi Jewish people in Central and Eastern Europe:

1. The Khazarian Hypothesis

The Khazarian Hypothesis, states that the Jewish-convert Khazars - a confederation of Turkic, Iranian, and Mongol tribes who lived in what is now Southern Russia, north of Georgia and east of Ukraine, and who converted to Judaism between the 7th and 9th centuries - along with groups of Mesopotamian and Greco-Roman Jews, formed the basis of the Ashkenazi Jewish population in Central and Eastern Europe when they fled eastward, following the collapse of their empire in the 13th century. Central and Eastern European Jews (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews) are thus expected to exhibit heterogeneity between different communities.

2. The Rhineland Hypothesis

The *Rhineland Hypothesis* states that Ashkenazi Jews descended from Israelite-Canaanite tribes and left the Holy Land for Europe in the 7th century, following the Muslim conquest of Palestine. Then, in the beginning of the 15th century, a group of approximately 50,000 left Germany (the Rhineland) for the east. There they maintained high endogamy, and despite wars, persecution, disease, plagues, and economic hardships, their population expanded rapidly to around 8 million in the 20th century. Due to the implausibility of such an event, this ultra-rapid expansion was explained by Prof Harry Ostrer, Dr Gil Atzmon, and their colleagues as a 'miracle'.² Under the *Rhineland Hypothesis*, Central and Eastern European Jews (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews) would be very similar to each other and would have a predominant Middle Eastern ancestry.

Genealogy and Genetic Research: Zionist influence undermining transparency and integrity

Despite the discovery of DNA structure by Watson and Crick in 1952, the use of DNA tests to determine genetic genealogy did not progress until the late 1980's. In regard to the ethno-religious aggregate of the modern Jewish community – namely the three main ethnic groups (Sephardic, Mizrahi and Ashkenazi), genetic research using DNA samples enabled the transition from unvalidated historical accounts and questionable biblical teachings to robust scientific evidence. This research also enables the opportunity to determine the ancestry of the indigenous peoples of Palestine who inhabited the land prior to the migration of Central and Eastern European Jews (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews) in the late 19 century onwards.

1. Genetic Profile of Palestinians: *Human Immunology* publication

In 2001, the scientific journal *Human Immunology* published a paper which investigated the genetic profile of Palestinians for the first time, using human leukocyte antigen (HLA) gene variability and haplotypes.³ The archaeological and genetic data (including analysis of human leukocyte antigen gene variability and haplotypes) showed that both Jews and Palestinians came from the ancient Canaanites, who extensively mixed with Egyptians, Mesopotamian, and Anatolian peoples in ancient times. Thus, the paper concluded Palestinian-Jewish rivalry is based in cultural and religious differences, but not in genetic differences.

However, following publication of the paper, it was controversially retracted, despite being peer-reviewed and approved for publication. There was no evidence and no claim of scientific inaccuracy. The paper was not retracted for the quality, review and presentation of the data. In fact, its scientific rigour was not questioned or criticised at all. It was retracted because the language was considered (post-review and post-publication) to be "politically biased".

The retraction of a peer-reviewed article for reasons unrelated to science was unprecedented, and has never occurred since.

2. Outrage within the Scientific Community: Baseless Reasoning for retraction

In 2003, the *British Medical Journal* published an editorial article by Karen Shashock, who criticised the *Human Immunology* journal's actions, following her investigation of the matter.⁴

Shashok discovered that the words included in the manuscript that may have been deemed as concerning were likely a consequence of English not being the first language of the authors. Consequently, they directly translated specific words from the native language to English, which posed different meanings. Moreover, the chief author of the study assumed they were not responsible for the editing of the language.

Overall, Shashok found that there was an absence of any procedural fairness and little regard for due process, concluding that the publisher contravened the expected editorial standards of journal publishing. However - well before Shashok's editorial article was published - numerous scientists had already written to the *American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics* (who sponsor the *Human Immunology* journal) to protest the retraction of the paper and accused the society of unethical behaviour, stonewalling and pandering to the Zionist lobby groups.⁵

3. John Hopkins Genetic Study: Supporting the Khazarian Hypothesis

In 2013, a John Hopkins genetic study showed that approximately 32% of Jews living in Israel have no ancient Hebrew DNA, are therefore not Semites, and have no ancient blood ties to the land of Palestine.⁶ It found that approximately 80% of Palestinians carry ancient Hebrew DNA, identifying them as Semites. The study's author, Dr Eran Elhaik, is a Jewish Israeli-American geneticist and bioinformatician.

Fellow geneticists Marcus Feldman, Harry Ostrer, Doron Behar, Michael Hammer, and Gil Atzmon were strongly critical of Elhaik's study. However, it was revealed these five geneticists were Zionist advocates and had been previously accused by their peers of being biased in their own research to align with the narrative that Ashkenazi Jews originated from the Levant in the Middle-East.⁷ Furthermore, in the interests of transparency, Elhaik shared his raw data with scientific colleagues. Despite frequent requests from Elhaik to access Ostrer's data from his studies, Ostrer has either refused the requests, or cited strict conditions before releasing the data - including assurances that there are "no adverse findings for the Jewish people" within the data.

Additionally, various Zionist lobby groups were observed to be unrelenting in the pursuit of discrediting both the researcher and his research, and used intimidation tactics against the broader scientific community to suppress and reject the findings.

4. Research investigating the origins of Ashkenaz, Ashkenazic Jews and the Yiddish language

In 2017, Dr Eran Elhaik and his colleagues published another research paper in the journal *Frontiers in Genetics*, which was regarded by the scientific community as rigorous and well-designed.⁸ In this study, the geographical origins of Ashkenazic Jews (AJs) and their native language Yiddish were investigated by applying the *Geographic Population Structure* (GPS) to a cohort of exclusively Yiddish-speaking and multi-lingual AJs. GPS localised most AJs along major ancient trade routes in north-eastern Turkey adjacent to primeval villages with names that resemble the word "Ashkenaz".

DNA analysis revealed that the maternal line of AJs is European. Furthermore, the DNA of AJs has only 3% ancient ancestry linking them to the Levant (Middle East), which is a miniscule amount and similar to what modern Europeans as a whole share with Neanderthals.

The findings of this study were compatible with the hypothesis of an 'Irano-Turko-Slavic' origin for AJs and a Slavic origin for Yiddish, and were at odds with the *Rhineland hypothesis*, which advocates a Levantine origin for AJs and German origins for the Yiddish language.

The findings advance three ongoing debates concerning:

- a) the historical meaning of the term 'Ashkenaz';
- b) the genetic structure of AJs and their geographical origins as inferred from multiple studies employing both modern and ancient DNA and original ancient DNA analyses; and
- c) the development of the Yiddish language.

The study provided additional validation to the non-Levantine origin of AJs using ancient DNA from the Near East and the Levant. It also reinforces the Slavo-Irano-Turkic origin relating to the Khazarian Hypothesis. Overall, the results of the study reinforce the non-Levantine origins of Ashkenazi Jews.

Astonishingly, despite the landmark findings, the study was met with relative silence within the scientific community, and received minimal - if any - media attention.⁹

5. Integrity and ethical practice in Genealogy and Genetic Research

Research relating to or having implications for the *Khazarian Hypothesis* and the *Rhineland Hypothesis* will remain highly controversial while there is:

- i. A conflict of interest amongst specific research groups – arising from various personal and social agendas, and
- ii. Undue influence and interference by external stakeholders, including Zionist lobby groups.

This field of research warrants the intervention of an international and independent scientific agency to ensure transparency and ethical practice. Furthermore, it should be noted that:

- a) Almost all research related to or having implications for the *Khazarian Hypothesis* versus the *Rhineland Hypothesis* since 2013 has been conducted and published by geneticists who are Zionist advocates and recognised supporters of the *Rhineland Hypothesis*.
- b) The sole critics of the *Khazarian Hypothesis* appear to share similar circumstances - all individuals are of conservative Jewish background and Zionist advocates (e.g. Prof. Neil Risch).
- c) Independent geneticist and genealogy researchers deem any potential research that may be linked or have implications for the *Khazarian Hypothesis* versus *Rhineland Hypothesis* as too high-risk to undertake - in terms of both reputation and potential repercussions to their careers. Consequently, they refrain from engaging in any such related research - confining the research activity to those who possess a potential conflict of interest.
- d) As researchers advocating for the *Rhineland Hypothesis*, Harry Ostrer and his colleagues introduced the theory of a miracle (known as the 'Demographic Miracle') to explain how a group of approximately 50,000 Jews in *Central and Eastern Europe* (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews) during the 15th Century exploded to a population of approximately 8 million in the 20th century.¹ Astonishingly, the same researchers have hindered all efforts challenging this explanation since.

The controversy within the broader scientific community arises from the geneticists who are advocating for the *Rhineland Hypothesis* and strongly refuting the *Khazarian Hypothesis* have essentially become the 'gatekeepers' of this research field, raising serious questions around impartiality and transparency.

As it stands, researchers who express a curiosity and willingness to further investigate the *Khazarian Hypothesis* are labelled 'anti-Semites' and are often subjected to intense and hostile scrutiny for their scientific rigour, while at the same time the scientific community are expected to accept the invention of a dubious theory (i.e. 'Demographic Miracle') - in the absence of sufficient evidence.²

Research transparency is central to ethical research practice. This is especially critical when the results have significant implications and potentially carry considerable consequences. The stakes could not be higher for a situation where settlers have asserted their right to colonise an occupied territory on the basis that the occupiers claim to be the original descendants of that region.

It is the responsibility of the collective scientific community to adequately scrutinise this research and implement mechanisms to ensure there is transparency, independence, and accountability. Until then, this field of research remains highly contestable.

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In common with earlier studies, the team found no data to support the idea that Jewish people were genetically distinct from other people in the region. In doing so, the team's research challenges claims that Jews are a special, chosen people and that Judaism can only be inherited.
In the wake of the journal's actions, and claims of mass protests about the article, several scientists have now written to the society to support Arnaiz-Villena and to protest about their heavy-handedness.
One of them said: "If Arnaiz-Villena had found evidence that Jewish people were genetically very special, instead of ordinary, you can be sure no one would have objected to the phrases he used in his article. This is a very sad business."

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<https://forward.com/israel/175912/jews-a-race-genetic-theory-comes-under-fierce-atta/>

Erhan Elhaik said that proponents of the Rhineland Hypothesis also have a political agenda, claiming they “were motivated to justify the Zionist narrative.”

To illustrate his point, Elhaik swivels his chair around to face his computer and calls up a 2010 email exchange with Ostrer.

“It was a great pleasure reading your group’s recent paper, ‘Abraham’s Children in the Genome Era,’ that illuminate[s] the history of our people,” Elhaik wrote to Ostrer. “Is it possible to see the data used for the study?”

Ostrer replied that the data are not publicly available. “It is possible to collaborate with the team by writing a brief proposal that outlines what you plan to do,” he wrote. “Criteria for reviewing include novelty and strength of the proposal, non-overlap with current or planned activities, and non-defamatory nature toward the Jewish people.” That last requirement, Elhaik argues, reveals the bias of Ostrer and his collaborators.

Allowing scientists access to data only if their research will not defame Jews is “peculiar,” said Catherine DeAngelis, who edited the Journal of the American Medical Association for a decade. “What he does is set himself up for criticism: Wait a minute. What’s this guy trying to hide?”

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1mc4EKrpEY&ab_channel=Dr.EranElhaik

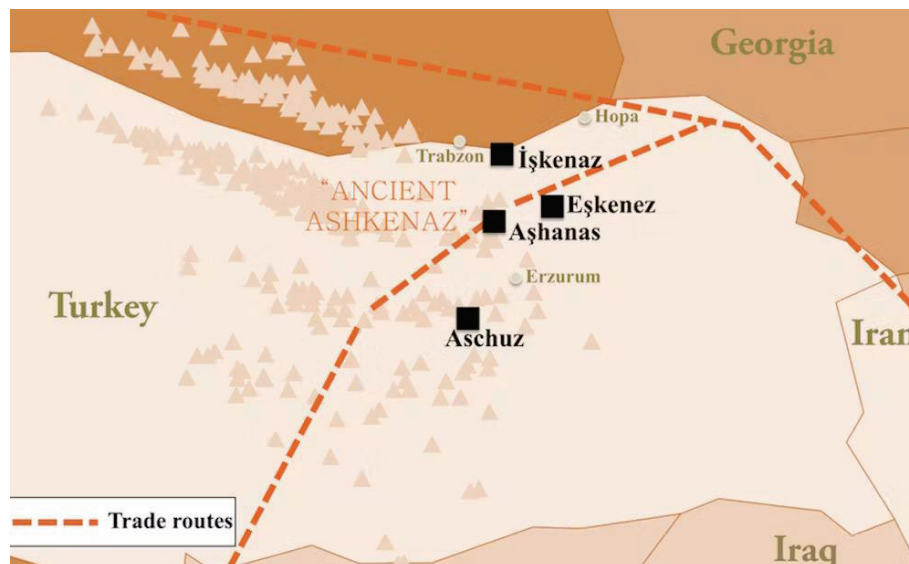


Figure 1: Map depicting the location of past Ashkenazi Jewish communities in present-day north-eastern Turkey, and the locations of four villages that derive their names from “Ashkenaz”.

Source: *Genome Biology Evolution*. 2016; 8(4):1132-1149.

Further Evidence Supporting the Non-Levantine Origins of the Ashkenazi Jews

1. The splendid tapestry: How DNA reveals truths, ancient & lasting (11 January 2022)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dEL2yhT7Uo&t=1131s&ab_channel=TEDxTalks

Esteemed science Genomicist Dr Nathan Pearson collects DNA from people living throughout Eurasia, to reveal traces of ancient migrations recorded in their genomes. In this presentation, he explores what DNA reveals about the current inhabitants of the Levantine region (Egyptians, Syrians, Lebanese Muslims, Lebanese Christians and Druze, and Modern Palestinians). The results of the study showed that the Modern Palestinians have very similar genomes to the Ancient Levantines from approximately 3,700 years ago, and have stronger ancestral ties to both the original inhabitants and the land than the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews. Dr Pearson's ethnic background is Ashkenazi Jewish.

2. 'Facts are Facts' - The Truth about Khazars: Distinguishing between the "Jew" and Hebrews who are Israelites (1954).

<https://archive.org/details/1954-facts-are-facts-the-truth-about-khazars-benjamin-freedman>

Benjamin Harrison Freedman, a Jewish businessman from New York City and a past Zionist operative, actively participated in the political dynamics of Jewish supremacists as they solidified their influence over the American government during the first half of the 20th century. However, his decision in 1946 to abandon the Zionist establishment set him apart. After converting to Catholicism, Freedman dedicated the remainder of his life to revealing the wrongdoings of his former colleagues.



Figure 2: In complete contrast to the existing scientific literature, Zionist operatives (including Benjamin Netanyahu) propagated false claims asserting that (Arab) Palestinians were not descendants of the ancient and original inhabitants of the Levant region - including Palestine.

Omitted from their statements were the findings that Ashkenazi Jews were not significantly more matched to the original inhabitants of the Levant region than were non-Jewish Mediterranean Europeans.

The Plain Facts...Eight Conclusions Based on the Current Scientific Evidence

A comprehensive review of current scientific literature lends strong support to the conclusions outlined below. However, to establish the origins of Ashkenazi Jews with unequivocal certainty, further independent research - undertaken collaboratively and internationally by leading geneticists - is both warranted and necessary

Fact 1

Arab Palestinians are descendants of the ancient and original inhabitants of the Levant region - including Palestine.

Fact 2

Jewish Palestinians (or Arab Jews) are the Jewish people who inhabited the Levant region prior to the commencement of Zionist settlement in 1881. They share a similar genetic profile to Arab Palestinians - confirming they are also descendants of the ancient and original inhabitants of the Levant region including Palestine.

Fact 3

There are no genetic differences between Arab Palestinians and Jewish Palestinians (or Arab Jews). The sole distinguishing features between the two peoples are culture and religion.

Fact 4

Arab Palestinians and Jewish Palestinians have significantly stronger ties to the ancient and original inhabitants of the Levant region (including Palestine) than Jewish people from Central and Eastern Europe (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews).

Fact 5

The genetic profiles of Jewish people from Central and Eastern Europe (i.e. Ashkenazi Jews) are not significantly more matched to the original inhabitants of the Levant region (including Palestine) than the non-Jewish Mediterranean Europeans. This means Ashkenazi Jews do not have significantly more ancestral linkages to Palestine than non-Jewish Mediterranean Europeans.

Fact 6

The claims from Zionist groups (including Christian Zionists) that all Jewish people have strong ancestral ties to the Levant region (including Palestine) is propaganda and lacks any credible scientific evidence.

Fact 7

Judaism is a religion. Judaism is not a race. In other words, Jewish people are not bound by race (or genetics) – they are bound solely by their religion.

- i. The Jewish population of modern-day Israel comprises multiple races that make up their entire society.
- ii. Jewish Israelis are bound by their religion. They are not bound by their race or their ancestral culture.

Fact 8

Any assertion that (Arab) Palestinians are not indigenous to Palestine and do not have an ancestral connection to the land is both historically and scientifically false.

Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry and DNA Testing in Israel

In 2000, right-wing politician and Likud party member **Meir Shitrit** submitted and pushed a bill through the Knesset known as '*The Genetic Information Law*'. Under the law, genetic testing could only be approved via a court order, and had to be conducted by a 'government accredited laboratory'. It also became illegal to use a direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing kit in Israel. The government stated the reason for the law was to "to protect the privacy and dignity of individuals and their families from the misuse of genetic information", however this explanation raised eyebrows for many public health experts, geneticists and professional ethics experts who labelled the law as "highly unusual" in the context of pre-existing medical safeguards and ethical practice standards.

It should be noted that the law coincided with the emerging research investigating archaeologic and genetic data, with preliminary results revealing both Mizrahi/Sephardic Jews and Palestinian Arabs came from the ancient Canaanites, who extensively mixed with Egyptians, Mesopotamian, and Anatolian peoples in ancient times. Other preliminary findings suggested:

- 1) Arab-Palestinian and Jewish-Palestinian rivalry is based in cultural and religious differences, but not in genetic differences, and
- 2) There is little evidence of genetic data linking the ancestry of Ashkenazi Jews to the Levant (Middle East) region. More specifically, Ashkenazi Jews do not have significantly more ancestral linkages to Palestine than non-Jewish Mediterranean Europeans.

Senior geneticists commented that the law may have been implemented to protect the privacy of the Israeli government and its policies surrounding the 'Law of Return', rather than to protect the privacy its citizens.

On the 28 February 2024, the powerful *Anti-Defamation League* (ADL) – led by its CEO Jonathan Greenblatt – released a statement titled, '*Untangling False Claims About Ashkenazi Jews, Khazars and Israel*'.² The timing of the report was intriguing, since it was in the midst of the invasion of Gaza and during the time that allegations of genocide were being raised in the international media. It appeared the aim of the piece was to reinforce the sovereign rights of the Ashkenazi Jews over the land of Palestine. More specifically, it was an extraordinary rebuke of the scientific evidence supporting the '*Khazarian Hypothesis*' and in particular targeted one of its research proponents, Professor Eran Elhaik. Critics labelled the statement as weaponising robust research and tainting the '*Khazarian Hypothesis*' as anti-Semitic, given the endeavour is simply in the pursuit of science. The statement has also been criticised for its overt bias and cherry-picking of the current scientific literature, as well as its failure to disclose the conflicts of interest of the research proponents of the '*Rhineland Hypothesis*', and the personal targeting of a distinguished genetics researcher who is also Jewish.

In response to the ADL statement, Professor Eran Elhaik publicly challenged Jonathan Greenblatt – an Ashkenazi Jew – to prove the (scientific) claims in his statement and undergo an independent DNA test to verify his ancestry and links to the Levant (Middle East) region. Despite Mr Greenblatt's strong assertions regarding the scientific evidence linking the ancestry of Ashkenazi Jews to the Levant (Middle East) region, he did not respond or take up the challenge.

² Untangling False Claims About Ashkenazi Jews, Khazars and Israel (28 February 2024):
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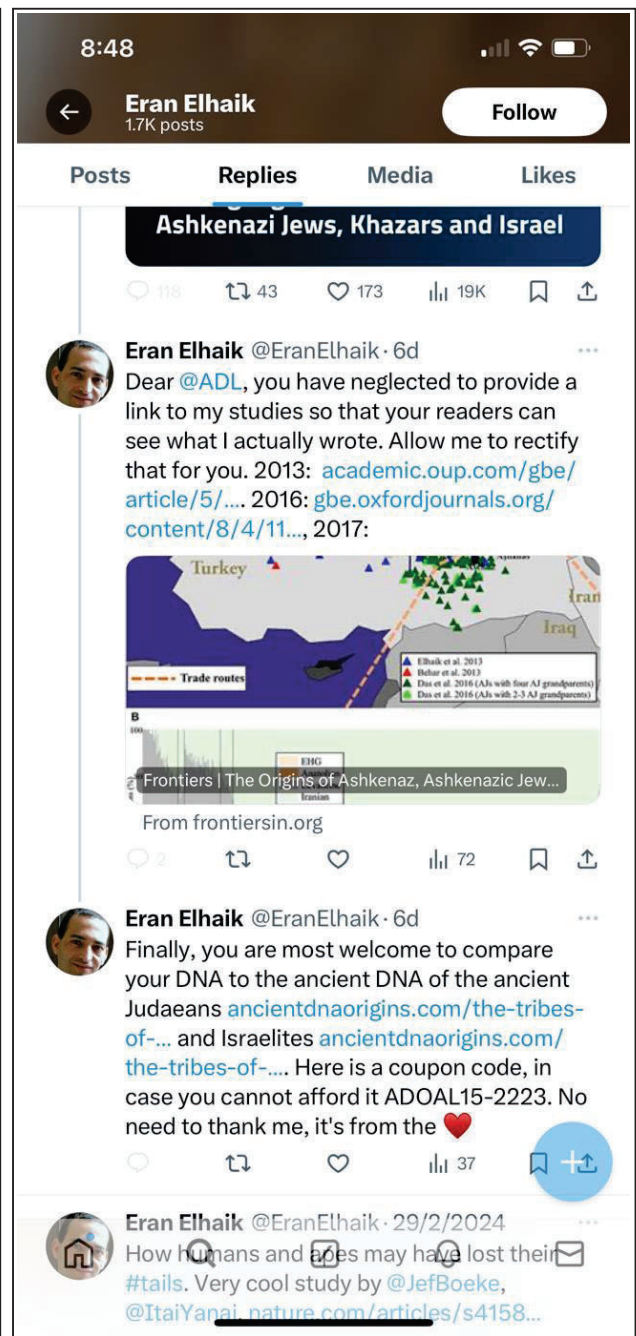
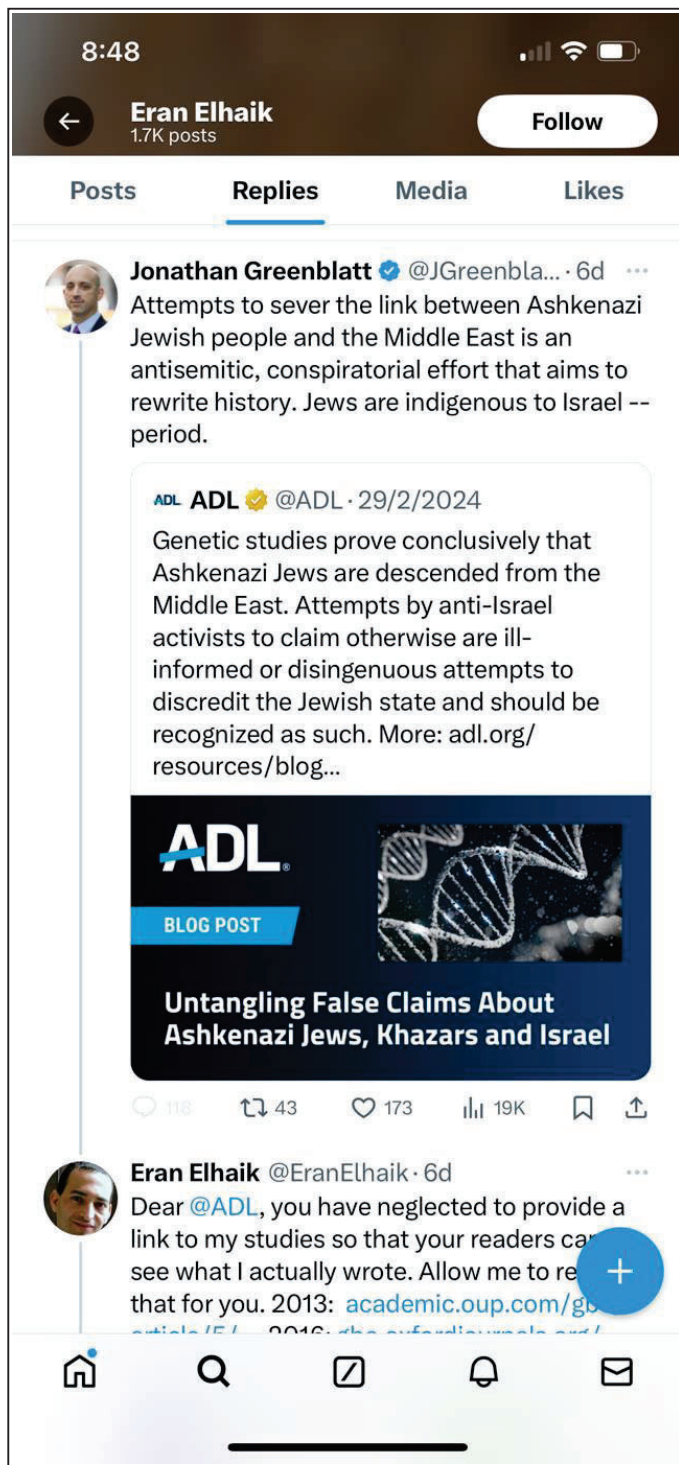


Figure 3: The posts by Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on the social media platform 'X' (formerly Twitter) regarding the 'Khazarian Hypothesis', and Professor Eran Elhaik's response to challenge Greenblatt to undertake a DNA test.

JEWISH SCHOLARS WHO UPHOLD THE KHAZARIAN HYPOTHESIS

The *Khazarian Hypothesis* - postulating that Ashkenazic Jewry is largely descended from Khazars - has been described as a theory that has been exploited for political and anti-Semitic purposes. While the hypothesis may have indeed aroused the interest of conspiracy theorists and hate groups, it does not infer that the pursuit of validating the hypotheses should be abandoned, but rather investigated with greater rigour to ensure certainty and to counter the disinformation and/or misinformation on the subject.

The hypothesis draws on numerous sources, including the records of multiple Jewish scholars throughout the last millennia:

- 1) The Sephardic Jewish poet, physician and philosopher, **Judah Halevi** (1075–1141 CE), wrote the book *Kuzari* (*The Khazars*) in Spain around 1140 CE, which details the conversion of the Khazar kingdom to Judaism almost four centuries earlier.

- 2) **Rabbi Abraham ben David (Abraham ibn Daud, 1110-1180 CE)**, a Sephardic Jewish astronomer, historian and philosopher, writes in his *Sefer Kabbalah* (*Book of Tradition*, 1161) about a series of letters between **King Joseph Khagan** of the Khazars and **Hasdai ibn Shaprut** (the foreign secretary to the Caliph of Cordoba, Spain). In one of the letters, King Joseph informs Hasdai ibn Shaprut that he and his people followed the rabbinical faith. The letters are known as the *Khazar Correspondence* and date back to the 950's or 960's CE. Rabbi Abraham ben David adds that even after the decline of the Khazars, some of their descendants came to Toledo, Spain, to learn Torah. He writes:

"You will find the communities of Israel spread abroad... as far as Dailam and the river Itil where live Khazar peoples who became proselytes. The Khazar King Joseph sent a letter to Hasdai ibn-Shaprut and informed him that he and all his people followed the rabbinical faith. We have seen descendants of the Khazars in Toledo, students of the wise, and they have told us that the remnant of them is of the rabbinical belief."

The *Khazar Correspondence* documents give both an account of the Khazar conversion to Judaism and of its progress in subsequent generations. It also describes that within a generation of the fall of the Khazar empire in 969, the Khazar state remained militarily powerful and received tribute from several polities.

- 3) One of the earliest known references of a connection between the Ashkenazi Jews and the Khazars was from the Ukrainian Rabi **Isaac Baer Levinsohn** (1788-1860). Levinsohn expressed the opinion that Russian Jews hailed from the banks of the Volga. He wrote in 1828: *"Our elders told us that some generations earlier the Jews in these parts spoke only this Russian language, and this Ashkenazi Jewish language we speak now had not yet spread among all the Jews living in these regions."*
- 4) In 1869, **Abraham (Albert) Harkavy** – a Russian Jewish historian and orientalist – suggested that there was a link between the Khazars and the European Jews. Three years later in 1872, **Abraham (Avraham) Ben Samuel Firkovich** – a Crimean Karaite - proclaimed that the members of his Turkic-speaking sect descended from Turkic converts to Judaism.
- 5) In 1883, **Joseph Ernest Renan** – a French orientalist and Semitic scholar – argued that conversion played a significant role in the formation of the Jewish people, stating:
"This conversion of the kingdom of the Khazars has a considerable importance regarding the origin of those Jews who dwell in the countries along the Danube and southern Russia. These regions enclose great masses of Jewish populations which have in all probability nothing or almost nothing that is anthropologically Jewish in them."

- 6) In 1884, **Sámuel Kohn**, a Rabbi of Budapest's Great Synagogue, published '*A History of the Jews in Hungary: From Ancient Times to the Battle of Mohács*', in which he claimed Hungary's Jews were descendants of the Khazar tribes who took part in the conquest of the Carpathian Basin in 896 C.E.

TEXTS SUPPORTING THE KHAZARIAN HYPOTHESIS

There have been numerous books authored by Jewish historians who postulate that Ashkenazic Jewry is largely descended from the Khazars. These include (but are not limited to) the texts listed below:

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OTHER DISCOVERIES RELATED TO THE KHAZARIAN HYPOTHESIS

There is substantial archaeological evidence linking the Khazars to Judaism.

1. Moses Coin

In 1999, a large Viking treasure was discovered on a farm in Sweden. Known as the '*Spillings Hoard*', this treasure included Islamic, Nordic and Persian coins. One of the most noted coins in the hoard, dated to c. 800 CE, is from the Khazar Khaganate and is referred to as the '*Moses Coin*'. The coin is inscribed with the words "*Moses is the messenger of G_d*" in contrast to the usual Muslim text "*Muhammad is the messenger of G-d*".



Figure 4: The 'Moses coin', dated to c. 800CE from the Khazar Khaganate.

2. Ancient Jewish Necropolises

At least three Jewish necropolises comprising many tombstones with Menorah imprints and dating back to the early years of the Khazar Khaganate, have been discovered around the Crimean Peninsula and the Taman Peninsula - areas that were previously inhabited by the Khazars:

- near Cape Pavlovsky in Sevastopol Bay;
- in an infirmary of the Kerch fortress, near a residential town known as *Cementnaya Slobodka*, and
- within a medieval Jewish cemetery located in the ancient Khazar city of *Tmutarakan* (or *Samkarsh*) on the Taman Peninsula – which is the present-day city of Krasnodar Krai in Russia.

The location of these Jewish necropolises is consistent with the ancient and medieval periods of Khazaria, where south-eastern Crimea was linked to the Taman Peninsula, across the Kerch Strait. In the seventh to tenth centuries, the Khazar conquerors maintained their regional centre there, from which they ruled much of the Crimea and confronted the Byzantine coastal base of Cherson, near present-day Sevastopol.



Figure 5: Map showing modern-day Crimean Peninsula and the Taman Peninsula - separated by the Sea of Azov.

Ancient Jewish necropolises dating back to the Khazar Khaganate have recently been discovered around both peninsulas.

THE KHAZAR KHAGANATE (KHAZARIA): AN OVERVIEW

Not much is known about the early origins of the Khazars, a semi-nomadic people who, in the late 6th century CE, established a major commercial empire that stretched across the Caucasus - the transcontinental region between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. The **Khazar Khaganate** (i.e. kingdom of Khazaria) covered the south-western section of modern European Russia, southern Ukraine, Crimea and Kazakhstan. It also included large areas of Georgia, Armenia, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.



Figure 6: Map showing the Khazar Khaganate c. 600's CE.

Since the kingdom of Khazaria was located in the Caucas mountains (including the Greater Caucas range), it was historically considered as a natural barrier between Eastern Europe and West Asia (including the Middle East). Consequently, Khazaria long served as a buffer between the Christian *Byzantine Empire* and the Islamic *Umayyad Caliphate* (later becoming the '*Abbasid Caliphate*'), after serving as the Byzantine Empire's proxy against the *Sasanian Empire* (224-662 CE).

Despite the tensions between the Christian Empire and the Islamic Caliphates, the Khazars were able to maintain a sense of 'neutrality' since they belonged to neither religion. They followed 'Tengrism' - a shamanistic (pagan) religion that was practiced in Central Asia. Tengrism was also followed by many other nationalities apart from the Mongols such as the Khuns, Bulgars, Turkic, and Altaic people. It is characterised by shamanism, totemism, and animism. It is both monotheistic and polytheistic. Ancestor worship also constitutes a large part of Tengrism.

King Bulan ruled the kingdom of Khazaria during the 8th century (c. 740-786 CE). During his reign, he was under pressure to either accept the Muslim religion to his south or the Christian faith to his north. Judaism was a way to preserve the Khazar nation, and he was also encouraged to take this path by his wife (Serach), who was Jewish. Consequently, he ordered the conversion of his people to Judaism.



Figure 7: Map showing the Khazar Khaganate c. 740 CE.

King Bulan brought some 12,000 Jews into his kingdom. Many of these people were Jewish scholars from Constantinople and Baghdad, to assist with the conversion of his people. Others were invited to assist with the construction of Synagogues, Jewish schools, etc. Khazar scholars refer to the king who led the conversion to Judaism as 'Bulan Sabriel'. Since 'Bulan' is a Turkic name meaning "one who discovers" (in the Oghuz Turkic language), King Bulan adopted the more Hebrew name of 'Sabriel' (meaning "to think, hope, believe, discover, and understand") - following his conversion. It was common for Jews – whether converts or born among gentiles – to have two names.

Astride a major artery of commerce between Eastern Europe and West Asia, Khazaria became one of the foremost trading empires of the early medieval world, commanding the western marches of the Silk Road and playing a key commercial role as a cross-road between China, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. For some three centuries (c. 650-965), the Khazars dominated the vast area extending from the Volga-Don steppes to the eastern Crimea and the northern Caucasus.

Despite the *Byzantine Empire* ceasing its alliance with the *Khazar Khaganate* around 900 CE, Khazaria retained a worthy degree of sovereignty. However, between 965 and 969 CE (which is just a few years after the correspondence between Hasdai ibn Shaprut and King Joseph Khagan of the Khazars), the Kievan Rus' ruler, **Sviatoslav I of Kiev**, combined forces with his allies (including the Byzantine rulers) to conquer the capital, *Atil*, and end Khazaria's independence. Although the Khazars were famed for their performance on land, a combination of a lack of naval power, lack of natural geographical defences, and lack of self-dependency on resources countered whatever remaining advantages they had over their enemy.

Having devastated the land (including the capital *Atil*), pillaged and destroyed the Khazar Khangate, the state eventually became the autonomous entity of Rus'. Although the Khazars continued to play an important role in that part of the world for another two centuries, there was no return to the days of the unique and powerful Jewish nation of the steppes, and their fortunes eventually waned and they faded into oblivion.

For the Jewish people of Khazaria, this was a disaster: no longer was there a Jewish nation that they could call home - and be protected by - until the establishment of Israel almost a millennia later in 1948. Consequently, most Khazarian Jews fled to different lands, with the greatest migration waves occurring c. 1200-1400 CE:

- The vast majority of Khazarian Jews migrated westward to Kievan Rus, Prussia and the Baltic states (i.e. lands which now constitute *Central and Eastern Europe*), with far fewer migrating to the Byzantine Empire (see **Figure 9** on **page 25**).
- The remaining Khazarian Jewish community migrated eastward to Volga Bulgaria (i.e. lands which now constitute *Central, Northern and Eastern Asian* nations – **Figure 10** on **page 25**).

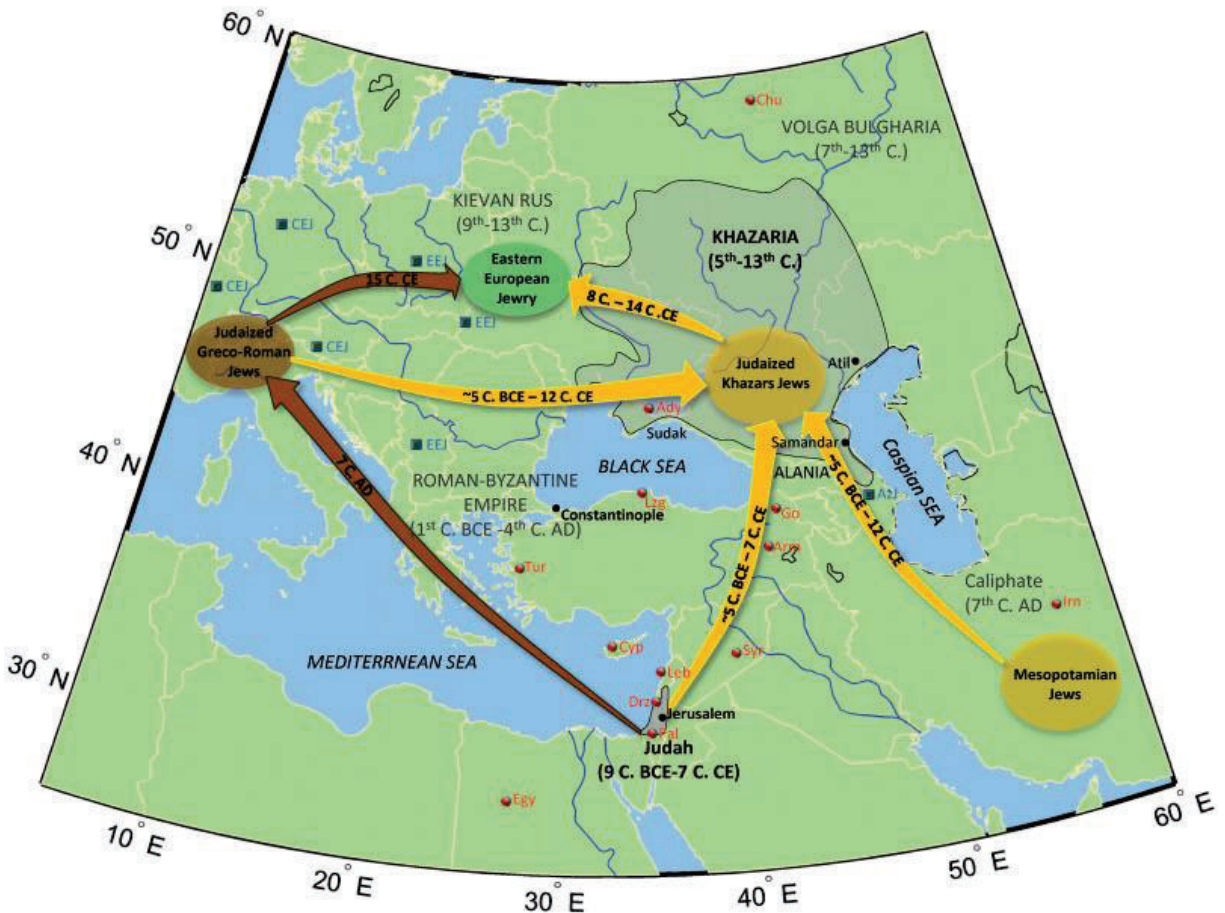


Figure 8: Map of Eurasia.

Khazaria and Judah is shown with the state of origin of the studied groups. Eurasian Jewish and non-Jewish populations used in all analyses are shown in square and round bullets, respectively. The major migrations that formed Eastern European Jewry according to the Khazarian and Rhineland hypotheses are shown in yellow and brown, respectively.

Source: Genome Biology Evolution. 2012; 5(1):61-74.

Figure 9

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS WHERE KHAZARIAN JEWS SETTLED FOLLOWING MIGRATION TO KIEVAN RUS, PRUSSIA AND THE BALTIC STATES.			
Albania	Czech Republic	Latvia	Russia (Western)
Austria	Estonia	Lithuania	Serbia
Belarus	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Germany	Poland	Slovenia
Croatia	Hungary	Romania	Ukraine

Figure 10

CENTRAL, NORTHERN, & EASTERN ASIAN NATIONS WHERE KHAZARIAN JEWS SETTLED FOLLOWING MIGRATION EASTWARD TO VOLGA BULGARIA.			
China	Kyrgyzstan	Russia (Eastern)	Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	Mongolia	Turkmenistan	

Notes:

1. Prior to the migration of Khazarian Jews to the Byzantine Empire in circa 1200 CE (following the destruction of the Khazarian Khangate in c 965 CE), the Byzantine Empire comprised existing communities of Sephardic Jews (most of whom had migrated from Spain and Portugal).
2. Smaller numbers of Khazarian Jews migrated eastward to Volga Bulgharia, where there were existing Mizrahi Jewish communities around the region, particularly in the nations ending with the Persian suffix '-stan' (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgystan).
3. Many descendants of Khazarian Jews eventually migrated further into Western European nations including France and Italy, although there were existing Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewish communities (most of whom migrated from North Africa).
4. Despite the presence of other Jewish ethnic groups in some of the regions Khazarian Jews settled, they typically married within their own ethnic group.



Figure 11: Map showing the Byzantine Empire from 527 to 565 CE.

ORIGIN OF THE WORD 'ASHKENAZ' AND THE YIDDISH LANGUAGE

The competing 'Irano-Turko-Slavic' hypothesis considers Ashkenazi Jews (AJs) to be the descendants of a heterogeneous Iranian population, which later mixed with Eastern and Western Slavs and possibly some Turks and Greeks in the territory of the Khazar Empire around the 8th century A.D. The name "Ashkenaz" is the Biblical Hebrew adaptation of the Iranian tribal name, which was rendered in Assyrian and Babylonian documents of the 7th century B.C. as "as'ku-za", called in English by the Greek equivalent "Scythian". Already by the 1st century, most of the Jews in the world resided in the Iranian Empire. These Jews were descended either from Judean emigrants or, more likely, from local converts to Judaism and were extremely active in international trade, as evident from the Talmud and non-Jewish historical sources. Over time, many of them moved north to the Khazar Empire to expand their mercantile operations. Consequently, some of the Turkic Khazar rulers and the numerous Eastern Slavs in the Khazar Empire converted to Judaism to participate in the lucrative Silk Road trade between Germany and China, which was essentially a Jewish monopoly. Yiddish emerged at that time as a secret language for trade based on Slavic and even Iranian patterns of discourse. When these Jews began settling in Western and Eastern Slavic lands, Yiddish went through a relexification process, that is, replacing the Eastern Slavic and the newly acquired Sorbian vocabularies with a German vocabulary while keeping the original grammar and sound system intact.

Furthermore, the junction of the Byzantine Empire and the Khazar Khangate is represented by modern north-eastern Turkey, near its border with Georgia. This region was strategically important, since it represented the cross-roads of three ancient and critical trade routes known as the 'Silk Road', leading to and from South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and across the Black Sea to Central and Eastern Europe. Along the Silk Road at the junction of these two empires was a region known as **Ashkenaz** – represented by four ancient villages: *Iskenaz*, *Eskenez*, *Ashanas*, and *Aschuz*. This region suggests that the Yiddish language was developed by Iranian and Ashkenazic (i.e. Khazarian) Jews as they traded on the Silk Road from the first centuries AD to around the 9th century when they arrived in Slavic lands.

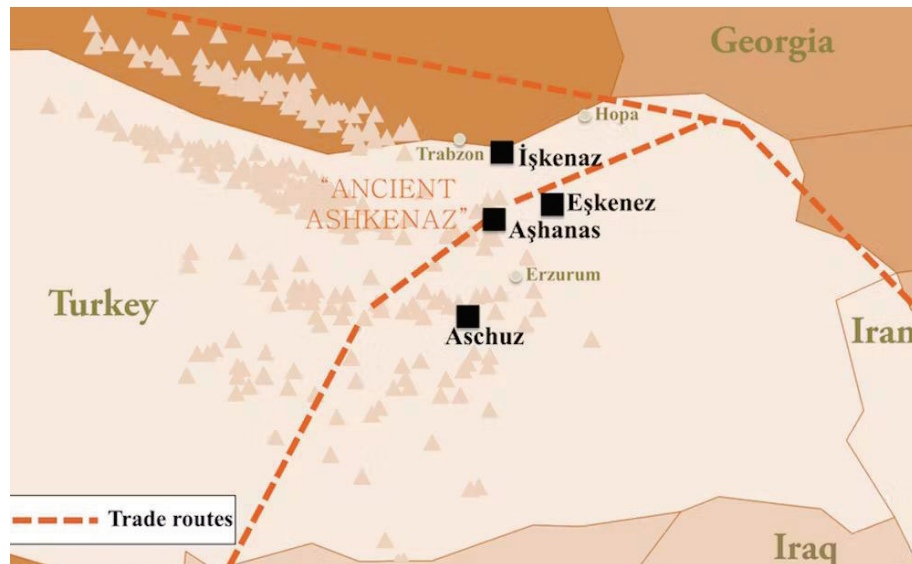


Figure 12: Map depicting the location of past Ashkenazi Jewish communities in present-day north-eastern Turkey, and the locations of four villages that derive their names from "Ashkenaz".

Source: Genome Biology Evolution. 2016; 8(4):1132-1149.

The Judaisation of the Khazar elite and the presence of the international Jewish merchants plying the international Silk Roads between China, the Islamic world, and Europe prompted the *Irano-Turko-Slavic* (i.e. Khazarian) Jewish merchants to create *Yiddish* for use in Europe, Lotera'i (a cryptic language first cited in 10th century Azerbaijan and surviving to the present day) for use in Iran, and the many variants of cryptic Hebrew and Hebroid lexicon for the use of Jewish merchants throughout Afro-Eurasia. This is evident in both genetic and linguistic evidence: by the bio-geographical proximity of Yiddish speakers to Iranian, Iranian Jews, and Turks, as well as the existence of over 250 terms meaning “buying and selling” in *Yiddish*, most of which were Hebroidisms, Germanoidisms, and Slavisms, with only a handful of authentic German terms. The existence of Jewish communities along major trade routes who share religion, common *Irano-Turko-Slavic* (i.e. Khazarian) culture and history, as well as a secret language, created a political and spiritual unity and maintained a Jewish trading advantage.

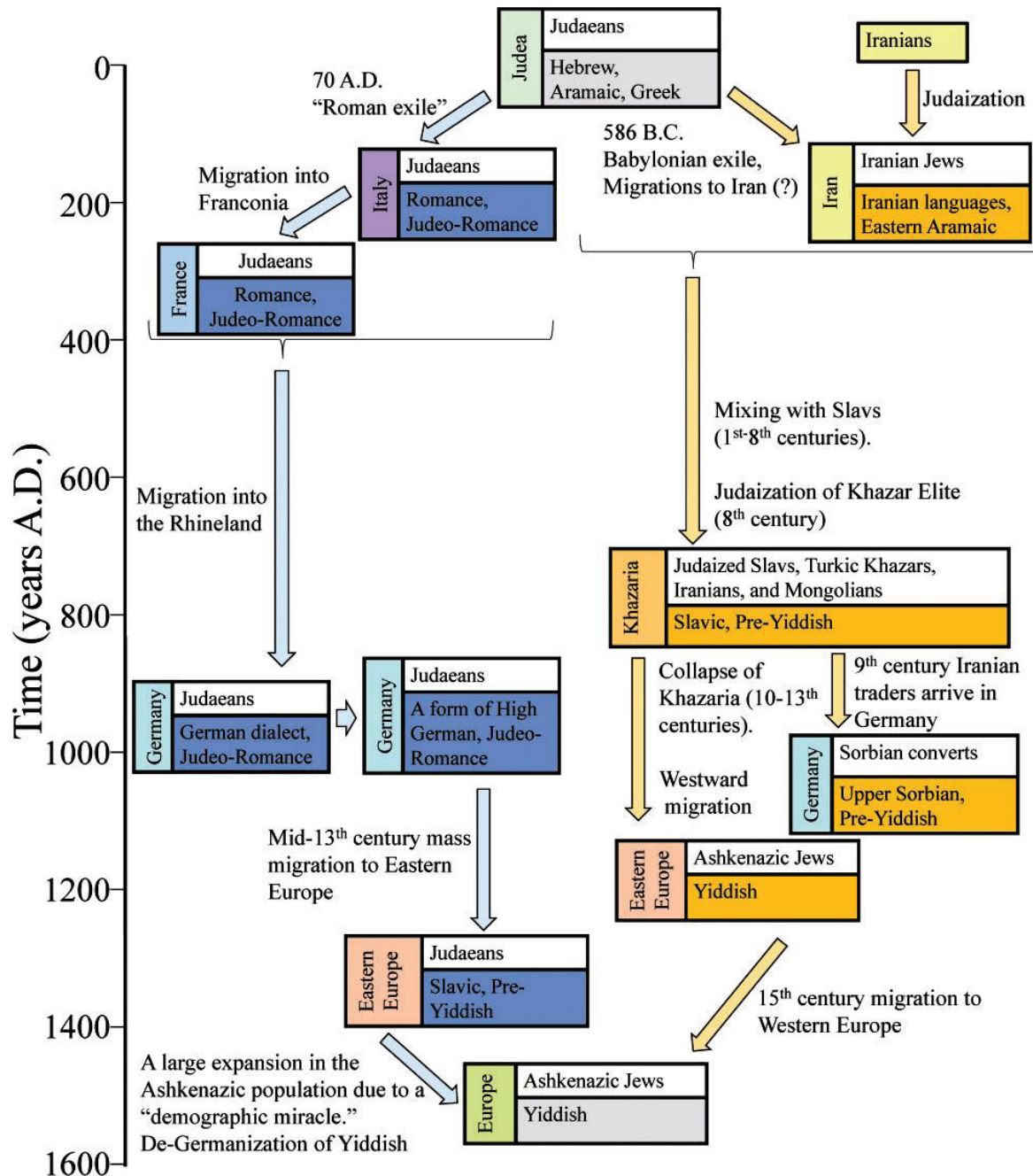


Figure 13: An illustrated timeline for the events comprised by the Rhineland (blue arrows) and the Khazarian (orange arrows) hypotheses. The stages of Yiddish evolution according to each hypothesis are shown through landmark events for which the identity of the proto-Ashkenazic Jewish populations and their spoken languages are noted per region.

EMERGENCE OF IDENTITY TERMS: SEPHARDI, MIZRAHI, and ASHKENAZI

The table below lists the (medieval and post-medieval) periods that the identity terms Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Mizrahi were developed. Intriguingly, the emergence of the term 'Ashkenazi' appears to coincide with the collapse of the Khazar Khaganate and the ensuing migration (c. 970CE).

It should be noted that the region known as 'Ashkenaz' – represented by four ancient villages: *Iskenaz*, *Eskenez*, *Ashanas*, and *Aschuz* – now in modern north-eastern Turkey (near its border with Georgia) was once the southern-most part of the Khazar Khaganate.

GROUP	REGION	DEVELOPED WHEN ?
Sephardi	Iberian Peninsula (Spain, Portugal)	~8th century CE onward (before 1492 expulsion)
Ashkenazi	Central and Eastern Europe (including Germany and France)	~10th century CE onward
Mizrahi	Middle East (including Iraq, Persia, Yemen, Syria) and North Africa (Maghreb)	Used more in modern times (emerged during the 1890's) to distinguish Jews from Arab lands

THE EARLIEST SYNAGOGUES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The list below outlines the eight oldest and existing Synagogues around the world. Intriguingly, the dates of establishment of Synagogues throughout Central and Eastern Europe coincide with the collapse of the Khazar Khaganate (965-969 CE), and the final wave of migration of the Khazars (c. 1200-1400 CE).

	SYNAGOGUE	LOCATION	ESTABLISHED
1	Ben Ezra Synagogue	Cairo, Egypt	c.882 (9 th Century)
2	Alte Synagogue	Erfurt, Germany	Late 11 th Century
3	Ibn Shushan Synagogue	Toledo, Spain	c. 1180 (12 th Century)
4	Scolanova Synagogue	Trieste, Italy	c. 1200 (13 th Century)
5	Altneuschel	Prague, Czech	c. 1270 (13 th Century)
6	Sinagoga Major de Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain	13 th Century
7	Cordoba Synagogue	Cordoba, Spain	c. 1315 (14 th Century)
8	Dubrovnik Synagogue	Dubrovnik, Croatia	c. 1352 (14 th Century)

THE RHINELAND HYPOTHESIS: QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED

Despite numerous inconsistencies in the purported events constituting the *Rhineland Hypothesis*, it continues to be propagated as a more credible theory than the *Khazarian Hypothesis*. The many questions remaining unanswered include:

1. Given the absence of records of Ashkenazi Jewish communities settling in nations within *Central and Eastern Europe* well before the 1200's:
 - a) Where did the members of these communities reside prior to this time (i.e. where did the Ashkenazi Jews migrate from) ?
 - b) What were the reasons behind the departure of their previous settlement/place of residence ?
2. In accordance with the *Rhineland Hypothesis*, how did a group of approximately 50,000 Ashkenazi Jews in *Central and Eastern Europe* during the 15th century explode to a population of approximately 8 million in the 20th century ?
3. If it were accepted that only a portion of the modern-day Ashkenazi community are descendants of the Khazars, then what is that portion estimated to be ?

THE ROTHSCHILD FAMILY: FROM KHAZARIA TO PALESTINE

The Rothschild family – a wealthy Ashkenazi Jewish banking family, traces its origins back to the **Khazar Khaganate**, before settling in the Frankfurt Judengasse in the late 17th century. Publicly, the genealogy of the Rothschild family in Germany goes only as far back to *Isaak Elchanan Rothschild*, who was born in 1577 and was the first member of the family known to use the name "Rothschild". The surname is derived from the German phrase *zum rothen Schild* (with the old spelling "th"), meaning "at the red shield". This was in reference to the house where the family lived for many generations, since in those days, houses were designated not by numbers, but by signs displaying different symbols or colours. A red shield is still displayed at the centre of the Rothschild coat of arms.

Very little is known of the Rothschild family prior to *Isaak Elchanan Rothschild*, and indeed, relatively little is still known about the family from that point onwards. Paul Johnson, an English journalist and popular historian wrote: "The Rothschilds are elusive. There is no book about them that is both revealing and accurate. Libraries of nonsense have been written about them... A woman who planned to write a book entitled '*Lies about the Rothschilds*' abandoned it, saying: 'It was relatively easy to spot the lies, but it proved impossible to find out the truth.' "

The dynasty in Germany began with *Amschel Moses Rothschild* (1710 – 1755), who was a money changer and trader in silk cloth. Both business practices had been passed down from previous generations of his family in Khazaria, which commanded the western marches of the Silk Road and played a key commercial role as a cross-road between China, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe.

Mayer Amschel Rothschild gained the title of 'Court Factor' after he won the patronage of Crown Prince Wilhelm of Hesse (Prussia). Wilhelm promoted the bookkeeper to the high status of advisor/confidant and treasurer to the royal household. Over the following years, Rothschild pilfered what would later become the foundations for the Rothschild banking system by diverting funds that should have gone into public works and encouraging Wilhelm to engage in unnecessary military campaigns – all for the simple purpose of accumulating wealth. Rothschild stored his growing fortune in a purpose-built vault a short distance away in Frankfurt.

Unlike the Court Factors of earlier centuries, who had financed and managed European noble houses - but often lost their wealth through violence or expropriation - the new kind of international bank created by the Rothschilds was impervious to local attacks. Their assets were held in financial instruments, circulating through the world as stocks, bonds and debts. Changes made by the Rothschilds allowed them to insulate their property from local violence.

Mayer Amschel Rothschild managed to bequeath his wealth and establish an international banking family through his five sons, each one allocated to establish a branch of the family bank (as well as several private businesses) in Frankfurt, Vienna, London, Naples, and Paris as outlined below:

- Amschel Mayer Rothschild (Frankfurt)
- Salomon Mayer Rothschild (Vienna)
- Nathan Mayer Rothschild (London)
- Carl Mayer Rothschild (Naples)
- James Mayer Rothschild (Paris)

As a result of their vast fortune, the family was elevated to noble rank in the Holy Roman Empire and the United Kingdom. Astonishingly, despite their public profile, the family's documented history starts no earlier than the 16th century in Frankfurt.

Financing Armed Conflict

The Rothschilds accumulated a significant fortune prior to the start of the Napoleonic Wars (1803–1815), and by that time the family had gained pre-eminence in the bullion trade. Unbeknown to them at the time, the financing of armed conflicts would prove a valuable asset for the Rothschild family when supporting Zionist militias (for the establishment of the State of Israel) in generations to come.

From London in 1813 to 1815, *Nathan Mayer Rothschild* was instrumental in almost single-handedly financing the British war effort, organising the shipment of bullion to the Duke of Wellington's armies across Europe, as well as arranging the payment of British financial subsidies to their continental allies. In 1815 alone, the Rothschilds provided 9.8 million pounds (equivalent to about 1 billion pounds in 2023) in subsidy loans to Britain's continental allies.

The five brothers helped coordinate Rothschild activities across the continent, and the family developed a network of agents, shippers and couriers to transport gold across war-torn Europe. The family network was also to provide *Nathan Mayer Rothschild* time and again with political and financial information ahead of his peers, giving him an advantage in the markets and rendering the house of Rothschild invaluable to the British government.

In one instance, the family network enabled Nathan to receive in London the news of Wellington's victory at the Battle of Waterloo a full day ahead of the government's official messengers. His first concern on this occasion was to immediately inform the government of the news via him and his courier, rather than exploit the potential financial advantage on the market that this prior knowledge provided him. Nonetheless, the basis for the Rothschilds most famously profitable move was made after the news of British victory had been made public. *Nathan Mayer Rothschild* calculated that the future reduction in government borrowing brought about by the peace would create a bounce in British government bonds after a two-year stabilisation, which would finalise the post-war restructuring of the domestic economy. In what has been described as one of the most audacious moves in financial history, Nathan immediately bought up the government bond market, for what at the time seemed an excessively high price, before waiting two years, then selling the bonds on the crest of a short bounce in the market in 1817 for a 40% profit. Given the sheer power of leverage the Rothschild family had at their disposal, this profit was an enormous sum.

Nathan Mayer Rothschild started his business in Manchester in 1806 and gradually moved it to London, where in 1809 he acquired the location at 2 New Court in St Swithin's Lane, City of London where it operates today; he established *N M Rothschild & Sons* in 1811. In 1818, he arranged a £5 million (equal to £600 million in 2023) loan to the Prussian government, and the issuing of bonds for government loans formed a mainstay of his bank's business. He gained a position of such power in the City of London, that by 1825 he was able to supply enough coin to the Bank of England to enable it to avert a market liquidity crisis.

The Rothschild banking family recognised the profitability in financing various governments in armed conflicts and continued this practice throughout the remaining 19th century and into the 20th century. In 1904, the Japanese government approached the London and Paris branch of the Rothschild family for funding during the Russo-Japanese War. The London consortium's issue of Japanese war bonds would total 11.5 million pounds (at 1907 currency rates, or 2.1 billion pounds in 2023 currency terms).

By 1909, such was the influence of the Rothschild family in global affairs, including the outcome of various international conflicts, that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George asserted that *Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild* was the most powerful man in Britain.

Financing the Military Arms for Zionist groups in Palestine

From as early as 1904, there were numerous sources of financial support for the various Zionist militias (*Bar-Giora*, *Hashomer*, *Zion Mule Corps*, etc) to combat Palestinian resistance during the *New Yishuv* (i.e. Jewish residents in Palestine who arrived under the Zionist immigration campaign prior to the establishment of the State of Israel). However, given their experience in financing armed conflict, a significant portion of the financial support provided by the Rothschilds was used to purchase military arms for the Zionist paramilitary groups. One of the largest recipients of funds was the main Zionist paramilitary organisation, **Haganah**, during the lead up to the Arab Revolt in Palestine (1936-1939) and the 1948 Arab-Israeli War (Nakba). During this period, the Zionist movement undertook a massive, covert arms acquisition campaign in the West. The *New Yishuv* clandestinely amassed arms and military equipment abroad for transfer to Palestine once the British blockade was lifted, with assistance from various Zionist agencies in the West – including many smuggling missions occurring from Czechoslovakia (known as ‘*Operation Balak*’).

The Suez Canal: Rothschild’s bargaining chip for the Balfour Declaration

The 193km *Suez Canal* is an artificial sea-level waterway in Egypt, connecting the *Mediterranean Sea* to the *Red Sea* through the *Isthmus of Suez* and dividing Africa. It was opened in November 1869 and remains the fastest and most direct maritime trade link between Asia and Europe. Approximately 12% of global trade passes through the *Suez Canal*, representing 30% of all global container traffic. Today, it is responsible for over USD \$1 trillion worth of goods per annum.

Largely undertaken as a French project, initial international opinion was sceptical and *Suez Canal Company* (*Compagnie Universelle du Canal Maritime de Suez*) shares did not sell well overseas. Britain, the United States, Austria and Russia did not buy any shares, although all French shares were quickly sold in France. Nonetheless, when the canal opened to shipping on 17 November 1869, it had an immediate and dramatic effect on world trade, playing an important role in increasing European penetration and colonisation of Africa.

External debts forced the Egyptian government to put its shares up for sale. In 1875, the London banking house of *N M Rothschild & Sons* advanced the then Prime Minister, **Benjamin Disraeli**, acting for the British Government, 4 million pounds to purchase Suez Canal shares. As the first (and only) Jewish born Prime Minister of Britain, Disraeli was a close personal friend of **Lionel Nathan de Rothschild**, and according to legend, this was transacted on a gentleman’s agreement, with no documentation, a technically unsecured loan for a sum equivalent to several billion pounds today. Although the funds were repaid within five months, Disraeli was accused by William Gladstone of undermining Britain’s constitutional system, due to his lack of reference and consent from British Parliament when purchasing the shares with funding from the Rothschilds. Nonetheless, Britain became the largest single shareholder of the *Suez Canal Company*, owning 44 percent of the shares. The remaining 56% of the company’s shares remained under the ownership of French shareholders.

Lionel Nathan de Rothschild died in 1879, and his son, *Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild*, became the heir to the London branch of the Rothschild international banking family. Mentored by his father, Nathaniel developed a network of powerful and influential people including *Arthur James Balfour* (who would serve as British Prime Minister from 1902-1905 and as British Foreign Secretary from 1916-1919) and the former Prime Minister *Benjamin Disraeli*. He also formed a strong friendship with *Theodore Herzl* – the father of the global Zionist movement – a relationship which cemented his personal beliefs and lifelong support for Zionism.

Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild died in 1915, but by then his son, *Lionel Walter Rothschild*, had already succeeded as heir to the London branch of the Rothschild international banking family. Continuing the tradition of sustaining a network of powerful and influential members of British society, Walter maintained a strong friendship with *Arthur James Balfour* and *Theodore Herzl* - building on the relationship they had with his father. Like his father, Walter was a staunch Zionist and was committed to supporting, financing and leveraging his family’s influence to ensure the establishment of the State of Israel.

A shrewd operator, Walter capitalised on the British government's concerns surrounding their investment in the *Suez Canal*, particularly the instability in the region arising from the *Central Powers* (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire) during World War 1 (1914-1918). These concerns were heightened by the fact that there was a strong possibility that Britain - along with the remaining member nations of the *Allied Powers* - may lose the war, and there was no indication that the United States would enter the war to support the *Allied Powers*. Together with the Zionist leadership, Walter devised a scheme to lobby the British government (through various dignitaries including Arthur James Balfour) with a proposal that would be mutually beneficial for both the government and the Zionist movement, and would ultimately be too attractive to reject. He proposed that a declaration of the establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine by the British government would rally world-wide Jewish opinion, especially in the United States, to the side of the *Allied Powers* and against the *Central Powers* during the war. He also convinced the British government that settlement in Palestine of a pro-British Jewish population would help to protect any approaches to the *Suez Canal* in neighbouring Egypt and thus ensure a vital communication route to British colonial possessions in India. In essence, the proposed Jewish state would act as Britain's de facto military to protect its interests in the Middle East.

While the proposal did not initially receive broad support within the British government, *Lionel Walter Rothschild* and the Zionist leadership continued to aggressively lobby strategic government dignitaries, offering inducements to various people to obtain their support. The part-financing of the current British war effort by the Rothschild's family banking empire was another motivator for the government to support the proposal.

On 2 November 1917, the British Foreign Secretary and personal friend, Arthur Balfour, presented *Lionel Walter Rothschild* with a letter of correspondence that became known as the '**Balfour Declaration**'. Walter would share the correspondence with the Zionist leadership (including Chaim Weizmann and Nahum Sokolow), before distributing copies around the globe. With this simple letter, the fate of the Palestinian people had been sealed (see **Figure 14** on **page 32**).

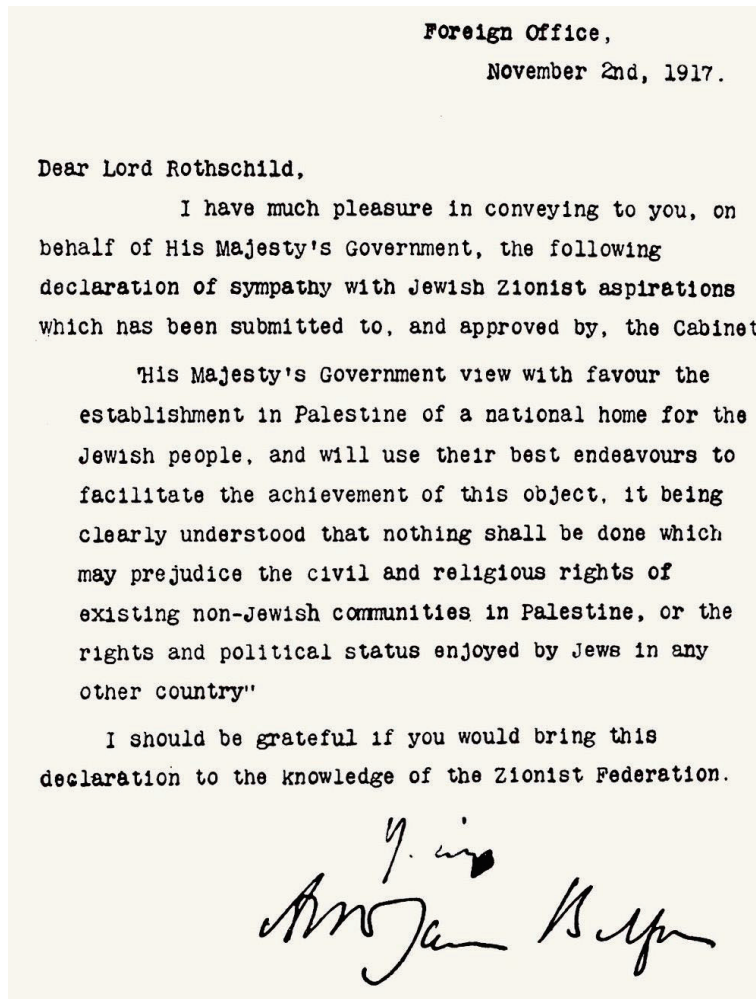


Figure 14: Letter from the British Foreign Secretary, Arthur James Balfour to Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild, which included a declaration of the establishment of an independent Jewish state in Palestine. This correspondence would become known as the 'Balfour Declaration'.

Source: British Library

The Rothschild family's influence in British foreign policy was evident in the fact that the British government advanced the controversial declaration despite the awareness that there remained significantly more opposition to the Zionist movement amongst the international Jewish community than there was in support of it.

Numerous eminent members of the Jewish community in Britain and abroad expressed their concern and objection to a radical concept that undermined the central tenets of Judaism, including the proposed appropriation of land from the indigenous people of Palestine. Their objections – many of which were archived - were eloquently raised both verbally in speeches and in written correspondence to the British government. The following two examples of eloquently written correspondence proved hauntingly prophetic, despite being drafted by authors located in separate continents:

- 1) **Edwin Montagu** (1879-1924), the British Secretary of State for India, and the only Jewish member of the British Cabinet, was an influential anti-Zionist. On 23 August 1917, he wrote a memorandum that: "*The policy of His Majesty's Government is anti-Semitic in result and will prove a rallying ground for anti-Semites in every country of the world.*"

The eloquent memorandum – which would prove prophetic – is displayed in **Appendix 3** of this document, or at the following link:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/montagu-memo-on-british-government-s-anti-semitism>

- 2) **Hans Kohn** (1891-1971), a Jewish American philosopher and historian, worked for Zionist organisations before moving to Palestine in 1925. In 1929, he wrote a resignation letter from *Keren HeYesod* (United Israel Appeal) titled '*Zionism is not Judaism*'. The letter has become a profound and visionary document, exposing the tyranny of Zionism and its conflict with the fundamental principles of Judaism. The entire letter is displayed in **Appendix 4** of this document.

Footnotes:

- 1) The *Frankfurter Judengasse* was the Jewish Ghetto of Frankfurt and one of the earliest ghettos in Germany. It existed from 1462 until 1811 and was home to Germany's largest Jewish community in early modern times.

At the end of the 19th century, most of the buildings in the Judengasse were demolished. The area suffered major destruction during World War 1 and reconstruction left no visible signs of the ghetto in today's townscape of Frankfurt.

- 2) Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881; 1st Earl of Beaconsfield) served two terms as Prime Minister of Britain (1868, 1874-1880) and three terms as Chancellor of the Exchequer - the equivalent of Finance Minister, responsible for all economic and financial matters (1852, 1858-1859, 1866-1868).
- 3) William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898) served four non-consecutive terms as Prime Minister of Britain (1868-1874, 1880-1885, 1886, 1892-1894) and four terms as Chancellor of the Exchequer - the equivalent of Finance Minister, responsible for all economic and financial matters (1852-1855, 1859-1866, 1873-1874, 1880-1882).

Staunch Zionists: Rothschild family supporting the establishment and growth of the Jewish State of Israel

Many members of the Rothschild family were (and remain) supporters of Zionism, particularly those from the British, French, German and Austrian branches of the family who provided considerable financial contributions and donations. In 1917 Walter Rothschild (2nd Baron Rothschild) was the addressee of the *Balfour Declaration* to the *Zionist Federation*, which committed the British government to the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people.

After the death of James (Jakob) Mayer de Rothschild in 1868, his eldest son Mayer Alphonse James Rothschild took over the management of the family bank and was the most active in support for *Eretz Israel* (i.e. the establishment of the State of Israel). The Rothschild family archives show that during the 1870's, the family contributed nearly 500,000 francs per year on behalf of Eastern Jewry to the *Alliance Israelite Universelle*.

Baron Edmond James de Rothschild - the youngest son of James (Jakob) Mayer de Rothschild - was known in Israel simply as '*the Baron Rothschild*' or '*the Benefactor*' (Hebrew: 'HaNadiv'). He was a patron of the first permanent settlement in Palestine at Rishon-LeZion (1882). He also provided funding for the establishment of Petah Tikva as a permanent settlement (1883). Overall, he bought from Ottoman landlords 2-3% of the land which now constitutes present-day Israel.

Following the death of Baron de Hirsch in 1896, the Hirsch-founded *Jewish Colonisation Association* (JCA) began supporting the settlement of European Jews in Palestine (1896), and Baron Rothschild took an active role in the organisation and transferred his Palestinian land holdings as well as 15 million francs to it. In 1924, he reorganised the Palestinian branch of the JCA into the *Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association* (PJCA), which acquired more than 125,000 acres (50,586 hectares) of land and set up business ventures. The Rothschild Boulevarde in Tel Aviv is named after him, as are a number of localities throughout Israel which he assisted in founding, including Metulla, Zikhron Ya'akov, Rishon Lezion and Rosh Pina. A park in Boulogne-Billancourt, Paris, the *Parc Edmond de Rothschild* (Edmond de Rothschild Park), is also named after its founder.

The Rothschilds also played a significant part in the funding of Israel's governmental infrastructure. James A. de Rothschild financed the Knesset building as a gift to the State of Israel, and the Supreme Court of Israel building was donated to the State of Israel by Dorothy de Rothschild. Outside the President's Chamber is displayed the letter Dorothy de Rothschild wrote to then Prime Minister Shimon Peres, expressing her intention to donate a new building for the Supreme Court.

Ariane de Rothschild (the widow of Benjamin de Rothschild) manages the *Caesarea Development Corporation* (formerly the *Caesarea Foundation*) in Israel – a corporation that was established in 1952 by the *Edmond de Rothschild Foundation* (ERF).

Of the remaining living members of the Rothschild family, one of the most strategically important individuals is the Executive Chairman of the Rothschild Group, **David de Rothschild** (or Baron David René James de Rothschild). Continuing the legacy of his great-grandfather - Mayer Alphonse James Rothschild (who provided support and vast amounts of finance for the establishment of the State of Israel) - his influence in the global Zionist movement is reflected in his various roles, including (but not limited to):

- Chairman of the *World Jewish Congress* (WJC). The organisation has its headquarters in New York, with offices in over 60 countries around the globe. The WJC has special consultative status with the *United Nations Economic and Social Council* (ECOSOC).
- former board member of the *Jewish Agency for Israel* (JAI) - the largest Jewish non-profit organisation in the world. It was established in 1929 as the operative branch of the *World Zionist Organisation* (WZO). As an organisation, it encourages immigration of Jews in diaspora to the Land of Israel, and oversees their integration within the State of Israel. Since 1948, the *Jewish Agency for Israel* claims to have brought 3 million immigrants to Israel, where it offers them transitional housing in 'absorption centres' throughout the country.

- former Chairman of the *Fonds Social Juif Unifié* (United Jewish Social Fund);
- Chairman of the *Foundation for the Memory of Shoah* (International Holocaust Remembrance Day);
- Commander of the Legion d'Honneur (Royal Order of the Legion of Honour) - the highest French order of merit, both military and civil. The great irony is that the Order was established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte – the very man who waged the wars in which the Rothschild family made enormous financial investments, and ultimately much greater returns.

Places in Israel named after Rothschild family members

Due to in large part the generosity and influence of 'HaNadiv' (the Benefactor), *Baron Edmond James de Rothschild*, a tradition exists of naming cities, towns and other settlements in Israel in honour of members of the Rothschild family. Six of these locations are grouped in the same vicinity of the Sharon plain, while the others are scattered throughout the State of Israel. They are listed in order of founding:

- Zichron Ya'akov (Hebrew: *Jacob's Memory*), a town founded in 1882 and named after the Benefactor's father, James (Jacob) Mayer de Rothschild, (1792–1868) from the Paris branch of the family;
- Mazkeret Batva (Hebrew: *Remembrance of Batya*), a local council near Tel Aviv, founded in 1883 and named after Betty von Rothschild (1805–1886), the Benefactor's mother;
- Bat Shlomo (Hebrew: *Salomon's Daughter*), a moshav near Rehovot, founded in 1889 and also named after the Baron's mother, who was the daughter of Salomon Mayer von Rothschild (1774–1855), the Benefactor's grandfather from the Vienna branch;
- Meir Shfeya (Hebrew: *Mayer's Fields*), a youth village near Zichron Ya'acov, founded as a moshava in 1891 and named after Amschel Mayer von Rothschild (1773–1855), the Benefactor's grandfather from the Frankfurt branch;
- Givat Ada (Hebrew: *Ada's Hill*), a town near Zichron Ya'acov, founded in 1903 and named after the Benefactor's wife Adelheid von Rothschild (1853–1935), who was also his cousin, from the Naples branch;
- Binyamina, a town near Zichron Ya'acov, founded in 1922 and named after Benefactor himself (Binyamina was officially merged with Givat Ada in 2003);
- Ashdot Ya'akov (Hebrew: *Jacob's Rapids*), a kibbutz just south of the Sea of Galilee, founded in 1924 and named after James Armand Edmond de Rothschild (1878–1957), son of the Benefactor;
- Pardes Hanna (Hebrew: *Hannah's [Citrus] Orchard*), a local council near Zichron Ya'acov, founded in 1929 and named after Hannah Primrose, Countess of Rosebery (née de Rothschild; 1851–1890), daughter of Mayer Anselm Rothschild;
- Shadmot Dvora (Hebrew: *Deborah's Cultivated Fields*), a moshav near Tiberias, founded in 1939 and named after Dorothy de Rothschild (1895–1988), who was James de Rothschild's wife and the Benefactor's daughter-in-law;
- Sde Eliezer (Hebrew: *Eliezer's Field*), a moshav in the Hula Valley, founded in 1950 and named after Robert Rothschild (1911–1998), a relative of the Benefactors of the French branch.

Petroleum Industry Ventures: From Khazaria to Palestine

In the 1870s, Imperial Russia abolished the state monopoly on oil and opened the oil-rich Caucasus to private enterprise. Several companies developed competing refineries, the most prominent of which was run by Ludwig and Robert Nobel, brothers of the chemist, Alfred.

While the Nobel brothers came to dominate the Russian oil industry, they were unable to enter the global marketplace due to a lack of transportation infrastructure. To solve this problem, the *Caspian and Black Sea Petroleum Company* (BNITO) built a railroad connecting the Caspian and Black seas, allowing for export. The project was financed by the French branch of the Rothschild banking family, namely *Mayer Alphonse James Rothschild* (1827-1905) in 1884. Foreseeing the essential need for extensive storage facilities, the Rothschilds privately funded their construction and eventually bought BNITO in 1886. It was incredibly fortuitous, that several hundred years later, the Rothschild family would purchase a stake in their original homeland of Khazaria - being the location of the Caspian and Black Sea Petroleum Company (BNITO).

The entry of the Rothschilds into the oil industry transformed its nature. The Rothschilds changed the focus of Russian oil from domestic production to the global market. This spurred companies like *Standard Oil* to reinvent itself as a multi-national corporation and *Shell* to develop into the most important oil transportation company in the world.

Since 1860, crude oil has been one of the most critical commodities in the world. Long before World War 1, the oil market was controlled only by *Standard Oil* (Exxon), *Royal Dutch Petroleum Company*, *Nobel*, and *BNITO* (owned by the Rothschild family). By the beginning of the 20th century, the oil business accounted for almost 83% of the entire Rothschild's industrial investment. In 1912, the Rothschild family transferred their holdings to *Royal Dutch Shell*.

From the late 18th century to the present, the Rothschilds continue to invest in the petroleum (fossil-fuel) sector. More recently, they have sought opportunities where their investments and influence can benefit both Israel as well as their personal fortune. In November 2010, **Nathaniel Charles Jacob Rothschild** (Lord Jacob Rothschild, or 4th Baron Rothschild), purchased equity stakes in *Genie Oil and Gas*, as a division of *IDT Corporation*. Alongside **Rupert Murdoch**, Jacob has a 5.5% stake in the company which comprises IDT's interests in *American Shale Oil, LLC*, and *Israel Energy Initiatives Ltd*. He also joined **Dick Cheney** and Rupert Murdoch on Genie Energy's *Strategic Advisory Board*. Jacob's stake in the company and his role on the advisory board proved fruitful in 2013, when Israel granted *Genie Energy* exclusive oil and gas exploration rights to a 153-square mile (396 km²) area in the southern part of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. It was well known in industry circles that **Howard Jonas** (the CEO of IDT Corporation and Founder of *Genie Energy*) was a close friend of Jacob (as well as sharing their 'Ashkenazi Jewish' heritage) and that his invitation to purchase a stake in the company was a strategic action to ensure that Genie Energy would be granted the licence by the Israeli government – given their indebtedness to the Rothschild family. Similarly, Rupert Murdoch was invited to purchase his stake to ensure that western media (and in particular, the Murdoch media machine) ensured a pro-Israel narrative around the energy resources in the occupied territories. It should be noted that these events surrounding Genie Energy occurred during the period that Benjamin Netanyahu was Prime Minister (see **page 54** of this document).

In 1999, *British Gas* (BG) discovered the existence of natural gas in the *Gaza Marine* fields (offshore from the Gaza strip). The exploration was conducted within the framework of licensing to *British Gas* (BG) by the *Palestinian National Authority*. Further exploration by BG through two successful wells - *Gaza Marine 1* and *Gaza Marine 2* - determined the field could contain up to 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, as well as potential oil reserves. These combined reserves are estimated to be in excess of ½ trillion US dollars (i.e. greater than US \$500 billion) in 2023 terms, and would have created an energy independent and economically advanced Palestine.

However, in 2000 the Israeli government (under Prime Minister Ehud Barak) deployed the Israeli navy in Gaza's coastal waters and imposed limits on the Palestinian maritime territory, effectively implementing a blockade to prevent physical access to the offshore region and its resources by the Palestinians.

In December 2008, in total contravention of international laws, Israel declared sovereignty over the *Gaza Marine* area, and BG withdrew from the project.

By 2012, the Israeli government had extracted approximately 42 billion cubic metres of gas from the 'Mari-B' field section of Gaza Marine, leaving it severely depleted. This quantity would have supplied the Palestinians with enough gas for at least 15 years.

On 29 October 2023, just three weeks after Israel commenced its war on Gaza, Israel's Energy Ministry granted twelve licences to explore and discover additional offshore natural gas fields in areas that largely lie within Palestine's maritime boundaries. The twelve licences were awarded to six companies, which will explore in two areas adjacent to the *Leviathan field*, one of the world's largest deep-water gas discoveries. One group consists of *Eni*, *Dana Petroleum* and *Ratio Energies* and the other group comprises *BP*, *State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic* (SOCAR) and *NewMed Energy*. The Rothschild family maintain a stake in some of the corporations provided with licences to explore and produce gas and oil in the occupied territories of Palestine – both directly and indirectly (i.e. via their complex network of family trusts and shelf companies).

The following link displays the report by the *United Nations Conference on Trade and Development* (UNCTAD) on the economic costs of the Israeli occupation for the Palestinian people in unrealised gas and oil potential:

<https://unctad.org/publication/economic-costs-israeli-occupation-palestinian-people-unrealized-oil-and-natural-gas>

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- 4) The Gaza Gas Deal: The untold story of how behind-the-scenes deals prevented Palestinians from exploiting valuable natural resources (5 June 2019).
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- 5) In Context: Is Israel's War on Gaza Actually About Gas? (Featuring Richard Medhurst).
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- 6) The CJ Werleman Show: Israel to Steal Gaza's Gas – Worth \$500 Billion (9 November 2023).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RxRKjzx0B0&ab_channel=TheCJWerlemanShow
- 7) ICIJ Offshore Leaks database <https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/>

The *International Consortium of Investigative Journalists* (ICIJ) database contains information on more than 810,000 offshore entities that are part of the Pandora Papers, Paradise Papers, Bahamas Leaks, Panama Papers and Offshore Leaks investigations. The records cover more than 80 years up to 2020 and link to people and companies in more than 200 countries and territories. Members of the Rothschild family and their offshore holdings are listed extensively within these papers.

THE GENESIS OF CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

As staunch Zionists, the Rothschilds three priority projects for funding were:

- 1) Jewish settlement provisions and community infrastructure in Palestine;
- 2) The acquisition of military weapons and equipment for Zionist armed forces, and
- 3) The establishment and propagation of '*Christian Zionism*'.

Accordingly, the leaders of the Zionist movement (including the Rothschilds) knew that without the support of the Christian world - or at the very least, the support of the superpowers within the Christian world - then regardless of the fruition of the first two priority projects, they would not succeed in creating a Jewish state. Ultimately, the Zionist movement succeeded in establishing and growing a new religion underpinned by Zionism – now known as **Evangelical Christianity** (or **Christian Zionism**). The scheme that eventually achieved this goal is outlined below (see also '*Christian Zionism: American Evangelical Christians*' section on **pages 69-72** and '*Appendix 1: Types of Zionism*' within this document).

The Zionist plot to re-write the Bible

On 26 January 1904, Theodore Herzl had private audience with Pope Pius X in the Vatican, to seek his support for the Zionist takeover of Palestine. In a meeting that lasted 25 minutes, the Pope respectfully and assertively rejected the proposal, citing that it would infringe on the sovereign rights of the Palestinian people, who are indigenous to the land. Prior to Herzl's death just 6 months after that meeting, he and other senior Zionist members (including the Rothschilds) schemed to influence the Protestant churches and get them on board with their agenda to seize the land of Palestine. Rather than pursue the Vatican, where Zionist influence was limited, they would pursue the Protestant church. This was a much more viable pathway, since it was the dominant church for both the current and emerging superpowers (i.e. United Kingdom and the United States), and these superpowers were nations where the Zionist movement held significant influence over both government and industry.

In 1901 (and just four years after the Zionist Congress in 1897), **Samuel Untermyer** – a Wall Street lawyer and senior Zionist leader with strong ties to the Rothschild banking empire, approached **Cyrus Ingerson Scofield** – an ex-con and self-proclaimed "Christian theologian" to draft a new version of the Bible.

Untermyer showered Scofield with various inducements to undertake the task, including membership to 'The Loto Club' - an exclusive club for the financial and literary elite (Untermyer was on the club's Literary Committee). Its membership comprised people that would not typically be in the company of a 'Christian theologian and pastor' - including atheists, communists and eugenicists.

In early 1904, Scofield travelled to Europe to conduct "theological research" for the drafting of his 'Reference Bible' (or 'Study Bible'). He spent approximately two months in England, before heading to Switzerland and settling in the resort town of Montreux near lake Geneva, where, according to historical accounts, Scofield conducted nine months of "solid work" on his reference Bible. The reasons behind Scofield's choice of Switzerland as the location to research and write a Reference Bible remain unknown and intriguing, however it should be noted that Switzerland was the centre of Freemasonic and covert banking activities, and perhaps most importantly, where Theodor Herzl hosted the early Zionist congresses - in the city of Basel (1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905 and 1911).

In the book titled '*Unjust War Theory: Christian Zionism and the Road to Jerusalem*', Prof. David W. Lutz writes, "Untermyer used Scofield, a Kansas City lawyer with no formal training in theology, to inject Zionist ideas into American Protestantism. Untermyer and other wealthy and influential Zionists (including leading Zionist financiers **Jacob Schiff** and **Bernard Baruch**) - whom he introduced to Scofield - promoted and funded the latter's career, including travel in Europe."

Why did Scofield “choose” to reference the King James Bible ?

Given his adopted religious views, Scofield would have undoubtedly preferred to use the controversial *Darby Bible*³ or the *Westcott and Hort New Testament* (WHNU) to write his Reference Bible. However, the Zionist leaders instructed Scofield to use the King James Bible⁴, for two primary reasons:

- 1) The Zionists wanted to reach the largest cross-section of Christian Fundamentalists, and the King James Bible was by far the most popular text in both the United Kingdom and the United States;
- 2) *Oxford University Press* (OUP)⁵ - as the authorised publisher of the King James Bible – had international branches including New York and Canada, to ensure the mass production and distribution of the text. With offices on both sides of the Atlantic, this would ensure Scofield's work would receive the publicity and distribution the Zionists desired.

How was the King James Bible altered to promote Zionist ideology ?

To ensure the text exhorted a pro-Zionist agenda, Scofield inserted footnotes wherever the King James Bible disagreed in an area of doctrinal importance with either the *Darby Bible* or the *Westcott and Hort New Testament*. In essence, he manipulated the text within the King James Bible to the extent that its doctrine was not only aligned with the Darby Bible and/or the *Westcott and Hort New Testament*, but its interpretations were aligned with Zionist ideology.

Scofield's annotated commentary resulted in a Reference Bible that was no longer a traditional Protestant Bible, but rather a false and intentionally misleading interpretation - despite comprising the text of the King James Bible. More alarmingly, Scofield's notes would go on to induce generations of American evangelicals to believe that God demands their uncritical support for the modern State of Israel.

Scofield returned to the United States in 1905. However, in 1906 he visited England and Switzerland again. In 1907, Scofield signed his publishing contract at the New York City office of Oxford University Press, and his reference Bible (known as the '**Scofield Reference Bible**') was first published on 15 January 1909 – just twelve years after the first Zionist Conference in 1897.

For a religious text sacred to Christianity and carrying enormous implications and consequences, the volume was produced with astonishing and unprecedented swiftness. For most theologians, a reference Bible would have required a lifetime's work. It is all the more remarkable that Scofield also had no seminary or university training, and was not formally schooled in the languages that ancient Biblical texts are written in - Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic.

³ Scofield's notes teach **futurism** and **dispensationalism**, a theology advanced in the early nineteenth century by the Anglo-Irish clergyman **John Nelson Darby**, who like Scofield had been trained as a lawyer. Dispensationalism emphasises the distinctions between the New Testament Church and ancient Israel of the Old Testament. Scofield believed that between creation and the final judgment there are seven distinct eras of God's dealing with humanity and that these eras are a framework around which the message of the Bible can be explained. It was largely through the influence of Scofield's notes that dispensational premillennialism became influential among fundamentalist Christians in the United States, and these notes became a significant source for popular religious writers.

⁴ The *King James Version* (KJV), also the *King James Bible* (KJB) and the *Authorised Version* (AV), is an Early Modern English translation of the Christian Bible for the Church of England (i.e. Protestant Church), which was commissioned in 1604 and published in 1611, by sponsorship of King James VI and I. The 80 books of the KJV include 39 books of the Old Testament, 14 books of the Apocrypha, and the 27 books of the New Testament.

⁵ *Oxford University Press* (OUP) - a subsidiary of the University of Oxford - established its right to print the King James Bible in the seventeenth century. This Bible Privilege formed the basis of OUP's publishing activities throughout the next two centuries. From the late 1800's OUP began to expand significantly, opening the first overseas OUP office in New York in 1896. Other international branches followed, including Canada (1904), Australia (1908), India (1912) and Southern Africa (1914).

Although the *Scofield Reference Bible* (SRB) was first published in 1909, few copies of the original version exist today. Intriguingly, following the Balfour Declaration in 1917, the SRB was revised later that same year and hyper-marketed, with limitless promotion by Oxford University Press - selling millions of copies. The simultaneous mass-marketing of the SRB would have made it appear that God himself had co-signed the Balfour Declaration, and that “the prophecy was being fulfilled” before every believers eyes.

With OUP’s well-resourced marketing department, people who simply wanted a Bible often found themselves holding a *Scofield Reference Bible*, and thus became unwitting recipients of “**Scofieldism**”. To ensure the Bible sold well, OUP produced it in attractive printed cloth and leather editions – providing a “God-honouring” appearance to the unsuspecting. It should be noted that there was no ‘Jewish State’ (Israel) at that time. The ordinary person (or Christian) was unaware of Zionist ideology, and therefore did not suspect any sinister agenda with the SRB.

The popularity of the *Scofield Reference Bible* was attributed to its several innovative features. Most important, it printed what amounted to a commentary on the biblical text alongside the Bible instead of in a separate volume - the first to do so in English since the Geneva Bible (1560). It also contained a cross-referencing system that tied together related verses of Scripture and allowed the reader to follow biblical themes from one chapter and book to another (i.e. ‘chain references’). Finally, the 1917 edition also attempted to date events of the Bible. The combination of these features made the text more legible and a best-seller – particularly in the US market.

It later emerged that the Rothschilds (namely Nathaniel Mayer Rothschild and his son, Lionel Walter Rothschild) contributed to the funding of the *Scofield Reference Bible* – which went some way to explain the mysterious financial backing during that period. It proved to be an excellent return-on-investment for the Rothschilds, receiving over US\$1 billion from American taxpayers to rebuild Israel through the sale of the book, as well as continuous donations from Christian Zionist converts.

Consequences of the *Scofield Reference Bible*

Central to Christian Zionist belief is Scofield’s commentary (Italicized below) on Genesis 12:3: “ ‘I will bless them that bless thee.’ *In fulfilment closely related to the next clause, ‘And curse him that curseth thee.’ Wonderfully fulfilled in the history of the dispersion. It has invariably fared ill with the people who have persecuted the Jew - well with those who have protected him. The future will still more remarkably prove this principle.*”

Drawing on Scofield’s rather tendentious interpretation, leaders of Christian Zionist movements such as **John Hagee** claim, “*The man or nation that lifts a voice or hand against Israel invites the wrath of God.*”

But as Stephen Sizer points out in his definitive critique, ‘*Christian Zionism: Road-map to Armageddon?*’: “The promise, when referring to Abraham’s descendants, speaks of God blessing them, not of entire nations ‘blessing’ the Hebrew nation, still less the contemporary and secular State of Israel.”

Notwithstanding this more orthodox reading, ***The New Scofield Study Bible***, published by Oxford University Press in 1984, intensified Scofield’s interpretation by adding, “For a nation to commit the sin of anti-Semitism brings inevitable judgement.”

“Sustained by a dubious exegesis of selective biblical texts,” Sizer concludes, “Christian Zionism’s particular reading of history and contemporary events...sets Israel and the Jewish people apart from other peoples in the Middle East...it justifies the endemic racism intrinsic to Zionism, exacerbates tensions between Jews and Palestinians and undermines attempts to find a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict - all because ‘the Bible tells them so’.”

The tragedy in all this is the great majority of Christian Zionists have endorsed Zionism without *conscious knowledge* of the atrocities in Palestine, which the U.S. media has suppressed. Most American evangelicals and dispensationalists are good-hearted people, who have unfortunately been led astray about Zionism and indoctrinated to believe that supporting the State of Israel is the way to God. Today, there are an estimated 90 million followers of Christian Zionism in the United States.

Although not stated openly, the three main (and traditional) branches of Christianity (Catholicism, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox) consider Evangelical Christianity (or Christian Zionism) as antithetical to their scriptures. Many traditional and mainstream Christian church leaders have labelled Christian Zionism as heresy, and the *Scofield Reference Bible* as a corruption of the Christian doctrines (see also 'Christian Zionism: American Evangelical Christians' section on **pages 72-75** and 'Appendix 1: Types of Zionism' within this document).

Additional Readings / Viewings

1) [The Scofield Bible - The Book That Made Zionists of America's Evangelical Christians.](#)

Had the Scofield Bible never been published, American presidents influenced by Christian Zionism such as Truman, Johnson, Reagan and George W. Bush might have been less sympathetic to Israeli demands, and consequently more attentive to U.S. interests. Moreover, the American people could have been spared the pseudo-Christian rants of John Hagee, Pat Robertson and the late Jerry Falwell, not to mention the lucrative End Times Rapture "prophecy" peddled by Hal Lindsey and Tim LaHaye.

But it is the people of the Middle East who have been most affected by an expansionist Israel emboldened by the unswerving allegiance of Christian Zionists led to believe that Scofield's words are God's will. Not least among the many victims of the Scofield Bible are 5 million Palestinian refugees whose right to return is fervently opposed by America's Zionized Christians. Thanks to their indoctrination by Scofield's unholy book, they believe that Palestine belongs not to the Palestinians - many of whom are fellow Christians - but exclusively to "God's chosen people."

<https://www.wrmea.org/2015-october/the-scofield-bible-the-book-that-made-zionists-of-americas-evangelical-christians.html>

2) [The Scofield Bible & Darwinism \(26 November 2023\).](#)

This documentary video explores the origins of Christian Zionism and the Scofield Reference Bible.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZzgygxlQcg&ab_channel=TheKolbeCenterfortheStudyofCreation

3) [Cyrus Ingerson Scofield: The Scofield Bible \(14 October 2014\).](#)

In this documentary video, theologians discuss the origins of Christian Zionism and the false and intentionally misleading interpretations contained within the Scofield Reference Bible.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YMXk_6KoYk&ab_channel=GilbertRivera

4) [AJ+: Why Are Palestinian Christians Leaving Jesus' Birthplace? \(Part 1: 6 December 2022\).](#)

Palestinian Christians have been disappearing from the Holy Land for decades, even though this is the region where Christianity was founded. This documentary video explores the reasons behind the Christian exodus.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pa6igKc1M9s&ab_channel=AJ%2B

5) [AJ+: How Evangelicals Betray Christians In The Holy Land \(Part 2: 13 December 2022\).](#)

For millions of American Evangelical Christians, supporting Israel is a core part of their faith. They believe Israel needs to exist so that the "end times" prophecies and return of Jesus Christ are guaranteed. However, what does that support mean for people who share their religion and live under Israeli occupation? Palestinian Christians discuss how the evangelical Christian Zionist movement is resulting in the ethnic cleansing of Christians in Palestine.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHT-SjIM0tA&ab_channel=AJ%2B

'JUDEOPHOBIA' VERSUS 'ANTI-SEMITISM': THE ZIONIST SCHEME

Judeophobia was a term commonly used in the English language meaning hostility to, prejudice towards, or discrimination against people belonging to the Jewish faith. The term was included in the class of other terms relating to prejudice and discrimination including Islamophobia, Xenophobia, etc.

Semite is a term commonly used to refer to a member of any of the peoples who speak or spoke a Semitic language, including in particular the Arabs and Jews. Moreover, it related to (or denoted) a family of languages that include Hebrew, Arabic, Aramaic and certain ancient languages such as Phoenician and Akkadian, constituting the main sub-group of the Afro-Asiatic family.

The replacement of the term 'judeophobia' with 'anti-semitism' in both Central and Eastern Europe during the late 1800's and early 1900's - before it occurred in the English speaking world - remains an intriguing phenomena. The significance of this subtle change in nomenclature would not be realised for several generations. Many historians and linguists believe that this was driven by the Zionist movement to ensure that Ashkenazi Jews were regarded as people indigenous to the Levant (Middle-Eastern) region. In other words, it was another means of shifting the narrative regarding the ancestry of the Ashkenazi Jews from the *Khazarian Hypothesis* to the *Rhineland Hypothesis*. The theory behind the origin of the term 'anti-Semitic' is supported by the following five factors:

- 1) The central tenet of Zionism is the **Law of Return** – which asserts the right of Jews around the world to settle in Palestine. It would be difficult to justify the colonisation of Palestine by Ashkenazi Jews if they were not regarded as indigenous to that region.
- 2) The period in which the transition of the terms 'judeophobia' to 'anti-semitism' occurred, coincided with Zionist efforts to step-up the emigration of Ashkenazi Jews to Palestine.
- 3) The term 'anti-semitism' traces its origins of its use by Ashkenazi Jews in Germany during the late 1800's, and was first used in print in Germany in 1879. It gradually became a more commonly used term in Central and Eastern Europe around the early 20th century.
- 4) In the early 20th century, the term 'judeophobia' gradually began disappearing from the English vocabulary, while it was ultimately replaced by the term 'anti-Semitic' - throughout the period leading up to the establishment of Israel in 1948.
- 5) Since the term 'anti-Semitic' became associated with persons belonging to Jewish faith, the term 'Semite' also became exclusively associated with the same group – ultimately disassociating it with Arabs.

There is little doubt that the ethnic group most impacted (and disadvantaged) by the transition of terms are the Palestinian people, who are no longer associated with the term 'Semite'. Consequently, their historical connection to the land that the term 'Semite' represents has also been diminished.

The irony - and tragedy - in all of this is that Zionism is anti-Semitism – in the true sense of the word. Zionism prejudices, discriminates against, and oppresses Semites – both Arabs and Jews. Those who practice true forms of Judaism view all human beings as equals. Their prime aspiration is to be altruistic through a vocation of their passion, and strive to make the world a better place – regardless of their habitation. The fundamental principles of Zionism oppose and undermine these tenets.

Use of the terms 'Judeophobia' and 'anti-Semite': A Historical Account

Although the term 'Judeophobia' was frequently used in the English language, the Oxford English Dictionary's (OED's) earliest evidence of its use in print is in 1881, in the writing of **Lucien Wolf** - a Jewish English journalist.

Across the Atlantic in Germany however, **Theodor Herzl** - as a journalist and an Austrian citizen - believed the word 'anti-Semite' would subject Central and Eastern European Jews to increased hostilities and prejudice, and the resulting fear would ultimately encourage them to support Zionism. The anticipated persecution would also provide Herzl leverage to coerce Jewish communities within the diaspora who were resistant to the Zionist proposal to adopt it – namely Reformist Jews throughout Europe and the United States. Consequently, he insisted all his colleagues within the

Zionist movement use the term 'anti-Semite' instead of 'Judeophobia', and that they undertake a campaign to encourage journalists to adopt and propagate the term. Astonishingly, one of these journalists was **Wilhelm Marr**, who ultimately became a prominent racial socialist and politician.

Consequently, Marr coined the term 'anti-Semitism' in 1879 to designate the anti-Jewish campaigns underway in Central Europe at that time. He first published the word in 1879 in his pamphlet '*Der Weg zum Siege des Germanenthums über das Judenthum*' (The Way to Victory of Germanism over Judaism).

As the Zionist movement was gaining momentum in England during the early 1900's, Lucien Wolf was opposed to political Zionism. A Reform Jew (i.e. an assimilationist), he believed Jewry was a spiritual and religious identity and not a nation. He vigorously opposed the new Zionist movement that had been formed in Manchester. As a powerful editor, Wolf had access to ministers, whom he lobbied frantically to prevent the issuing of the **Balfour Declaration**. When the Declaration was made public on 2 November 1917, he soon co-founded the anti-Zionist League of British Jews.

Wolf understood how Zionists in Britain (namely **Nahum Sokolow** and **Chaim Weizmann**) could undermine and threaten the nationality status of British Jews, and wrote "No wonder all Judeophobes are enthusiastic Zionists". The Zionists in Britain asserted that their yearning for a homeland was historical and fundamental to the essence or quintessence of 'Jewishness'. Wolf rejected this assertion and argued that the "yearning" was primarily based on a religious zeal, and nothing more.

Theodor Herzl and Wilhelm Marr both died in 1904, and by then the term 'anti-Semite' became a frequently used phrase in Germany, and was increasingly being used in the remaining nations of Central and Eastern Europe. It would be almost a decade later before the term 'anti-Semite' became frequently used in Britain, despite Lucien Wolf's efforts to promote the term 'Judeophobia' in the press. He died in 1930 – three years before the Nazi Party came to power (1933) and nine years before the commencement of World War 2 (1939).

After the 1945 victory of the Allies over Nazi Germany, and particularly after the full extent of the Nazi genocide against the Jews became known, the term 'anti-Semitism' acquired pejorative connotations. This marked a full-circle shift in usage, from an era just decades earlier when "Jew" was used as a pejorative term. Moreover, the term anchored the Jewish people to the land defined by it (Palestine).

Zionists and Judeophobes draw different conclusions from what they perceive as the eternal hatred of Jews: according to Judeophobes, it proves the inferiority of Jews, while for Zionists it means that Jewish people need their own state as a refuge.

It was evidently a contentious issue that Reform Jews preferred the term 'Judeophobia', while the Zionist Jews insisted on the use of the term 'anti-Semite'. The contention between the two groups continues to this day.

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There is no such thing as a Semitic race. There are only Semitic languages. I am a Semite because I speak and write Hebrew. My parents were not Semites because they spoke Yiddish.

THE 'GREATER ISRAEL' AGENDA

'Greater Israel' is a concept with multiple interpretations, some of which are political or ideological and may have controversial connotations. The term is often used to describe a hypothetical or desired expansion of the borders of the modern state of Israel to encompass a larger territory than what Israel currently controls.

Currently, the most common definition of the land encompassed by the term is the territory of the *State of Israel* together with the Palestinian territories. Other definitions, favoured by **Revisionist Zionists**, include the territory of the former *Emirate of Transjordan* and the *Sinai Peninsula*.

The interpretations of Greater Israel can vary, but some common elements include:

1) Biblical and Historical Claims

Proponents of *Greater Israel* often refer to historical or biblical boundaries of the ancient Kingdom of Israel, which extended beyond the borders of the modern state of Israel. These claims are based on religious or nationalist beliefs.

2) Annexation of Territories

Some interpretations of *Greater Israel* call for the annexation of territories, including parts of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and areas with significant Palestinian populations. This is a highly contentious and controversial stance, as it conflicts with international efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

3) Religious Significance

For many religious Zionists (including Revisionist Zionists), *Greater Israel* is connected to the idea of Jewish redemption and the fulfilment of religious prophecies. This interpretation has strong religious overtones and is often at odds with the secular approach to Israeli politics.



Figure 15:
Map of 'Greater Israel'
as submitted by the
World Zionist Organisation
(WZO) after the end of
World War 1.

Source: World Zionist
Organisation (WZO), 1918.

Revealing moments: The quest for a Greater Israel

1) Middle East Monitor: Greater Israel (19 November 2023).

The video link below outlines the pursuit by the Revisionist Zionist movement of a *Greater Israel*. Having formed an alliance with like-minded people in his government (i.e. extreme right-wing political parties), Netanyahu has now placed a *Greater Israel* high on the political agenda, and now in his sixth (6th) term as Prime Minister, its accomplishment is finally within his reach. Israeli leaders are becoming increasingly and publicly dismissive of the notion of an independent Palestinian state. The rights of Palestinians to their lands and as illegal Jewish-only settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories continue to grow unabated.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pGra_c1-el&t=214s&ab_channel=MEMO

2) Why moving to the Sinai peninsula is the solution for Gaza's Palestinians (27 December 2023).

The *Jerusalem Post* – Israel's most popular online news source – published an opinion piece pushing the Netanyahu government's narrative that the solution to the conflict in Palestine would be to displace the entire population of Palestinians in Gaza to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt. Although Egypt has a population of approximately 110 million people, the Sinai Peninsula currently has a population of only 600,000 people.

The Netanyahu government is also considering whether the entire Arab Palestinian population of the *West Bank* should be moved to the *Transjordanian Highlands* (or the *East Bank*), which is east of the Jordanian River and inside present-day Jordan. The alternative option being considered is to move the entire Arab Palestinian population of the *West Bank* to the Sinai Peninsula to join their counterparts from Gaza.

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-779510>

3) Expel all Palestinians from Gaza, leaked Israeli report says, in new bid to ethnically cleanse the enclave (31 October 2023).

<https://www.newarab.com/news/expel-all-palestinians-gaza-leaked-israeli-report-says>

4) Israeli ministry proposes transferring Gaza civilians to Egypt's Sinai (30 October 2023).

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/israeli-ministry-proposes-transferring-gaza-civilians-to-egypts-sinai-2f99301e>

5) Is Gaza-Sinai state a possibility for Palestinians ? (24 July 2017).

<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2017/7/24/is-gaza-sinai-state-a-possibility-for-palestinians>

6) Israeli politicians praise Sisi plan to give Palestinians land for a state in Sinai (8 September 2014).

<https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/israeli-politicians-praise-sisi-plan-to-give-palestinians-land-for-a-state-in-sinai-374745>

MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON (LUBAVITCHER REBBE): FROM KHAZARIA TO PALESTINE

Menachem Mendel Schneerson (otherwise known as the *Lubavitcher Rebbe*, or simply the *Rebbe*), was an Orthodox rabbi and the most recent Rebbe of the Lubavitch Hasidic dynasty. He is considered one of the most influential Jewish leaders of the 20th century, and one of the strongest advocates for the Jewish State of Israel, who ironically never visited the nation. Yet, countless Israeli government officials - including generals, presidents and prime ministers - sought his blessing and advice on subjects ranging from societal issues to military strategy.

Schneerson was born in 1902 in the Black Sea port of Nikolaev in the Russian Empire (now Mykolaiv in Ukraine) – once a key trading port of the ancient **Khazar Khaganate**.



Figure 16:
Schneerson in 1988.

As leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, he took an insular Hasidic group that almost came to an end with the Holocaust and transformed it into one of the most influential movements in religious Jewry, with an international network of over 5,000 educational and social centres in more than 110 countries around the globe. The institutions he established include kindergartens, schools, drug-rehabilitation centres, care-homes for the disabled, and the largest synagogue network in the world. This achievement is even more astonishing given that, from the day he assumed leadership of the Chabad in 1951, he never took a day off or left his neighbourhood of **Brooklyn, New York** (which incidentally has a larger Jewish population than Jerusalem).

During his lifetime, many of his adherents believed that he was the Messiah, and many academics accused him of openly encouraging this belief. He was - and remains - a controversial figure in Jewish society, and he drew fierce criticism from many quarters in the Orthodox Jewish world, including several Chief Rabbis for many issues aside from the messianic controversy.

Without explicitly declaring his stance on Zionism, Schneerson's narrative, actions, and statements suggest an alignment with both Religious and Revisionist Zionism. He is reported to have said, "*If Israel is a state of Jews, then I am not a Zionist; if it is a Jewish state, then I am a Zionist*" - encapsulating his rejection of Israel's secular ethos.

It is estimated that, as of 2023, the global Chabad-Lubavitch movement exceeds 100,000 members and continues to grow rapidly.

The controversies surrounding Schneerson

Much of the criticism surrounding Schneerson are accusations that his religious ideology and extreme Zionist views (including a *Greater Israel* and forced displacement and/or indiscriminate killing of Palestinian Arabs), are underpinned by **supremacism** (race superiority). Examples include (but are not limited to):

- 1) American activist Alison Weir condemned Schneerson in 'Why is the US Honouring a Racist Rabbi?':
"... some of the more extreme parts of Schneerson's teachings - such as that Jews are a completely different species than non-Jews, and that non-Jews exist only to serve Jews - have been largely hidden, it appears, even from many who consider themselves his followers...such views profoundly impact the lives of Palestinians living - and dying - under Israeli occupation and military invasions."
- 2) The education the Chabad institutions provided proved highly questionable, as Chaim Levin writes in his piece 'National Education Day and the Education I Never Had' - describing his experience at the Chabad school 'Oholei Torah' in Crown Heights, New York – the site of Chabad's world headquarters:
"...I remember very clearly those talks that [Schneerson] gave - the ones we studied every year in elementary school about the unimportance of 'secular' (non-religious) education and the great importance of only studying 'limmudei kodesh' (holy studies). As a result of this attitude, thousands of students were not taught anything other than the Bible throughout our years attending Chabad institution".
- 3) An example of Schneerson's extreme religious and Zionist views is his refusal to set foot in the State of Israel until all the Jewish people around the world (the Diaspora) have returned to the Holy Land – precipitating the return of the 'Messiah'. He famously commented that his role was akin to a naval captain in charge of an endangered ship. The captain is the last to leave the ship, since only after everyone has been evacuated safely, is the captain permitted to leave the vessel.
- 4) In line with his strict religious and Zionist views, Schneerson is recognised as the pioneer of 'Jewish outreach' – initiatives that target Jewish people who have 'gone astray', or who have been born Jewish in a non-observant family. Espousing a 'Jewish law' that every Jew must return to the Holy land of Israel, he was personally responsible - directly and indirectly - for tens of thousands of Jewish people finding their heritage and moving to Israel. Moreover, Schneerson personally sent dozens of 'shluchim' (emissaries) to settle in the Holy Land. In accordance with Schneerson's program, the Israeli government frequently hosts property auctions in various countries (United States, United Kingdom, and Canada) for the Jewish diaspora to purchase homes (often off-the-plan) to be constructed in future settlements within the occupied territories.
- 5) Schneerson's radical view of Israel included its existence as a 'Jewish State' and not a 'State for Jews', meaning that a secular government violated Jewish law, since all Jewish citizens of Israel should obey the Torah. His doctrine was that government and religion should not be separate, so that Israel is effectively a **theocracy**.
- 6) In his review of the 1999 book 'Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel' by Israel Shahak and Norton Mezvinsky, Allan C. Brownfeld describes Schneerson's nefarious influence on politics in Israel, even though he refused to set foot in the country "until the Messiah returns":
"Rabbi Schneerson always supported Israeli wars and opposed any retreat. In 1974 he strongly opposed the Israeli withdrawal from the Suez area. He promised Israel divine favours if it persisted in occupying the land. After his death, thousands of his Israeli followers played an important role in the election victory of Benjamin Netanyahu. Among the religious settlers in the occupied territories, the Chabad Hassids constitute one of the most extreme groups. Baruch Goldstein, the mass murderer of Palestinians, was one of them."

Benjamin Netanyahu: The Rebbe's foremost disciple

When Benjamin Netanyahu was appointed Israeli ambassador to the United Nations in 1984, a meeting with the Rebbe was organised in Brooklyn, New York, immediately following his appointment. During that first meeting (which lasted approximately 45 minutes), Schneerson prophesied to Netanyahu that he would be Israel's last prime minister, who would "pass the sceptre

to the Messiah.” Netanyahu formed a close and personal bond with Schneerson from that very first meeting, viewing himself as the person chosen to deliver the Rebbe’s master plan.

As Schneerson predicted so many years earlier, his protégée (Netanyahu) became Israel’s prime minister in 1996 – just two years after his death. Most - if not the entire - Chabad movement viewed Netanyahu’s election as a divine revelation from Schneerson, even though for many years he was unable to form a sufficiently strong coalition to enable him to carry out his plans. The disappointment of Netanyahu losing government, turned into elation each time he was re-elected, as each new Netanyahu government term is anticipated to be his last term before the return of the ‘Messiah’.

The following piece titled *‘Netanyahu: Holding the Keys for the Messiah’* was written by Adam Eliahu Berkowitz of *Israel365 News* and published on 19 November 2018, just as Netanyahu’s fourth government was collapsing. It provides an extensive insight into the close bond between Netanyahu and the Rebbe, as well as the **messianic notion** that many ultra-nationalist Zionists and religious zealots (including, amongst others, the Chabad movement) have of Netanyahu:

<https://israel365news.com/327214/netanyahu-holding-keys-messiah/>

“A rift in the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu-led coalition may lead to new elections, leading some to worry, while others note this development may have been predicted many times over as a precursor to better, much more Messianic times.”

Netanyahu’s most solid connection to the ‘Messiah’ was through Schneerson. Rabbi David Nachshon, a close friend of Netanyahu who witnessed the dialogue, relayed that the Rebbe was confident that some great good would come out of Netanyahu’s political trials.

“It really pains me, as a friend, as a brother, as a close friend, to see how people constantly spill Netanyahu’s blood,” Rabbi Schneerson confided to Nachshon. *“But I have a surprise for you, he’s going to come out of it, and he’ll stand tall, on G-d’s side. He has a promise from the Rebbe, and he’s going to make it through this. We’ve seen it happen up to now, and that’s how it’s going to be now as well. He will make it through this, and he will continue, and I hope he’ll be able to hand his keys over to Moshiach (the Messiah), and we’ll have the complete and true Redemption.”*

Likewise, Israeli Rabbi Levi Sudri spoke of *“the many parallels between the prime minister and Jonathan, the son of Biblical King Saul”*, and claimed that Netanyahu serves the function of Moshiach ben Yosef (Messiah from the house of Joseph) being the first part of the two stage Messianic process which includes the reestablishment of the Davidic Dynasty and the completion of the Third Temple:

“It is very clear that we see in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that he is fulfilling his destiny as Moshiach ben Yosef, that is to say, the reincarnation of Jonathan,” Rabbi Sudri told *Breaking Israel News* ... *“The name ‘Netanyahu’ (נתניהו) is composed of the same letters as the name, ‘Jonathan (יהונתן)’.”*

This sentiment was repeated by Rabbi Moshe Ben Tov, who after attaching a mezuzah in the prime minister’s office, made a remarkable statement to Netanyahu, *“It is very important that your love of Israel continue until the Moshiach comes because you are going stay in office and are going to meet him. You are the one who will give him the keys to this office.”*



Figure 17:
Netanyahu and Schneerson
in 1990.

Revealing moments: Schneerson's influence on Netanyahu (video links)

1) Defending Israel: The fascinating relationship between Benjamin Netanyahu and the Rebbe.

The link below is a video of Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the *United Nations General Assembly* in New York on 23 September 2011. He unabashedly expresses his contempt for the organisation and credits the Rebbe's advice to be hostile in his dealings with the UN.

The video includes an interview with Benjamin Netanyahu, recalling his first meeting with the Rebbe and the advice he provided him. Indeed, both the speech and the interview is a testament to the influence of the Rebbe on Netanyahu.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jv5u5U3clEM&ab_channel=JEM-TheLubavitcherRebbe

2) Bibi Netanyahu Meets the Rebbe. (18 November 1990)

The video link below shows Benjamin Netanyahu meeting with the Rebbe on 18 November 1990, after entering politics just two years earlier in 1988. At this point in time, the Likud party were in government, with Yitzhak Shamir as Prime Minister. While the Rebbe expresses his delight that the Likud party are in power and the progress in Netanyahu's political career, he admonishes Netanyahu for the slow progress in attaining the goal of a *Greater Israel* to precipitate the return of the 'Messiah'. The exchange below is a revealing insight into the 'master-disciple' relationship between Schneerson and Netanyahu:

The Rebbe charges Netanyahu, *"What hasn't changed, however, is that the Messiah still hasn't come, so do something to hasten his coming."*

Carrying himself like the reprimanded schoolboy, Netanyahu responds, *"We're doing...we're doing..."*, before the Rebbe sternly interrupts, *"Apparently it's not enough, since many hours have already passed and he's still not here. But there are still a few hours left in the day, so try still for today."*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHBiT6eJaQQ&t=50s&ab_channel=JEM-TheLubavitcherRebbe

3) Netanyahu and the Rebbe: Why 'Messiah prophecy' haunts Netanyahu. (5 December 2023)

The Rebbe's prophecy that Netanyahu will be Israel's last leader and hand the spectre to the 'Messiah' has been revived and given biblical significance. Many commentators argue that this dubious prophecy contributed to the inordinate amount of hubris in Netanyahu, and may ultimately reveal itself to be a curse for the Israeli people.

In one piece of footage, an Israeli television journalist put to Netanyahu that America did not support Israel in the illegal occupation of Palestinian territory. Netanyahu earnestly responded, *"America is not a unified block. We have the Senate, the Congress and a record strong Jewish lobby on our side. We have strong influence over the general support of America...America won't force us into anything."*

Disturbingly, Netanyahu has begun labelling the Palestinian people as '**Amaleks**', taking the reference from the Old Testament and comparing the war on Hamas with the battle between the Jews and the Amaleks. In a televised address to the Israeli people, he stated: *"You must remember what the Amalek did to you, as stated in the Hebrew Bible [Tanakh]...and we do remember, and we are fighting."*

In various sections of the Old Testament, G_d commanded that the Amaleks should be destroyed. Many commentators believe this is what Netanyahu is signalling with his biblical references. Intriguingly, many Rabbis accuse Netanyahu of assuming the role of the Amalek (in the true sense of the word), by distancing the Israeli people from the fundamental principles of Judaism.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgeWVgNGeAA&ab_channel=TRTWorld

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: THE NEO-CONSERVATIVE ASHKENAZI SUPREMACIST TEMPTING ARMAGGEDON

No politician has influenced Israel's domestic and international policies more than Benjamin Netanyahu. He is not only Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister, his Prime Ministerial terms span over a twenty-eight (28) year period...and counting. Political commentators will argue that from the moment of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination in 1995, where a two-state solution and peace with the Palestinian people was nearing certainty, Israel shifted to an increasingly more hostile and solution-opposed state. From the moment he entered politics and became leader of the Likud Party in 1996, Netanyahu worked tirelessly over following twenty-eight years to undermine any peaceful process and steer Israel as far-right as the nation could possibly go - driving an insurmountable wedge between the Israeli and Palestinian people to destroy any hope of a peaceful solution.

Indeed, one of mainstream journalism's greatest failings is their unwillingness and inability to expose the inherent **supremacist ideology** that drives Benjamin Netanyahu. Although several media sources have labelled Netanyahu as a secular Jew (since he doesn't keep Kosher or observe Shabbat), they consistently overlook to report his deep held belief system in Ashkenazi supremacy. He has been recorded privately on numerous occasions displaying his sectarianism and openly subscribing to the notion that those of the Jewish faith are the "chosen people of God", while making dehumanising narratives against Palestinians and Arabs in general. His genius - taught to him by his father - is to hide his religious and racially supreme convictions and actions behind the veneer of "ensuring the security of all Israelis". Security for Israel is not his primary aim - it is simply his rhetoric. Rather, he seeks to provoke the Palestinian militant groups to commit hostilities, so that he can play the victim and justify his extremely disproportionate and murderous military responses to execute his real agenda – a *Greater Israel*.

Family History: The Grandfather (Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky)

To understand Netanyahu, one must research back to his paternal grandfather, **Nathan Mileikowsky**, who was an Ashkenazi rabbi and a politically active (right-wing) Zionist living in western Ukraine. Mileikowsky was born in 1879 in Belarus. In 1920, at the age of 39, Mileikowsky immigrated to Mandatory Palestine with his wife and nine children, and became the director of the school 'Vilkomitz' in Rosh Pina. During this period he published various articles in the Hebrew press promoting the Jewish settlement of the Galilee region, occasionally using the name 'Netanyahu' - a hebraised surname meaning "God has given" – which his sons adopted soon after arriving in Mandatory Palestine. In 1924, he travelled around Europe to raise funds for the *Jewish National Fund* (JNF) and *Keren Hayesod* (United Israel Appeal). Following the success of these campaigns, he was sent to the United States on behalf of the *Jewish National Fund*. Mileikowsky's numerous speeches during his tour made a strong impression on the American Jewish community, and he did not return to Palestine until 1929.

Rabbi Mileikowsky was affiliated with the right-wing **Revisionist Zionism** movement, which is characterised by territorial maximalism (i.e. Greater Israel). This movement of people split from their mainstream Zionist counterparts, believing those in the mainstream were too conciliatory to the British authorities governing Palestine (refer to **Appendix 1: 'Types of Zionism'** within this document for an overview of the eleven types of Zionism). In 1933, members of the Revisionist movement assassinated the moderate (left-wing) Zionist leader Haim Arlosoroff. Shortly afterwards Rabbi Mileikowsky took part in the establishment of a public committee, headed by **Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook** (an Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi who is regarded as one of the fathers of extreme religious Zionism). The committee set out to protect those accused of Arlosoroff's assassination - namely, Zvi Rosenblatt and Abraham Stavsky. Rabbi Mileikowsky argued that the evidence indicated that they did not commit the assassination and that their execution could lead to a civil war, which would harm the Zionist enterprise. He died in 1935.

Family History: The Father (Benzion Mileikowsky / Netanyahu)

The son of Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky and father of Benjamin Netanyahu, Benzion Netanyahu was born 1910 in Warsaw, Poland and emigrated with his parents and siblings to Palestine in 1920, at the age of 10. The name “Ben-Zion” means “son of Zion”.

Around 1930, Benzion Netanyahu studied medieval history at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During his studies, he followed in his father’s footsteps and became active in **Revisionist Zionism**, which by then espoused an even more militant, right-wing Jewish nationalism than the one advocated by the Labour Zionists who led Israel in its early years after its establishment. When his father (Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky) passed away in 1935, the young (25 year old) Netanyahu had adopted a view of the Arabs as “quasi-savages”, and pledged to realise his father’s dream of a *Greater Israel*.

Benzion looked to historian and fellow Revisionist Zionist **Joseph Klausner** as his intellectual mentor, and fully embraced his view of Arabs “as a nation of half-savages to be defended against”.

Klausner and Benzion - the teacher and the pupil (who was younger than his teacher by more than 30 years), were drawn together by their hostility toward Arabs and in relating to them as “savages, dangerous natives”. The teacher first encountered Arabs during his trip to Palestine prior to World War I. His attitude toward them hardened even further in the wake of the violent clashes between Jews and Arabs in the 1920s. Benzion however, related to the Arabs as an enemy from the very first moment – an opinion he took to his grave, but not before indoctrinating the same beliefs on his son Benjamin Netanyahu, who just prior to the invasion of Gaza in October 2023, referred to the Palestinian people as “human animals”.

His supremacist views were expressed in numerous articles he wrote throughout his career, including in the Revisionist Zionist newspaper *Hayarden*, which he edited until his father’s death in 1935. In one article “The End of Silencing the Disgrace!” which was published in on 6 August, 1934, Benzion wrote: “*Just as the savages of Arabia hunted down Jewish refugees from Spain on the cliffs of Algeria in the 15th century, so they are now hunting the refugees from the inferno of the Diaspora at the gates to the homeland.*”

In another article published in *Hayarden* in December of 1934, titled “Rural Settlement and Urban Settlement”, Benzion compared the “Land of Israel” to America, the “Jews” to the citizens of the United States and the “Arabs” to the Indians: “*The conquest of the soil is one of the first and most fundamental projects of every colonisation,*” he wrote. “*The state is not simply an arithmetic concept of the number of people but also a geographical concept. A member of the Anglo-Saxon race, who was in constant conflict with the redskins, did not content himself with establishing the huge metropolises of New York and San Francisco on the shores of the two oceans that border the United States. Along with that he strove to ensure for himself the route between those two metropolises... Had the conquerors of America left the lands in the hands of the Indians, there would now be at most a few European metropolises in the United States and the whole country would be inhabited by millions of redskins, as the tremendous need for agricultural produce in the European metropolises and European culture would have led to the tremendous natural population growth of the natives in the agricultural areas and ultimately they would have overrun the cities as well.*”

A scholar of Judaic history, Mileikowsky frequently lobbied in the United States to support the creation of the Jewish state as part of his activism in Revisionist Zionism. His field of expertise was the history of Jews in Spain. He was an editor of the *Hebrew Encyclopedia* and assistant to **Benjamin Azkin**, the personal secretary to **Ze’ev Jabotinsky** – the two people who would eventually form part of his inner-circle think-tank and who would amplify his extreme right-wing Zionist views he inherited from his father (Nathan Mileikowsky).

Jabotinsky was a staunch Zionist who co-founded the *Jewish Legion* of the British Army in World War 1. He later established several Jewish organisations, including the paramilitary group Betar in Latvia, the youth movement Hatzohar, and the militant (terrorist) organisation **Irgun** in Mandatory Palestine.

Netanyahu believed in Jewish rights to settle both banks of the River Jordan, in maintaining an "iron wall" until Arabs recognised the permanence of a Jewish presence, in a free economy, and in Jabotinsky's wake-up call to Jews to leave Central and Eastern Europe before the onset of genocide.

Jabotinsky died in New York in August 1940. Netanyahu had gone with him, and acted as the guardian of his legacy: he lobbied passionately for a Jewish state with Harry Truman's secretary of state, Dean Acheson, and President Dwight Eisenhower.

Netanyahu believed in **Greater Israel** to the extent that it became his life-long mission. When the *United Nations Partition Plan* for Palestine was published on 29 November 1947, he joined others who signed a petition against the plan, and the petition was published in *The New York Times*. During that time, he actively engaged with Congress members in Washington, D.C., and he is credited for his role in persuading Washington to back the establishment of Israel the following year.

After his return to Israel in 1948, Benzion had to accept that the former *Irgun* underground militant, **Menachem Begin**, was now the political leader of Revisionism. If anything, Benzion's views hardened: Begin called him an extremist, and others labelled him a racist – a very revealing statement, given Begin was the former leader of the Zionist militant group, *Irgun*, and engaged in past acts of terrorism.

In 1949, Netanyahu tried to launch his political career but failed. Relentlessly hawkish, he believed that the *"vast majority of Israeli Arabs would choose to exterminate us if they had the option to do so"*. From his youth, he had been strongly in favour of transferring the Arab people out of Palestine.

Netanyahu's documented statements throughout his career revealed his religious and pseudo-scientific dogma underpinned by **supremacism** (race superiority), where he genuinely believed the Arab people were inferior in genetics and biology to the Jewish people.

Despite his lack of success in achieving political high office, he was regarded as a very shrewd political operator who influenced the policies within several right-wing political parties including the **Hatzohar** political party, as well as its challenger **Herut**, and ultimately the **Likud** party that his son (Benjamin) would ultimately lead. Indeed, he developed several diplomatic tactics through his extensive experience engaging with political personnel in Washington, D.C. – none so more than the one he passed onto his son Benjamin, in his twenties, which was to conceal his religious and racially supreme convictions and actions behind the veneer of "ensuring the security of all Israelis" – when communicating with 'the West'. Benzion Netanyahu recognised that religious zealotness (incorporating supremacism) would not endear the political landscape to the Zionist movement.

Benzion could seem forbidding and the profound influence he had over his son Benjamin was universally acknowledged by personal and political associates. He openly criticised him when his government made concessions toward the Palestinians. In 1998 he publicly chided his son for part-relinquishing Israeli control over Hebron. Benzion's colleagues frequently commented that he showed wariness, even towards Israel's "dedicated benefactor", the United States. Many insiders believe this attitude was passed onto Benjamin.

Benzion's influence over his son was on display for all in a television political advertisement featuring both men, during Benjamin's successful 2009 Israeli election campaign. In the ad, father and son are playing chess, and after a move by his father, Benjamin states to the camera: *"You need the steadfastness to act, to do the unpopular thing that may ultimately save the country."* The advertisement used Benzion as a symbol of the uncompromising right-wing ideology that would appeal to the electorate at that time, and Benjamin wanted to prove that he was 'made from the same mould' as his father.

In newspaper interviews late in life, Ben-Zion Netanyahu forcefully questioned the feasibility of peace in the Middle East, as he told the *Maariv* daily newspaper in an interview in 2009: *"The tendency to conflict is in the essence of the Arab. He is an enemy by essence. His personality won't allow him any compromise or agreement. It doesn't matter what kind of resistance he will meet, what price he will pay. His existence is one of perpetual war. The Arab citizens' goal is to destroy us. They don't deny that they want to destroy us."*

Benzion Netanyahu died in 2012, aged 102 years. By then, he had presided over his son for the entire 63 years of Benjamin's life. He maintained higher order cognitive function to the end, and insisted Benjamin brief him on the latest political matters right up to the final days of his life. He was gratified to witness his son serve two terms as Prime Minister of Israel, and continue the policies based on supremacism and the religious ideology he instilled in him.

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How Netanyahu's Father Adopted the View of Arabs as Savages.

5 July 2018

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Benjamin Netanyahu: Cementing the mind-set from child to mid-Adulthood

Born in 1949 in Tel Aviv, Benjamin Netanyahu was groomed to become an ardent supporter of *Revisionist Zionism* and a *Greater Israel* from his early childhood. Although he was born 14 years after the death his paternal grandfather (Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky), his father immersed him in many narratives of his grandfather's contribution and commitment to *Revisionist Zionism*, including his struggles for a *Greater Israel*, as well as his contempt for Arab Palestinians.

Between 1956 and 1958 (ages of 9 to 11 years), and again from 1963 to 1967 (ages of 14 to 18 years), his family lived in the United States in the Cheltenham Township – a suburb of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, while father (Benzion Netanyahu) taught at Dropsie College. Benjamin attended and graduated from Cheltenham High School and was active in the debate club, chess club and soccer. He and his brother Yonatan grew dissatisfied with what they saw as the superficial way of life they encountered in the area, including the prevalent youth counter-culture movement and the liberal sensibilities of the Reform synagogue - Temple Judea of Philadelphia - that the family attended.

After graduating from high school in 1967, Netanyahu returned to Israel to enlist in the *Israel Defence Forces* (IDF). He trained as a combat soldier and served for five years in a special forces unit of the IDF, Sayeret Matkal. He took part in numerous cross-border raids during the 1967–70 *War of Attrition*, including the March 1968 *Battle of Karameh*, when the IDF attacked Jordan to capture PLO leader Yasser Arafat but were repulsed with heavy casualties, rising to become a team-leader in the unit. He was wounded in combat on multiple occasions. He was involved in many other missions, including the 1968 Israeli raid on Lebanon and the rescue of the hijacked Sabena Flight 571 in May 1972, in which he was shot in the shoulder. He was discharged from active service in 1972 but remained in the Sayeret Matkal reserves. Following his discharge, he left to study in the United States but returned in October 1973 to serve in the *Yom Kippur*. He took part in special forces raids along the *Suez Canal* against Egyptian forces before leading a commando attack deep inside Syrian territory, the details of which remain classified today.

Netanyahu returned to the United States in late 1972 to study architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). After briefly returning to Israel to fight in the Yom Kippur War, he returned to the United States and changed his name to **Benjamin "Ben" Nitai** (Nitai, a reference to both Mount Nitai and to the eponymous Jewish sage Nittai of Arbela, which was a pen name often used by his father for articles). He completed a bachelor's degree in architecture in February 1975 and earned a master's degree from the MIT Sloan School of Management in June 1976, graduating near the top of his class. Concurrently, he was taking courses at Harvard University and studying towards a doctorate in political science, until those studies were broken off by a family tragedy.

On 4 July 1976, Netanyahu's older brother **Yonatan Netanyahu** was killed. Yonatan was serving as the commander of Benjamin's former unit, the Sayeret Matkal, and died during the counter-terrorism hostage-rescue mission '*Operation Thunderbolt*' (otherwise known as the Entebbe raid), in which his unit rescued more than 100 mostly Israeli hostages hijacked by terrorists and flown to the Entebbe Airport in Uganda. The devastating loss of his brother only strengthened Netanyahu's view of contempt for Arab Palestinians. Sources close to him at the time report his belief that Arab Palestinians were to blame for his brother's death, and this only strengthened his resolve to realise a *Greater Israel* and expel all Arabs from Palestine.

Towards the end of 1976, Netanyahu was headhunted to be an economic consultant for the *Boston Consulting Group* (BCG) in Boston, Massachusetts, working at the company until 1978. At BCG, he was a colleague of Mitt Romney, with whom he formed a lasting friendship. Netanyahu was drawn to Romney's strong religious convictions as an evangelical Christian, and its Judeo-Christian tenets – primarily **Christian Zionism** and its support of the State of Israel.

By the age of 29 (in 1978), Netanyahu had developed a reputation as an incredibly astute spokesperson and PR/spin doctor for Israel. One example was his appearance on Boston local television, appearing under the name 'Ben Nitai', where he applied the following rhetoric: "*The real core of the conflict is the unfortunate Arab refusal to accept the State of Israel. For 20 years the Arabs had both the West Bank and the Gaza strip, and if self-determination, as they now say, is the core of the conflict, they could have easily established a Palestinian state.*" The rhetoric of "*Arab refusal to accept the State of Israel*" to reframe the occupation of Palestine and paint the Arab Palestinians as recalcitrant and the aggressors would become his mantra in his future statements and speeches.

In 1978, Netanyahu returned to Israel. Between 1978 and 1980, he ran the *Jonathan Netanyahu Anti-Terror Institute*, a non-governmental organisation devoted to the study of terrorism; the Institute held a number of international conferences focused on the discussion of international terrorism. From 1980 to 1982, he was director of marketing for *Rim Industries* in Jerusalem. During this period Netanyahu made his first connections with several Israeli politicians, including Minister **Moshe Arens**.

Arens appointed him as his Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. while Arens was ambassador to the United States, a position he held from 1982 until 1984. During the 1982 Lebanon War, he was called up for reserve duty in *Sayeret Matkal* and requested to be released from service, preferring to remain in the US and serve as a spokesperson for Israel in the wake of harsh international criticism of the war. He presented Israel's case to the media during the war and established a highly efficient public relations system in the Israeli embassy. Between 1984 and 1988, Netanyahu served as the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations.

Netanyahu was influenced by **Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson**, with whom he formed a close bond following their first meeting in 1984. He referred to Schneerson (otherwise known as the *Lubavitcher Rebbe*) as "*the most influential man of our time*". During the same period, Netanyahu became friends with Fred Trump, the father of future U.S. President Donald Trump.

In 1988 and at the age of 39, Netanyahu returned to Israel to settle for good and launched his political career. He immediately joined the Likud party and diverted all his efforts to becoming its leader. Two things would drive his ambition:

- 1) A messianic notion of himself - as a person called to save the Jewish people from a new Holocaust. This was instilled in him from the time he was a child and reinforced through his relationship with the *Lubavitcher Rebbe* - whose prophecies about a *Greater Israel* and the return of the 'Messiah' would be realised, and
- 2) His inner-circle of mentors and advisors, namely his father who he shared the same outlook of the world and the destiny of the Jewish state according to Revisionist Zionism, as well as other primary stakeholders including the (Zionist) *Israel Lobby Group* (see **pages 58-62** of this document).

PRIME MINISTER	OPPOSITION LEADER
1996 - 1999	1993 – 1996
2009 - 2013	2006 – 2009
2013 - 2015	2021 – 2022
2015 – 2019	
2019 – 2021	
2022 –	

Benjamin Netanyahu: Revealing moments

- 1) Israeli TV Interview with Benjamin Netanyahu in 1980: Asserts Zionist Ownership of the US.

While living in Jerusalem in 1980, Netanyahu is interviewed on Israeli TV and makes an astonishing disclosure to a national audience - that the Zionist Lobby group controls the United States and Israel can act with impunity.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrFOAgGlaWs&ab_channel=ForbesBreakingNews

- 2) Tricky Netanyahu: I Deceived the US to Destroy Oslo Accords (2001).

The link below features a leaked video recording from 2001 of Benjamin Netanyahu (then a former Prime Minister of Israel) visiting a West Bank settlement to speak with a group of Jewish Israeli constituents, believing the recording was switched off. He speaks candidly about the Oslo Accords, the peace process, President Bill Clinton, and the United States. His statements reveal his utter contempt for the peace process, as well as his dismissiveness of the US - describing Americans as "easily manipulated". Israel has been the largest recipient of foreign and military aid since the establishment of the Jewish State.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvqCWvi-nFo&t=320s&ab_channel=PalestineDiary

- 3) Benjamin Netanyahu Says The Holocaust Wasn't Hitler's Idea (22 October 2015).

In a speech at the 37th *World Jewish Congress* (WJC) in Jerusalem on 20 October 2015, Netanyahu asserted that the Holocaust was not the idea of Adolf Hitler, but of the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin Al-Husseini. In one of his most outrageous claims, he alleged that the Mufti orchestrated the Final Solution at a meeting with the German dictator when the two men met in Berlin in November 1941.

Netanyahu was heavily and widely criticised for both his comments and his attempt to re-write history. The wave of condemnation included numerous Holocaust scholars and historians, who accused him of being a Hitler-apologist for his Palestinian hate-mongering agenda. His comments stirred so much controversy abroad that even the German government spokesperson (responding on behalf of the Chancellor Angela Merkel) – in an extraordinary action – condemned his comments and the harm that it caused to Holocaust survivors and their families.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9ZWYvK5Fqc&ab_channel=AJ%2B

- 4) The Dangerous History Behind Netanyahu's 'Amalek' Rhetoric (3 November 2023).

There are more than 23,000 verses in the Old Testament. However, the biblical references Netanyahu chose to quote - as Israeli forces launched their ground invasion in Gaza - are among its most violent, and have a long history of being used by Jewish far-right militants to justify killing innocent Palestinians.

It was both a deliberate and dangerous act by Netanyahu to invoke '**Amalek**', given the ongoing war and it how is understood by the far-right. Labelling the enemy '**Amalek**' made it more difficult for Israel to defend the position that it is not involved in a crime against humanity or a genocidal act.

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2023/11/benjamin-netanyahu-amalek-israel-palestine-gaza-saul-samuel-old-testament/>

- 4) The '*Palestine Papers*'.

The '*Palestinian Papers*' are a collection of confidential documents about the Israeli-Palestinian peace process leaked to Al Jazeera in January 2011. The leaked papers exposed the secret and scandalous American-led negotiations between the Netanyahu government of Israel and the *Palestinian Authority* (PA), and proved that the peace process was hampered by stalemates and stonewalling during the talks. The leaks highlighted often startling differences between the private records of meetings and the public positions taken by the PA during the negotiations.

For further information on the '*Palestinian Papers*', refer to **Appendix 9** in this document.

REVISIONIST ZIONISM AND THE MAKING OF A MONSTER: NETANYAHU'S ENABLERS

Since 1996, or over the last twenty-eight (29) years, Israel has shifted further and further to the right, while implementing policies aligned with **Revisionist Zionism**. It is no coincidence that over this period, Benjamin Netanyahu has been Prime Minister for nineteen (19) of those years...and counting. Even when he was ousted from the Prime Minister's office, he continued working in the background, undermining his opponents and influencing government policy to the extent that it seemed as though he had never actually left the top job. Not only has he been the longest serving Prime Minister in Israel's brief history, he has been involved at the highest levels of government for over 30 years, committed to realising both his father's and Schneerson's ambitions of an Israel defined by Revisionist Zionism...a *Greater Israel*.

Netanyahu could not have paved the way toward a 'Greater Israel' - nor realised his long-held ambition - without the active support of six key enablers and accomplices:

- 1) The *Mont Pelerin Society* (MPS) and the *Atlas Network*;
- 2) The Israel Lobby Group (including Sheldon Adelson and David de Rothschild);
- 3) The right-wing / conservative media outlets in Israel.
- 4) The right-wing / conservative political campaign managers and pollsters (including Arthur Finkelstein, George Birnbaum and Richard Wirthlin);
- 5) The members associated with the Revisionist Zionism think-tanks behind the report: '*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*' – Netanyahu's Policy Blueprint to capture the United States;
- 6) Christian Zionism (American Evangelical Christians).

Netanyahu's connection to the *Mont Pelerin Society* (MPS) and the *Atlas Network*

Few journalists have reported Benjamin Netanyahu's close friendship with the two architects of Israel's neo-conservative platform: **Milton Friedman** and **Daniel Doron** - and the influence both of them played in shaping the economic and foreign policies driven by Netanyahu.

From the time Netanyahu commenced serving as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations in 1984, he had already established key relationships with powerful individuals who were driving the neo-conservative agenda. This included the ***Mont Pelerin Society*** (MPS) and the ***Atlas Network***, who Friedman and Doron were both members of (for more information on the MPS and the *Atlas Network*, refer to **Appendix 6** within this document).

Friedman and Doron were largely the brains trust behind Netanyahu's elaborate plans – when he took office in his first term as Prime Minister in 1996 - to remake the Israeli economy along Thatcherite free-market lines: restructuring of the country's bureaucracy, liberalising the labour market, and cutting subsidies for struggling industries. Although he was beholden to the large corporate entities behind the *Atlas Network*, he would leverage their support when gas and oil reserves - worth upwards of ½ trillion US dollars (i.e. greater than US \$500 billion) in 2023 terms - were discovered in the *Gaza Marine* fields and the Israeli-occupied *Golan Heights*. Given the global resources and powerful political influence of the fossil-fuel sector behind the *Atlas Network*, these discoveries guaranteed the strong collaboration between Netanyahu and the *Atlas Network* for mutual benefit. In essence, it was in both party's interests to ensure all the gas and oil reserves within the occupied territories fell under Israel's sovereignty.

An example of earlier collaboration between Netanyahu and the MPS/Atlas Network is his testimony before US Congress on 12 September 2002 - a day after the anniversary of 9-11, and timed as such to invoke emotional support for an invasion of Iraq. In that testimony, Netanyahu delivered two 'guarantees':

- 1) That Iraq had amassed weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and was developing a nuclear weapons program, and
- 2) That an invasion of Iraq and the toppling of its leader Saddam Hussein would inspire a democratic uprising in Iran that would topple its theocratic regime.

Both of Netanyahu's assertions were false, and it was not a case of being wrong – he lied. In the end, over 1 million men, women and children of Iraq were killed following the invasion that began on 20 March 2003, and there were no weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to be found. There was no change in the political landscape of Iran. However, Netanyahu achieved his goal. He had assisted the pro-invasion conspirators by persuading both Congress and the American people that his claims were accurate, and he ensured that the players and the corporate entities behind the *MPS* and *Atlas Network* would reap enormous profits (primarily from two particular industries) in the advent of the invasion:

- 1) the pillaging of the vast fossil fuel resources in Iraq, and
- 2) the revenue generated by the military industrial complex (MIC) for its supplies spanning over an almost nine (9) year period.

The video link below shows footage of Benjamin Netanyahu's speech in US Congress, which includes his following statements:

- *"There is no question whatsoever that Saddam is seeking, is working...is advancing towards to the development of nuclear weapons".*
- *"Once Saddam has nuclear weapons, the terror network will have nuclear weapons".*
- *"If you take out Saddam...Saddam's regime, I guarantee you that it will have enormous positive reverberations on the region".*
- *"And I think that people sitting right next door in Iran, young people, and many others, will say the time of such regimes...of such despots is gone."*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpQdg4D78Jc&t=62s&ab_channel=91177info

Through deeds such as the above, Netanyahu entrenched himself as a dedicated and loyal servant to the *MPS* and *Atlas Network*, and the favours were reciprocated by supporting and enabling his political agenda.

Milton Friedman

Milton Friedman (1912-2006) was an American economist and statistician who was one of the leading proponents of **monetarism** in the second half of the 20th century. Friedman believed that the government control over the economy should be limited. He supported cutting taxes, lowering government spending, getting rid of government rules that limited the economy and letting parents choose which school their taxes paid for.

Friedman was also a staunch supporter of the *Atlas Network* and was involved in several of its member organisations, including the *Cato Institute* (established by the Koch brothers). The financial support provided by the large corporate entities within the *Atlas Network* and their political clout formed the blueprint for the **Friedman Doctrine** (also known as **shareholder theory**). This normative theory of business ethics advanced by Friedman holds that the social responsibility of business is to increase its profits. He views shareholders as the economic engine of the organisation and the only group to which the firm is socially responsible. As such, the goal of the firm is to increase its profits and maximise returns to shareholders. Friedman argued that the shareholders can then decide for themselves what social initiatives to take part in, rather than have an executive whom the shareholders appointed explicitly for business purposes decide such matters for them.

The *Friedman Doctrine* has been very influential in the corporate world from the 1980's to the 2000's. However, it has attracted fierce and widespread criticism, particularly since the financial crisis of 2007-2008, caused by various financial institutions which engaged in excessive risk for profit maximisation, causing the bubble and collapse of the American real estate market that triggered the crisis throughout the wider global economy. Other elements of the doctrine which have received strong criticism include:

1. it has impoverished most citizens while enriching corporate elites;
2. it is unhealthy and counterproductive to the companies that practice it;
3. it has led executives to enrich themselves by implementing stock buybacks - often to the detriment of the companies they work for;
4. wages have been suppressed in the various nations that follow the doctrine (including the United States), resulting in lower standards of living;
5. the adoption of corporate practices and economic policies (including the blocking of reforms) at the behest of business and the wealthy elite, has resulted in the systematic disempowerment of workers.

Daniel Doron

Daniel Doron (1929-2022) was an Israeli political activist, businessman and fervent supporter of the neo-liberal/neo-conservative movement who - as a key advisor to Benjamin Netanyahu during his terms as Prime Minister - had an immense impact on shaping Israel's economic policies. It was during the period that Netanyahu held office as Prime Minister that Israel shifted its economic policies to a notably pro-market direction. In 1984, Doron founded the ***Israel Centre for Social and Economic Progress*** – a private neo-liberal think-tank that provided research support for free-market policies, which was also a member organisation of the global *Atlas Network*.

He was also personally involved with both the ***Entrepreneurial Centre of Tel Aviv University*** (another neo-conservative think-tank) and the founding of the ***Herzliya Conference***, the Israeli equivalent of the *Conservative Political Action Conference* (CPAC) in the US, which similarly attracts right-wing personalities, commentators and think-tanks.

The Israel Lobby Group

This section provides an overview of the most prominent members of the Israel Lobby Group that collaborated and conspired with Benjamin Netanyahu to realise the ultimate goal of Revisionist Zionism. There are numerous individuals and organisations that comprise the greater Israel Lobby Group. For a comprehensive analysis of the Israel Lobby Group and their influence on U.S foreign policy, visit the following link to a review by the *Middle East Policy Council* (MEPC), titled '*The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy*': <https://mepc.org/journal/israel-lobby-and-us-foreign-policy-0>

Sheldon Adelson

Sheldon Adelson (1933-2021) was an American billionaire casino magnate, the biggest Republican Party donor in the US, and the biggest Likud Party donor in Israel. Just before his death in 2021, he was the 19th-richest American with a \$35 billion fortune. Since the early 1990's, Adelson used his fortune shrewdly to ensure that the Republican Party's policy goals united with the Israeli right's. One example is when he began donating large sums of money to underwrite congressional trips to Israel run by the *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* (AIPAC). Other examples include donating sizeable chunks of his wealth to US Presidential candidates who opposed Palestinian statehood.

Netanyahu reportedly first met Adelson in the early 1990s, just after he launched his political career in Israel. Although Adelson spoke no Hebrew and never lived in Israel, his wife is an Israeli and a staunch Zionist. Netanyahu's political skills managed to persuade Adelson that Israel's three main

newspapers did not represent the diverse Israeli public, and proposed Adelson give Israeli's a more "fair and balanced" alternative - borrowing from the Fox News' slogan. Adelson's first priority was to financially support Netanyahu's campaign for Prime Minister in 1996, as a major private donor.

Adelson championed many of the right-wing policies upheld by Trump and Netanyahu, and was a strident opponent of the two-state solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Indeed, many Palestinian political commentators view Adelson as the most disruptive individual that Palestinians have had to contend with.

Netanyahu's political career benefited immensely from Adelson's 2007 launch of *Israel Hayom* ('Israel Today'), a free daily that is now Israel's most widely circulated newspaper – a right-wing mega-phone sprouting fascist rhetoric, and firmly in support of Netanyahu. Within an instant of its launch, it was dubbed "Bibiton" ("Bibi's Newspaper" in Hebrew).

Adelson was also a force behind Trump's destructive foreign policy on Palestine, including his decision to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May 2018, which reversed Washington's long-held policy on the matter. Trump promised to move the US embassy and recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital during his election campaign. This had some traction among evangelicals and far-right members of the US Congress, but it was Netanyahu, the Israeli right, and a few Israel-focused billionaires – primarily Adelson - who were the driving force behind the decision.

When Adelson died in 2021, the right-wing and conservatives in both the US and Israel thought they had lost their biggest benefactor, however Adelson's legacy will live on for generations, not only in his Israeli-born wife Miriam, who is expected to continue giving millions of dollars to the Republican Party, but in the shape of the US-Israel relationship. This was always Adelson's top priority: "*I'm a one-issue person. That issue is Israel.*" Adelson said in 2017.

David de Rothschild (Baron David René James de Rothschild)

Benjamin Netanyahu's bookcase in the Prime Minister's office is familiar to Israelis, having served as backdrop to countless social media messages. To the discerning viewer, the books themselves are a message, for instance the two-volume biography of *Ze'ev Jabotinsky* – the founder of Revisionist Zionism - by Shmuel Katz. Peeking out over his left shoulder however, are nine small statues of Zionist figures. One of them is *Edmond James de Rothschild*, otherwise known as 'HaNadiv' (the Benefactor). Rothschild symbolises the importance of finance in establishing the State of Israel and also the relationship between Diaspora Jewry and Israel, often supplying the wherewithal to build up the state.

As the Executive Chairman of the *Rothschild Group*, David de Rothschild (1942-) continues the Rothschild legacy, and supporting the aspirations of Revisionist Zionism. His activities and influence in the global Zionist movement are outlined on **pages 34-35** of this document.

Moreover, his support of Benjamin Netanyahu - despite credible allegations of widespread corruption and criminal proceedings - is reflected in the letter by the *World Jewish Congress* (WJC) congratulating Netanyahu on winning a fifth term as Prime Minister of Israel - co-signed by him. In their letter dated 22 April 2019, the WJC leaders called on Netanyahu to continue his controversial and divisive policies, offering the organisation's full support. The full text of the letter is below:

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress, please accept our heartfelt congratulations on your victory in yesterday's Knesset elections and the opportunity granted to you for a fifth time by the citizens of Israel to form a strong and tenacious government.

Throughout your distinguished career of public service, and in the four terms that you have served as prime minister, you have demonstrated unyielding commitment to the well-being of the State of Israel, its unwavering strength and security in a volatile region, and its position as an esteemed member of the international community.

The results of yesterday's vote prove that the electorate has strong faith and confidence in you as the leader of the Jewish State and in your ability to enhance their safety and prosperity in the years to come. This election is indeed a celebration of the great democracy that has existed in Israel since its founding, and that continues to thrive to this day.

The State of Israel's right to exist as a democratic and Jewish state must be safeguarded from existential threats both physical and virtual. The Jewish world will never submit to the threats and pressures of those who espouse terror and violent hatred or seek to delegitimise the State of Israel. The World Jewish Congress and our affiliated communities and organizations worldwide will always stand with Israel to ensure its safety and success for generations to come.

We look forward to continuing to work together with you to advance the common interests of Israel and Jews worldwide, and to augment our unshakable bond, in the spirit of the Talmudic imperative that has sustained us for so long: כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה .

Yours sincerely,

Ronald S. Lauder
President

David de Rothschild
Chairman of the Governing Board

Chella Safra
Treasurer

Robert Singer
CEO & EVP

Fred Trump (and Donald Trump)

When Netanyahu was appointed Israeli ambassador to the United Nations in 1984, he was introduced to Fred Trump at a fundraising event for Israel. For reasons still unknown today, Trump was a noted philanthropist within the American Jewish community, donating large sums of money to both local Jewish causes and Israel. They developed a close friendship, with Fred promptly introducing Netanyahu to his son, Donald. This was a fortuitous event, as a friendship evolved between two future leaders of their respective countries of birth – more than 5,000 miles apart – and who share many things in common: political ideologies (neo-liberalism/neo-conservatism), personal agendas influenced by their authoritarian fathers, a self-perception of being the messianic saviour of their nation, a driver of propaganda with an uncanny ability to manipulate the media, a contempt for the democratic institution and a penchant for lying and corruption.

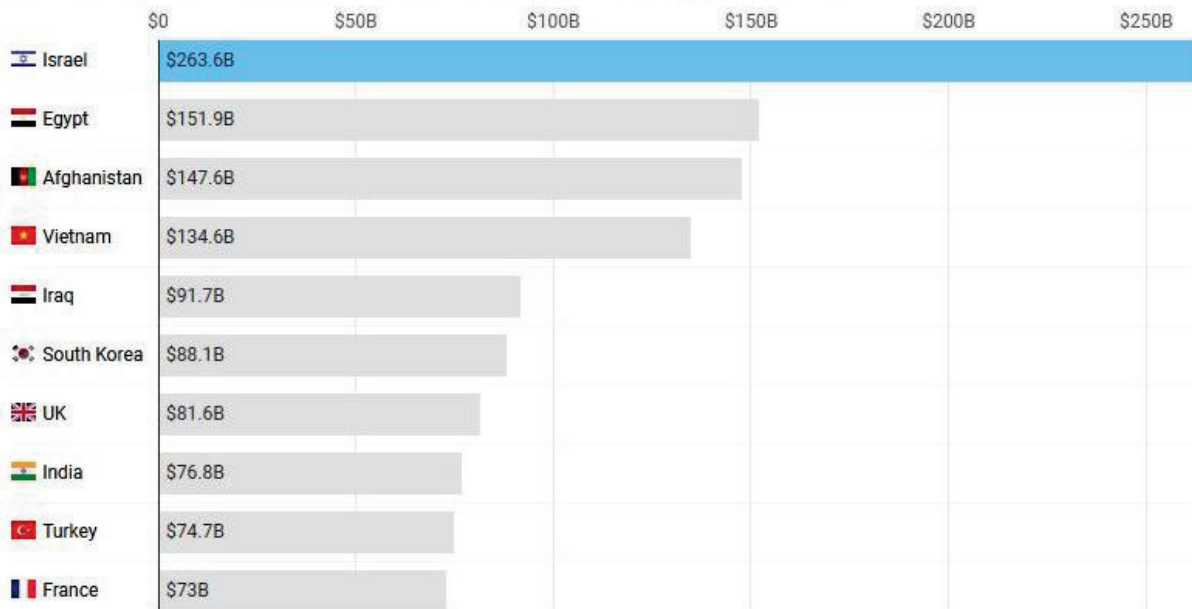
This friendship paid handsome dividends for Netanyahu, particularly following Donald Trump's Presidential election victory in 2016. By the time Trump entered the Oval Office, the Republican Party was not only pro-Israel, it was pro-settlement and anti-Palestinian statehood. With the help of Sheldon Adelson, Netanyahu got everything he could ever dream of during the Trump Presidency.

US Foreign Aid

The success of the Israel Lobby Group is reflected in the extraordinary figures representing US foreign aid to Israel in comparison to other nations. For instance, it should be noted that the population of Israel is less than 10% that of Egypt. This means that Israel is not only the largest recipient of US foreign aid, but on a per capita basis, it has received more than 17 times the amount received by the next (second) largest recipient, Egypt. This largesse is especially striking when one realises that Israel is now a wealthy industrial state with a per capita income roughly equal to that of South Korea or Spain.

Ten countries have received about half of all US foreign aid since World War II

Between 1946 and 2023, Israel has received about \$264 billion in foreign aid from the US.



Source: foreignassistance.gov

Figure 18: Bar graph showing the distribution of US Foreign aid between 1946 and 2023. The figures are extraordinary, since the population of Israel is less than 10% that of Egypt. This means that Israel is not only the largest recipient of US foreign aid, but on a per capita basis, it received more than 17 times the amount received by the next (second) largest recipient, Egypt.

Visit the following link to view the year-on-year distribution of US foreign aid since 1946, including the final total to 2023: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iKvwLnPg4o&ab_channel=JamesEagle

Israel also receives other special deals from the U.S. Other aid recipients obtain their money in quarterly instalments, however Israel receives its entire appropriation at the beginning of each fiscal year and thus earns extra interest. Most recipients of American military assistance are required to spend all of it in the US, but Israel can use approximately 25 percent of its aid allotment to subsidise its own defence industry.

Israel is the only recipient that does not have to account for how the aid is spent, an exemption that makes it virtually impossible to prevent the money from being used for purposes the United States opposes, such as building settlements in the West Bank.

Moreover, the U.S. has provided Israel with almost \$3 billion to develop weapons systems such as the *Lavi* aircraft that the Pentagon did not want or need, while giving Israel access to top-drawer U.S. weaponry such as Blackhawk helicopters and F16 jets. Finally, the U.S. gives Israel access to intelligence that it denies its NATO allies and has turned a blind eye toward Israel's acquisition of nuclear weapons.

In addition, Washington provides Israel with consistent diplomatic support. Since 1982, the U.S. has vetoed 33 *United Nations Security Council* resolutions that were critical of Israel, a number greater than the combined total of vetoes cast by all the other Security Council members. It also blocks Arab states' efforts to put Israel's nuclear arsenal on the *International Atomic Energy Agency's* agenda.

American Zionist Organisations

American Zionist organisations include (but are not limited to) the list below:

- 1) The *American-Israel Public Affairs Committee* (AIPAC) <https://www.aipacpac.org/>
 - formerly the *American Zionist Council* (AZC)
- 2) *American Zionist Movement* (AZM) <https://azm.org/>
 - formerly *American Zionist Federation* (AZF)
- 3) *Anti-Defamation League* (ADL) <https://www.adl.org/>
- 4) *Zionist Organisation of America* (ZOA) <https://zoa.org/>

Additional Readings / Viewings

1. Refer to 'The Lobby' documentary series outlined in **Appendix 10** of this document.
2. The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy
<https://mepc.org/journal/israel-lobby-and-us-foreign-policy-0>
3. World Jewish Congress Leaders Congratulate Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu Following Election Victory (22 April 2019).
<https://www.worldjewishcongress.org/en/news/world-jewish-congress-leaders-congratulate-israeli-pm-benjamin-netanyahu-following-election-victory-4-1-2019>
*World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder, Governing Board Chairman **David de Rothschild**, Treasurer Chella Safra, and CEO Robert Singer expressed their heartfelt congratulations to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu following the Israeli parliamentary elections earlier this month.*
4. Sheldon Adelson's Fortune Helped Turn the GOP into the Party of Israeli Apartheid (12 January 2021).
<https://theintercept.com/2021/01/12/sheldon-adelson-trump-israel-republican-party/>
5. Adelson's 'extreme positions' will be long felt, Palestinians say (12 January 2021).
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/1/12/policies-adelson-championed-will-be-long-felt-palestinians-say>
6. Dead Men Don't Testify (8 February 2021).
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/02/08/dead-men-dont-testify/>
7. Trump's Patron-in-Chief: Sheldon Adelson (11 October 2018).
<https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/trumpinc/episodes/trump-inc-trumps-patron-chief-sheldon-adelson>
8. The Netanyahu Paradox (7 June 2012).
<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/politics/2012/07/benjamin-netanyahu-on-israel-mitt-romney>

The right-wing / conservative media outlets in Israel

After Netanyahu lost the election to Ehud Barak in 1999, reporters heard him say: “*When I return, I’ll have my own media outlet*”. He ended up with two:

- 1) the free newspaper *Israel Hayom* (‘Israel Today’), launched in 2007 and funded by Sheldon Adelson (see **pages 58-59** of this document), and
- 2) *Channel 14*, founded in 2014 by **Yitzchak Mirilashvili** – an Israeli businessman and member of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement (run by the late **Menachem Mendel Schneerson**, who helped shape the religious and political ideology of Benjamin Netanyahu). As a staunch supporter of *Revisionist Zionism*, Channel 14 is considered to reflect Mirilashvili’s worldview and was modelled on the American **Fox News Channel** (FNC).

These two right-wing media outlets changed Israel’s media landscape, and in the years that followed, a plethora of new hard-right outlets were established. By constantly attacking other traditional news outlets for covering the plight of the Palestinian Arabs and deeming it as extreme “leftist”, they eroded the longstanding principle of providing balanced news in Israel.

This ultimately paved the way for the election of the most right-wing Israeli government in its history in 2022, where some of the settlement movement’s most extreme figures, such as **Itamar Ben-Gvir** and **Bezalel Smotrich**, to high positions in government – something that seemed impossible just twenty years ago.

The settlement movement originated as a small vanguard of Religious Zionists, but it has expanded exponentially since Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and Gaza after the 1967 six-day war. Once perceived as bearded, outsider men patrolling the Hebron hills with Uzis, settlers have significantly increased their influence, becoming key political players. However, this didn’t happen overnight. A significant reason for the (right-wing extremist) settlers’ success is a sustained effort, in collaboration with the Benjamin Netanyahu, to infiltrate mainstream media and create media outlets devoted to settler goals, thus reshaping Israel’s political discourse. Of all the uncertainties arising from the trajectory of the political landscape over the past twenty years, there was one inevitability – Israel’s crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The Murdoch’s support of the State of Israel, the Likud party and Netanyahu

It was revealed that in 2015, Netanyahu directly attempted to persuade both Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch to purchase **Yedioth Ahronoth** - one of the most widely distributed daily newspapers in Israel published in Tel Aviv, which had been traditionally described as generally critical of Netanyahu and his policies. Not content with one conservative/right-wing television news channel (Channel 14), Netanyahu also instructed one of his aides (Nir Hefetz) in 2016 to persuade both Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch to invest in a right-wing television channel in Israel - modelled after Fox. The Murdoch’s were the ideal choice for the proposal, given they had a global conservative/right-wing television and newspaper network. They were also ‘indebted’ to Netanyahu through their personal financial investments tied to Israel, including their equity stakes in *Genie Oil and Gas*, which was bringing them handsome profits from the petroleum production in Israel (see **page 36** of this document).

The Murdoch’s ultimately did not proceed with the proposal, however it was later revealed that secret meetings were scheduled between Netanyahu and the Murdoch’s over the following years to review the opportunities and continue negotiations. Nonetheless, the Murdoch’s provided their assurance to Netanyahu that their international media empire would remain pro-Israel, pro-Likud party, and pro-Netanyahu – regardless of the outcome of the domestic proposal.

On 29 January 2024, Lachlan Murdoch travelled to Tel Aviv for a private meeting with Benjamin Netanyahu. The purpose of the meeting has never been disclosed, however given that it took place in the midst of the invasion of Gaza, speculation is that Netanyahu requested a commitment that the Murdoch media machine would stay steadfast and support his government, regardless of the international criticism and the alleged human rights abuses.

The right-wing / conservative political campaign managers and pollsters

As a neo-conservative, Benjamin Netanyahu embraced the Republican Party political playbook. Prior to launching his political career, his father (Benzion Netanyahu) advised him to look to American pollsters and campaign advisers to assist his campaign in Israel – starting with **Arthur Finkelstein**, the Republican Party (GOP) consultant. When Netanyahu became opposition leader in 1993, Finkelstein had already been advising him on campaigning for Prime Minister. He also brought in one of the Republican Party's best strategists and pollsters, **Richard Wirthlin**, and they devised a plan on how to run the national elections, translating the US playbook for the Israeli political context.

In 1996, Finkelstein and Wirthlin strategised Netanyahu's campaign to win him his first term as Prime Minister. Teaming up again for the 1999 Israeli legislative election, they required more resources and crafted a succession plan, given they were both approaching retirement. Finkelstein brought **George Birnbaum**, another Republican Party political consultant from the U.S, and Wirthlin brought in one of his proteges **Frank Luntz**, another polling expert from the United States. Despite the additional talent, Netanyahu lost to Ehud Barak (Labor Party).

In 2000, **Ron Dermer** – a U.S. Republican Party consultant and polling expert who was a former student of Frank Luntz, joined Netanyahu's political advisory team.

Netanyahu's team for the 2006 Israeli legislative election comprised Finkelstein, Birnbaum, Wirthlin, Luntz and Dermer, however the Kadima Party (led by Ehud Olmert) won the election, with Netanyahu coming third on the ballot.

In Netanyahu's fourth campaign at the 2009 Israeli legislative election - where he won a second term as Prime Minister - his advisory team included Finkelstein, Birnbaum, Luntz, Wirthlin, Dermer and a veteran Republican pollster and protégé of Finkelstein, **John McLaughlin** (CEO and partner at McLaughlin & Associates). Wirthlin retired soon after the election (he passed away in 2011), however Finkelstein, Birnbaum, Luntz (who had been handed the baton by Wirthlin) and Dermer continued to advise Netanyahu through to his third win in the 2013 Israeli legislative election. Illness forced Finkelstein into retirement leading into the 2015 elections (he passed away in 2017), and he was replaced by John McLaughlin to join Birnbaum, Luntz and Dermer.

In the lead-up to the 2019 Israeli legislative election, Netanyahu tapped **Aaron Klein** to join the campaign team. Dubbed 'the Bibi whisperer' by some Israeli media, Klein is a protégé of Donald Trump's former chief strategist **Steve Bannon**, and he rapidly became an influential member of the Netanyahu's inner-circle. Klein also served as the chief strategist and communications advisor to Netanyahu in the 2022 Israeli legislative election.

In selecting political campaign strategist and advisors to serve him, Netanyahu sought two essential criteria in them, which he deemed necessary for their loyalty:

- He needed them to be committed Revisionist Zionists, and
- He needed them to be prepared to lie, cheat and steal to win him the election.

Of the above seven individuals that comprised Netanyahu's inner-circle of senior political consultants and strategists, only Wirthlin and McLaughlin were not followers of the Jewish faith. However - as Christian Zionists - they were self-declared Zionists and dedicated to its cause.

Another common feature of the seven individuals is they have each worked for extreme right-wing candidates both locally and abroad, and each have applied the same formula of propping a populist candidate who appeals to ordinary people, while seeking to serve the interests of the elites. All seven individuals were renowned for playing dirty, forfeiting their integrity and undermining the democratic process in every jurisdiction they worked within to win. Each one had simply taken the Republican Party campaign playbook, adapted it to the context of the region, and inserted their own sordid chapters based on their iniquitous tradecraft. They are in essence, masters of deceit.

Netanyahu's allegiance to the US Republican Party was sealed when he addressed the United States Congress in a speech on 3 March 2015 to criticise the Obama administration for its diplomatic

dealings with Iran. The White House (Obama administration) accused Netanyahu and the Republican speaker of the House of Representatives (John Boehner) of conspiring to arrange a speech to a joint sitting of Congress without consulting the Obama administration. Netanyahu's partisan actions revealed his utter contempt for the Democrats, foreign diplomacy, and more broadly, the American political system.

The Republican Party campaign experts taught Netanyahu during his time in the US how to master the art of political presentation, and ultimately, he became Israel's first real TV prime minister. He also took acting lessons in a New York studio to perfect his public performances. Adhering to their advice, he always had make-up professionally applied (in fact, he is noted for spending a significant amount of time in make-up studios preparing for interviews) and ensured the cameras only showed his good side. At a time when most other Israeli politicians still favoured rolled-up shirt sleeves, Netanyahu appeared in bold Brioni suits, and this taste for luxury, too, continues today.

Dahlia Scheindlin – an internationally renowned political scientist, public opinion expert and political consultant observed Netanyahu over the last 30 years to be *“a good student, learning all the best tactics from the many consultants he worked with. He's very skilled at dominating the media, he knows how to generate headline news. That's a classic hallmark of populists – and he's very good at it.”* Indeed, Netanyahu leaves nothing to chance. He was coached by **Lilyan Wilder** - the famous New York-based speech and communication expert and trainer who taught Oprah Winfrey.

However, many Israelis are cynical of the American “all style and no substance” approach to politics in Israel, and see through it. Benny Gantz – Israeli politician and retired army general labelled Netanyahu “a ruler who has English from Boston, heavy makeup, and luxury suits”, and stated that Israeli requires “leadership, genuine, caring, not fake or artificial.”

Michelle Stein-Teer - a Rhetoric and Communication adviser and lecturer at the *Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC)* and *Bar-Ilan University*, and a master of ‘sound-bites’ - commented that “everything is premeditated” with Netanyahu, and the “no spontaneity” in his speech make his addresses seem “robotic”.

After almost 30 years, the negative campaigning and demonisation of the left are still hallmarks of Netanyahu's election tactics, however, there appear to be no limits to how far he will go - such as linking the Israeli political left to ISIS (the Islamic State group). The negative campaigning and personality politics are the two “very American” traits that Netanyahu and his political strategists have introduced into Israel's multi-party, parliamentary system. At the same time, his attempts to cling on to power and stave off prosecution have pushed him further into Trump-style populist terrain: first targeting the media, then the prosecutors, and then the courts.

Arthur Finkelstein

Arthur Finkelstein (1945-2017) was a New York state-based Republican Party (GOP) consultant who worked for conservative and right-wing candidates in the United States, Canada, Israel, Central Europe and Eastern Europe over four decades.

With his brother, **Ronald**, Finkelstein ran a political consulting and survey-research firm based in Irvington, New York. His specialties were polling, strategy, message, media, ad placement, and advising on general campaign management. He was a brilliant mathematician who re-invented the art of political campaigning in the US, helping Richard Nixon to power in 1972, Ronald Reagan in 1980 and 1984, as well as many other Republican leaders.

Finkelstein was considered less flamboyant but arguably more influential than better known Republican strategists, such as **Lee Atwater** and **Roger Ailes**. He is widely regarded as the man who wrote the Republican Party campaign playbook, including tactics such as turning the word “liberal” into a pejorative that has since been wielded consistently and effectively against the Democrats. Moreover, as a self-confessed “**Milton Friedman Republican**”, he was also considered a pioneer in developing political action committees to raise vast sums of money for campaigns.

He was a co-founder of the *National Conservative Political Action Committee* (NCPAC), a neo-conservative political action group which was eventually absorbed by the *American Conservative Union* (ACU) and the *Conservative Political Action Conference* (CPAC).

As an Ashkenazi Jew and staunch Zionist, Finkelstein met Benzion Netanyahu (the father of Benjamin Netanyahu) during the 1964 Barry Goldwater Presidential campaign, where Netanyahu senior was lobbying republican senators to support the State of Israel. Sharing conservative and right-wing values as well as their Revisionist Zionism ideology, they struck up a friendship that would last until their death, and was the catalyst for Finkelstein's introduction to Benjamin Netanyahu.

Richard Wirthlin

Richard Bitner ('Dick') Wirthlin (1931-2011) was a prominent American pollster, who is best known as Ronald Reagan's chief strategist, serving as his political consultant and pollster for twenty years, from 1968 through the end of his presidency. Working alongside Arthur Finkelstein, he became a senior adviser and member of Reagan's inner-circle and is known to have helped him shape his political message and strategies, both in presidential campaigns and in the White House.

If Ronald Reagan transformed American politics, then that was due in no small measure to Richard Wirthlin. Reagan might have been the "Great Communicator", but Wirthlin was the man who made sure the Reagan message hit home. In the process, he more or less invented the modern trade of campaign pollster and the technique known as 'push-polling'.

Wirthlin formed a successful partnership with **Lee Atwater** (also known as the 'Boogie Man') – the strategist who introduced tactics such as 'wedge politics' and 'dog whistling' – and coordinated several political campaigns together until Atwater's death in 1991. Wirthlin also continued working with Arthur Finkelstein, both in the US and abroad, namely in Israel for Netanyahu.

George Birnbaum

George Eli Birnbaum (1970-) is a Los Angeles born Ashkenazi Jewish American political consultant. He started his career in 1992, working for the Republican candidates in the United States congressional and senatorial races.

In 1998, he migrated to Israel to become a consultant for Benjamin Netanyahu and work alongside Arthur Finkelstein for the 1999 Israeli legislative election. In 2003, he formed a partnership with Finkelstein, who was 25 years his senior. Inevitably, Finkelstein became Birnbaum's mentor, with the intention that Birnbaum would be Finkelstein's successor following his retirement. This led to the Birnbaum's tag within the polling industry as one of "Arthur's kids".

In 2008, Birnbaum and Finkelstein began work for Hungary's populist leader **Viktor Orban**, whose right-wing Fidesz party won a landslide victory in 2010. Birnbaum and Finkelstein's main contribution to Orban's victory targeted **George Soros** - a Liberal Zionist - as the face behind "corrupt globalist elite wanting to destroy the Hungarian nation". Soros was designated by the American **Likud**-linked campaigners as an ideal target to direct Hungarian sentiment behind Orban, in the wake of increasing illegal immigration into the country. The connection between the campaigners and Orban can be explained through the Hungarian president's relationship with Israeli right-wing parties – particularly Netanyahu's Likud. It is reported that Netanyahu introduced Orban to Birnbaum and Finkelstein as political consultants.

It is worth noting that Netanyahu (a Revisionist Zionist) and Soros (a Liberal Zionist) have long competed over the Zionist discourse in the US, Europe and even in Israeli domestic affairs. Soros' worldview prioritises liberal internationalism and Zionist socialism over nationalism, at times menacing Netanyahu's more nationalist politics abroad and even at home in Israel. Consequently, Birnbaum and Finkelstein's campaign jabs against Soros in Hungary benefitted both Orban and Netanyahu, despite causing unease within the international Jewish Zionist community.

Frank Luntz

Frank Ian Luntz (1962-) is a Connecticut-born Ashkenazi Jewish American political and communications consultant and pollster best known for developing talking points and other messaging for the Republican Party and right-wing/conservative causes. His work has included assistance with messaging for Newt Gingrich's '*Contract with America*', and public relations support for pro-Israel policies in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He advocates use of vocabulary crafted to produce a desired effect - including use of the term 'death tax' instead of 'estate tax', and 'climate change' instead of 'global warming'.

Luntz has historically frequently contributed to **Fox News** as a commentator and analyst, as well as running focus groups during and after presidential debates on Fox News. Luntz describes his specialty as "testing language and finding words that will help his clients sell their product or turn public opinion on an issue or a candidate".

In 2009, Luntz released a confidential resource titled, '*The Israel Project's 2009 Global Language Dictionary*'. It was commissioned by **The Israel Project** with the purpose to advise media spokespeople to use specific language that Luntz believed would create a more favourable impression of Israel in the United States and the rest of the international community. The 116 page resource and its recommended strategies/tactics were based on polls and focus groups conducted by Luntz to determine the best language to use to promote Israeli settlements to the American public. In other words, the report is a spin doctor's guide to reframing various elements of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, so that it minimises negative perceptions of Israeli policy, while it maximises negative perceptions of Arab Palestinians. For example, when discussing the contours of a two-state solution, the report advised describing Palestinian negotiating points as "demands" because Americans dislike people who make "demands." The report was marked "not for distribution or publication", however it was leaked online to *Newsweek* shortly after it was completed.

The resource has been indoctrinated into the right-wing media sources within Israel and the Pro-Israeli media in the west. Since 2009, it has served as the playbook for Pro-Israeli messaging internationally, and has played a significant role in changing the narrative to re-frame the Israeli occupation and the illegal settlement programs. The implications of its on-point messaging tactics are far-reaching, and has been so effective that it is regarded by many strategic communications experts to be one of the best examples of modern propaganda.

It recommends being positive, framing the issue as being about peace not settlements, noting that religious, ownership and "scapegoat" arguments failed to sway listeners and that Arab housing is being demolished in East Jerusalem because it fails to meet the building code. One of the boldest statements in the guide is in paragraph (3), page 90: "*Israel is so rich and so strong that they fail to see why it is necessary for armoured tanks to shoot at unarmed kids*". The study states that "public opinion is hostile to the settlements - even among supporters of Israel" so instead of dwelling on settlements, one should always talk positively and focus on past peace achievement.

The Israel Project came under heavy criticism for the resource, which labelled its purpose was "for no other reason other than to spotlight the very worst of Arab societies".

Predictably, the rhetoric applied around the world by Pro-Israeli commentators for the October 2023 invasion of Gaza have lifted the tactics and phrases directly from the report.

'*The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary*' resource can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.transcend.org/tms/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/sf-israel-projects-2009-global-language-dictionary.pdf>

The link below provides a compelling critique of the '*The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary*' resource:

The secret report that helps Israel hide facts (24 July 2014).

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/israelgaza-conflict-the-secret-report-that-helps-israelis-to-hide-facts-9630765.html>

Ron Dermer

Ron Dermer (1971-) is an Ashkenazi Jewish American-born Israeli political consultant and diplomat serving as the Israeli Minister of Strategic Affairs since 2022. He served as Israeli Ambassador to the United States from 2013 to 2021.

Following his time at the University of Pennsylvania, Dermer worked for a year in Washington, D.C., with University of Pennsylvania adjunct professor **Frank Luntz**, where he learned about polling and political strategy. Luntz later described Dermer as "*the most talented student I've ever had*".

In 1995, while still at Oxford, Dermer conducted the polling and formulated the strategy for Israel's *Yisrael BaAliyah* party in its successful 1996 Knesset election campaign. The right-wing *Yisrael BaAliyah* ('Israel on the Up') party represented Jewish immigrants in Israel from the former Soviet Union, and was led by its funder Yatan Sharansky until its merger with the *Likud* party in 2003. Dermer worked for the *Yisrael BaAliyah* party in the Knesset elections of 1999, and in 2000, its leader Sharansky recommended that former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, then planning a political comeback, meet with Dermer. Dermer has been advising Netanyahu ever since and is one of his closest confidantes.

From 2001–2004, Dermer wrote a column called *The Numbers Game* for The Jerusalem Post. In 2004, he co-wrote with Sharansky a foreign policy manifesto titled '*The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror*'. The book made a simple – many critics said too simplistic – argument for the importance of internal democracy in the Arab world and elsewhere, however it caught the attention of then US President George Bush, who said the text "confirmed what I believe," and became a cornerstone of what is now known as the **Bush Doctrine**. Critics claim the book was a tool of legitimising a false narrative that reinforced the exaggerated association of Arab nations with terrorism. Interestingly, the book became a major reference resource for many member organisations within the *Atlas Network*, including the fossil-fuel and military industrial complex (MIC) aligned *Cato Institute*.

From 2005–2008, Dermer relinquished his American citizenship and became an Israeli citizen to serve as the economic attaché at the Israel Embassy in Washington.

During his tenure as economic envoy, Dermer helped secure the 2007, 10-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) on military assistance to Israel. He also worked to convince individual states to divest state pension funds from Iran. In 2007, his native state of Florida became the first state to pass divestment legislation.

In March 2013, Dermer left the Prime Minister's Office, and on July 9, 2013 the Prime Minister's office announced that Dermer would replace Oren as Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

Dermer's tenure as ambassador in Washington was controversial from the very beginning. Observers and Washington political analysts saw Dermer's appointment as a "mixed bag" for US–Israel relations. He was one of the few people Netanyahu trusted enough for the job, and Dermer's understanding of the American political system gave Netanyahu a way to navigate through Washington tactfully. However, many insiders viewed him as an operative for Israel, given his unique skills of being both a political consultant and strategic communications expert, as well as being a diplomat for Israel.

Key members of the White House's inner-circle (including Denis McDonough and Ben Rhodes) saw Dermer as a 'red flag' because he was believed to have "incited Congress and Jewish organisations against President Obama" on issues related to the Palestinians and Iran. The controversy over Dermer's appointment came to a head in 2015 when Netanyahu addressed a joint session of Congress over the Iran Deal (see **pages 64-65** of this document). Dermer is widely believed to have engineered that speech in which Netanyahu – against the wishes of then President Obama – urged the US not to become a party to the Nuclear Deal with Iran – the so-called *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action* (JCPOA) – a move that members of the Obama administration saw as a politically motivated breach of diplomatic protocol.

In December 2016 Dermer was criticised for accepting an award from the *Centre for Security Policy*, a conservative think tank led by Frank Gaffney, which was designated as a hate group by the *Southern Policy Law Centre* (SPLC). The SPLC encouraged Dermer to decline the award because it "not only further legitimises this organization, but could be read as an endorsement of anti-Muslim hate by the Israeli government."

Dermer not only rejected the SPLC's criticism but also criticised the SPLC for singling out as anti-Muslim extremists not only Gaffney, but also other controversial commentators including Daniel Pipes, Maajid Nawaz and especially Ayaan Hirsi Ali who publicly defends the rights of Muslim women. In his remarks, Dermer described "militant Islam" as a "virulent ideology now ascendant in the Muslim world" that must be defeated but also distinguished from Islam itself. On a separate occasion, Dermer distinguished between militant Islam and Islam more broadly, warning his audience that while militant Islamists aim to create a world in which "women are chattel, gays are hanged and minorities are either eliminated or persecuted" they must reject the idea that "the problem is Islam itself." Political analysts believe his statements are drawn from *'The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary'* resource, to further create imagery of a barbaric society in the Arab world. Indeed, many have argued that 'militant Judaism' carries similar prejudices against women and members of the LGBT community.

In July 2019, the *Civil Service Commission* rejected a request by Netanyahu and then Foreign Minister, Israel Katz, to extend Dermer's term as Israel's Ambassador to the United States, namely because Dermer's tenure had already been unusually long and Israel was in the middle of an election campaign. Despite the plausible reasons for the rejection, Dermer's term was ultimately extended through January 20, 2021. This extension – against protocol - only heightened suspicions within the US that Dermer was more of an operative for Israel than a diplomat.

Since 2022, Dermer has been serving in Netanyahu's cabinet as the Minister of Strategic Affairs.

John McLaughlin

John McLaughlin (1960-) is a veteran Republican pollster and protégé of Arthur Finkelstein. He is also CEO and partner at *McLaughlin & Associates*, working alongside his brother **Jim McLaughlin** - a public opinion expert, strategic consultant and political strategist, who serves as the President and partner in the company. McLaughlin may have been taught the art of 'push-polling' by Finkelstein, but he took the technique to new heights, becoming notorious for producing rosy polling data on behalf of his clients, when they were in fact notably behind in the polls.

McLaughlin began working with Netanyahu in the lead-up to the 2009 Israeli legislative election – as part of an advisory team that included Finkelstein, Birnbaum, Luntz, Wirthlin and Dermer. He was credited with much of the success in that election and was retained by Netanyahu, but some of his best work was yet to come.

McLaughlin played a significant role in the lead-up to Netanyahu's controversial speech to the United States Congress, where he intended to criticise the Obama administration for its diplomatic dealings with Iran (see **pages 64-65** of this document). The White House (Obama administration) accused Netanyahu and the Republican speaker of the House of Representatives (John Boehner) of conspiring to arrange a speech to a joint sitting of Congress without consulting the Obama administration, and public opinion showed support for the White House's accusation. However, *McLaughlin & Associates* released a surprising poll showing that 59 percent of Americans supported Netanyahu's speech to Congress, and only 23 percent opposed it. Furthermore, the poll concluded that 36 percent of people strongly supported the Netanyahu's proposed address, while just 11 percent strongly opposed it. This was the trademark rosy polling incorporating the 'push-polling' techniques synonymous with John MacLaughlin, and *McLaughlin & Associates* leveraged their media contacts to ensure the data was effectively broadcast far and wide. Astonishingly, the pollsters did not disclose their conflict of interest in relation to the survey, despite the fact that they worked for Netanyahu, and he was facing an election just months away in Israel.

The 'push-polling' technique went as far as to include a 'survey' which also found that 79 percent of Americans wanted both Obama and Congress to vet a deal that would ratchet down Iran's nuclear program in exchange for further loosening of some sanctions.

Ron Dermer - who was working in the background to incite Congress and Jewish organisations against the Obama administration on the Iran issue - collaborated with McLaughlin to promote the 'survey' as evidence that Americans were aligned with Netanyahu's position and wanted the address to congress to proceed. Astonishingly, the controversial poll was not questioned by the broader media, or compared with other polling data to test its validity.

Aaron Klein

Aaron Klein (born 1979) is an Ashkenazi Jewish American-Israeli conservative political commentator, journalist, strategist, bestselling author, and senior advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He is regarded amongst both Israeli and American political commentators/analysts as one of the dirtiest campaign strategists of the new millennium, rivalling Lee Atwater and Roger Stone in ethics.

Klein cut his teeth in the media and strategic communications as the Jerusalem bureau chief for *WorldNetDaily* (WND) - an American far-right news website known for promoting fake news and conspiracy theories. It didn't take him long to make a major impact, significantly increasing its readership and subscription numbers, as well as his personal profile. His formula was simple but effective – centred on Islamophobic content (anti-muslim pieces) to arouse fear and anger. His work caught the attention of then Executive Chairman of *Breitbart News*, **Steve Bannon**, who recruited Klein to be the senior reporter and Middle Eastern (Jerusalem) bureau chief for *Breitbart News*. At the same time, Klein was a weekly columnist for *The Jewish Press* – an American weekly newspaper based in Brooklyn, New York City and serving the Modern Orthodox community.

Bannon mentored Klein during his time at *Breitbart News*, and as Trump's chief strategist for the 2016 US Presidential Elections, Bannon invited Klein to work in Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, where he played a key role in leveraging the anti-muslim rhetoric to appeal to Donald Trump's support base.

Following Trump's election victory in 2016, Benjamin Netanyahu approached Klein in early 2019 to join his campaign team for the 2019 Israeli legislative election. Klein rapidly became an influential member of the prime minister's inner circle and whom some Israeli media dubbed 'the Bibi whisperer'. He served as campaign manager (incorporating the roles of chief strategist and communications advisor) for Netanyahu's last three election campaigns: 2019, 2021 and 2022. The 2019 election campaign resulted in a rotating unity government with Netanyahu at the helm. The 2022 election campaign resulted in a victory for Netanyahu for a full-term. In between the election campaigns, Klein served as Netanyahu's full-time strategic advisor in government from 2019 to 2021, during the period Netanyahu was prime minister of Israel's 36th government. He is currently serving as strategic advisor to Netanyahu during Israel's 37th government elected on 1 November 2022.

Following the advice of his mentor, Steve Bannon, Klein started publishing books centred on the topics of interest for extreme right-wing groups and their members. Critics argued Klein's books focused on controversial topics that draw its conservative readership deep down 'rabbit-holes', and would provide "easy fodder for the conservative echo chamber".

His books include:

- *Schmoozing with Terrorists: From Hollywood to the Holy Land, Jihadists Reveal their Global Plans - to a Jew !* (2007).
- *The Manchurian President Barack Obama's Ties to Communists, Socialists and Other Anti-American Extremists* (2010).
- *Red Army: The Radical Network That Must Be Defeated to Save America* (2011).
- *Fool Me Twice* (2012).

- Impeachable Offences: The Case to Remove Barack Obama from Office (2013).
- Real Benghazi Story: What the White House and Hillary Don't Want You to Know (2014).

Intriguingly, all six of Klein's books share the common theme of a mini-cold war in the Middle East, and are in accordance with the US-Israeli neo-conservative manifesto '**A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm**', published by **Richard Perle** in 1996 (see **page 71** of this document). Released over a seven year period, the books are regarded as conspiracist material and advance right-wing Zionism, while promoting Islamophobia and anti-muslim sentiment. It is no surprise therefore, that Aaron Klein is regarded as the "Jewish version of Steve Bannon".

'A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm': Netanyahu's Policy Blueprint to capture the United States

Richard Perle

Richard Perle (1941-) is an American political advisor who served as the Assistant Secretary of Defence for Global Strategic Affairs under President Ronald Reagan.

Perle is recognised as a neo-conservative hawk on foreign policy issues, and has been deeply involved with several think-tanks affiliated with the *Atlas Network*, including the *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, the *Centre for Security Policy*, the *American Enterprise Institute*, *Project for the New American Century*, and the *Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs*. A known **Revisionist Zionist**, he has been accused of placing his loyalty to Israel above the diplomatic interests of his own country, the US.

Over the past three decades, a tight-knit group of neo-conservatives have had a significant impact in the carving out of American foreign policies, particularly in the Middle East. While Richard Perle was at the helm of the neo-conservative movement, he was aided by other prominent neo-conservatives, namely **Paul Wolfowitz** and **Douglas Feith**. All three neo-conservatives share an Ashkenazi Jewish heritage.

Equally, Israeli hawks had long dreamed of a Middle East where the US played a less active role, since they viewed Israeli reliance on the US as a constraint and a strategic liability. In 1996, a group of neo-conservative think-tankers lead by Perle published a paper titled '**A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm**', which outlined steps for how Israel under Netanyahu could "forge a new basis for relations with the United States" (refer to **Appendix 7**). Intended to be a manifesto, the paper was developed in consultation with Netanyahu and released to coincide with his first year as Prime Minister of Israel (1996), after having served three years as opposition leader.

Perle and Feith called for Israel to repudiate the Oslo accords and its underlying concept of "land for peace"; the permanent annexation of the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip; and the elimination of Saddam Hussain's regime in Baghdad as first steps toward overthrowing or destabilising the governments of Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

As key advisor to Secretary of Defence **Donald Rumsfeld** in the Bush administration, Perle and his close associates Paul Wolfowitz and Douglas Feith were the architects of the Iraq War. In March 2001, he claimed that the Saddam Hussein regime possessed weapons of mass destruction. It is worth noting that Perle was in regular contact with Ahmad Chalabi, an Iraqi citizen opposing Saddam Hussein. He used Chalabi to provide false information to the US intelligence community regarding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Following the 9/11 attacks, Perle authored a book with **David Frum** comprising a similar theme to the 1996 '*Clean Break*' report, aimed at American audiences. The book, published in 2004 and titled "**An End to Evil: How to Win the War on Terror**", called for abandoning the Palestine-Israel peace process, invading Syria and implementing strict domestic surveillance in the US. Critics labelled the book a "neo-conservative Zionist propaganda piece", aimed at demonising Israel's neighbours and persuading US citizens to support Revisionist Zionism policies (see **page 72** of this document).

‘A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm’ (1996)

According to the report's preamble, it was written by the **Study Group on a New Israeli Strategy Toward 2000**, which was a part of the **Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS)** - an Israel-based think-tank with an affiliated office in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1984 by its president, **Robert Loewenberg**, a Revisionist Zionist.

Perle was the “Study Group Leader”, but the final report included contributions and ideas from persons affiliated with **Revisionist Zionism** and *Atlas Network* right-wing think-tanks, including:

- Douglas Feith (Senior Fellow at the *Hudson Institute*, founded by Herman Kahn)
- David Wurmser (Board of Advisors of the *Endowment for Middle East Truth*)
- Meyrav Wurmser (Co-Founder and Executive Director of the *Middle East Media Research Institute*)
- Jonathan Torop (Research Fellow at the *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*)
- James Colbert (Policy Director at the *Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs*)
- Charles Fairbanks Jr. (Senior Fellow at the *Hudson Institute*, founded by Herman Kahn)
- Robert Loewenberg (President, IASPS)

The authors asserted that Israel could gain “greater freedom of action and remove a significant lever of pressure against it” if it was able to “cut itself free” from US support by “liberalising its economy”.

The report is widely recognised (and criticised) as a US-Israeli neo-conservative manifesto, which proposed a mini-cold war in the Middle East and advocated the use of proxy armies for regime changes, destabilisation and containment. Indeed, the report even goes so far as to articulate a way to advance right-wing Zionism by melding it with missile-defence advocacy. Moreover, the shared organisational membership of the paper's authors of the report provides perhaps the most insightful window into the policy worldview of the **Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs** and the **Centre for Security Policy** - both United States-based think-tanks which wield immense influence in US foreign policy (for the full report, see **Appendix 7** of this document).

Ultimately, the report ‘*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*’ has been the blueprint for US-Israeli foreign policy and events taking place in the Middle East over the last 30 years. Critics argue that the scheme appears to have created a region that is more volatile than ever, while empowering the Israeli government to operate with complete impunity.

Christian Zionism (American Evangelical Christians)

As Israel carpet bombed Gaza, levelling the entire region and killing tens of thousands of Palestinians, there was outpouring of global outrage and calls for a ceasefire. Yet, the Israeli government led by Benjamin Netanyahu continued to employ an unapologetic rhetoric, invoking biblical references to sell his war to the ultra-right - not just in Israel, but also in the United States, where he enjoys the support of **Evangelical Christians**, a majority of whom identify with the global Zionist movement for a ‘Jewish homeland’. As **Christian Zionists**, their belief comes from the end-of-the-world interpretation of the bible leading to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Netanyahu is a politician who scripts his addresses more astutely than any other Israeli politician before him, and his biblical references – including the reference of Arab Palestinians as ‘**Amaleks**’ - are a strategic ploy (see **pages 49 and 55** of this document). He recognises that the references do not mean as much to his broader Israeli and Jewish constituents as it does to the tens of millions of Evangelical Christian Americans, and it is their support he is targeting. Christian Zionism is the dominant form of Zionism today. More specifically, for every Jewish Zionist on the planet, there are at least ten Christian Zionists, and almost all of them are in the United States. Furthermore, American Evangelical Christians (or Christian Zionists) have far eclipsed the American Jewish community as

Israel's most important political allies in the United States, to the extent they are now considered the backbone of Israel's support (see '*The Genesis of Christian Zionism*' section on **pages 38-41**).

Christian Zionism exists largely within Evangelical Christianity and can be defined as Christian support for the Zionist cause - the return of the Jewish people to its biblical homeland in Israel. It is a belief among Evangelical Christians that the return of Jews to Israel is in line with a biblical prophecy, and is necessary for Jesus to return to Earth as its king. These 'Christians' are partly motivated by their interpretations of the Bible and the words of the prophets. However, according to David Brog - author of '*Standing With Israel: Why Christians Support the Jewish State*', they are also driven to support Israel because they wish to "repay the debt of gratitude to the Jewish people for providing Christ and the other fundamentals of their faith," and to support a political ally.

Evangelical Christianity (or the Christian Fundamentalist movement) emerged in the United States around 110 years ago, and includes Pentecostalism (i.e. it is an evangelical faith). It is more conservative in its theology and beliefs than the three main (and traditional) branches of Christianity (i.e. Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox), and is therefore otherwise known as Fundamentalist Theology or Fundamentalist Christianity.

Christian Zionists interpret both the Torah (and the New Testament as prophetic texts that describe future events of how the world will one day end with the return of Jesus from Heaven to rule on Earth. Israel and its people are central to their vision. They interpret passages from the books of Ezekiel, Daniel and Isaiah as foreshadowing the coming Christian era. The New Testament Book of Revelation is read by many Christians as a prophetic text of how the world will be in the End Times.

Christian support for Israel is not a recent development. Its political roots reach as far back to the 1880's, when a man named William Hechler formed a committee of Christian Zionists to help move Russian Jewish refugees to Palestine after a series of pogroms. In 1884, Hechler wrote a pamphlet called "The Restoration of Jews to Palestine According to the Prophets". A few years later, he befriended Theodor Herzl after reading Herzl's book *The Jewish State*, and joined Herzl to gather support for Zionism. Hechler even arranged a meeting between Herzl and Kaiser Wilhelm II (the last German Emperor) to discuss Herzl's proposal to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. The two men remained close friends up until Herzl's death in 1904.

An important milestone in the history of Christian Zionism occurred in 1979, almost a century after William Hechler approached Herzl and offered to mobilise Christian support for a Jewish state: the founding of the *Moral Majority*. Founded by Rev. Jerry Falwell, the *Moral Majority* was an organisation made up of conservative Christian political action committees that succeeded in mobilising like-minded individuals to register and vote for conservative candidates. With nearly six million members, it became a powerful voting bloc during the 1980's and was credited for giving Ronald Reagan the winning edge in the 1980 US Presidential elections. One of the *Moral Majority's* four founding principles was "support for Israel and Jewish people everywhere."

In 1980, Falwell, who ran a television ministry that reached millions of viewers, said of Israel: "*I firmly believe God has blessed America because America has blessed the Jew. If this nation wants her fields to remain white with grain, her scientific achievements to remain notable, and her freedom to remain intact, America must continue to stand with Israel.*" Falwell disbanded the *Moral Majority* in 1989, however Evangelical Christians have remained vocal supporters of Israel.

Christian Zionists demonstrate their support of Israel through their volunteer work, political support, and financial assistance. They have donated large sums of money to support Israel, including to charities that pay the costs of bringing Jews from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia to Israel. For example, Pastor John Hagee raised more than \$4.7 million for the United Jewish Communities. Pat Robertson's *Christian Broadcasting Network* donated millions of dollars to help poorer Jews across the world move to Israel.

When Israel's tourism industry was at a low point between 2000 and 2003 - due to violence and civil unrest arising from the Palestinian uprising and terrorism, Evangelical Christian tourists visited Israel in numbers that were sometimes greater than that of the Jewish community. Televangelists (i.e.

Evangelical Christian preachers who televise their sermons) such as Pat Robertson and Benny Hinn visited Israel during this period and used their broadcasts to tell their millions of viewers it was safe to visit Israel. Another pro-Israel group, the *Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign*, sponsored four missions to Israel. Christians also helped the Israeli tourism industry and economy from home by attending "Shop Israel" days where Israeli merchants would come to America and sell their products.

Christian Zionists have been accused of being more conservative on Israel than many Israeli citizens. As supporters of a '**Greater Israel**', they favour Israel maintaining all of its settlements in the West Bank, and were opposed to the Israeli disengagement from the Gaza Strip. Prominent Christian Zionists have been highly critical of Israeli government policy of returning parts of Israel to the Palestinian people. Christian Zionists, like followers of the Israeli Far-right, believe that Israel should never cede any section of Israel to the Palestinians because Israel was given to the Jews by God. After former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon implemented the disengagement plan from the Gaza Strip and then fell ill a few months later, Pat Robertson claimed that his illness was divine retribution for giving up part of biblical Israel. When asked about Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's convergence plan to evacuate settlements in the West Bank, Robertson said, "*It's an absolute disaster...I don't think the holy God is going to be happy about someone giving up his land.*"

As staunch supporters and drivers of the **neo-conservative movement**, Christian Zionists are viewed as particularly influential with Republican Administrations (under Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush and Donald Trump) and Republican Congress. They are consequently viewed as also having greater access to decision makers, and as pro-Israel Christians, they have exerted decisive influence on significant decisions, particularly in relation to Middle East policy.

In the United States, Christian Zionists have turned into a pro-Israel lobby that uses its political power to promote policies favourable to the interests of the Jewish state. They have actively lobbied for both the return of Jews to modern-day Israel and for an end to the existence of the territories administered by the Palestinian Authority. Additionally, they mask their pro-Israel agenda with statements that deceptively claim their position is well-intentioned, such as "*we oppose the Middle East peace process because we oppose a physical division of Jerusalem or of Israel*".

Christian Zionist groups that fund Israeli settler communities have been criticised by the *United Nations Security Council* for providing support to settlement communities that are considered illegal under international law.

Historically, the three main (and traditional) branches of Christianity (i.e. Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox) do not support Christian Zionism, and view it as contravening the central tenets of Judaism. In 2006, the Anglican, Catholic, Syrian Orthodox and Lutheran churches' leaders in Jerusalem published a letter, known as the *Jerusalem Declaration on Christian Zionism*, which outlined their opposition to Christian Zionism as a "false teaching". The letter states that the alliance of Christian Zionists with political leaders has led to "unending cycles of violence that undermine the security of all peoples of the Middle East and the rest of the world".

Mike Evans: Friends of Zion

Michael David Evans (1947-) is an American author, journalist, commentator, and Christian Zionist pastor. Born to a non-practising Jewish mother and an anti-Semitic Christian father (both parents migrated to the United States from the Soviet Union), Evans founded and serves as the head of many politically Evangelical Christian organisations, and leads the largest Christian Zionist group – estimated to have between 35 and 77 million followers. He has written books and has provided analysis and commentary on Middle East affairs, however his extreme right-wing views has attracted much controversy and criticism over the years.

Evans met Benjamin Netanyahu in the early 1980's while Netanyahu was working as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. They shared similar strong views regarding Israel and Zionism, and have remained close friends ever since, leveraging one another's networks and political influence over the decades. Many observers have labelled Evans as "Netanyahu's greatest cheerleader".

In 2002, Evans founded the **Jerusalem Prayer Team**, an initiative whose purpose is “to guard, defend and protect the Jewish people and to pray for the peace of Jerusalem”. However, observers claim that the initiative is simply a Christian Zionist fundraising scheme to support Jewish settlement and the occupation of the entire Jerusalem.

In 2015, Evans founded the **Friends of Zion Heritage Centre** in the centre of Jerusalem. The centre is promoted as “a Zionist platform dedicated to the fight against anti-Semitism and BDS (Boycotts, Divestment and Sanctions), and concerns itself with bolstering awareness for the historical support of the Christian friends of Israel”. Similarly, observers claim that the initiative is simply a Christian Zionist fundraising scheme to support Jewish settlement in Jerusalem and beyond (i.e. within the occupied territories).

While many of Evans Israel-related ventures and initiatives may appear to be altruistic, his public comments and rhetoric reveal a strong Islamophobic (anti-Muslim) agenda, and a staunch position that any peace negotiations between the government of Israel and the Arab Palestinians involving the handover of occupied territories be rejected.

Intriguingly, Evans rhetoric and advocated policies on the Middle East (and in particular, against Iran) have been acutely aligned with the manifesto: ‘**A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm**’ – ever since its release in 1996 (see **pages 71-72** and **Appendix 7** of this document).

Propagation of the phrase ‘Judeo-Christian’

Intriguingly, the phrase ‘**Judeo-Christian**’ became more globally recognisable and part of everyday lexicon following the materialisation of the manifesto/report: ‘*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*’ in 1996 (refer to **pages 71-72** and **Appendix 7** of this document). Signalling an ‘alliance’ between Judaism and Christianity - although realistically this was an alliance between Zionist advocates and Evangelical Christian (Christian Zionist) entities only - the term ‘Judeo-Christian’ has been propagated by Evangelical Christian leaders (namely John Hagee and Mike Evans), with the intention to include and bind people of the Christian and Jewish faith together, while excluding those who are deemed not to subscribe to Western values - applied particularly to Muslims, despite the fact that Judaism, Christianity and Islam all share a common religious heritage and that all three religions have Middle Eastern origins.

Additional Readings / Viewings

- 1) Jerusalem Prayer Team
<https://www.jerusalemprayerteam.org/>
- 2) Friends of Zion (FOZ)
<https://friendsofzion.com/>
- 3) Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hosts US Evangelical leaders with Dr Mike Evans (1 September 2023).

The following link is the recording of the Zoom meeting hosted by Mike Evans, the founder of Friends of Zion Centre. The guest is the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, who assured the more than 400 American Evangelical Christian leaders attending the meeting: “Christians are Israel's best friends”.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=G5SoR0rzjw0&ab_channel=MikeEvans

- 4) Evans Mobilising 31M Followers to Influence World Leaders to Move Their Embassies to Jerusalem (29 December 2017).
<https://cmsedit.cbn.com/cbnnews/2017/december/evans-mobilizing-31-million-followers-to-influence-world-leaders-to-move-their-embassies-to-jerusalem>

ISRAEL'S GLOBAL PROPAGANDA INFRASTRUCTURE: THE ECHO CHAMBER EFFECT IN ZIONIST COMMUNICATION

Over the past three decades, a highly organised network of Zionist advocacy groups - including *Hasbara*, *Aish HaTorah* and its offshoots *Hasbara Fellowships* and *AISH*, *HonestReporting*, *OpenDor Media*, *The Clarion Project*, and *The Israel Project* (TIP), among many others - has constructed a global messaging infrastructure. Their aim is to shape public discourse, influence media narratives, and mobilise grassroots support in regions including the United States, United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, Australia, and beyond.

This infrastructure often functions as an 'echo chamber', reinforcing consistent talking-points across social media, campus activism, and mainstream press.

1. Historical Roots: Confidential Campus Manuals and Handbooks (2002–2009)

Various fundamental texts clearly produced for internal training purposes helped launch the organised Zionist messaging campaign on college campuses in the early 2000s:

i) *Israel Advocacy: A Handbook for College Students (2002).*

- produced by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Metropolitan Chicago's *Jewish United Fund* (JUF), offered practical templates and talking-points for students advocating pro-Israel positions.

ii) *Hasbara Handbook: Promoting Israel on Campus (Activate)*

- published by *World Union of Jewish Students* (WUJS) in March 2002, provided structured training and response scripts for handling 'anti-Israeli propaganda' on campus.

iii) *Defeating Anti-Israel Propaganda: A Guide*

- produced by *Hasbara Fellowships* - an *AISH International* project founded in 2001 - further institutionalised these models. *Hasbara Fellowships* trained nearly 2,000 students across 220+ North American campuses, combining trips to Israel, arm-chair messaging training, and coordinated activism.

These manuals trained successive cohorts, embedding message discipline and standardisation in campus and activist environments.

2. The Israel Project and the 2009 Global Language Dictionary

Founded in 2002 by Jennifer Laszlo Mizrahi, TIP positioned itself as a professional media-relations engine, hosting press briefings, distributing newsletters, supplying spokespeople, and commissioning focus-group-based messaging tools across multiple languages.

A centrepiece was the leaked *2009 Global Language Dictionary*, compiled by political strategist Frank Luntz (see '*Frank Luntz*' section on **page 67** of this document). Marked "not for distribution," this internal manual offered 25 rules for effective communication, a glossary of "words that work", and detailed framing advice on Gaza, settlements, Jerusalem, UN dynamics, and even child casualties. It recommended positive frames ("peace, not settlements") over religious or fear-scapegoating arguments, aiming to counter hostility even among Israel supporters.

The Luntz-derived *Global Language Dictionary* is exemplary: it codified messaging around Gaza ("right to self-defence"), settlement tone ("peace-framed"), Jerusalem, the UN, and the Arab citizens of Israel. As an internal playbook, it shows how TIP and its allies systematised message discipline across interlocutors, media, and influencers.

'The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary' resource can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.transcend.org/tms/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/sf-israel-projects-2009-global-language-dictionary.pdf>

The link below provides a compelling critique of the 'The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary' resource:

The secret report that helps Israel hide facts (24 July 2014).

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/israelgaza-conflict-the-secret-report-that-helps-israelis-to-hide-facts-9630765.html>

When combined with campus handbooks and digital mobilisation tools, it helped institutionalise standardised narratives across mailing lists, Instagram stories, campus events, student press, and media monitoring.

3. Modern Amplifiers: Echo Chamber Effect in Zionist Communication

i) *HonestReporting*

- established in the United Kingdom in 2000, it operates as a pro-Israel media advocacy group and watchdog. Volunteers monitor media coverage globally and pressure news outlets - via email campaigns or formal complaints - to issue corrections or retractions, often leading to immediate changes in media framing

ii) *OpenDor Media*

- formerly *Jerusalem U*, is an Israeli non-profit organisation founded in 2009 by **Raphael Shore** – a controversial Canadian-Israeli who also founded *The Clarion Project*. It produces feature-length films, short videos, and social media content about Israel, Zionism, and Judaism.

The organisation says its mission is to increase support for Israel and Zionism among the Jewish diaspora and "explore Zionism's complex history and achievements so that young people will recognize that Zionism is a story that every Jewish person can proudly embrace and cherish", however its content is frequently criticised as one-sided and framed with underlying persuasive intent to reinforce Zionist narratives.

OpenDor Media houses four brands: *Unpacked*, *Unpacked for Educators*, *ConnectED*, and *Amplified*.

iii) *The Clarion Project*

The Clarion Project (formerly the *Clarion Fund*) is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit founded in 2006 by Raphael Shore. It produces and distributes documentary films and online content focused on "exposing the dangers of radical Islam and other extremist ideologies".

The Clarion Project operates within a media ecosystem that produces digitally savvy, emotionally resonant content reinforcing pro-Israel, anti-'Islamist' or counter-extremist narratives. Through polished documentaries, strategic distribution, and OSINT-infused reporting, it leverages fear-based framing to influence public sentiment—particularly within conservative circles.

Critics - including the *Southern Poverty Law Centre* - have categorised it as an "anti-Muslim hate group" Organisations such as CAIR allege it promotes Islamophobia, and peer watchdogs also charge it with advancing anti-Muslim narratives. Its documentaries - such as '*Obsession*' and '*The Third Jihad*' - draw parallels between Islamist movements and Nazism, while suggesting a "cultural jihad" threat aimed at infiltrating Western societies.

In 2008, around 28 million DVDs of *Obsession* were distributed en masse - often inserted in newspapers or mailed to swing-state voters - just before the U.S. presidential election. This raised alarms about political influence and non-transparent funding; many newspapers refused to carry the inserts. The Donors Capital Fund - a right-leaning donor group with ties to the Koch network - handed Clarion approximately US \$17.7 million in 2008 to finance the massive DVD campaign.

Its advisory board has included high-profile Islam-critical figures such as Raheel Raza, Zuhdi Jasser, Frank Gaffney, and Daniel Pipes. These associations underscore its ideological alignment within broader right-wing and pro-Israel networks.

4. Zionist Propaganda Machines masquerading as Jewish Student Support Agencies

i) Hasbara

The word Hasbara roughly translates to "explaining" in English and was popularised in the early 20th century by the Polish Zionist activist and journalist Nahum Sokolow.

Hasbara shares much in common with other forms of modern propaganda, but it is often considered a description of the more granular, event-by-event distortions and fabrications utilised by the Israeli state to justify its controversial actions and policies.

One of the key functions of modern Hasbara is to depict Israel as the victim and even the underdog.

ii) Aish

Aish is short for 'Aish HaTorah', which literally means "Fire of the Torah." It is an outreach and educational organisation founded in Jerusalem in 1974 by Rabbi Noah Weinberg. The organisation focuses on Jewish education, identity, and inspiration globally.

Aish has been linked with right-wing Israeli politics and settler movements, which has drawn criticism, especially from more liberal Jewish communities. For example:

- a) It has supported Zionist causes that align with hardline stances on Palestinian territories;
- b) Its Jerusalem headquarters overlooks the Western Wall and is seen as symbolically significant in politically charged ways.
- c) It was previously linked to the *Clarion Project*, which produced controversial anti-'Islam' films such as '**Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West**'. The rise in Islamophobia and interfaith tensions are largely attributed to these propaganda activities.

5. Coordination and Institutional Backing: The Hasbara System

What emerges is a sprawling communication infrastructure: institutions (TIP, HonestReporting), educational/training systems (campus handbooks, Hasbara Fellowships), digital-tool networks (Act.IL, Megaphone), and professional insights rooted in focus-group messaging. Together, they form a tightly-synchronised echo chamber - repeating language across channels, suppressing message deviation, and maximising consistency. This machinery, consciously deployed, defines modern hasbara and illustrates how public opinion can be shaped through discipline, coordination, and scale.

Hasbara today is not scattered activity but a cross-sectoral strategy involving:

- i) Israel's Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Strategic Affairs (before its closure in 2021), the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Defence, and the IDF spokesperson's unit - all coordinating narratives, social media messaging, and content delivery.

- ii) This inter-agency coordination funnels through NGOs, on-the-ground activist networks, press briefings by TIP, digital tool orchestration (Act.IL), and trained student volunteers (Hasbara Fellowships), creating a feedback loop of messaging reinforcing itself across audiences and media platforms.
- iii) *Aish HaTorah* - through OpenDor Media and Hasbara Fellowships - has expanded digital outreach, media training, and campus influencer networks, reinforcing consistent messaging to youth and diaspora communities.
- iv) *The Clarion Project* - though more broadly American conservative - works in parallel, producing in-depth documentaries and viral online content that align with pro-Israel, anti-'Islamist' narratives in the broader right-wing media ecosystem.
- v) Digital tools such as Act.IL (a mobilisation app for pro-Israel supporters to share talking points, report opposing content, and earn gamified rewards) and the Megaphone desktop alert (issued by GIYUS, HonestReporting, WUJS, StandWithUs, and others) turned message distribution into a high-coordination exercise reminiscent of modern influence campaigns.

A Winning Formula: Echo Chamber Effect

The essential elements of the Zionist echo chamber include:

- a) Standardised framing: Young activists and digital participants across continents use nearly identical vocabulary and narratives.
- b) Volunteer mobilisation: Apps and alerts direct participants to engage with specific media items - flag, comment, up-vote - amplifying approved framing.
- c) Media correction pressure: *HonestReporting* and allied groups issue rapid response letters and demands that mould mainstream outlets to repeat approved narratives.
- d) Language science: Leaked manuals such as '*The Israel Projects 2009 Global Language Dictionary*' lay out "what to say" and "what not to say," pre-packaging content that avoids damaging emotional triggers or complex policy specifics.

Combined, these layers of coordination reduce discursive inconsistency - and limit public exposure to critical or contested viewpoints. Opposing voices may be down-ranked, marginalised, or drowned out by coordinated amplification.

6. Hollywood's Role in Zionist Propaganda: Case Studies

The role of Hollywood role in advancing Zionist propaganda is well-documented, with countless examples embedded in mainstream cinema - from action films that caricature Arabs as 'terrorist plotters' and suicide bombers, to more subtle narratives. In this analysis, we focus on two films that deploy such messaging in markedly different ways: one portraying Israel as a trustworthy and honourable ally of the West, and another obscuring its involvement in a significant historical crime.

Case Study 1: 'World War Z' (2013).

The Times of Israel declared 'World War Z' is "the greatest piece of cinematic propaganda for Israel since Otto Preminger's 'Exodus'." The movie - released in 2013 - is based on the 2006 novel of the same name, written by **Max Brooks** (son of **Mel Brooks**), who bizarrely claimed that he "wrote it in response to the fearful post-9/11 world".

The main character and hero of the film, Gerry Lane (played by Brad Pitt - who was also the movie's producer), escapes a zombie apocalypse in the United States and travels to Jerusalem, Israel to meet a Mossad chief, Jurgen Warmbrunn. What happens next in the film is jaw dropping in its audacity.

Warmbrunn reveals that the walls around Israel (which in real life are apartheid walls), were actually re-designed to create a fortress to protect humanity from the coming zombie threat. Not just a fortress for Israelis, but for “everyone”. He shows Gerry an open checkpoint where the benevolent Israelis are allowing Arabs to immigrate into Israel for safety. We see Arabs passing through an open border, warmly greeted in brotherhood by Israelis. Israeli flags and Palestinian flags fly in harmony. This is pure liberal fantasy, and one that erases the Palestinian struggle. In this film, real-life walls of apartheid are shown to be not only necessary, but an act of tremendous benevolence, enabling racial harmony.

But the utopia is short-lived. This easing of borders becomes Jerusalem’s downfall. At the crossing, the noise of an Arab woman’s celebratory song attracts a zombie horde. The undead form a pyramid to climb over the apartheid wall as the ‘valiant’ IDF tries to kill them. This is a very disturbing image. It is impossible not to see this scene as an apocalyptic evocation of Israeli fears of Arab invasion, whether through literal acts of violence or “demographic threat”. The city is overtaken by zombies (i.e. Palestinians), as Jerusalem’s residents are quickly overpowered, bitten, infected and turned.

Zombies have long embodied white fears of miscegenation, making this a particularly fraught scene. Ultimately, in compromising security for brotherhood, Israel’s worst fears are realised. And this is exactly the subliminal message the movie aims to instil in its audience.

And the target audience ? A celluloid hasbara project, the movie targeted the estimated 70 million Christian Zionists living in the United States - a demographic traditionally drawn to apocalyptic films - with the aim of rallying support for their “ally”, the State of Israel. The film was also a success for the Israeli government, as it sought to portray the Palestinian people as less than human (zombies) to the Israeli audience and justify its inhumane policies - including apartheid.

As any PR expert will attest, this movie was not scripted for entertainment. This movie was scripted for propaganda.

Max Brooks knew exactly what he was doing when he set out to write the script.

Deconstructing The ‘Most Pro-Israel’ Zombie Movie Ever Made (11 July 2013).

<https://forward.com/culture/180191/deconstructing-the-most-pro-israel-zombie-movie-ev/>

Case Study 2: ‘JFK’ (1991).

The 1991 release of JFK has increasingly been viewed by some critics and researchers as a cinematic “smokescreen,” diverting attention away from alleged Israeli/Mossad involvement in President Kennedy’s assassination (refer to ‘*The Assassination of JFK*’ section on **pages 97-105** of this document).

This dense, three-hour historical drama was not only a commercial success but also wielded an outsized cultural impact, helping to keep public focus firmly on domestic conspirators rather than foreign intelligence services. Drawing on the theories of New Orleans D.A. Jim Garrison and journalist Jim Marrs, the screenplay framed the assassination as a multi-agency plot involving elements of the CIA, the military–industrial complex, anti-Castro Cubans, and other U.S.-based actors.

Notably absent from the film’s narrative is any mention of Israel or Mossad - despite what proponents of the “Israeli connection” describe as compelling circumstantial evidence and a plausible motive: Israel’s strategic concerns over its Dimona nuclear facility and Kennedy’s pressure on its nuclear weapons program. For a production billed as an exhaustive examination of assassination theories, the omission is striking.

Directed by **Oliver Stone**, the film’s executive producer was **Arnon Milchan** - who, more than two decades later in a 2013 television interview, publicly acknowledged that he had worked as an Israeli secret agent and arms dealer, and had been involved in procuring krytrons to be used as triggers for Israel’s nuclear program.

ZIONISM IS ANTI-SEMITISM

The false rhetoric amongst the Israel Lobby Group is that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism. Their assertion is that it is not possible to simultaneously be a **Judeophile** (pro-Jewish), a **philosemite** (pro-Semitic) and an **anti-Zionist**. The prevailing evidence that rejects this false assertion is:

1. The irony - and tragedy - in all of this is that Zionism is anti-Semitism – in the true sense of the word. Zionism prejudices, discriminates against, and oppresses Semites – both Arabs and Jews. Those who practice true forms of Judaism view all human beings as equals. Their prime aspiration is to be altruistic through a vocation of their passion, and strive to make the world a better place – regardless of their habitation. The fundamental principles of Zionism oppose and undermine these tenets central to Judaism.
2. Many (if not the overwhelming majority) of anti-Zionist groups are founded and coordinated by members of the Jewish community.

Yisroel Dovid Weiss, a rabbi and spokesman for *Neturei Karta* - a Jewish Ant-Zionist group founded in Jerusalem – offers perhaps the best explanation of the incongruence and conflict between the principles of Judaism and Zionism. In an interview with *Anadolu* – a Turkish news agency, Weiss discussed the principles of Zionism, the founding ideology of the state of Israel, as well as the use of violence against Palestinians and the appropriation of land. He stated that real believers in Judaism would mourn the crimes being done to Palestinians by the state of Israel, as these violations are clearly barred by their faith.

The transcript of the interview is outlined below:

We are crying with Palestinians: Jewish anti-Zionist group (13 October 2023).

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/we-are-crying-with-palestinians-jewish-anti-zionist-group/3038245>

"In our religion, killing and stealing are clearly forbidden. (Israel), on the other hand, establishes its state by taking it from the Arabs. That's why we are crying with the Palestinians.

Zionism is the ideology of the state of Israel, which tries to present itself as the Jewish state. They claim that they represent Jewish religion, they claim that they are speaking in the name of God.

They claim that they are the voice around the world of Jewish people that have an attachment with God or the Torah. That's not true [referring to the first five books of the Jewish and Christian scriptures].

Those who speak up against this situation are often labelled anti-Semitic or haters of the Jewish people and their religion.

In reality, Judaism and Zionism are fundamentally opposed to each other.

Zionism led to the Great Catastrophe [Nakba] in 1948, with the founding of the state of Israel, which resulted in the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

Judaism and Zionism are as different from each other as the earth and the sky; they contradict each other. Judaism is about submitting to Almighty God, while Zionism is the name for extreme nationalism that aims to possess everything related to forming a nation.

We must acknowledge the significance of expressing gratitude in line with the Torah, noting that our Jewish community, who enjoyed centuries of prosperity in regions under Muslim rule, was warmly welcomed by Muslims.

Zionist ideology often resorts to an argument that is not accurate, claiming that Muslims harbor hatred towards Jews. Despite Muslims and Jews having lived together for centuries, Zionists claim that opposition to their state is due to Muslims hating Jews. However, the state of Israel, in every aspect, acts in direct contradiction to the tolerance and prohibitions of the Torah.

As devout Jews, we pray to God every day for the swift removal of the Zionist state of Israel, which has caused so much bloodshed among Palestinians and Jews. We pray to God for the speedy liberation of Palestine. May Palestine be free, and may the world serve God in harmony.

Jews adhere to the commandments of the Torah, but such obedience is not present in Zionism.

Zionists do not adhere to the Ten Commandments of the Torah and do not observe the Sabbath. On the Sabbath day in Israel, everything continues as usual. Therefore, calling themselves a Jewish state is complete nonsense...a deception, a mockery.

The state is not backed by a religion but an ideology. Someone proudly told the Zionists that they are democratic. Of course, when we look at how they treat Arabs and Muslims, saying this is quite laughable.

We, as Jews, made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai to obey Him and never violate the Torah. This covenant still stands. We adhere to it, being Jewish requires it. But Zionism was established approximately 150 years ago, and it equates 'Israel's territory' with Judaism. It has no connection to the religion of Judaism [Citing the Torah's famous Book of Exodus].

Judaism says that even in an uninhabited [desolate] area, the establishment of a Jewish state is clearly forbidden.

To declare the existence of a Jewish state is direct rebellion against God. This is because we are in an exile that we were sent to by God. We will remain in that exile until a metaphysical change occurs, where all of humanity will serve God in harmony."

Jewish Anti-Zionist Groups

Few are aware that several Jewish Anti-Zionist groups originated at the same time as the concept of Zionism in the mid-19th century. Indeed, the global Jewish community were opposed to the proposal of a Jewish state, since it violated the central tenets of Judaism. The Holocaust, in which over six million Jewish people were murdered, may have become the main weapon in the Zionist's arsenal for persuasion, however Jewish Anti-Zionist groups argue that Zionism desecrates the memory of the Holocaust victims by undermining the principles of the faith that they carried through to *Olam haBa* (the 'afterlife').

Some of the more prominent Jewish Anti-Zionist groups include:

- 1) **Neturei Karta** is a haredi Jewish group established in 1938 in Jerusalem, opposing Zionism and advocating for the "peaceful dismantling" of Israel, believing Jewish statehood must await the Messiah, with notable presences in Jerusalem's *Mea Shearim* and *Ramat Beit Shemesh Bet*.
- 2) **Satmar**, a major hasidic group, is known for its conservatism and anti-Zionism. Based in New York post-World War 2, it maintains a strong Yiddish education and media system. The leader of the Satmar Hasidic group is Rabbi Zalman Teitelbaum, known as the 'Satmar Rebbe'.
- 3) **Torah Jews** was founded in 2002 in Brooklyn, New York by a group of Orthodox Jews from various communities, with a two-fold purpose:
 - a) To spread the message that the State of Israel does not represent Jews or Judaism.
 - b) To reach out to fellow Jewish people with books, articles and speeches about the Torah's view on exile, redemption and Jewish statehood.

For a comprehensive list of Jewish Anti-Zionist groups around the globe, refer to **Appendix 2**.

Video: Existence of Zionist Israel is antithetical to Judaism: Rabbi Weiss (23 November 2023).

Neturei Karta, an Orthodox Jewish movement, opposes Zionism, the State of Israel, and the forcible capture of Palestinian lands. In the US, its members often take part in pro-Palestine protests. Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss of the movement explains how the existence of Zionist Israel is “antithetical to Judaism”.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7S17Fr8z_Oo&ab_channel=TRTWorld

The Diminishing Number of Anti-Zionists within the Global Jewish Population

Aside from the manipulation of the western media to drive a pro-Israel and pro-Zionist narrative, the Zionist Lobby Group had another weapon in their arsenal that had been conceived during the formative stages of the Zionist movement. In the early 20th century Zionist advocates experienced significant resistance from the Jewish Diaspora – particularly in the United States. However, the Zionists theorised that once they established a homeland, the tide of opinion would change amongst the Diaspora under the *Law of Return*. This assumption was not necessarily derived from the belief that the existing Diaspora would immediately become emotionally attached to the new Jewish homeland, but that over time the global Jewish population would transition from a majority born before the establishment of the new Jewish homeland, to a majority born after it.

In 2024, 76 years after the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine (Israel), this has become a reality. For example, in a recent survey, 77% of Australian Jewry identified as Zionist and 86% agreed the existence of the State of Israel was essential for the future of Jewish people.

Today, the far majority of Jewish people consider themselves Zionists, since most living Jewish people were born after the creation of Israel, and have never known life without a “homeland” and a “Jewish State”. Therefore, it is unlikely they would reject the status quo and the entitlement that they were born into.

Conversely, most of the Jewish people who were strongly opposed to the creation of Israel were born well before 1948. Consequently, as the years progress and they die in numbers, the Jewish opposition to Zionism will decrease.

Zionist Terrorism and the quest to create the State of Israel

The Zionist terrorist groups in Palestine that existed prior to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 - including **Haganah**, **Palmach**, **Hatzohar**, **Betar**, **Irgun** and **Lehi (Stern Gang)** - are well documented and will not be further detailed in this document.

During the 1948 Palestinian exodus, more than 750,000 Palestinian Arabs - approximately half of Mandatory Palestine's Arab population – fled from their homes or were expelled. The expulsion began prior to the establishment of the State of Israel (led by Zionist paramilitaries), and continued after the establishment of Israel, but was led by the newly-formed Israeli military - the *Israeli Defence Force* (IDF). The expulsion and flight was a central component of the fracturing, dispossession, and displacement of Palestinian society, known as the **Nakba**. Dozens of massacres targeting Arabs were conducted by Israeli military forces, and between 400 and 600 Palestinian villages were destroyed. Village wells were poisoned in a biological warfare program, and properties were looted to prevent Palestinian refugees from returning. Other sites were immediately subject to Hebraisation of Palestinian place names.

Massacres perpetrated by Zionist terrorists in Palestinian villages or towns include (in alphabetical order): Al-Kabri, Balad al-Shaykh, Beit al-Khouri, Beit Darras, Biyar Addas, Deir Yassin, Elghaweer, El-Zaytoun (Safad), Haifa, Hawassa, Jaffa, Jaffa Gate (Jerusalem), Lydda, Mansoura, Nasr El Din (Tiberias), Ramle, Saliha (Safed), Samakh, Sa'sa' and Tantura (Haifa).

There were numerous villages and towns that suffered massacres and other atrocities, however the *Deir Yassin* massacre was the pivotal event of the Zionist ethnic cleansing campaign against Palestinians, who have continued to suffer from its consequences since then. On 10 April, 1948, the village, which was inhabited by approximately 600 Palestinian Arabs, was attacked by 500 Zionist terrorists - primarily Irgun and Lehi militants. Surviving witnesses claimed the terrorists killed children before their mother's eyes, before killing the mothers. Approximately thirty pregnant women were bayoneted before being disembowelled. More than 250 Palestinian Arabs were killed, and most of the remaining survivors of the massacre fled to Gaza.

Although the 1948 Palestinian exodus was attributed to several factors including the advancing Zionist military groups, the destruction of Arab villages, the typhoid epidemic in various towns and villages caused by Zionist terrorist well-poisoning, a collapse in the Palestinian leadership as well as lack of coordinated communications and directives, a disinclination to live under Zionist control, psychological warfare imposed by Zionist terrorists, and direct expulsion orders by Zionist authorities - there were another two factors that were commonly cited by fleeing Palestinian refugees:

- 1) Fears that they would suffer the same fate at the hands of the Zionist terrorists/militias as their fellow Palestinians did in the *Deir Yassin* massacre. The mere mention of the words "Deir Yassin" invoked terror within Palestinian Arabs, and caused many to flee their homeland out of panic;
- 2) The demoralising impact of witnessing the wealthier classes of their community fleeing, particularly after the massacre that occurred in *Tantura* (south of Haifa) – a relatively wealthy town with a population of approximately 1,500 Palestinian Arabs, largely built on a fishing and agriculture-based economy.

Historians documented that the purpose of the massacres at *Deir Yassin* and *Tantura* by Zionist terrorists were to ensure those events spread like wildfire within the Palestinian Arab community to neighbouring villages and towns, so that the narrative of the Zionist terrorist activities would instigate a mass evacuation of the indigenous inhabitants of the land. This proved to be an effective strategy, albeit barbaric and heinous crimes against humanity.

For examples of the orchestrated campaign to coordinate the illegal colonisation of Palestine, see **Appendix 8** within this document.

Historical Accounts of Zionist Terrorism: Tantura

1) Video: Israeli War Criminals Laughing: Tantura (10 December 2022).

In an excerpt of the 2022 documentary '*Tantura*', two past members of Zionist terrorists find rape and ethnic cleansing horrendously hilarious. Amitzur Cohen and Yosef Diamant were originally members of the Lehi terrorist group whose members went on to form the IDF. Lehi sought an alliance with Nazi Germany against Britain.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ1TAOibLss&t=154s&ab_channel=CastleVaniak

2) 'Tantura' Exposes the Lie at the Heart of Israel's Founding Myth (25 November 2022).

The link below is an article outlining how the state of Israel so fears its own history that it passed a law in 2011, penalising anyone who commemorates the day of its establishment as one of mourning rather than celebration. Dubbed the "Nakba law" (after the Arabic word for "catastrophe" - which Palestinians have always used in reference to the establishment of the Israeli state and their own displacement), the law captures the existential anxiety of a country that has never acknowledged its past, even as it continues to struggle with its ramifications.

<https://theintercept.com/2022/11/25/tantura-movie-israel-palestine/>

Letter of Albert Einstein to Shepard Rifkin (10 April 1948)

Albert Einstein (1879-1955), was a world-renowned, German-born theoretical physicist who described his relationship with the Jewish people as his "strongest human bond." Einstein co-founded the *Hebrew University of Jerusalem* in 1925. In 1938, Einstein wrote: "The bond that has united the Jews for thousands of years and that unites them today is, above all, the democratic ideal of social justice coupled with the ideal of mutual aid and tolerance among all men." Einstein supported Jewish migration to Palestine, but he stood strongly against the creation of a Jewish nation-state.

In 1948, the *American Friends of the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel* (AFFFI) - which represented the Stern Gang/Lehi - sought Einstein's help in raising funds for their Zionist fighters. The Executive Director of AFFFI, **Shepard Rifkin**, explained in a letter dated 4 March 2006 that when Stern Gang commander Benjamin Gepner asked him to reach out to Albert Einstein for the purposes of gaining propaganda and fundraising assistance, he responded: "*Are you crazy? He is completely against violence!*" (see **Figure 19** on **page 86** of this document). Still, Rifkin wrote a letter to Albert Einstein asking for his help raising funds in America for arms.

On April 9th, 1948, a month before Israel declared independence, approximately 250 residents of *Deir Yassin* were massacred by members of two militant Zionist groups - Lehi and Irgun - as part of an effort to cleanse the area of its Arab population. The next day, Albert Einstein wrote the following passionate letter to Shepard Rifkin, a New York-based representative of Lehi who had recently written to Einstein in the hope of garnering some high-profile support for the group's efforts. His belief that Einstein - a man who publicly backed the creation of a Jewish homeland in the British Mandate of Palestine, but by different means - would agree to such a suggestion, was clearly misplaced (see **Figure 20** on **page 87** of this document).

Furious at the treatment of the Palestinian Arabs at the hands of the Zionists, Einstein co-wrote a letter to the *New York Times* in 1948 that described one of Israel's founding political parties (future Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's 'Freedom Party') as "closely akin in its organisation, methods, political philosophy and social appeal to the Nazi and Fascist parties."

4 Mar/06

Dear Joe:

Here is the brief note you asked for:

In 1947 I was a crew member on the Aliyah Beth ship the Ben Hecht.

We were captured by two British destroyers off Haifa, with 600 DP's aboard; they had been selected by the Irgun people from the concentration camps; and they were mostly in their twenties and thirties, -ready for combat. Later, after their release from Cyprus, many joined the fighting forces in time for 1948.

When I was in Acre Prison, a prisoner of the British, a member of the underground took my address in NYC.

After I was released I was contacted by Benjamin Gepner, A Stern Gang commander then in the US. He asked me to help; I found someone who was perfect for the rôle of making propaganda and collecting money to buy weapons. His name was Nick Kisburg. Write it in your heart.

We chose a name for the organization that hid the reality of the words: "Stern Group". It was: American Friends of the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel. I became its Executive Director; in other words what we call in American - the fall guy.

Once Benjamin asked me to ask Albert Einstein for his help.

"Are you crazy?" I yelled. "He is completely against violence!"

So Benjamin ordered me to write to him. I did so. With the result being the letter you now hold.

Shepard Rifkin

Shepard Rifkin

* "Fighters For the Freedom of Israel" - is, of course, the Hebrew name of the STERN Group.

Figure 19: A typed and annotated letter from Shepard Rifkin (dated 4 March 2006), explaining the circumstances of the letter he received from Albert Einstein (dated 10 April 1948) – almost 58 years after it was written.

Shepard Rifkin (1918-) is an accomplished writer and novelist. In 1947, he served aboard the famous S. S. *Ben Hecht* ship, which attempted to run the British blockade of Palestine carrying hundreds of survivors of the Holocaust.

According to Rifkin's letter, the "American Friends of the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel" was formed for the purpose of promoting the anti-British ideas of the Stern Gang, and raising money in America to buy weapons to drive the British out of Palestine. Rifkin was appointed 'Executive Director', or in Rifkin's words "what we call in American - the fall guy". He was approached by Benjamin Gepner, a militia commander visiting the United States, to ask Einstein for his help. Rifkin did this against his better judgement and the letter in **Figure 20 (page 87)** is Einstein's response.

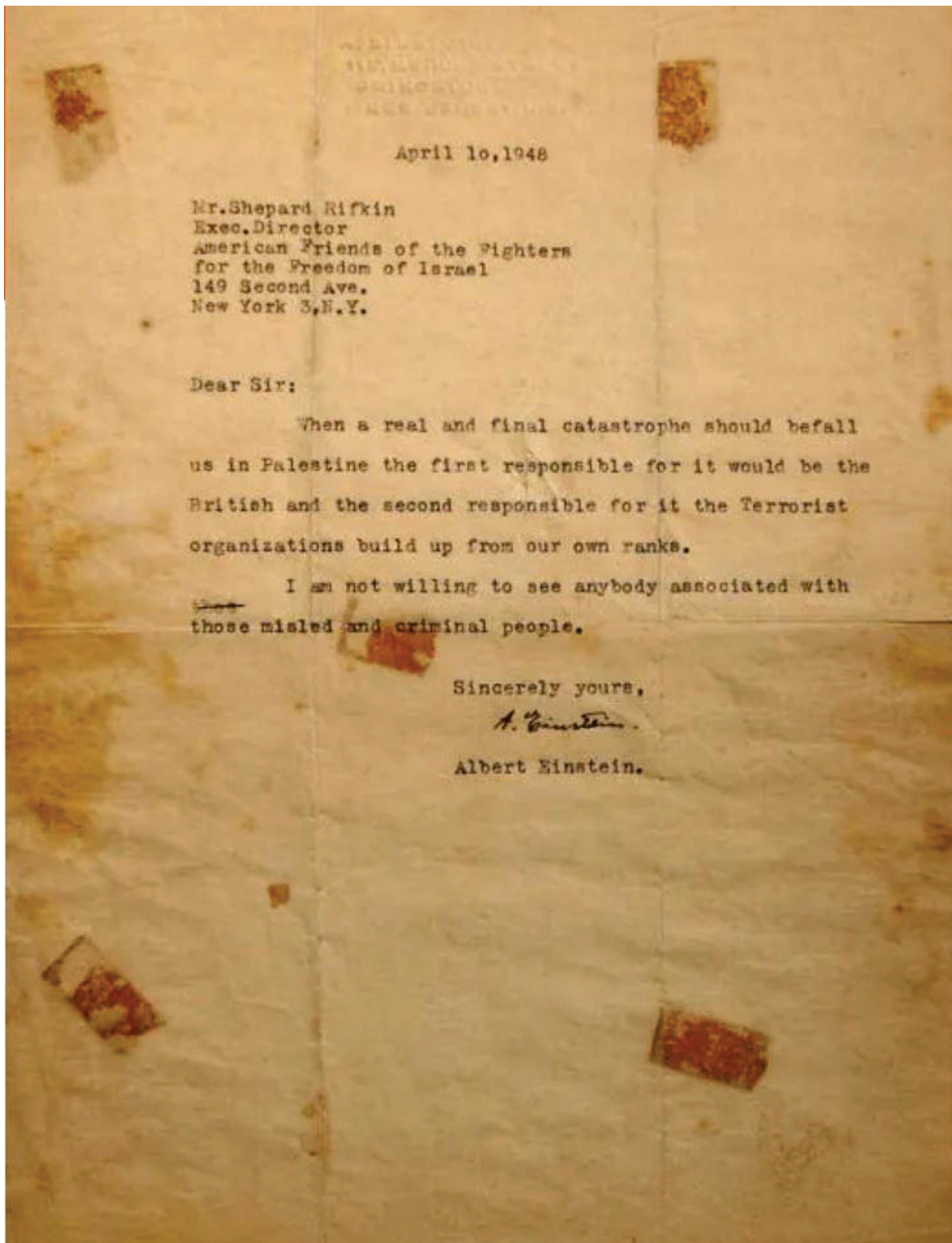


Figure 20: The letter from Albert Einstein to Shepard Rifkin (dated 10 April 1948).

Einstein writes:

"When a real and final catastrophe should befall us in Palestine, the first responsible for it would be the British, and the second responsible for it would be the Terrorist organisations build [sic] up from our own ranks.

I am not willing to see anybody associated with those misled and criminal people."

The Tail Wagging the Dog: How the Zionist movement engineered the United States to align with its Anti-Arab/Anti-Islam ideology.

It has been fashionable since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948 to portray the Zionist settlers favourably, while portraying the Arabs unfavourably. The State of Israel has been depicted as an underdog from the outset, and by their nature, people - particularly American citizens – will side with that role. With few exceptions, journalists will write only what is fashionable, fearing that different concepts or views boldly stated will leave them ostracised. Consequently, the optic through which the west view the Middle East struggle is almost exclusively Israeli. That overly one-sided point of view would not be possible without the generous assistance of the western mainstream media and the Israel Lobby Group.

However, this portrayal was escalated after the materialisation of the manifesto/report: '*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*' in 1996 (refer to **pages 71-72** of this document). The mainstream western media - particularly right-wing / conservative media outlets – have projected Arabs and Islam as a major security threat to the west. Today, after the demise of communist states, the demonising of Islam fits in well with the western geo-political interests in arms and oil. It projects Islam as inimical to civilised values, with the aim to increase public support for military interventions that would otherwise meet public objection and sympathy with the targeted region.

One of the earliest examples is the "Axis of Evil" speech during the *State of the Union* address by President George W Bush on 29 January 2002, where the phrase was first used in reference to Iran, Iraq (Ba'athist government) and North Korea. The phrase "Axis of Evil" was conceived by **David Frum**, former speechwriter for the President. Frum was a political commentator and close confidante of **Richard Perle** (see **page 71** of this document).

Similarly, David Frum coined the phrase "The War on Terror", which was used by President George W Bush on 16 September 2001 at Camp David - just four months before the "Axis of Evil" speech. Indeed, the phrase was part of the book title that David Frum co-authored with Richard Perle "*An End to Evil: How to Win the War on Terror*" – published in 2004.

Remarkably in both instances, Frum exploited the platform of the President of the United States to make both phrases globally recognisable and part of everyday lexicon – executing the plan outlined in the 1996 manifesto/report: '*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*', published by his colleague Perl. These events opened the doorway for the Israeli government, supported by the Jewish Lobby Group and other Zionist entities to undertake hard-line measures. These measures - which consistently contravened diplomatic protocols and international humanitarian laws - were not only applied against what they considered to be their geo-political adversaries (e.g. Hezbollah, Iran, Syria, etc), but also the local Palestinian community within the occupied territories. From the moment the United States formally declared a 'Cold War' against the Middle East, Israel had a licence to operate with impunity – with the blessing of its most powerful ally. It no coincidence that during this period the phrase '**Judeo-Christian**' also became more globally recognisable and part of everyday lexicon – signalling an 'alliance' between Judaism and Christianity - although in reality it was an alliance between Zionist advocates and Evangelical Christian (Christian Zionist) entities only (see **pages 72-75** of this document).

Critics argue that the term 'Judeo-Christian' has been propagated with the intention to include and bind people of the Christian and Jewish faith together, while excluding those who are deemed not to subscribe to Western values - applied particularly to Muslims. This is despite the fact that Judaism, Christianity and Islam all share a common religious heritage and that all three religions have Middle Eastern origins. Certainly, the term has been frequently mentioned and reinforced by Evangelical Christian leaders, including **Mike Evans**.

It is with great irony, that the western mainstream media not only concealed past acts of atrocities, extremism and terrorism by Zionist agencies, but would continue to do so during an era labelled as the 'War on Terror'.

The 'Judeo-Christian Crusades': An Anecdote

On 16 September 2001, at Camp David, US President George W. Bush used the phrase "*War on Terrorism*" in an ostensibly unscripted comment when answering a journalist's question about the impact of enhanced law enforcement authority given to the US surveillance agencies on Americans' civil liberties:

"This is a new kind of...a new kind of evil. And we understand. And the American people are beginning to understand. This crusade, this war on terrorism is going to take a while. And the American people must be patient. I'm going to be patient."

The reference to the Crusades drew heavy criticism due to its controversial connotations in the Islamic sphere and historical Muslim-Christian relations. On 20 September 2001, during a televised address to a joint session of Congress, George Bush stated, "*Our war on terror begins with al Qaeda, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped and defeated.*" Both the term and the policies it denotes have been a source of ongoing controversy, as various critics and organisations including *Amnesty International* have argued that it has been used to justify unilateral preventive, human rights abuses and other violations of international law.

The participating governments in '*The War on Terror*' have been criticised for implementing authoritarian measures, repressing minorities, fomenting Islamophobia globally, and causing negative impacts to health and environment. Security analysts assert that there is no military solution to the conflict, pointing out that terrorism is not an identifiable enemy, and have emphasised the importance of negotiations and political solutions to resolve the underlying roots of the crises.

Modern-day Zionist Extremism and Terrorism

Leaders of the Zionist movement have sought to ensure that the civilised world learns all the details about the Holocaust and its associated atrocities, through a globally coordinated and powerfully resourced campaign. However, the same leaders have been incredibly shrewd to conceal the atrocities committed by Zionist terrorists to a people that had never posed a threat to their community. The words of Naomi Klein – the famed anti-racist Jewish Canadian activist and writer – give context to the ideology of Zionist extremists: "*I'm a Jew, but the Zionism debate boils down to one question: 'Never again to everyone, or just never again to us?'...*".

The *Israel Lobby Group* have been particularly successful in influencing western mainstream media to conceal or downplay the Zionist extremist groups and their acts of terrorism, while propagating the myth that the Arabs pose a significant terrorist threat to the west.

Ami Pedahzur and Arie Perliger - world experts/leading researchers in Zionist terrorism, and authors of the book '*Jewish Terrorism in Israel*' (published in 2009) - suggested that similarities exist between Jewish religious terrorists and jihad networks in Western democracies, among them: alienation and isolation from the values of the majority, mainstream culture, which they view as an existential threat to their own community; and that their ideology is not exclusively "religious", as it attempts to achieve political, territorial, and nationalistic goals as well (e.g. the disruption of the Camp David accords). However, the newer of these Zionist terrorist groups have tended to emphasise religious motives for their actions at the expense of secular ones. In the case of Zionist terrorism in modern Israel, most networks consist of religious Zionists and ultra-Orthodox Jews living in isolated, homogeneous communities.

Israel's internal security service, *Shin Bet*, have long complained that the Israeli government is too lenient in dealing with religious extremism of Jewish extremists who want the creation of a Jewish land based on *halacha* (Jewish religious laws). It related to enforcement against those who violate restraining orders distancing them from the West Bank or restricting their movement, and this trend was particularly evident after the Benjamin Netanyahu first became Prime Minister in 1996. Since then, the court's responses have only increased in leniency against offenders, enabling a dramatic growth in the number of extremist groups and an escalation in terrorist activities.

Examples of Zionist Extremist and/or Terrorist Groups

1) Bnei David Academy

Bnei David Academy is a religious military prep-academy located in the illegal West Bank settlement of Eli, where young Jewish settlers are prepared to join Israel's military elite. Underpinned by supremacism (race superiority by genetics and biology), the radical rabbis (including Giora Radler and Eliezer Kashtiel) seek to increase the influence of religious Zionists within the army. Prominent Israeli government officials including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant periodically visit the academy, despite the inflammatory statements made by its rabbis, raising concern about the influence of religious Zionism within the Israeli army and the next generation of Israeli students. Many of its past students are currently serving in the Israeli army in its invasion of Gaza.

2) Shirat Moshe yeshiva

Shirat Moshe yeshiva is a Jewish religious school in the occupied city of Jaffa, which teaches extreme interpretations of *halacha* (Jewish religious laws). Mired in controversy, the school gained notoriety when the head of the school, Rabbi Eliyahu Mali, urged his IDF students to kill all Palestinians, including women, children, infants and the elderly.

3) Kach / Kahane Chai

Kach (meaning 'Thus') is a right-wing extremist political party based in Jerusalem and founded by radical American-Israeli Rabbi **Meir Kahane**. Following Meir Kahane's death in 1990, his son, **Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane**, founded Kahane Chai ('Kahane Lives'), based in Kfar Tapauch – an illegal settlement in the West Bank. Although both groups were banned in 1994, evidence over the years since then supports widespread claims that it remains active as an underground movement. The ban was introduced by the Israeli government after the parties were directly linked to several terrorist acts.

On February 25, 1994, **Baruch Goldstein**, a resident of the illegal settlement of Kiyat Arba near Hebron, entered a room in the *Cave of the Patriarchs* that was serving as a mosque. Dressed in Israeli military uniform, he opened fire on the 800 Palestinian Muslim worshippers praying during the month of Ramadan, killing 29 and wounding 125 worshippers, until he was beaten to death by survivors. Israeli police later discovered he had a long history of involvement with Zionist extremist groups, including the *Jewish Defence League* (JDL) - a militant Jewish organisation founded by his boyhood acquaintance Meir Kahane - and the Kach party. Goldstein's gravesite became a pilgrimage site for Jewish extremists.

Another Kach party associate, **Baruch Marzel**, repeatedly incited lethal violence against Palestinian Arabs and Israeli peace activists. Marzel was an Israeli politician and activist who had a long history of involvement with other Zionist extremist groups, including the *Jewish Defence League* (JDL). During the 2006 Israeli election campaign, Marzel called on the Israeli military to "carry out a targeted killing against (left-wing figure) **Uri Avnery** and his leftist collaborators". Avnery was a German-born Israeli writer, journalist, politician, and activist, who founded the *Gus Shalom* peace movement (see 'Additional Readings' section on **page 93** of this document).

Marzel has in the past advocated lethal violence towards homosexuals in Israel, calling for a religious war against them. He was also a central figure in the far-right Jewish supremacist organisation, *Lehava*, that strictly opposes Jewish assimilation.

Former *Kahane Chai* chief executive **Mike Guzofsky** continues to solicit funds in the United States, with the support of *American Kahanists*. **Avigdor Lieberman** – a former Minister in the Netanyahu government – has been accused of being a past member of Kach. A number of Kach followers, including **Ben-Zion Gopstein**, **Baruch Marzel**, **Michael Ben-Ari**, and **Itamar Ben-Gvir**, later became founding members and spokespeople for the segregationist *Lehava* movement. **Otzma Yehudit** is a Kahanist political party that includes many of the same followers, including Ben-Gvir and Marzel.

4) Lehava

Lehava (an acronym for the Hebrew phrase “Prevention of Assimilation in the Holy Land”), is a far-right and Jewish supremacist organisation based in Israel that strictly opposes Jewish assimilation, objecting to most personal relationships between Jews and non-Jews. It is also opposed to the Christian presence in Israel. It has an anti-miscegenation focus, denouncing marriages between Jews and non-Jews forbidden by Orthodox Jewish law. The group currently has over 10,000 members, with chapters in every city of Israel.

The CEO of Lehava, **Ben-Zion Gopstein**, is a political activist affiliated with the far-right in Israel and a former student of Meir Kahane at *Kach*. In 2015, leaked recordings of his conversations exposed his violent hatred for Christians, labelling them “bloodsucking vampires”, condoning the burning of Christian churches, calling for the banning of Christmas celebrations in Israel and advocating the expulsion of all Christians from Israel. He also routinely posted anti-LGBT comments, as well extremely abusive, racist, inflammatory, and violent statements against non-Jewish groups (Arabs, Christians, and other) on his Facebook page.

Revealing moments: Zionist Extremism and Zionist Terrorist Acts

1) VIDEO: Israel Extremists celebrate Palestinian child's death at wedding function (25 December 2015).

On 31 July 2015, Israeli settlers firebombed a Palestinian family home in the village of Duma – a West Bank village, killing three people. Eighteen-month-old Ali Dawabsheh was burned alive in the fire, while both his parents died from their injuries within weeks. Ali’s 4-year-old brother, Ahmad, was critically injured and rushed to an Israeli hospital, where he was kept for a year to recover. The perpetrators left graffiti in Hebrew on the gutted home which read: “Naqam” (“Revenge”) and “Yechi Hamelech Hamashiach” (“Long live the messiah”) - the motto of the messianist wing of the **Chabad-Lubavitch** movement, which believes that the late **Menachem Mendel Schneerson** “is the messiah and will return to rebuild the ancient kingdom and redeem the world” (see **pages 46-49** of this document).

Just three weeks after the terrorist act, a video emerged showing young Jewish extremists at a wedding celebrating the death of the Palestinian toddler Ali Dawabsheh. The wedding, which was attended by approximately 600 people, was hosted on 3 December 2015 in Jerusalem. The event became known locally and internationally as “the hate wedding”.

In the video, there is a large room full of Orthodox Jewish men, most of them with long side-locks, wearing white skullcaps (“kippah” or “yamaka”), jumping and dancing.

The wedding-goers danced with guns, knives and a mock Molotov cocktail. One of the extremists wore a T-shirt bearing the slogan “No Arabs, no terror attacks” and waving a yellow T-shirt bearing the clenched fist symbol of the banned **Kach** terror group founded by Meir Kahane. Dozens of the men led dances at the wedding where revellers sang songs calling for attacks on Palestinians, and stabbed large photos of the murdered toddler Ali Dawabsheh.

The crowd also chanted the lyrics of a song that include a Biblical verse from *Judges 16:28*, quoting Samson, blinded in Gaza, saying, “*Let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes*” - but changing the word “*Philistines*” to “*Palestinians*.”

Other songs called for destroying the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Several of the extremists in the video were soldiers in the Israeli Defence Force at the time, and at least one of them brought their military rifle which was used in the dances.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIJQLdG_Qvw&t=45s&ab_channel=SouthAsianTelevision

2) Video: Breakthrough News: Israel is a Racist, Supremacist State (13 October 2023).

Israel is regarded amongst human rights groups as one of the most racist countries in the world. While the Israeli government portrays the nation and its people as the victim, it ignores its racist, Jewish supremacist society that has been attempting to ethnically cleanse Palestine for decades. This video outlines how racism is at the core of Israel's national identity, and enables it to operate an apartheid system for decades.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JzGzyaUnz0&ab_channel=BreakThroughNews

3) Video: Prominent Israeli officials have made recent visits to this contentious religious military academy (6 March 2024).

"Yes, we are racists. We believe in racism."

Prominent Israeli government officials such as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant have recently made visits to *Bnei David* academy, a military preparatory school that has come under scrutiny in recent years due to inflammatory statements made by its rabbis, raising concern about the influence of religious/extreme Zionism within the Israeli army and the next generation of Israeli students.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5iqVM-ssCs&ab_channel=MiddleEastEye

4) Terror-rabbi exhorts Jews to commit genocide in Gaza (10 March 2024).

Israel's militant rabbi Eliyahu Mali called for mass killings in besieged Gaza, claiming it is *halacha* (Jewish religious law). Mali, who heads the extremist Shirat Moshe religious school in Israel where students serve in the military, says "there are no innocent people" in Gaza and all babies there must be killed. "In our mitzvah [holy] war, in our situation in Gaza, according to what the law says, 'Not every soul shall live', and the logic of this is very clear: if you do not kill them, they will kill you", Mali exhorts the audience. Israel has killed more than 30,800 Palestinians and wounded nearly 73,000 in its ongoing invasion of Gaza. Netanyahu's war on Gaza has pushed 85 percent of the population into internal displacement amid acute shortages of food, clean water, and medicine. Those who are not dying from war have begun losing their lives to deliberate starvation caused by the crippling siege on Gaza imposed by Israel from land, air and sea. Israel also blocks international food aid convoys from reaching the starving civilians.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dhJBzwzqek&ab_channel=TRTWorld

5) Beitar Jerusalem fans: 'Here we are, we're the most racist football team in the country' (24 November 2015).

Beitar Jerusalem is not just a football club, it is a symbol of right-wing Israel. Beitar's hardcore fans, *La Familia*, proudly sing songs proclaiming their racism. When Benjamin Netanyahu greeted the jubilant fans in the city square after winning the title in 1998, he did not condemn nor discourage the fans chanting "Death to the Arabs".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJOV_cN-JP8&ab_channel=TheGuardian

In context: The real Israel hiding behind the veneer of a “modern democracy”

1. Interview with Alon Mizrahi: Dehumanising Palestinians (15 March 2024).

Celebrated Israeli writer Alon Mizrahi explains how dehumanising Israel became normalised in Israel, drawing on his personal experiences growing up there. His eloquent explanation reveals how Israel has become tolerant, and even supportive, of Jewish extremists and Zionist terrorism groups.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoj7cpekuXo&ab_channel=AlonMizrahi

2. Interview with Alon Mizrahi: The Forgotten History of Arab Jews (15 April 2024).

Celebrated Israeli writer Alon Mizrahi explains how the Zionist movement erased the Arab-Jewish identity. His eloquent explanation reveals how Jewish supremacy was embedded into Israeli society, before morphing into Jewish white supremacy – to discriminate against non-white Jewish people.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QifMhFpIXk&ab_channel=AlonMizrahi

3. Do You Condemn Armed Palestinian Resistance? (4 November 2023).

“The world asks the Palestinians to suffer in silence, without protest, without resistance. That’s why the world only pays attention when violence breaks out. Unconscionable and deplorable violence for which Israel - as the oppressor - is ultimately responsible for.”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-vLx3FlwoA&ab_channel=Propaganda%26Co

4. An open Passover Seder at Columbia University (25 April 2024).

In this moving video on the grounds of Columbia University, many students - Jews, Arabs, Christians and others - hold a joint Passover Seder, a Feast of Liberty for all, calling for an end to the occupation and invasion of Gaza. In the weeks preceding this event, the university had been libelled in the Israeli media as the stronghold of campus anti-Semitism in the U.S. This is the definitive proof that opposition to successive Israeli governments' policies towards the Palestinians is not anti-Semitism, and that when there is no proper argument against the protesters, opponents resort to slander and lies. Unmistakably, there also exist critics of Israel who are blatantly anti-Semitic, lying, or ignorant, who must be forcefully resisted. But this is not the case at this university.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1783246682626400722>

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Recommended Books

Many of the books exposing the Zionist extremism and Zionist terrorism have been authored by members of the Jewish community, who brave the ostracism/alienation and pernicious repercussions, at the expense of publishing the truth. They include Noam Chomsky, Ilan Pappé, Norman Finkelstein, Seymour Hersch, Yoav Litvin and Antony Lowenstein.

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ROGUE STATE: ISRAEL'S FALSE-FLAG OPERATIONS

A '**false flag**' operation is a covert operation to create the false impression that an adversary bears responsibility for committing an illegal or heinous act. Israeli authorities – including Mossad, the national intelligence and secret service agency – have carried out false flag operations that risked wide-scale regional conflict – with potentially catastrophic consequences for other nations. Given Israel's history of false flag operations, the following questions are raised:

- How many false flag operations has Israel executed that have not been exposed ?
- Were the attacks on the United States on 11 September 2001 (known as '9/11') orchestrated by (or at least known to) the Israeli authorities - given the strategic benefits to Israel arising from the event ?

Outlined below are known false flag operations conducted by Israeli authorities – including Mossad, the national intelligence and secret service agency:

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5. The Assassination of JFK (1963).	Page 97.
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9. Al-Aqsa Flood (7 October 2023).	Page 115.

1. PATRIA DISASTER (1940)

The *Patria* disaster was the sinking on 25 November 1940 by the Jewish paramilitary organisation *Haganah* of a French-built ocean liner, the 11,885-ton SS *Patria*, in the port of Haifa, killing 267 people and injuring 172.

At the time of the sinking, *Patria* was carrying about 1,800 Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe whom the British authorities were deporting from Mandatory Palestine to Mauritius because they lacked entry permits. Zionist organisations opposed the deportation, and the underground paramilitary **Haganah** group planted a bomb intended to disable the ship to prevent it from leaving Haifa. The plotters of the operation were well aware of the risks to innocent Jews on-board the ship, but they were prepared to sacrifice any number of people to prevent the ship from leaving.

Additional Readings / Viewings

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2. KING DAVID HOTEL BOMBING (1946)

On 22 July 1946, members of the militant right-wing Zionist underground organisation **Irgun** entered the *King David Hotel* in Jerusalem disguised as Arab workmen and hotel waiters, and planted a bomb in the basement of the main building of the hotel, whose southern wing housed the Mandate Secretariat and a few offices of the British Military headquarters. The resulting explosion caused the collapse of the western half of the southern wing of the hotel. Ninety-one people of various

nationalities were killed, including Arabs, Britons and Jews, and 46 were injured. A number of the deaths and injuries occurred in the road outside the hotel and in adjacent buildings. It was the deadliest attack directed at the British during the Mandate era (1920–1948).

The primary motive of the bombing was to destroy documents incriminating the Jewish Agency in attacks against the British, which were obtained during **Operation Agatha**, a series of raids by mandate authorities. The secondary motive of the attack was to attribute the terrorist attack to the Palestinian Arabs and gain sympathy for the Zionist cause.

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July 22: A Pivotal Day in Terrorism History (22 July 2021).

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3. THE LAVON AFFAIR (1954)

The *Lavon affair* was a failed Israeli covert operation, code-named **Operation Susannah**, conducted in Egypt in the summer of 1954. As part of a false flag operation, a group of Egyptian Jews were recruited by Israeli military intelligence to plant bombs inside Egyptian-, American-, and British-owned civilian targets: cinemas, libraries, and American educational centres. The bombs were timed to detonate several hours after closing time. The attacks were to be blamed on the Muslim Brotherhood, Egyptian communists, "unspecified malcontents", or "local nationalists" with the aim of creating a climate of sufficient violence and instability to induce the British government to retain its occupying troops in Egypt's Suez Canal zone. The operation caused no casualties among the population, but resulted in the deaths of four operatives. The overseer of the operation allegedly informed the Egyptians, after which 11 suspected operatives were arrested. Two died by suicide after being captured, two were executed by the Egyptian authorities, two of them were acquitted at trial, and the remaining five received prison terms ranging from 7 years to life in prison.

The operation ultimately became known as the '*Lavon affair*' after the Israeli defence minister **Pinhas Lavon**, who was forced to resign as a consequence of the incident. Before Lavon's resignation, the incident had been euphemistically referred to in Israel as the '*Unfortunate Affair*' or '*The Bad Business*' (Hebrew: העסק הביש, *HaEsek HaBish*). Israel publicly denied any involvement in the incident until 2005, when the surviving agents were awarded certificates of appreciation by Israeli President Moshe Katsay.

The *Lavon Affair* triggered a chain of events that have had profound consequences for power relationships in the Middle East - the affair's effects still reverberate today. Those events included:

- a public trial and conviction of eight Egyptian Jews who carried out the covert operation, two of whom were subsequently executed;
- a retaliatory military incursion by Israel into Gaza that killed 39 Egyptians;
- a subsequent Egyptian-Soviet arms deal that angered American and British leaders, who then withdrew previously pledged support for the building of the Aswan Dam;
- the announced nationalisation of the Suez Canal by Prime Minister Nasser in retaliation for the withdrawn support, and
- the subsequent failed invasion of Egypt by Israel, France, and Britain in an attempt to topple Nasser. In the wake of that failed invasion, France expanded and accelerated its ongoing nuclear cooperation with Israel, which eventually enabled the Jewish state to build nuclear weapons.

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4. BAGHDAD BOMBINGS (1950–1951)

The 1950–1951 Baghdad bombings were a series of bombings of Jewish targets in Baghdad, Iraq, between April 1950 and June 1951. The targets included a synagogue, as well as Jewish owned businesses, venues and residences.

It is now widely accepted that the Israeli government and/or an Iraqi Zionist underground movement were responsible for the bombings – with the aim of encouraging Iraqi Jews to immigrate to Israel as part of the ongoing *Operation Ezra and Nehemiah*.

In 2023, Avi Shlaim - an historian of Jewish-Iraqi background, concluded on the basis of an Iraqi police report and recollections one of the original participants in the Iraqi Zionist underground confided to him in 2017, that Zionists had indeed been responsible for at least three of the five bombings.

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Historian and author Avi Shlaim details in his book, “Three Worlds: Memoirs of an Arab Jew” - through personal experience and historical analysis - the lies that this narrative is constructed upon.

3. The Arab Jew Experience Exposes the Myths of Middle Eastern Antisemitism: The Chris Hedges Report (14 August 2024).
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5. THE ASSASSINATION OF JFK (1963)

The extensive investigations and research that have been conducted into the Kennedy assassination confirm that it is impossible to ignore the significance of Israel and its intelligence agency, Mossad in the incident. Yet, that is exactly what has happened. The role of Israeli government also offers the most plausible theory of the current shortlist of suspects – both in terms of the capability and the motive to perform the assassination. Efforts to pursue further official investigations have been stonewalled by the U.S government as a result of the longstanding intervention of the powerful Israeli lobby group – namely AIPAC. Nonetheless, the circumstantial evidence is now very strong and points toward the assassination as one of the most audacious ‘false-flag’ operations ever conducted by Israel.

Given the intriguing number of Jewish-Americans associated with the key events leading up to and following the assassination of President Kennedy, it should be noted that the total population of Jewish-Americans around this period numbered approximately 4.75 million, or just 2.0% of the entire population of the United States.

- i) **Would a foreign government be willing to assassinate the U.S President if they believed it was crucial for the survival of their state ?**

Prior to the Kennedy administration, the Prime Minister of Israel David Ben-Gurion openly asserted that without nuclear weapons, Israel would not survive as a nation. U.S government suspicions around Israel’s nuclear weapons ambitions were already aroused in 1958, when

construction of a heavy-water nuclear reactor commenced in Dimona – an Israeli city in the Negev desert.

When John F. Kennedy became president in January 1961, he made it a priority to have U.S. scientists visit the Dimona complex regularly to confirm their suspicions that the Israelis aimed to develop nuclear weapons capabilities.

Following briefs by several of his key advisors, Kennedy repeatedly requested at first that neutral scientists observe the nuclear reactor in Dimona, Israel. He continued to push for this with CIA director, John McCone, until the U.S. was finally granted access – on the condition that the inspectors would not inspect the actual reactor, but its facilities instead. Regardless, the inspectors - two non-U.S. qualified scientists - were confident that they would be able to ascertain if nuclear weapons were being manufactured. However, during the May 1961 visit, the inspectors realised that the Israeli government set up a fake control room comprising mock control panels. On receiving the official report of that visit, Kennedy was quoted as saying, *“Those sons of bitches lie to me constantly about their nuclear capability”*.

The Kennedy administration maintained its pressure on the Ben-Gurion government – this time for U.S. inspectors to visit Dimona. It advised the Israeli Ambassador to the United States (**Avraham Harman**) that two U.S. Atomic Energy Commission scientists would be visiting Israel during the 25-28 September 1962 to inspect another smaller reactor, and requested a visit to Dimona also be arranged. Astonishingly, Harman’s response to the Kennedy administration conveyed “Israeli regret” that a decision could not be made until Ben-Gurion returned from a foreign trip at the end of that September.

However, on 26 September 1962, during the visit of the two U.S. scientists and without prior warning, Israeli officials took them to the Dimona facility where they were given a 40-minute tour of the site – in the absence of the centre’s director. These stage-managed tours only raised suspicions within U.S. intelligence that Israel was concealing its underlying nuclear aims. Kennedy stepped up the pressure on Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to prevent a military nuclear program.

In January 1963, Kennedy received U.S. intelligence (from the National Intelligence Estimate 30-63), which estimated that if the Dimona reactor “operated at its maximum capacity ... [it] could produce sufficient plutonium for one or two weapons a year.”

Tensions over the inspection demands began to grow in the spring and summer of 1963, when Kennedy engaged Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and then his successor, Levi Eshkol, in a battle of letters intended to force them to accept visits of U.S. scientists to Dimona on a twice-yearly basis. In a letter to the newly elected Prime Minister Levi Eshkol dated July 5, 1963 - just 9 days after taking office - Kennedy was clear with his demands, stating “commitment and support from the United States would be seriously jeopardised if the US government were prevented from obtaining reliable information on the Dimona reactor and Israel’s nuclear intentions”.

Twelve days later on 17 July 1963, Eshkol wrote to Kennedy that he needed to study the issue more before responding to Kennedy’s request for visits to Dimona. US Ambassador Barbour added that Eshkol verbally conveyed that he was “surprised” at Kennedy’s statement that US commitment to Israel might be jeopardised. Indicating Israeli defiance, Eshkol told the US Ambassador “Israel would do what it had to do for its national security and to safeguard its sovereign rights.”

On 19 August 1963, Eshkol wrote to Kennedy re-iterating the “peaceful purpose” of Dimona and ignoring the request for a summer inspection. He proposed the inspection take place “toward the end of 1963”.

On 26 August 1963, Kennedy wrote to Eshkol accepting the visit at year end but emphasising it needs to be done “when the reactor’s core is being loaded and before internal radiation hazards have developed.” Kennedy set these conditions because they were essential for determining whether the facility could be used for developing a nuclear weapon.

On 16 September 1963, the US State Department prepared a *Memorandum of Conversation* with a counsellor from the British Embassy. There was joint concern but agreement that Dimona would be visited and inspected “prior to the activation of the reactor.”

By the late summer of 1963 (i.e. around the end of September), Eshkol finally agreed for U.S. scientists to conduct “periodic visits” to the Dimona plant. Unbeknown to Kennedy, the Israeli government had hatched an audacious plan to assassinate him.

ii) **Additional motives for Israel to eliminate JFK**

Dimona was certainly Israel’s major reason for eliminating Kennedy and replacing him with Johnson (see ‘*Heir to the throne: LBJ and the succession planning integral to the assassination plot*’ section on **page 102** of this document).

But there were others. The Kennedy brothers were at the origin of a procedure to reduce the influence of the *American Zionist Council* (AZC) by the **Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938**. From the moment this initiative began in August 1962, the AZC unleashed an aggressive and covert campaign to counter the efforts of the Kennedy Administration. Just one example of the AZC’s influence in Capitol Hill is the letter from then Congressman **Donald Rumsfeld** to the U.S Attorney General (Robert F. Kennedy), dated 15 July 1963 (**Appendix 12**). Rumsfeld was a friend and co-conspirator of **Paul Wolfowitz**, **Douglas Feith** and **Richard Perle** – chief author of the manifesto titled ‘*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*’, which eventually became the blueprint for the US Policy in the Middle East. Thirty-eight years later, Donald Rumsfeld would become the US Secretary of Defence under the Bush Administration, and a key player in realising the strategic and sinister objectives of ‘*A Clean Break*’ manifesto (refer to ‘*A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm: Netanyahu’s Policy Blueprint to capture the United States*’ section on **pages 71-72** of this document).

Despite relentless pressure from the AZC and other US-based Zionist lobby groups, in October 1963 - just one month before JFK’s assassination - Attorney General Robert Kennedy gave the AZC a 72-hour notice to register as a “foreign agent.” After John Kennedy’s assassination, the AZC escaped this procedure, and its lobbying division, the *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* (or AIPAC), became the most powerful lobby in the United States, and an indispensable tool for the corruption and intimidation of American elected officials, and for the control of American foreign policy. For a chronology of events in the US Department of Justice’s failed pursuit of the *American Zionist Council*, refer to **Appendix 13**.

A third likely motive for the Dallas coup was Kennedy’s support for the Palestinian cause and his sympathy for Egyptian President Abdel Nasser. As late as 20 November, 1963, Kennedy’s representative at the United Nations demanded the implementation of Resolution 194 and the return of the 800,000 Palestinian refugees, causing strong protest in Israeli circles. After Kennedy’s death, American foreign policy in West Asia was radically reversed again, without the American public realising it. As a fervent Christian Zionist and one of the largest recipients of campaign funding from the Israeli Lobby groups, Johnson cut economic aid to Egypt and increased military aid to Israel to 92 million in 1966, more than the total of all previous years combined.

An example of the influence of the Israeli lobby group on the Johnson administration is his complicity in the cover-up of the attack on the *USS Liberty* in 1967 - see ‘*Bombing of the USS Liberty (1967)*’ section on **pages 106-113** of this document.

iii) **The assassination plot and the aftermath**

Israeli agents - informed by White House insiders - learned of a meeting in El Paso on the 5 June 1963 between Kennedy, Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, and the Governor of Texas, John Connally. At that meeting, it was agreed that Kennedy would travel to Texas for a two-day tour on 21-22 November 1963. The main purpose of the tour was to smooth over frictions in the state’s

Democratic Party between liberal U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough and the conservative Governor Connally, as well as assist Kennedy's quest for re-election.

Soon after confirmation of the Texas visit, Kennedy accepted an invitation by the local Jewish community to visit Dallas on the 22 November 1963. The visit was sponsored by the *Dallas Citizens Council*, which was directed by **Julius Schepps**, who was a member of the local B'nai B'rith organisation - the oldest and largest Jewish service organisation in the world, dedicated to the state of Israel. Kennedy wanted to maintain cordial relations with the Dallas Jewish community, particularly on Lyndon B Johnson's behalf - given that the Jewish lobby were large donors to Johnson's political campaign.

Another confirmed member of the local B'nai B'rith organisation - **Abraham Zapruder** - just so happened to be the person that filmed the assassination on his 8mm camera, accompanied by his receptionist, **Marilyn Sitzman**. Zapruda had a textile manufacturing business headquartered in the *Dallas Textiles* (Dal-Tex) building. According to ballistic studies, it was from the Dal-Tex Building where the first two shots were fired and missed. The building was owned by **David Weisblat**, one of the biggest financiers of the *Anti-Defamation League* (ADL), and **Morris Douglas Jaffe**, one of the biggest donors to Lyndon B Johnson.

The host committee that invited Kennedy to the event in Dallas was chaired by **Sam Bloom**. According to Dallas Police, it was Bloom who used his influence and aggressively pushed for the police to transfer Lee Harvey Oswald from the Dallas Police Station to the Dallas County Jail. Oswald was not supposed to get caught for the assassination of JFK, however - given the gravity of the act - there was a contingency plan in case he did. It was during that transfer that Jack Ruby shot Oswald. Jack Ruby's real name is **Jacob Leon Rubenstein**.

Following the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby was held in an isolation cell in police custody. In April of 1964, Dr **Louis Jolyon "Jolly" West** - a Jewish American psychiatrist - visited Jack Ruby in his isolation cell in a Dallas jail. Ruby was scheduled to testify before the Warren Commission investigating the JFK assassination, and West was appointed as Ruby's psychiatrist. According to West's written assessment, he found that Ruby was 'technically insane' - pronouncing him "psychotic and delusional" - and in need of immediate psychiatric hospitalisation (i.e. confinement to a mental institution). It was a conclusion that contradicted the views of all those who had been investigating Jack Ruby's background, as well as those who directly liaised with Ruby following his assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald. Furthermore, Ruby seemed perfectly sane to the people who knew him.

It would be discovered many years later that West concealed from the JFK investigators (including the Warren Commission) and the public that he was a longtime consultant and contractor for the *Central Intelligence Agency* (CIA). Moreover, he was a prominent figure in the CIA *MK-Ultra* mind-control project, which was headed by **Sidney Gottlieb** - a Jewish American chemist and spymaster referred to by insiders as the "poisoner in chief". Operating with impunity within the CIA, Gottlieb and West directed brutal experiments at secret prisons on three separate continents, and administered powerful hallucinogenic drugs to participants without their knowledge.

This revelation validated the concerns expressed by various authorities at the time of West's appointment - including their assertions that there were more appropriately qualified psychiatrists to evaluate the state of Jack Ruby's mind who were astonishingly overlooked.

West was alone with Ruby in his jail cell when he emerged to report Ruby suffered an "acute psychotic break". Ultimately, Ruby's testimony before the commission succeeded in only making him appear deranged. He could never fully explain why he decided to kill Oswald.

During Jack Ruby's trial, the judge (Joe Brantley Brown) - who had spent many hours in the court observing him - commented that he never witnessed anything resembling the behaviour West described. Suspicions and accusations arose that West had tampered with Ruby, including pharmacologically. When Dr. Jay Shurley - a neuropsychiatrist and 45-year friend and colleague of West who worked with him at Lackland Airforce Base and the University of Oklahoma - was

later asked in an interview whether West could have accepted an assignment from the CIA (or other agency) to scramble Ruby's mind, Shurley responded that his "gut feeling would be yes. He would be capable of that."

It was also discovered that West had extensive expertise in hypnosis and intravenous sodium pentothal - a barbiturate claimed to be a 'truth serum'. Despite the widely held theory that truth serum is used to extract truthful statements from people about their past experiences, it is known to drive people to empty their memories into a narrative statement. In other words, while it may make people feel like talking, it also places them in a state of extreme suggestibility and manipulation.

When Jack Ruby was asked by his rabbi, **Hillel Silverman**, why he killed Oswald, Ruby reportedly answered that he "did it for the Jewish people". Similarly, his defence lawyer, **William Kunstler**, claims Ruby told him that his motive was "to protect American Jews from a pogrom that could occur because of anger over the assassination".

Other confirmed sources asserted Ruby had claimed from his jail cell that a "cabal" was responsible for JFK's murder. Ruby was sentenced to death for the murder of Oswald, however the Texas Court of Appeals overturned his death sentence and was scheduled to grant him a new trial. Ruby died of cancer in 1967 before that could occur.

Researchers of the Warren Commission have consistently expressed bewilderment at the circumstances surrounding the management of Jack Ruby following his assassination of Oswald, including West's appointment as Ruby's psychiatrist, and his 'convenient' assessment of Ruby.

Immediately following Kennedy assassination, the Dimona reactor went critical (i.e. when a nuclear chain reaction becomes self-sustaining and the nuclear reactor is operating at steady-state), and Israel was in possession of nuclear weapons within 18 months of the JFK assassination.

Lyndon B Johnson - who replaced Kennedy - was a fervent Christian Zionist and – as one of the largest recipients of campaign funding from the Israeli Lobby groups - perhaps the most pro-Israel politician on Capitol Hill at that time. It would later be revealed that – under pressure from the same Zionist Lobby groups - he ordered the cover-up of the attack by Israel on the US naval spy ship (USS Liberty) during the Six-Day War in 1967. Just nine months after the *USS Liberty* incident, Johnson announced his retirement, citing privately the "unrelenting" pressure and interference from the Israel Lobby as a major factor in his decision.

iv) Was Lee Harvey Oswald coerced by Israeli agents ?

The declassification of Kennedy documents - released in July 2023 - revealed that the mail of Lee Harvey Oswald was routinely opened for up to 17 months before the JFK assassination by **Reuben Efron**, a lieutenant colonel in the US Army and a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania.

An investigation into Efron reveals he not only worked as a spy, but had a deep knowledge of the spies in Jewish tradition, and he commuted between Israel and the United States for many years, before his death on 22 November 22, 1993 in Jerusalem – 30 years to the day after Kennedy's assassination.

Around the time of Efron's death, interest also grew around the childhood friendship between **Efraim "Fred" O'Sullivan** and Lee Harvey Oswald. O'Sullivan was a close friend of Oswald's, growing up just half a block away from each other in New Orleans and sitting together as classmates through junior High School (Beauregard Jr. HS). Around that time, O'Sullivan was a cadet in the *Civil Air Patrol* (CAP), which was conducting a recruitment drive. O'Sullivan recruited Oswald to join the CAP, and it was suspected that they maintained contact throughout their adult years. On 7 April 1964, O'Sullivan testified before the Warren Commission, following an invitation from investigators who uncovered their relationship. At the hearing, O'Sullivan mentioned Oswald had liaised with members of the "The Mob" (Mafia), and although he had no evidence to support his assertion, he reiterated that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman in the assassination.

It was revealed only after O'Sullivan's death on 20 February, 2005 that he not only had links with the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, but had also worked with them on several operations. His son, Arie O'Sullivan is an ex-Israeli soldier and author, now living in Agur – a village located in central Israel. Many researchers now believe that the JFK assassination was an Israeli 'false-flag' operation, and O'Sullivan was complicit, with one of his roles to help link "The Mob" (American Mafia) and the Cuban government to Kennedy's death. This was a means to divert attention from both the role and the motives of the Israeli government.

v) Heir to the throne: LBJ and the succession planning integral to the assassination plot

Given the scale of the covert operation and the potential ramifications of a presidential assassination, the scheme could not have been coordinated without succession planning to ensure JFK would be replaced with a staunch Pro-Israel leader and administration.

Vice President Lyndon B Johnson was the perfect solution to the Zionists woes, and made the assassination plot all the more a certainty. Hailing from a family of Christian Zionists, much has been documented regarding LBJ's support for Israel and the Zionist movement, however few are aware of his family relations with the global Jewish community spanning generations.

A key resource for uncovering LBJ's pro-Jewish activity is the unpublished 1989 doctoral thesis by University of Texas student **Louis Gomolak**, "Prologue: LBJ's Foreign Affairs Background, 1908-1948." Johnson's activities were confirmed by other historians in interviews with his wife, family members and political associates. Research into Johnson's personal history indicates that he inherited his concern for the Jewish people from his family. His aunt **Jessie Johnson Hatcher**, who was the matriarch of the Johnson clan and a major influence on LBJ, was a member of the *Zionist Organisation of America* (ZOA). According to Gomolak, Aunt Jessie had nurtured LBJ's commitment to befriending Jews for 50 years. As a young boy, Lyndon watched his politically active grandfather "**Big Sam**" and father "**Little Sam**" seek clemency for Leo Frank, the Jewish victim of a blood libel in Atlanta.

Johnson's attitude towards Jewish people was also largely influenced by the religious beliefs that his grandfather shared with him. As a Christadelphian (member of the Christadelphian church) **Samuel Ealy Johnson Sr.** believed that the Jews are God's chosen people. LBJ recounted how his grandfather had once said to him, "Take care of the Jews, God's chosen people. Consider them your friends and help them any way you can."

Among Johnson's closest advisers throughout his entire political career were several strong pro-Israel advocates, including **Benjamin Cohen** (who 30 years earlier was the liaison between Supreme Court justice **Louis Brandeis** and **Chaim Weizmann**) and **Abe Fortas**, the legendary Washington "insider". Johnson's concern for the Jewish people continued through his presidency. Soon after taking office in the aftermath of John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963, Johnson told an Israeli diplomat, "You have lost a very great friend, but you have found a better one." Just one month after succeeding Kennedy, LBJ attended the December 1963 dedication of the **Agudas Achim Synagogue in Austin, Texas**.

vi) J Edgar Hoover and the FBI investigation of the JFK assassination

Following the assassination of JFK and his immediate appointment as the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson (L.B.J) was determined not to have Israel implicated in the incident. One of his primary concerns was the FBI's policing technology and forensic capabilities – coupled with the fact that its Director (J. Edgar Hoover) personally directed the FBI investigation of the assassination. Moreover, Hoover had been among those to advocate for the establishment of the Warren Commission.

To complicate the matters, it was well known in political circles that the Kennedy Administration (particularly L.B.J) held strongly unfavourable views of the FBI director, and welcomed his

impending retirement: Hoover was 69 years of age at that time, and the mandatory U.S. Government Service Retirement Age was 70.

However, in 1964 - just days before Hoover testified in the earliest stages of the Warren Commission hearings - President Lyndon B. Johnson waived the mandatory U.S. Government Service Retirement Age of 70, allowing Hoover to remain the FBI Director "for an indefinite period of time". This was an astonishing turn-around in the position held by the L.B.J and the Kennedy's. Soon after - and faced with a suspicious public - Hoover wrote to White House aide Walter Jenkins that "*the thing I am concerned about is having something issued so that we can convince the public that Oswald is the real assassin*". The deficiencies in the investigation of the JFK assassination were so significant, the House Select Committee on Assassinations issued a report in 1979 critical of the performance by the FBI, the Warren Commission, and other agencies. In particular, the report criticised the FBI's (Hoover's) reluctance to investigate thoroughly the possibility of a conspiracy to assassinate the President. Hoover remained Director of the FBI until his death in 1972 – aged 77 years.

vii) The Warren Commission and the propagation of false narratives

A central figure in the JFK assassination was **James Jesus Angleton**, who was the Mossad liaison for the CIA and head of the CIA Israel office. He was later exposed as a mole who helped facilitate and cover up the entire operation, including maintaining the Oswald file leading up to the JFK assassination, and preventing the *Warren Commission* from accessing it. He was also accused for being acquiescent to Israel in obtaining enriched uranium, and assisted the Mossad to spy on Arab-Americans under 'Operation CHAOS'.

The *Warren Commission*, established under the Johnson administration to investigate the JFK assassination, was stacked with JFK's detractors and Zionists, including **Arlen Specter**, who conceived and pushed the "magic bullet" theory.

The CIA and Cuba narratives were pre-empted by American-Jewish Israeli agents (Zionists) to divert attention away from Israel and the Mossad. Examples include:

- **Mark Lane** (born Mark Levin), who placed the spotlight on the FBI and the CIA in his book '*Rush to Judgement*' – published in 1966.
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- The movie '*JFK*' – released in 1991 – placed its focus on the CIA and Cuba, with no mention of Israel and Mossad, despite the overwhelming circumstantial evidence. The film was directed by **Oliver Stone**, with **Arnon Milchan** as the Executive Producer. In 2013 Milchan revealed that he was an Israeli secret agent and arms dealer, credited with obtaining krytrons for Israel to be used as nuclear weapon triggers (refer to '*Case Study 2: JFK*' (1991)' section on **page 80** of this document).
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6. BOMBING OF THE USS LIBERTY (1967)

Background

On 8 June 1967, during the Six-Day War, the *USS Liberty* spy ship was attacked by Israeli Air Force jet fighter aircraft and Israeli Navy motor torpedo boats. Investigations revealed the incident was a deliberately-staged **false-flag** operation. Thirty-four crew members were killed and one hundred and seventy-one were wounded. The investigators concluded Israel sought to sink the *USS Liberty* and blame the attack on Egypt, with the intention to catapult the United States into the ongoing Six-Day War - alongside Israel. Former US Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara, former CIA Director Richard Helms, former head of the Israeli Navy Admiral Shlomo Errell, and many *USS Liberty* survivors, including Captain William L McGonagle, were interviewed during the investigations and confirmed the attack was deliberate.

Given the intriguing number of Jewish-Americans associated with the key events leading up to and following the bombing of the *USS Liberty* in 1967, it should be noted that the total population of Jewish-Americans around this period numbered approximately 4.75 million, or just 2.0% of the entire population of the United States.

Today, fears remain amongst diplomats that Israel would attempt further false-flag operations - with the intention to bring the United States into conflict alongside it, and provide Israel with the green-light to use its nuclear weapons.

The attack

At the beginning of the attack, the Liberty's radiomen and electronic technicians attempted to send a 'May-day'. Their SOS did not identify the attacker, as it was unknown at that time. The transmission antenna had been damaged during the initial stages of the attack, but a makeshift antenna was rigged and calls for help were sent. The distress signals were jammed by the attackers, but eventually the calls for back-up were received and, about 15 minutes into the Israeli air attack, the Sixth Fleet aircraft carrier *USS Saratoga* responded by launching fighter aircraft to assist *Liberty*. Although the crew wouldn't learn of it until later, the rescue flights were aborted within minutes after launch.

Ernest ("Ernie") Gallo, who was a *Communications Technician Petty Officer 2nd Class* (CT2) at the time of the attack, claimed the White House recalled all aircraft, abandoning the *USS Liberty* and subjecting her to an additional hour of an Israeli "turkey shoot". Rear Admiral Raymond Geis, Sixth Fleet Carrier Division Commander, challenged the order by the White House, as was his right and responsibility in this situation. Astonishingly, the White House reaffirmed the order to recall all aircraft despite Liberty's plea for help. Although Gallo did not personally hear the exchange, he and other crew members quoted President Johnson's reported command: "Recall the damn planes. I don't care who dies...I'm not going to embarrass my allies." The supercarrier warship *USS America* was able to communicate with Washington D.C., and had an open line with President Johnson and Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara. Bob Casale, who reported to Liberty in 1964 as a CT2, confirmed the order to recall the United States strike force was given by McNamara. Although he was not aboard during the attack, he conducted considerable research and estimates the air attack was ending at about the same time U.S. jets left the *USS Saratoga*. Casale and many of his shipmates believe that if the U.S. jets had not been recalled, they would have arrived on the scene about the same time Israeli torpedo boats were posturing for their attack on Liberty. They contend that, if the American jets had been deployed as originally ordered, the 25 deaths that resulted from the torpedo blast would likely have been prevented.

The Aftermath

Following President Johnson's reported command, a directive circulated amongst senior government officials to "sink the boat", so that journalists would be unable to take photographic evidence, and therefore avoid enflaming public opinion against Israel. However, the directive was eventually

retracted, as the destroyers *USS Saratoga* and *USS Massey*, together with the cruiser *USS Little Rock*, arrived to assist the *USS Liberty*.

The ship was brought to Malta where major cosmetic repairs were performed for the awaiting press in the US. *National Security Agency* (NSA) agents visited victim families and instructed them not to talk to the press.

According to Tom Hughes, the then Director of the *Bureau Intelligence and Research*, President Johnson divulged Israel's attack on the *USS Liberty* to *Newsweek* magazine - off the record. Declassified Israeli documents revealed that Jewish organisations and the Israeli embassy described this leak as "gross anti-semitism" and "blood libel". Hughes also stated that Johnson was reminded of the "Jewish vote" for the upcoming 1968 elections: *"There was a campaign mounted to see what could be done about returning Johnson to his normal, predictable pro-Israeli position. Efforts were to be made to remind the President of the delicacy of his own position, that he personally might lose support for his run for re-election in 1968."*

Former US Navy and NSA director, Bobby Ray Inman was quoted: *"They know if he is thinking about running again he's going to need money for his campaign. So alleging that he's 'blood-libelling' is going to arouse the Jewish donors."* According to Inman, Israel hired lawyers, some of which had close connections to Johnson.

Just one week after the *USS Liberty* attack, the *Washington Post* released a piece on the importance of the Jewish vote, claiming that 169 of the 270 electoral votes required to win the White House were dependent on the "Jewish vote".

Tom Hughes also revealed that much of the pressure from Jewish organisations over the Vietnam war was significantly reduced in return for Johnson's cover up: *"They were suddenly becoming more silent on Vietnam. Soon Johnson did respond, and took a much more lenient line and wished that the whole incident could be put behind us as soon as possible."*

In a signed affidavit released at a Capitol Hill news conference, retired Captain Ward Boston said Johnson and McNamara told those heading the Navy's inquiry to "conclude that the attack was a case of 'mistaken identity' despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary." Boston was senior legal counsel to the Navy's original 1967 review of the attack. He said in the sworn statement that he stayed silent for years because he's a military man, and "when orders come...I follow them."

In an unprecedented act - and in direct contravention of protocol - medals were later given to the ships senior staff by Pentagon officials in the Pentagon, instead of being invited to the White House and presented by the U.S President.

The 'Jewish Donors'

Not only was the threat of the "Jewish vote" hanging over Johnson's head (just like the presidents before him from the turn of the century), there was also "Jewish money". Most Jewish donors - such as **Abraham Feinberg** and **Arthur B. Krim** - were Zionists and therefore strong supporters of Israel.

Feinberg was president of the *American Bank & Trust Company* of New York and the man whose activities started a process of systematic fund-raising for politics (in the late 1940s) that has made Jews the most conspicuous fund-raisers and contributors to the Democratic Party. Johnson routinely consulted Feinberg on Middle East policy. Although an American, Feinberg at various times owned the *Coca-Cola* franchise in Israel and was a part-owner of the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. When his bank fell into trouble in the 1970s and two of its officers were convicted of misappropriating funds, the Israeli Bank Leumi Company, in a generous act of reverse aid, purchased Feinberg's *American Bank & Trust Company*.

Arthur Krim was president of United Artists Corporation of Hollywood, a New York attorney and another major Democratic fund-raiser. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Party Finance Committee and chairman of the President's Club of New York, the most potent source of Johnson's campaign funds. Krim was married to a physician, Mathilde, who in her youth had served

as an agent for the **Irgun** (the Jewish terrorist group led by Menachem Begin), and remained a member thereafter.

The Krims and John F Kennedy (JFK)

To forge a more potent connection with Washington, MCA President (and Ronald Reagan mentor) **Lew Wasserman** worked closely with Arthur Krim who helped organise a 1962 birthday party for President Kennedy at Madison Square Garden, where Marilyn Monroe sang a breathless rendition of Happy Birthday, followed by an all-night party at Krim's Upper East Side town house. The success of the event (it brought in more than \$1 million) led Krim to create a "President's Club" promising a chance to meet the President for \$1,000 per person.

Wasserman brought the President's Club to Hollywood with a June 1963 '\$1,000 per plate' dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, just when Kennedy was pressuring Tel Aviv for inspections of its nuclear facilities at Dimona.

After Kennedy was assassinated just five months later in November, Wasserman-led fundraising raised more money for Lyndon Johnson than had ever been raised for a Democrat in California.

The Nest of Israeli Spies

The influence of Israel's supporters was very pervasive during Johnson's tenure, such that CIA Director Richard Helms believed that there was no important U.S. secret affecting Israel that the Israeli government did not know about in this period.

"Everyone around me, without exception was pro-Israel," Halsell recalled. She identified more than a dozen close advisers to Johnson, including:

- **Walt Rostow** - former Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Major, his national security adviser;
- **Eugene Rostow** - brother of Walt Rostow, serving as undersecretary of State for Political Affairs;
- Former Supreme Court Justice **Arthur Goldberg**, then serving as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations;
- White House counsel **Leo White** and **Jake Jacobsen** were like-wise pro-Israel;
- Key speechwriters **Richard Goodwin**, and **Ben Wattenberg**, whose parents moved to the U.S. from Palestine.
- Domestic Affairs adviser **Larry Levinson**;
- **John Roche**, an avid Zionist and Johnson's intellectual-in-residence.
- **Arthur Krim**, who also served as finance committee chairman for the Democratic Party (under Kennedy) when Johnson was its leader. Jewish contributors accounted for more than half the funds raised.
- The aforementioned Israeli spy **Abe Feinberg** and *Balfour Declaration* conspirator **Benjamin Cohen**.

Thanks to these people and others, the Israeli government was able to constantly able to shift its story to counter whatever new intelligence the White House received, according the classified documents released.

To protect their contacts' identity, the Israelis used codenames in their communications with them. The Al-Jazeera documentary "The Day Israel Attacked America" however, revealed for the first time the identities of four of these pro-Israeli eyes and ears inside the Johnson administration:

- "Hamlet" was **Abe Feinberg**, one of the most influential fundraisers ever in Democratic Party politics, an Israeli spy, and US coordinator for funding the Israeli nuclear program;
- "Menashe" was **Arthur Goldberg**, the U.S ambassador to the United Nations;

- “Harari” was **David Ginsberg**, a prominent Washington lawyer who represented the Israeli embassy;
- “Ilan” was Supreme Court Justice **Abe Fortas**, a long-time Johnson confidant who had dined with the President on the eve of the Six-Day War.

According to the documentary, it was Arthur Goldberg (“Menashe”) who supplied Israel with the key intelligence. Goldberg warned the Israelis that the U.S. had an audio tape that confirmed the Israeli pilots knew the Liberty was an American ship before they attacked.

As a political confidante and close friend to Johnson, Abe Fortas also represented Bobby Baker, Johnson’s senior aide when the future President served as Senate Majority Leader. Baker was closely tied to (Jewish) mafia figures, including **Meyer Lansky**.

President Kennedy was sufficiently upset by the **Bobby Baker** scandal that he told his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, he was planning to replace Johnson with Florida Senator George Smathers as his running mate in 1964. Baker was also alleged to have been involved in a blackmail scheme against members of Congress when he threw lavish parties and supplied girls. Among those girls were alleged Soviet spies.

It would not be until 1986 – under the *Freedom of Information Act* – that the extent of Israeli espionage against the U.S throughout the Kennedy-Johnson administration and would be revealed. One excerpt of the report (titled ‘The Israeli Account’) reveals the insubordinate culture of Jewish-American White House officials and associates, breaching national security protocols and relaying intelligence to Israeli agents:

“An FBI wiretap at the Israeli Embassy in Washington picks up **Richard Perle**, an aide to Democrat Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson, discussing classified information with an Israeli official. This is the second time Perle has been involved in providing classified information to Israel. This data was given to Perle by National Security Council staff member **Helmut “Hal” Sonnenfeldt**, who has been under investigation since 1967 for providing classified documents to the Israelis.”

Another section underlines the methods by which Israel gathers its intelligence:

“Some of the CIA’s information came from Jewish-Americans who, after visiting Israel, came to believe Israel was developing weapons that required a supply of highly enriched uranium, according to sources who studied the matter in the late 1970’s. Dale recalls that two Jewish-Americans, one a scientist, came to the embassy in Tel Aviv to report their dismay at what they had seen in Israel and their dismay over Israel’s requests that they not tell US officials. These two Americans, Dale recalls, said Israelis had told them that “*their first loyalty, as Jews, [should be] to Israel.*””

Israel’s Coercion of the United States Government

In the lead-up to the Six-Day War, Fortas emerged as a back-channel between the Israeli embassy and the White House. He had known Israeli Ambassador **Avraham Harman** since the ambassador’s arrival in Washington in 1959. During Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion’s visit to the U.S. in March 1960, Fortas sponsored a breakfast at his home attended by Harman and Johnson - who was then Senate Majority Leader.

Fortas’ biographer conceded: “For several weeks before the crisis erupted into war, the Israeli ambassador was ‘in very frequent contact’ with Fortas and regularly visited the justice at his chambers or his house.” Fortas also attended a critical White House strategy meeting on the Middle East on 26 May 1967 - 10 days before the war began. When it came to Israel, Fortas was far from a neutral adviser. “When they get back from Egypt,” a law clerk in his office overheard Justice Fortas say, “I’m going to decorate my office with Arab foreskins.” Throughout the six days of war, Middle East experts met daily with Johnson in the Cabinet Room. Justice Fortas attended each meeting.

Arthur Krim and his wife Mathilde were constantly at Johnson's side leading up to and during the war. They even had a room at the White House in which Mathilde Krim was present the day the war started.

Johnson was at Camp David preparing a speech that he would give on Monday, 12 June 1967, "which was to establish the nation's official policy in the Middle East." Johnson read drafts of his speech during dinner with the Krims and others on Saturday evening, "inserting additions and making changes, also accepting comments and suggestions from all at the table," according to notes in the Presidential Daily Diary.

Mathilde Krim advised Johnson that he could "salvage" the situation if he made a "very strong statement." She stayed at the White House during much of the 1967 war and was a regular caller at the Israeli Embassy, passing reports and gossip back-and-forth. The Krims, like other Johnson friends, did not hesitate to advise the president on Middle East policy. Thus, as two passionate partisans of Israel, the Krims helped Johnson refine what was later called the "five great principles of peace," the pillars of U.S. policy in the Middle East for the next two decades.

After Johnson delivered the speech on 19 June 1967, he received a report of an enthusiastic phone call from Abe Feinberg saying that the Jewish community was delighted with the speech. "Mr. Feinberg said he had visited with Israelis and Jewish leaders all over the country and they are high in their appreciation."

What was the punishment for the attack on the USS Liberty?

In 1968 Congress increased its aid to Israel by 450 percent. Military aid jumped from \$7 million in 1967 to \$25 million in 1968. The US also agreed to sell Israel 50 Phantom fighter bombers.

Military aid increased from \$140 million in 1968-1970 to \$1.15 billion in 1971-1973. And in 1973, after the Yom Kippur War, Congress passes \$2.2 billion in emergency financial aid, and increased military aid 800 percent.

Conclusion

Summarily, the US had warned Israel to not begin the military assault on any Arab nation, yet Israel launched this land grab mission to create a *Greater Israel*. When the assault began, the White House made desperate efforts to appear neutral, and cover up for Israel launching an unprovoked attack.

Johnson's White House was a nest of Zionist spies. During his tenure, unelected "advisers" were relaying intelligence on what Johnson had proposed to do - with or without his knowledge - so that Israel could get their story straight. Chief fundraisers in the Democrat Party were long-time spies who had been grooming past (and future) US presidents - going back to the 1940's. One, Abe Feinberg, was even in charge of the US side of the Israeli nuclear program which involved setting up and stealing from a uranium plant set up in the US. Another (Mathilde Krim) was an "ex" Irgun member, who swanned about the White House and Johnson's ranch providing him "advice".

The US government knew from the day the *USS Liberty* was attacked that it was a false-flag operation – a deliberate, calculated attempt to sink a US Navy ship and an attempt to kill all on board. When that failed, the cover-up was on, and many senior personnel within the US government played a significant role in it, including U.S Admiral John Sidney McCain Jr. - the father of Senator John McCain. This included physically covering up the scars of the merciless attack from the world's press, while the remains of the dead sailors were still meshed with shrapnel in the hull, to threatening the sailors themselves and putting a gag order on their families.

To this end, the 'Jewish vote' and 'Jewish donors' threat was used. The unelected Zionist wing of the U.S shadow government swarmed around Johnson even more than usual. The result was not only the covering up of the war crimes committed, but also changing US policy towards the Middle East to overwhelmingly favour Israel - as weapons flowed and monetary aid was quadrupled the following year. Ultimately, the next batch of unelected Zionists slid into position around the next president.

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In 1967, at the height of the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War, the Israeli Air Force launched an unprovoked attack on the USS Liberty, a US Navy spy ship that was monitoring the conflict from the safety of international waters in the Mediterranean.

Israeli jet fighters hit the vessel with rockets, cannon fire and napalm, before three Israeli torpedo boats moved in to launch a second more devastating attack. Though she did not sink, the Liberty was badly damaged. Thirty-four US servicemen and civilian analysts were killed, another 171 were wounded.

Later Israel apologised for what it claimed to be a tragic case of mistaken identity. It said that it had believed the ship to be hostile Egyptian naval vessel. US President Lyndon Johnson was privately furious but publicly the White House chose not to challenge the word of its closest Middle East ally and accepted that the attack had been a catastrophic accident.

However, as this exclusive Al Jazeera investigation reveals, fresh evidence throws new light on exactly what happened that fateful day – and the remarkable cover up that followed.

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The influence of Israel's operatives – including Zionist lobby groups - was so pervasive during President Johnson's tenure, that CIA Director Richard Helms believed that there was no important U.S. secret relating to Israel that the Israeli government did not know about in this period. Israel's influence inside the White House was nothing short of extraordinary. Many of President Johnson's closest friends and advisers were pro-Israeli, and they reported back to Tel Aviv on his every move. This enabled the Israeli government to constantly shift its story to counter whatever new intelligence the White House received.

White House insiders claim the attack on the *USS Liberty* on 8 June 1967 and the aftermath in dealing with the Israel lobby took a toll on President Johnson, to the extent that it was a major factor in his decision to announce his pending retirement just nine months later on 31 March 1968.

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7. JUNDALLAH ASSASSINATIONS IN IRAN (2000-2016)

Buried deep in the archives of America's intelligence services are a series of memos, written during the last years of President George W. Bush's administration (2000-2008), that describe how Israeli Mossad officers recruited operatives belonging to the terrorist group *Jundallah* by passing themselves off as American agents. According to two U.S. intelligence officials, the Israelis, flush with American dollars and toting U.S. passports, posed as CIA officers in recruiting *Jundallah* operatives - what is commonly referred to as a "false flag" operation.

Jundallah is a Pakistan-based Sunni extremist organisation responsible for assassinating Iranian government officials and killing Iranian women and children. What was all the more extraordinary about the brazen act by Israel is that its ally the United States barred even the most incidental contact with *Jundallah*. This policy was not only ignored by Israel's Mossad, they intentionally withheld their intelligence from the United States - knowingly placing American lives at risk.

Many reports cited Israel as the architect of the covert campaign against Iran, which includes assassinations such as the motorcyclist in Tehran who slipped a magnetic explosive device under the car of Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, a young Iranian nuclear scientist. The explosion killed Roshan, making him the fourth scientist assassinated between 2010 and 2012.

Israel's relationship with *Jundallah* infuriated the Bush administration until the day it left office. Furthermore, Israel's activities jeopardised the administration's fragile relationship with Pakistan, which was coming under intense pressure from Iran to crack down on *Jundallah*. It also undermined U.S. claims that it would never fight terror with terror, and invited attacks in kind on U.S. personnel.

Additional Readings / Viewings

1. False Flag: Jundallah (13 January 2012).
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2012/01/13/false-flag/>
2. Foreign Policy: Israeli Spies Claim To Be American (13 January 2012).
<https://www.npr.org/2012/01/13/145175637/foreign-policy-israeli-spies-claim-to-be-american>

8. 9/11: THE DANCING ISRAELIS

In September 2001, *The New York Times* and Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported that approximately four hours after the '9/11' attack on the Twin Towers in New York, the FBI arrested five Israelis who had been filming the smoking skyline from the roof of a white van in the parking lot of an apartment building, for "puzzling behaviour". They were charged with illegally residing in the United States and working without permits. The Israelis (**Paul Kurzberg**, **Sivan Kurzberg**, **Oded Ellner**, **Omer Marmari**, and **Yaron Shmuel**) were said to have pulled into the parking lot just after the destruction of the first tower and videotaped the remainder of the disaster with what was described by witnesses as cries of "joy and mockery". A search of the van by police revealed \$4,700 in hidden cash, along with foreign passports and a box-cutter which aroused suspicions and led to the detention of the occupants. The men were held in detention for more than 2 months, during which time they were subjected to interrogation and polygraph tests, before being deported back to Israel. One of the men (Paul Kurzberg) refused to take the test for 10 weeks, and then failed it.

All five men worked at the company *Urban Moving Systems Inc*, owned and operated by **Dominik Suter** and his wife **Ornit Levinson-Suter** - both dual citizens of the US and Israel. After the men were arrested, the FBI searched their offices and questioned Suter.

However, a month after the 9/11 attacks, and just as suspicions against the 'Dancing Israelis' were dissipating, their cover story took a turn for the worse. On 13 September 2001, armed with a warrant, the FBI searched the Weehawken, New Jersey offices of *Urban Moving Systems*, seized fifteen computers and assorted external hard drives and floppy discs, and questioned the business owner, Dominik Suter. On 12 October 2001, when local police returned to Urban's offices, they found that the building and all of its contents had been abandoned by the owners of *Urban Moving Systems* - who had fled to Israel. Even more intriguing, the following May (2002), the names of Urban's owners - Dominik Suter and Ornit Levinson-Suter - were featured on the FBI's '9/11 Suspect List', right beside those of Mohammed Atta and his fellow hijackers.

But in an astonishing twist the following year, Dominik and Ornit returned to the United States, where they retained their citizenship. Agency officials who were previously in pursuit of the dual citizen couple were at a loss to explain how they were able to return and be provided with immunity from prosecution. Since that time - with the exception of a single year spent back in Israel from 2013 to 2014 - the Suters and their now-adolescent sons have resided in the United States. They have refused interview requests and have not spoken about the 'Dancing Israelis' and *Urban Moving Systems* since.

According to a former CIA chief of operations for counter-terrorism Vince Cannistrato, there was speculation that *Urban Moving Systems* may have been a front for an intelligence operation investigating fund-raising networks channelling money to **Hamas** and **Islamic Jihad**. On 15 March 2002, *The Forward* (an American media organisation for a Jewish American audience) claimed that the FBI concluded that the van's driver, **Paul Kurzberg**, and his brother **Sivan**, were indeed **Mossad** operatives, who were in America "spying on local Arabs". ABC news cited this report on 21 June 2002, adding that the FBI had concluded that the five Israelis had no foreknowledge of the attacks.

However, it was later revealed in March 2001 - well before the 9/11 attacks - that the US Office of the *National Counter-Intelligence Executive* issued a warning about people identifying themselves as "Israeli art students" attempting to bypass security and gain entry to federal buildings, and even to the private residences of senior federal officials. A French intelligence agency later noted "according to the FBI, Arab terrorists and suspected terror cells lived in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as in Miami and Hollywood, Florida, from December 2000 to April 2001 in direct proximity to the Israeli spy cells". The report contended that Mossad agents were spying on Mohammed Atta and Marwan al-Shehi - two leaders of the 9/11 hijack teams. In 2002, several government agency officials dismissed reports of a spy ring and said the allegations were made "by a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent who was angry that his theories had been dismissed", however former investigators of the spy ring privately stated the claims are part of a cover-up negotiated between the Israeli and US governments.

Today, Dominik Suter and Ornit Levinson-Suter reside in the San Francisco Bay Area. Their current professional roles do not discredit the claims that they were protected from prosecution by powerful Israel Lobby groups with reach to the Oval Office. Ornit manages the Hebrew Education activities of the San Francisco office of the *Israeli-American Council* (IAC) - an ultra-Zionist group founded to outflank the Israel lobby umbrella group, the *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* (AIPAC), from the right. After working as a sales manager and a marketing director for various high-tech firms owned by Israelis, Dominik is a senior staffer at *Ad Labs* - an internet start-up that uses artificial intelligence to create advertisements for high-volume clients, including Google and Microsoft.

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2. Were Israelis Detained on Sept. 11 Spies ? (21 July 2002).
<https://abcnews.go.com/2020/story?id=123885>
3. Were Israelis Detained on Sept. 11 Spies ? (21 July 2002).
<https://abcnews.go.com/2020/story?id=123885>
4. Were the notorious 'Dancing Israelis' 9/11 plotters, spies, or just common scam artists ? (11 September 2021).
<https://thegrayzone.com/2021/09/11/dancing-israelis-9-11-plotters-spies-scam-artists/>

9. AL-AQSA FLOOD (7 October 2023)

The Israeli government attempted to cover-up the Israeli citizen casualties by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) as a result of the Hannibal Directive, which was implemented to increase the number of casualties attributed to the Hamas organisation. Netanyahu's government were aware of the planning for the 'Al-Aqsa Flood' operation, and wanted to use it as their "9/11" event, to enable the Gaza Genocide.

Additional Readings / Viewings

1. October 7: The Full Story (19 April 2024).

A forensic analysis by award-winning British journalist Richard Sanders and Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit provides a detailed examination of the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

The months' long investigation found that many claims repeated by politicians and western media, including mass rape and killings of babies, were false.

Richard Sanders is an award winning TV producer specialising in history and news and current affairs. He has made more than 50 films, mostly for Britain's Channel 4 public broadcast television station. He has written for a number of publications including The Daily Telegraph and the Boston Globe and is also the author of two history books.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11113287/video/936669564>

2. October 7: Al Jazeera Investigations (2024).

Hamas's incursion into Israel on October 7 transformed the politics of the Middle East. Al Jazeera's Investigative Unit (I-Unit) carried out a forensic analysis of the events of that day –

examining seven hours of footage from CCTV, dashcams, personal phones and headcams of dead Hamas fighters, and drawing up a comprehensive list of those killed.

In October 7, the I-Unit reveals widespread human rights abuses by Hamas fighters and others who followed them through the fence from Gaza into Israel. But the investigation also found that many of the worst stories that came out in the days following the attack were false.

This was especially true of atrocities that were used repeatedly by politicians in Israel and the West to justify the ferocity of the bombardment of the Gaza Strip, such as the mass killing of babies and allegations of widespread and systematic rape.

In particular the I-Unit reveals that claims by the Israel Defence Force that it found “eight burned babies” at a house in Kibbutz Be’eri were entirely untrue. There were no babies in the house and the twelve civilians inside were killed by Israeli forces when they stormed the house. This was one of a number of incidents where the police and army appear to have killed Israeli citizens.

October 7 is a deep dive into the events that led to the deaths of tens of thousands of people, the significance of which will reverberate for decades.

<https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/october-7-al-jazeera-investigations/>

3. October 7: Al Jazeera investigates - The Take (29 March 2024).

After a months-long forensic analysis into the events of October 7, Al Jazeera’s investigative team reveals its findings. What really happened that day?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNoAjW1IRWI&ab_channel=AlJazeeraEnglish

ISRAEL: A NUCLEAR ARMED EXTREMIST STATE

It is widely accepted amongst senior military experts that Israel now has a nuclear arsenal more advanced than any other nation (including the US and Russia), as well as superior capabilities in terms of reach from land, sea and air. With its nuclear facility just 13 kilometres south-east of the city of *Dimona* in the Negev, the secrecy surrounding Israel's nuclear weapons arsenal remain a grave concern for the rest of the world, given its behaviour is increasingly comparable to a rogue state.

Despite commencing its nuclear program in 1952, Israel has not accepted *International Atomic Energy Agency* (IAEA) safeguards on some of its principle nuclear activities, and it is not a party to the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty* (NPT). Astonishingly, its policy of nuclear opacity is tolerated by both its allies and adversaries - despite its clear violation of the *1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty* (to which Israel was a party), when it conducted a nuclear test in the ocean near the southern end of Africa on 22 September 1979.

Historically, Israel has acted with impunity with its nuclear program, having violated the *Glenn Amendment* and the *Symington Amendment* within the *United States Foreign Assistance Act* (1961). Despite these clear violations, as well as its advanced chemical weapons manufacturing, Israel remains the largest recipient of foreign aid in the US (see **pages 60-61** of this document).

Footnotes:

- 1) The *Foreign Assistance Act* (FAA) of 1961 is a United States law governing its foreign aid policy. It also comprises conditions for termination of assistance, termination of sales of defence equipment and military financing, prohibition of export credits and loans from US banks, and more. These conditions include the *Glenn Amendment* and the *Symington Amendment*.
- 2) The *Glenn Amendment* enables sanctions to be imposed on any nation that:
 - receives, transfers, or detonates a nuclear explosive device, or
 - acquires and/or transfers nuclear reprocessing technology.
- 3) The *Symington Amendment* applies to any nation that delivers or receives, acquires or transfers nuclear enrichment technology or nuclear materials when they do not comply with IAEA regulations and inspections.

Additional Reading

The Nuclear Explosion That Makes US Aid to Israel Illegal (29 March 2024)

<https://www.thenation.com/article/world/israel-nuclear-weapons/>

The 'North Korea' of the Middle East

More than 30 years ago, the late **Lubavitcher Rebbe** told a young Netanyahu that he "will be Israel's last Prime Minister, who will pass the scepter to the Messiah." (see **pages 46-49** of this document). Today, Netanyahu is in his sixth-term as Prime Minister, the scepter is in his hand, and a nuclear-armed Israel is in an apocalyptic mood - ready to welcome their Messiah. Netanyahu is desperately using his final attempt to bring the US into the conflict and create all-out war, enabling him to use nuclear weapons. This has been his ambition since he began his first term as Prime Minister in 1996, and over the past 28 years, he has persevered to finally get elected to his sixth term.

The current Netanyahu government constitutes the most extreme representatives ever to take power in Israel, let alone any modern society. Finally, after two frustrating decades in power and five failed coalitions, the stars have aligned for Netanyahu when in December 2022, he managed to form by far his most radical cabinet, which gave him a free rein to finalise his longed-for *Greater Israel* plan. His government comprises the most reactionary forces in the country, including the fascist and racist

Religious Zionism Party, as well as other religious and ultra-nationalist parties pledged to Jewish supremacy and the implementation of measures synonymous with apartheid. Their vicious attacks on the Palestinians are aimed at driving them out of both Israel's internationally recognised borders and the lands it has illegally occupied since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war - in defiance of international law and countless United Nations resolutions.

Netanyahu's coalition government has been labelled, "A kakistocracy extraordinaire: government by the worst and least suitable collection of ultra-nationalists, Jewish supremacists, anti-democrats, racists, bigots, homophobes, misogynists, corrupt and allegedly corrupt politicians. A ruling coalition of 64 lawmakers, of whom 32 are either ultra-Orthodox and Religious or Revisionist Zionists."

This is exactly the type of cabinet that the Lubavitcher Rebbe desired, and all Netanyahu had to do was to wait for another "9/11 moment" to set his biblical plan in motion. Serendipitously, that event took place on 7 October 2023 in the form of the Hamas operation *Al-Aqsa Flood*, which was triggered by repeated storming of the Al-Aqsa mosque - the third holiest site of the Islamic world - by Jewish zealots under heavy police protection and a deliberate provocation which prompted the exact reaction the Zionist extremist regime was seeking.



Figure 21: Israel's Nuclear History.

Since 1952, Israel maintained a licence to operate its clandestine nuclear arms program completely unfettered. Today, the White House privately acknowledges it has enabled a 'Nuclear Frankenstein' in Israel.

Many military experts quip that if George W. Bush and Tony Blair really wanted to uncover weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, they would have veered 1,200 kilometres south-west of Baghdad to arrive in Dimona, Israel.

Readings

- 1) The Guardian profile: Mordechai Vanunu (16 April 2004).
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2004/apr/16/israel>
- 2) The truth about Israel's secret nuclear arsenal (16 January 2014).
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/15/truth-israels-secret-nuclear-arsenal>

POSTFACE

Benjamin Netanyahu's father, Benzion Netanyahu (Mileikowsky), was the executive secretary of Ze'ev (Vladimir) Jabotinsky, the founder of Revisionist Zionism calling for the military conquest of all of Palestine and expulsion of the non-Jewish population. Benjamin Netanyahu has been on a lifetime quest to realise his father's ambition.

9-11 was an essential part of the Zionist deception, a terror spectacle designed to change U.S. public opinion and drag the United States military into the Middle East – to fight Israel's enemies. Netanyahu's first book, *'International Terrorism: Challenge and Response'*, published in 1981, is based on the speeches given at the *Jerusalem Conference in International Terrorism*, hosted just two years earlier in 1979.

Netanyahu – assisted by his collaborators - has made a career of pushing the Israeli war strategy known as the *'War on Terror'*. It is a strategy of conquest in which the United States and its allies fight wars in the Middle East on behalf of the Zionist state and its war agenda. Creating a *Greater Israel*, a goal of the Zionist terrorist groups that created the Likud party in the 1970s, is fundamental to the plan.

All one needs to do to reassure themselves of the immorality of the Zionist movement, is to consider the active players in the Zionist sphere and reflect on their integrity and values that each of them have demonstrated throughout their lives. Many of these characters are outlined in the *'Netanyahu Influence and Collaboration Network Diagram'* displayed in **Appendix 15**.

In view of the history of civilisation, the stakes have never been higher. It is incumbent on all people to understand how the fundamental principles of extreme Zionism oppose and undermine the tenets central to Judaism. The global Zionist movement remains an unsanctioned group that does not represent the views or the aspirations of the broader (global) Jewish community, let alone the entire human race.

APPENDIX 1

Types of Zionism

TYPES OF ZIONISM

The common definition of Zionism is principally the endorsement of a homeland for the Jewish people, and secondarily the claim that due to a lack of self-determination, this territory must be re-established as a Jewish state. Zionism was produced by various philosophers, representing different approaches concerning the objective and path that Zionism should follow.

Of the eleven types of Zionism that exist, four of them are deemed as radical/extreme and include ethnic cleansing within their manifesto: Religious Zionism, Revisionist Zionism, Revolutionary Zionism, and Christian Zionism). Furthermore, they advocate a '*Greater Israel*' and ignore the human rights of the indigenous people of the land.

1. Political Zionism

Led by its founder Theodor Herzl, Political Zionism stresses the importance of political action and deemed the attainment of political rights in Palestine a prerequisite for the fulfilment of the Zionist enterprise. It involved establishing for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine, and included initial steps to obtain governmental grants from the established powers that controlled the area

2. Practical Zionism

This approach opined that firstly there is a need in practical terms to implement Jewish immigration to the Land of Israel, such as *Aliyah* (i.e. the immigration of Jews from the diaspora to Palestine), rural settlement of the land, and establishment of educational institutions as soon as possible - even if a charter over the Land is not obtained.

3. Synthetic Zionism

A merger of *Political Zionism* and *Practical Zionism*, Synthetic Zionism advocated concurrent action on both tracks: political activity coupled with practical endeavour in Palestine. It also stressed Zionist activity in the Diaspora, such as modernised education, collecting money for the *Jewish National Fund* and active participation, on separate Jewish tickets, in national and local elections.

4. Labor Zionism

Labor Zionism (also known as *Socialist Zionism*), argued that the development of capitalism would inevitably prompt Jews to immigrate to Palestine, and that only there could the economic structure of the Jewish people be reconstituted as a base for the class struggle of the Jewish proletariat (working class people). Labor Zionists desired to establish an agriculturist society not on the basis of a bourgeois capitalists society, but rather on the basis of equality.

5. Liberal Zionism

Liberal Zionism (also known as *General Zionism*), advocates free market principles, democracy and adherence to human rights. Their political arm was one of the ancestors of the modern-day Likud. Kadima, the main centrist party during the 2000's that split from Likud and is now defunct, however, did identify with many of the fundamental policies of Liberal Zionist ideology, advocating among other things the need for Palestinian statehood in order to form a more democratic society in Israel, affirming the free market, and calling for equal rights for Arab citizens of Israel.

6. Cultural Zionism

Cultural Zionism (also known as *Spiritual Zionism*), asserts that the issue is not the absence of a statehood (homeland for the Jewish people), but rather that Judaism has lost its spiritual assets – its sources of creative and national might. Efforts should concentrate on establishing a national cultural and spiritual centre, a hub of high-quality life in Palestine, that would radiate to all Diaspora communities.

Its proponents argue that the correct course of action is extensive and continuing educational activity among Jews, as well as only moderate settlement activity in Palestine.

7. Reform Zionism

Reform Zionism (also known as *Progressive Zionism* or *American Zionism*), is the ideology of the Zionist arm of the Reform or Progressive branch of Judaism. The *Association of Reform Zionists of America* is the American Reform movement's Zionist organization. Their mission "endeavours to make Israel fundamental to the sacred lives and Jewish identity of Reform Jews. As a Zionist organisation, the association champions activities that further enhance Israel as a pluralistic, just and democratic Jewish state." In Israel, Reform Zionism is associated with the *Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism*.

8. Religious Zionism

Religious Zionism maintains that Jewish nationality and the establishment of the *State of Israel* is a religious duty derived from the *Torah*. It advocates claim that Judaism - based on the commandments - is simply not possible without a Jewish homeland. Settlement in Palestine is viewed as the beginning of *Redemption*, and 'redeeming the Land' will bring about the Messiah - as stated in their slogan: "*The land of Israel for the people of Israel according to the Torah of Israel*."

Today, almost all 'settlers' in Palestine are *Religious Zionists* and are commonly referred to as '*Religious Nationalists*'. Religious Zionism also supports a '*Greater Israel*'.

Note: Religious Zionism is in stark contrast to many parts of the Jewish non-secular community that maintain that the redemption of the Land of Israel will occur only after the coming of the Messiah, who will fulfil this aspiration.

9. Revisionist Zionism

Established by Ze'ev Jabotinsky in 1925 as a more militaristic and territorial Zionist approach, the two main principles of Revisionist Zionism are the territorial integrity of a Jewish homeland over all of British mandate Palestine, and the immediate declaration of the Jewish right to political sovereignty. Revisionist Zionism also strongly advocates economic liberalism and a '*Greater Israel*'.

The movement earned the name 'Revisionist' because it aims to revise the boundaries of Jewish territorial aspirations and claims beyond Palestine to include areas east of the Jordan River. In the 1920s and 1930s, they differed from Labor Zionists by declaring openly the objective to establish a Jewish state (rather than the vaguer formula of a 'national home') in Palestine. And they believed that an armed force would be required to establish such a state. Their pre-state organisations - which included the Betar youth movement and the ETZEL (National Military Organisation) - formed the core of what became the Herut (Freedom) Party after the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948. This party subsequently became the central component of the Likud Party, the largest right-wing Israeli party.

10. Revolutionary Zionism

Revolutionary Zionism viewed Zionism as a revolutionary struggle to ingather the Jewish exiles from the Diaspora, revive the Hebrew language as a spoken vernacular and re-establish a Jewish kingdom in the Land of Israel. As members of Lehi during the 1940s, many adherents of Revolutionary Zionism engaged in guerrilla warfare against the British administration in an effort to end the British Mandate of Palestine and pave the way for Jewish political independence. Following the State of Israel's establishment leading figures of this stream argued that the creation of the state of Israel was never the goal of Zionism, but rather a tool to be used in realising the goal of Zionism, which they called *Malkhut Yisrael* (Kingdom of Israel).

Revolutionary Zionists are often mistakenly included among *Revisionist Zionists*, but differ ideologically in several areas. While Revisionists were for the most part secular nationalists who hoped to achieve a Jewish state that would exist as a commonwealth within the British Empire, Revolutionary Zionists advocated a form of national-messianism that aspired towards a vast Jewish kingdom with a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. Revolutionary Zionism generally espoused anti-imperialist political views and included both Right-wing and Left-wing nationalists among its adherents. This stream is also categorised as supporters of a '*Greater Israel*'.

11. Christian Zionism

Christian Zionism exists largely within Evangelical Christianity and can be defined as Christian support for the Zionist cause - the return of the Jewish people to its biblical homeland in Israel. It is a belief among Evangelical Christians that the return of Jews to Israel is in line with a biblical prophecy, and is necessary for Jesus to return to Earth as its king. These Christians are partly motivated by their interpretations of the Bible and the words of the prophets. However, according to David Brog - author of '*Standing With Israel: Why Christians Support the Jewish State*', they are also driven to support Israel because they wish to "repay the debt of gratitude to the Jewish people for providing Christ and the other fundamentals of their faith," and to support a political ally (see **pages 72-75** of this document).

Evangelical Christianity (or the Christian Fundamentalist movement) emerged in the United States around 110 years ago, and includes Pentecostalism (i.e. it is an evangelical faith). It is more conservative in its theology and beliefs than the three main (and traditional) branches of Christianity (i.e. Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox), and is therefore otherwise known as Fundamentalist Theology or Fundamentalist Christianity.

Christian Zionism is the dominant form of Zionism. More specifically, for every Jewish Zionist on the planet, there are more than ten (10) Christian Zionists, and almost all of them are in the United States. Furthermore, American Evangelical Christians (or Christian Zionists) have far eclipsed the American Jewish community as Israel's most important political allies in the United States - to the extent they are considered the backbone of Israel's international support.

Historically, the three main (and traditional) branches of Christianity (i.e. Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox) do not support Christian Zionism, and view it as contravening the central tenets of Judaism and antithetical to Christian scriptures. Moreover, many traditional and mainstream Christian church leaders have labelled Christian Zionism as heresy, and the *Scofield Reference Bible* as a corruption of the Christian doctrines. As many theologians and cult experts alike will attest, Christian Zionism bears all the hallmarks of a cult, not a religion.

In 2006, the Anglican, Catholic, Syrian Orthodox and Lutheran churches' leaders in Jerusalem published a letter, known as the *Jerusalem Declaration on Christian Zionism*, which outlined their opposition to Christian Zionism as a "false teaching". The letter states that the alliance of Christian Zionists with political leaders has led to "unending cycles of violence that undermine the security of all peoples of the Middle East and the rest of the world" (see '*The Genesis of Christian Zionism*' section on **pages 38-41** of this document).

APPENDIX 2

JEWISH ANTI-ZIONIST GROUPS

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The first Jewish Anti-Zionist Congress was hosted in Vienna from 13-15 June 2025. The location of the event was chosen for significant for historical reasons - being where Theodore Herzl formed the ideology that became modern Zionism, as well as Adolf Hitler's birthplace - and for modern reasons - Austria, alongside Germany, provides unconditional support for Israel, a symptom of its guilt over the Holocaust. "*Neither Herzl nor Hitler*" was chanted in unison by all delegates at the opening:

<https://www.juedisch-antizionistisch.at/en>

The Jewish Anti-Zionist Groups around the globe include (but are not limited to) the list below:

1. American Council for Judaism (United States)
<http://www.acjna.org/acjna/>
2. Anarchists Against the Wall (Israel)
<https://web.archive.org/web/20150312124449/http://www.awalls.org/>
3. Breaking the Silence (Israel)
<https://www.breakingthesilence.org.il/>
4. Edah HaChareidis (Israel)
https://en.citizendium.org/wiki/Edah_HaChareidis
5. Een Ander Joods Geluid (Netherlands)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Een_Ander_Joods_Geluid
6. If Not Now (United States)
<https://www.ifnotnowmovement.org/>
7. Independent Jewish Voices (Canada)
<https://www.ijvcanada.org/>
8. Independent Jewish Voices (United Kingdom)
<https://ijv.org.uk/>
9. International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (United States)
<https://www.ijan.org/>
10. Jerusalem Faction (Israel)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerusalem_Faction
11. Jewdas (United Kingdom)
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewdas>
12. Jewish Council of Australia (Australia)
<https://www.jewishcouncil.com.au>

13. Jewish Voice for Peace (United States)
<https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/>
14. Jews Sans Frontiers (United Kingdom)
<http://jewssansfrontieres.blogspot.com/>
15. Just Jews (United Kingdom)
<https://x.com/justjewsuk> <https://www.youtube.com/@justjews124/videos>
16. Malachim (United States)
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachim_\(Hasidic_group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachim_(Hasidic_group))
17. Mishkenos HoRim (Israel)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mishkenos_HoRoim
18. National Students for Justice in Palestine (Canada and United States)
<https://nationalsjp.org/>
19. Neturei Karta (Israel, Germany, United Kingdom and United States)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neturei_Karta
20. Satmar (Israel and United States)
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satmar>
21. Shomer Emunim (Israel)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shomer_Emunim
22. Sikrikim (Israel)
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikrikim>
23. Torah Jews (United States)
<https://torahjews.org/>
24. Tzedek Collective (Australia)
<https://www.tzedekcollective.com/>
25. Union des Progressistes juifs de Belgique (Belgium)
<https://upjb.be/>

APPENDIX 3

Letter of Edwin Montagu (dated 23 August 1917)

SECRET.**The Anti-Semitism of the Present Government.**

I have chosen the above title for this memorandum, not in any hostile sense, not by any means as quarrelling with an anti-Semitic view which may be held by my colleagues, not with a desire to deny that anti-Semitism can be held by rational men, not even with a view to suggesting that the Government is deliberately anti-Semitic; but I wish to place on record my view that the policy of His Majesty's Government is anti-Semitic in result and will prove a rallying ground for Anti-Semites in every country in the world.

This view is prompted by the receipt yesterday of a correspondence between Lord Rothschild and Mr. Balfour.

Lord Rothschild's letter is dated the 18th July and Mr. Balfour's answer is to be dated August 1917. I fear that my protest comes too late, and it may well be that the Government were practically committed when Lord Rothschild wrote and before I became a member of the Government, for there has obviously been some correspondence or conversation before this letter. But I do feel that as the one Jewish Minister in the Government I may be allowed by my colleagues an opportunity of expressing views which may be peculiar to myself, but which I hold very strongly and which I must ask permission to express when opportunity affords.

I believe most firmly that this war has been a death-blow to Internationalism, and that it has proved an opportunity for a renewal of the slackening sense of Nationality, for it has not only been tacitly agreed by most statesmen in most countries that the redistribution of territory resulting from the war should be more or less on national grounds, but we have learned to realise that our country stands for principles, for aims, for civilisation which no other country stands for in the same degree, and that in the future, whatever may have been the case in the past, we must live and fight in peace and in war for those aims and aspirations, and so equip and regulate our lives and industries as to be ready whenever and if ever we are challenged. To take one instance, the science of Political Economy, which in its purity knows no Nationalism, will hereafter be tempered and viewed in the light of this national need of defence and security.

The war has indeed justified patriotism as the prime motive of political thought.

It is in this atmosphere that the Government proposes to endorse the formation of a new nation with a new home in Palestine. This nation will presumably be formed of Jewish Russians, Jewish Englishmen, Jewish Roumanians, Jewish Bulgarians, and Jewish citizens of all nations—survivors or relations of those who have fought or laid down their lives for the different countries which I have mentioned, at a time when the three years that they have lived through have united their outlook and thought more closely than ever with the countries of which they are citizens.

Zionism has always seemed to me to be a mischievous political creed, untenable by any patriotic citizen of the United Kingdom. If a Jewish Englishman sets his eyes on the Mount of Olives and long for the day when he will shake British soil from his shoes and go back to agricultural pursuits in Palestine, he has always seemed to me to have acknowledged aims inconsistent with British citizenship and to have admitted that he is unfit for a share in public life in Great Britain, or to be treated as an Englishman. I have always understood that those who indulged in this creed were largely animated by the restrictions upon and refusal of liberty to Jews in Russia. But at the very time when these Jews have been acknowledged as Jewish Russians and given all liberties, it seems to be inconceivable that Zionism should be officially recognised by the British Government, and that Mr. Balfour should be authorised to say that Palestine was to be reconstituted as the "national home of the Jewish people." I do

the unpopularity, much greater than some people think, of my community. We have obtained a far greater share of this country's goods and opportunities than we are numerically entitled to. We reach on the whole maturity earlier, and therefore with people of our own age we compete unfairly. Many of us have been exclusive in our friendships and intolerant in our attitude, and I can easily understand that many a non-Jew in England wants to get rid of us. But just as there is no community of thought and mode of life among Christian Englishmen, so there is not among Jewish Englishmen. More and more we are educated in public schools and at the Universities, and take our part in the politics, in the Army, in the [Civil Service, of our country. And I am glad to think that the prejudices against inter-marriages are breaking down. But when the Jew has a national home, surely it follows that the impetus to deprive us of the rights of British citizenship must be enormously increased. Palestine will become the world's Ghetto. Why should the Russian give the Jew equal rights? His national home is Palestine. Why does Lord Rothschild attach so much importance to the difference between British and foreign Jews? All Jews will be foreign Jews, inhabitants of the great country of Palestine.

I do not know how the fortunate third will be chosen, but the Jew will have the choice, whatever country he belongs to, whatever country he loves, whatever country he regards himself as an integral part of, between going to live with people who are foreigners to him, but to whom his Christian fellow-countrymen have told him he shall belong, and of remaining as an unwelcome guest in the country that he thought he belonged to.

I am not surprised that the Government should take this step after the formation of a Jewish Regiment, and I am waiting to learn that my brother, who has been wounded in the Naval Division, or my nephew, who is in the Grenadier Guards, will be forced by public opinion or by Army regulations to become an officer in a regiment which will mainly be composed of people who will not understand the only language which he speaks—English. I can well understand that when it was decided, and quite rightly, to force foreign Jews in this country to serve in the Army, it was difficult to put them in British regiments because of the language difficulty, but that was because they were foreigners, and not because they were Jews, and a Foreign Legion would seem to me to have been the right thing to establish. A Jewish Legion makes the position of Jews in other regiments more difficult and forces a nationality upon people who have nothing in common.

I feel that the Government are asked to be the instrument for carrying out the wishes of a Zionist organisation largely run, as my information goes, at any rate in the past, by men of enemy descent or birth, and by this means have dealt a severe blow to the liberties, position and opportunities of service of their Jewish fellow-countrymen.

I would say to Lord Rothschild that the Government will be prepared to do everything in their power to obtain for Jews in Palestine complete liberty of settlement and life on an equality with the inhabitants of that country who profess other religious beliefs. I would ask that the Government should go no further.

E. S. M.

23rd August 1917.

not know what this involves, but I assume that it means that Mahomedans and Christians are to make way for the Jews, and that the Jews should be put in all positions of preference and should be peculiarly associated with Palestine in the same way that England is with the English or France with the French, that Turks and other Mahomedans in Palestine will be regarded as foreigners, just in the same way as Jews will hereafter be treated as foreigners in every country but Palestine. Perhaps also citizenship must be granted only as a result of a religious test.

I lay down with emphasis four principles:—

1. I assert that there is not a Jewish nation. The members of my family, for instance, who have been in this country for generations, have no sort or kind of community of view or of desire with any Jewish family in any other country beyond the fact that they profess to a greater or less degree the same religion. It is no more true to say that a Jewish Englishman and a Jewish Moor are of the same nation than it is to say that a Christian Englishman and a Christian Frenchman are of the same nation: of the same race, perhaps, traced back through the centuries—through centuries of the history of a peculiarly adaptable race. The Prime Minister and Mr. Briand are, I suppose, related through the ages, one as a Welshman and the other as a Breton, but they certainly do not belong to the same nation.

2. When the Jews are told that Palestine is their national home, every country will immediately desire to get rid of its Jewish citizens, and you will find a population in Palestine driving out its present inhabitants, taking all the best in the country, drawn from all quarters of the globe, speaking every language on the face of the earth, and incapable of communicating with one another except by means of an interpreter. I have always understood that this was the consequence of the building of the Tower of Babel, if ever it was built, and I certainly do not dissent from the view, commonly held, as I have always understood, by the Jews before Zionism was invented, that to bring the Jews back to form a nation in the country from which they were dispersed would require Divine leadership. I have never heard it suggested, even by their most fervent admirers, that either Mr. Balfour or Lord Rothschild would prove to be the Messiah.

I claim that the lives that British Jews have led, that the aims that they have had before them, that the part that they have played in our public life and our public institutions, have entitled them to be regarded, not as British Jews, but as Jewish Britons. I would willingly disfranchise every Zionist. I would be almost tempted to proscribe the Zionist organisation as illegal and against the national interest. But I would ask of a British Government sufficient tolerance to refuse to endorse a conclusion which makes aliens and foreigners by implication, if not at once by law, of all their Jewish fellow-citizens.

3. I deny that Palestine is to-day associated with the Jews or properly to be regarded as a fit place for them to live in. The Ten Commandments were delivered to the Jews on Sinai. It is quite true that Palestine plays a large part in Jewish history, but so it does in modern Mahomedan history, and, after the time of the Jews, surely it plays a larger part than any other country in Christian history. The Temple may have been in Palestine, but so was the Sermon on the Mount and the Crucifixion. I would not deny to Jews in Palestine equal rights to colonisation with those who profess other religions, but a religious test of citizenship seems to me to be only admitted by those who take a bigoted and narrow view of one particular epoch of the history of Palestine, and claim for the Jews a position to which they are not entitled.

If my memory serves me right, there are three times as many Jews in the world as could possibly get into Palestine if you drove out all the population that remains there now. So that *only one-third will get back at the most, and what will happen to the remainder?*

4. I can easily understand the editors of the *Morning Post* and of the *New Witness* being Zionists, and I am not in the least surprised that the non-Jews of England may welcome this policy. I have always recognised

APPENDIX 4

Letter of Hans Kohn (dated 21 November 1929)

LETTER OF HANS KOHN TO BERTHOLD FIEWEL (1929)

Hans Kohn (1891-1971) was a Jewish American philosopher and historian, who worked for Zionist organisations before moving to Palestine in 1925. That same year he became the founding leader of Brit Shalom.

Brit Shalom sought peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Jews, to be achieved by renunciation of the Zionist aim of creating a Jewish state. They proposed that establishment of a bi-national state (i.e. one-state solution) where Arabs and Jews would have equal rights - as the alternative vision of Zionism. In 1929, he wrote a resignation letter from *Keren HeYesod* (United Israel Appeal) titled '*Zionism is not Judaism*'. The letter has become a profound and visionary document, exposing the tyranny of Zionism and its conflict with the fundamental principles of Judaism.

The letter – addressed to Berthold Fiewel, a Zionist leader and close associate of Theodor Herzl - is so powerful because it responds to Jabotinsky's 'Iron Wall' approach and refuses obfuscation. It is so powerful in the clarity of its ethical Jewish repudiation of colonial Zionism, that a century later, it is still haunting:

"I feel that I can no longer remain a leading official within the Zionist Organisation... We pretend to be innocent victims. Of course the Arabs attacked us in August [1929]. Since they have no armies, they could not obey the rules of war. They perpetrated all the barbaric acts that are characteristic of a colonial revolt. But we are obliged to look into the deeper cause of this revolt. We have been in Palestine for twelve years [since the start of the British occupation] without having even once made a serious attempt at seeking through negotiations the consent of the indigenous people. We have been relying exclusively upon Great Britain's military might. We have set ourselves goals which by their very nature had to lead to conflict with Arabs... for twelve years we pretended that the Arabs did not exist and were glad when we were not reminded of their existence."

Source: Jewish National and University Library 376/224, Hans Kohn to Berthold Fiewel [1875–1937]. Jerusalem, 21 Nov. 1929.

HANS KOHN: "ZIONISM IS NOT JUDAISM."

Jerusalem
21 November 1929

Dear Dr. Feiwel:

... Lately I have become increasingly aware that the official policy of the Zionist Organization and the opinion of the vast majority of Zionists are quite incompatible with my own convictions. I, therefore, feel that I can no longer remain a leading official within the Zionist Organization. The Zionism championed by me since 1909 was at no time political. I and a group of my friends regarded Zionism as a moral-cum-spiritual movement within which we could realize our most fundamental humane convictions: our pacifism, liberalism, and humanism. It has often been argued that we [Jews] could not unreservedly sponsor pacifism or ethical politics among the European peoples, since this would result in our being regarded as aliens and traitors. Zion was to be the place where we would be able to realize our humanitarian aspirations.

The reality of the Zionist movement and of Jewish settlement in Palestine is far from all this. You know that for years I have been fighting the battle for those ideas which to me had been the very meaning of Zionism. Eventually these ideas gained focus in the so-called Arab

question. For me this question became the [moral] touchstone of Zionism. This conclusion was, however, not prompted by any particular sympathy for the Arabs. . . . I was not concerned with the Arabs but with the Jews, their Jewishness, and the confirmation of their humane [values]. It has, alas, become increasingly clear to me that in this respect the Zionist Organization has failed utterly. The decisive experience was the Arab national uprising of August 1929. Such events are eye-openers and call for decisions, the urgency of which we fail to appreciate in "normal times," although they are just as vital even then. In the midst of this crisis, it was still possible to turn over a new leaf and to adopt a fresh attitude after the [initial] shock: to reappraise the moral and spiritual foundations of Zionism and to attempt a new solution [to the Arab question]. This opportunity has been missed. The overwhelming majority of Zionists feel justified in pursuing a course which I cannot follow. For the few who think like me, the need for an honest and clear decision has arrived.

As a Jew and a human being, as a Jewish human being—two qualities which in me are inseparable and parallel—I am a pacifist, an anti-imperialist, and what in America is called a radical. I am emphasizing these three points only because they are called into question by the official Zionist policy. I cannot concur with this policy when the Arab national movement is being portrayed as the wanton agitation of a few big landowners. I know all too well that frequently the most reactionary imperialist press in England and France portrays the national movements in India, Egypt, and China in a similar fashion—in short, wherever the national movements of oppressed peoples threaten the interests of the colonial power. I know how false and hypocritical this portrayal is. I can even less be a party to this approach when such is the attitude of a people which consciously regards itself as a chosen people, and when the future of a movement, the Zionist movement, which I can only envisage if it is built on ethical foundations, is at stake. The means determine the goal. If lies and violence are the means, the results cannot be good.

We pretend to be innocent victims. Of course the Arabs attacked us in August. Since they have no armies, they could not obey the rules of war. They perpetrated all the barbaric acts that are characteristic of a colonial revolt. But we are obliged to look into the deeper cause of this revolt. We have been in Palestine for twelve years [i.e., since the establishment of the British Mandate and Jewish National Home in

Palestine] without having even once made a serious attempt at seeking through negotiations the consent of the indigenous people. We have been relying exclusively upon Great Britain's military might. We have set ourselves goals which by their very nature had to lead to conflict with the Arabs. We ought to have recognized that these goals would be the cause, the just cause, of a national uprising against us. . . . Having come to this country [as immigrants], we were duty bound to come up with constitutional proposals which, without doing serious harm to Arab rights and liberty, would have also allowed for our free cultural and social development. But for twelve years we pretended that the Arabs did not exist and were glad when we were not reminded of their existence.

. . . The Arab riots, which were suppressed by the British, should have been met as quickly as possible by peace proposals instead of evasive manoeuvres. That was our duty! But just like the powers in the [First] World War, we have declared that we would gladly make peace if only we were strong enough. That means that we are seeking a victorious peace just as they were—a peace whereby the opponent does what we want. Naturally each party wants peace on the condition that he can obtain what he considers essential, not, however, a higher forum and not a more lofty conscience. . . . It was against this attitude taken by the powers in the [First] World War and against this point of view that the true pacifists rebelled. I would be glad if we also had a few such pacifists among our ranks. If only the Jews could show such courage in their own affairs as was demonstrated, for example, by the English pacifists in the World War.

Each delay in the signing of a peace treaty renders peace more difficult by widening the gap between the two peoples. The Arab national movement is growing and will continue to grow. In a short time it will be much more difficult for us to reach an agreement than it is today. Increasing our numbers by tens of thousands will not make it any easier. I believe that it will be possible for us to hold Palestine and continue to grow for a long time. This will be done first with British aid and then later with the help of our own bayonets—shamefully called *Haganah* [i.e., defense]—clearly because we have no faith in our own policy. But by that time we will not be able to do without the bayonets. The means will have determined the goal. Jewish Palestine will no longer have anything of that Zion for which I once put myself on the line.

APPENDIX 5

Ancient DNA Origins **(DNA Testing Services)**

Ancient DNA Origins

<https://www.ancientdnaorigins.com/>

Ancient DNA Origins is the first and only genetic test designed from ancient DNA, ranging from the Paleolithic to the mid-19th century. The tests are based on real ancient people, including Paleolithic Americans, Icelandic Vikings, and the legendary Tribes of the Biblical Israelites.

Ancient DNA Origins: Kingdom of Judah

<https://www.ancientdnaorigins.com/the-tribes-of-judea>

Ancient DNA Origins: The 10 Lost Tribes of Israel

<https://www.ancientdnaorigins.com/the-tribes-of-israel>

APPENDIX 6

Mont Pelerin Society (MPS), the Atlas Network, and Neo-conservatism: An Overview

NEO-LIBERALISM VERSUS NEO-CONSERVATISM

Neo-conservatism shares the same principles as **neo-liberalism**, with the only distinguishing features being that neo-conservatives:

- Do not include socially progressive agendas in their policies, and
- Prioritise and/or exploit foreign relations, specifically to advance and protect their nation's interests through international theatre and military force.

A common expression used to distinguish the two concepts is taken from a famous quote by a political science reporter that “neo-liberalism is simply neo-conservatism without a smirk”.

When **Friedrich Hayek** published his work ‘*The Road to Serfdom*’ in 1944, and he and others first formulated the principles of neo-liberalism, they believed it would defend the world from autocracy/plutocracy and tyranny. But after co-founding the *Mont Pelerin Society* (MPS) with **Milton Friedman** in 1947, the big money poured in from large corporate entities (including the global fossil-fuel sector and the military industrial complex), and an international network of neo-liberal think-tanks was created to develop and articulate their corporate demands. The program that was supposed to liberate all citizens, ultimately became a new source of oppression. Much of this is attributed to the ideology and efforts of Milton Friedman, including the concept of **monetarism** and the **Friedman Doctrine**.

Many leading economists and social scientists believe that Friedman's social theories and economic models were uncalculated experiments that have left a legacy of unprecedented social inequity and inequality in capitalist nations. Indeed, a popular saying amongst economic historians is: “*Milton Friedman is to Friedrich Hayek, what Joseph Stalin was to Vladimir Lenin*”.

Mont Pelerin Society (MPS)

<https://www.montpelerin.org/>

The *Mont Pelerin Society* (MPS) is the central think-tank of the neoliberal counter-revolution, founded in 1947 by economist Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman.

Neo-liberalism is a coherent political movement embodied in the institutional history of the global network of think tanks: the *American Enterprise Institute*, the *Cato Institute*, the *Institute of Economic Affairs* (the key British node of the network), the *Institute of Public Affairs* (the key Australian node of the network), and their dedicated spin-off counter-science think tanks. All of these think-tanks can be traced back to the MPS.

Atlas Network

Atlas Network was founded in 1981 by Antony Fisher, a British entrepreneur born into a wealth mining family, who - as a member of the *Mont Pelerin Society* - was influenced by Frederick Hayek and his book ‘*The Road to Serfdom*’. After founding the *Institute of Economic Affairs* (IEA) in London in 1955, he helped establish the *Fraser Institute*, the *Manhattan Institute* and the *Pacific Research Institute* in the US during the 1970's.

Fisher conceived the *Atlas Network* as a means to connect various think-tanks via a global network through which organisations could learn best practices from one another and “pass the best research and policy ideas from one to the other”. Over the following years, Fisher was introduced to the Koch brothers, as well as other American oil executives and billionaires who would fund his think-tanks. Milton Friedman, Friedrich August von Hayek, and Margaret Thatcher each formally endorsed the organisation and became members.

The *Atlas Network* now consolidates these agencies world-wide and enables the strategic coordination of campaigns globally. It has partnered with almost 500 think-tanks in over 100 countries. The global network of institutes and think-tanks, funded by billionaires and corporate entities, disseminate their policies, strategies and tactics, with the aim of realising their goals. Two particular industries that constitute the majority of the corporate entities that fund the think-tanks

within the global *Atlas Network* are the fossil-fuel energy sector and the military industrial complex (MIC). The two industries are intertwined, given the co-dependent relationship where one assures the prosperity of the other.

The greatest value of the think-tank method, is it enables corporations to state things that they couldn't state themselves without appearing to be merely speaking to their own profit motives.

The network members have been removed from the website, however the internet 'Wayback Machine' may be used to view all previously listed members.

Atlas Network <https://www.atlasnetwork.org/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atlas_Network
https://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Atlas_Network

State Policy Network (SPN) <https://spn.org/>

The *State Policy Network* (SPN) is an internal network of the Atlas Network comprising 167 conservative and libertarian think tanks throughout the United States and Canada. The SPN coordinates efforts to support policy goals, raise funds, and amplify the influence of its members.

The SPN has close ties to the *American Legislative Exchange Council* (ALEC), with the two organizations sharing many members, and the SPN supporting policies formulated by ALEC and its members.

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APPENDIX 7

A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm (1996)

A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm

Following is a report prepared by The Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies' "Study Group on a New Israeli Strategy Toward 2000." The main substantive ideas in this paper emerge from a discussion in which prominent opinion makers, including Richard Perle, James Colbert, Charles Fairbanks, Jr., Douglas Feith, Robert Loewenberg, David Wurmser, and Meyrav Wurmser participated. The report, entitled "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm," is the framework for a series of follow-up reports on strategy.

Israel has a large problem. Labor Zionism, which for 70 years has dominated the Zionist movement, has generated a stalled and shackled economy. Efforts to salvage Israel's socialist institutions—which include pursuing supranational over national sovereignty and pursuing a peace process that embraces the slogan, "New Middle East"—undermine the legitimacy of the nation and lead Israel into strategic paralysis and the previous government's "peace process." That peace process obscured the evidence of eroding national critical mass—including a palpable sense of national exhaustion—and forfeited strategic initiative. The loss of national critical mass was illustrated best by Israel's efforts to draw in the United States to sell unpopular policies domestically, to agree to negotiate sovereignty over its capital, and to respond with resignation to a spate of terror so intense and tragic that it deterred Israelis from engaging in normal daily functions, such as commuting to work in buses.

Benjamin Netanyahu's government comes in with a new set of ideas. While there are those who will counsel continuity, Israel has the opportunity to make a *clean break*; it can forge a peace process and strategy based on an entirely *new intellectual foundation*, one that restores strategic initiative and provides the nation the room to engage every possible energy on rebuilding Zionism, the starting point of which must be economic reform. To secure the nation's streets and borders in the immediate future, Israel can:

- Work closely with Turkey and Jordan to contain, destabilise, and roll-back some of its most dangerous threats. This implies clean break from the slogan, "comprehensive peace" to a traditional concept of strategy based on balance of power.
- Change the nature of its relations with the Palestinians, including upholding the *right of hot pursuit* for self-defence into all Palestinian areas and nurturing alternatives to Arafat's exclusive grip on Palestinian society.
- Forge a new basis for relations with the United States - stressing self-reliance, maturity, strategic cooperation on areas of mutual concern, and furthering values inherent to the West. This can only be done if Israel takes serious steps to terminate aid, which prevents economic reform.

This report is written with key passages of a possible speech marked **TEXT**, that highlight the clean break which the new government has an opportunity to make. The body of the report is the commentary explaining the purpose and laying out the strategic context of the passages.

1) A New Approach to Peace

Early adoption of a bold, new perspective on peace and security is imperative for the new prime minister. While the previous government, and many abroad, may emphasize "land for peace" - which placed Israel in the position of cultural, economic, political, diplomatic, and military retreat - the new government can promote Western values and traditions. Such an approach, which will be well received in the United States, includes "peace for peace," "peace through strength" and self-reliance: *the balance of power*.

A new strategy to seize the initiative can be introduced:

TEXT:

We have for four years pursued peace based on a New Middle East. We in Israel cannot play innocents abroad in a world that is not innocent. Peace depends on the character and behaviour of our foes. We live in a dangerous neighbourhood, with fragile states and bitter rivalries. Displaying moral ambivalence between the effort to build a Jewish state and the desire to annihilate it by trading "land for peace" will not secure "peace now." Our claim to the land - to which we have clung for hope for 2000 years - is legitimate and noble. It is not within our own power, no matter how much we concede, to make peace unilaterally. Only the unconditional acceptance by Arabs of our rights, especially in their territorial dimension, "peace for peace," is a solid basis for the future.

Israel's quest for peace *emerges* from, and does not *replace*, the pursuit of its ideals. The Jewish people's hunger for human rights — burned into their identity by a 2000-year old dream to live free in their own land — informs the concept of peace and reflects *continuity of values with Western and Jewish tradition*. Israel can now embrace negotiations, but as *means, not ends*, to pursue those ideals and demonstrate national steadfastness. It can challenge police states; enforce compliance of agreements; and insist on minimal standards of accountability.

2) Securing the Northern Border

Syria challenges Israel on Lebanese soil. An effective approach, and one with which American can sympathise, would be if Israel seized the strategic initiative along its northern borders by engaging Hizballah, Syria, and Iran, as the principal agents of aggression in Lebanon, including by:

- striking Syria's drug-money and counterfeiting infrastructure in Lebanon, all of which focuses on Razi Qanan.
- paralleling Syria's behaviour by establishing the precedent that Syrian territory is not immune to attacks emanating from Lebanon by Israeli proxy forces.
- striking Syrian military targets in Lebanon, and should that prove insufficient, *striking at select targets in Syria proper*.

Israel also can take this opportunity to remind the world of the nature of the Syrian regime. Syria repeatedly *breaks* its word. It violated numerous agreements with the Turks, and has *betrayed* the United States by continuing to occupy Lebanon in violation of the Taef agreement in 1989. Instead, Syria staged a sham election, installed a quisling regime, and forced Lebanon to sign a "Brotherhood Agreement" in 1991, that terminated Lebanese sovereignty. And Syria has begun *colonizing* Lebanon with hundreds of thousands of Syrians, while killing tens of thousands of its own citizens at a time, as it did in only three days in 1983 in Hama.

Under Syrian tutelage, the Lebanese drug trade, for which local Syrian military officers receive protection payments, flourishes. Syria's regime supports the terrorist groups operationally and financially in Lebanon and on its soil. Indeed, *the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in Lebanon has become for terror what the Silicon Valley has become for computers*. The Bekaa Valley has become one of the main distribution sources, if not production points, of the "supernote" - counterfeit US currency so well done that it is impossible to detect.

TEXT:

Negotiations with repressive regimes like Syria's require cautious realism. One cannot sensibly assume the other side's good faith. It is dangerous for Israel to deal naively with a regime murderous of its own people, openly aggressive toward its neighbours, criminally involved with international drug traffickers and counterfeiters, and supportive of the most deadly terrorist organisations.

Given the nature of the regime in Damascus, it is both natural and moral that Israel abandon the slogan "comprehensive peace" and move to *contain* Syria, drawing attention to its weapons of mass destruction program, and rejecting "land for peace" deals on the Golan Heights.

3) Moving to a Traditional Balance of Power Strategy

TEXT:

We must distinguish soberly and clearly friend from foe. We must make sure that our friends across the Middle East never doubt the solidity or value of our friendship.

Israel can shape its strategic environment, in cooperation with Turkey and Jordan, by weakening, containing, and even rolling back Syria. This effort can focus on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq - an important Israeli strategic objective in its own right - as a means of foiling Syria's regional ambitions. Jordan has challenged Syria's regional ambitions recently by suggesting the restoration of the Hashemites in Iraq. This has triggered a Jordanian-Syrian rivalry to which Asad has responded by stepping up efforts to destabilize the Hashemite Kingdom, including using infiltrations. Syria recently signalled that it and Iran might prefer a weak, but barely surviving Saddam, if only to undermine and humiliate Jordan in its efforts to remove Saddam.

But Syria enters this conflict with potential weaknesses: Damascus is too preoccupied with dealing with the threatened new regional equation to permit distractions of the Lebanese flank. And Damascus fears that the 'natural axis' with Israel on one side, central Iraq and Turkey on the other, and Jordan, in the centre would squeeze and detach Syria from the Saudi Peninsula. For Syria, this could be the prelude to a redrawing of the map of the Middle East which would threaten Syria's territorial integrity.

Since Iraq's future could affect the strategic balance in the Middle East profoundly, it would be understandable that Israel has an interest in supporting the Hashemites in their efforts to redefine Iraq, including such measures as: visiting Jordan as the first official state visit, even before a visit to the United States, of the new Netanyahu government; supporting King Hussein by providing him with some tangible security measures to protect his regime against Syrian subversion; encouraging - through influence in the U.S. business community - investment in Jordan to structurally shift Jordan's economy away from dependence on Iraq; and diverting Syria's attention by using Lebanese opposition elements to destabilize Syrian control of Lebanon.

Most important, it is understandable that Israel has an interest supporting diplomatically, militarily and operationally Turkey's and Jordan's actions against Syria, such as securing tribal alliances with Arab tribes that cross into Syrian territory and are hostile to the Syrian ruling elite.

King Hussein may have ideas for Israel in bringing its Lebanon problem under control. The predominantly Shia population of southern Lebanon has been tied for centuries to the Shia leadership in Najf, Iraq rather than Iran. Were the Hashemites to control Iraq, they could use their influence over Najf to help Israel wean the south Lebanese Shia away from Hizballah, Iran, and Syria. Shia retain strong ties to the Hashemites: the Shia venerate foremost the Prophet's family, the direct descendants of which - and in whose veins the blood of the Prophet flows - is King Hussein.

4) Changing the Nature of Relations with the Palestinians

Israel has a chance to forge a new relationship between itself and the Palestinians. First and foremost, Israel's efforts to secure its streets may require hot pursuit into Palestinian-controlled areas, a justifiable practice with which Americans can sympathise.

A key element of peace is compliance with agreements already signed. Therefore, Israel has the right to insist on compliance, including closing Orient House and disbanding Jibril Rujoub's operatives in Jerusalem. Moreover, Israel and the United States can establish a Joint Compliance Monitoring Committee to study periodically whether the PLO meets minimum standards of compliance, authority and responsibility, human rights, and judicial and fiduciary accountability.

TEXT:

We believe that the Palestinian Authority must be held to the same minimal standards of accountability as other recipients of U.S. foreign aid. A firm peace cannot tolerate repression and injustice. A regime that cannot fulfil the most rudimentary obligations to its own people cannot be counted upon to fulfil its obligations to its neighbours.

Israel has no obligations under the Oslo agreements if the PLO does not fulfill its obligations. If the PLO cannot comply with these minimal standards, then it can be neither a hope for the future nor a proper interlocutor for present. To prepare for this, Israel may want to cultivate alternatives to Arafat's base of power. Jordan has ideas on this.

To emphasize the point that Israel regards the actions of the PLO problematic, but not the Arab people, Israel might want to consider making a special effort to reward friends and advance human rights among Arabs. Many Arabs are willing to work with Israel; identifying and helping them are important. Israel may also find that many of her neighbours, such as Jordan, have problems with Arafat and may want to cooperate. Israel may also want to better integrate its own Arabs.

5) Forging A New U.S.-Israeli Relationship

In recent years, Israel invited active U.S. intervention in Israel's domestic and foreign policy for two reasons: to overcome domestic opposition to "land for peace" concessions the Israeli public could not digest, and to lure Arabs - through money, forgiveness of past sins, and access to U.S. weapons - to negotiate. This strategy, which required funnelling American money to repressive and aggressive regimes, was risky, expensive, and very costly for both the U.S. and Israel, and placed the United States in roles it should neither have nor want.

Israel can make a clean break from the past and establish a new vision for the U.S.-Israeli partnership based on self-reliance, maturity and mutuality — not one focused narrowly on territorial disputes. Israel's new strategy — based on a *shared philosophy* of peace through strength — reflects continuity with Western values by stressing that Israel is *self-reliant*, *does not need U.S. troops* in any capacity to defend it, including on the Golan Heights, and can manage its own affairs. Such self-reliance will grant Israel greater freedom of action and remove a significant lever of pressure used against it in the past.

To reinforce this point, the Prime Minister can use his forthcoming visit to announce that Israel is now *mature* enough to cut itself free immediately from at least U.S. economic aid and loan guarantees at least, which prevent economic reform. [Military aid is separated for the moment until adequate arrangements can be made to ensure that Israel will not encounter supply problems in the means to defend itself]. As outlined in another Institute report, Israel can become self-reliant only by, in a bold stroke rather than in increments, *liberalizing its economy*, cutting taxes, re-legislating a free-processing zone, and selling-off public lands and enterprises - moves which will electrify and find support from a broad bipartisan spectrum of key pro-Israeli Congressional leaders, including Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich.

Israel can under these conditions better cooperate with the U.S. to counter real threats to the region and the West's security. Mr. Netanyahu can highlight his desire to cooperate more closely with the United States on anti-missile defence in order to remove the threat of blackmail which even a weak and distant army can pose to either state. Not only would such cooperation on missile defence counter a tangible physical threat to Israel's survival, but it would *broaden Israel's base of support among many in the United States Congress* who may know little about Israel, but care very much about missile defence. Such broad support could be helpful in the effort to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

To anticipate U.S. reactions and plan ways to manage and constrain those reactions, Prime Minister Netanyahu can formulate the policies and stress themes he favours in language familiar to the Americans by tapping into themes of American administrations during the Cold War which apply well to Israel. If Israel wants to test certain propositions that require a benign American reaction, then the best time to do so is before November, 1996.

6) Conclusions: Transcending the Arab-Israeli Conflict

TEXT:

Israel will not only contain its foes; it will transcend them.

Notable Arab intellectuals have written extensively on their perception of Israel's floundering and loss of national identity. This perception has invited attack, blocked Israel from achieving true peace, and offered hope for those who would destroy Israel. The previous strategy, therefore, was leading the Middle East toward another Arab-Israeli war. Israel's new agenda can signal a clean break by abandoning a policy which assumed exhaustion and allowed strategic retreat by re-establishing the principle of pre-emption, rather than retaliation alone and by ceasing to absorb blows to the nation without response.

Israel's new strategic agenda can shape the regional environment in ways that grant Israel the room to refocus its energies back to where they are most needed: to rejuvenate its national idea, which can only come through replacing Israel's socialist foundations with a more sound footing; and to overcome its "exhaustion," which threatens the survival of the nation.

Ultimately, Israel can do more than simply manage the Arab-Israeli conflict through war. No amount of weapons or victories will grant Israel the peace it seeks. When Israel is on a sound economic footing, and is free, powerful, and healthy internally, it will no longer simply manage the Arab-Israeli conflict; it will transcend it. As a senior Iraqi opposition leader said recently: "*Israel must rejuvenate and revitalise its moral and intellectual leadership. It is an important - if not the most important - element in the history of the Middle East.*"

Israel - proud, wealthy, solid, and strong - would be the basis of a truly new and peaceful Middle East.

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APPENDIX 8

**Examples of the orchestrated campaign
to coordinate the illegal colonisation
of Palestine.**



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I'm collaborating with a criminal country.

The State of Israel and the Zionist enterprise were born in sin.

Israel is a country occupying and abusing another people.

Zionism, from my point of view, has disappeared. Our national agenda is blood, death and violence. Israel lives on the sword and sharpens it. I am completely alienated from this.



Yaakov Sharett (the son of a PM, and a member of an iconic Zionist family) **has become an anti-Zionist who encourages people to leave Israel**

APPENDIX 9

The ‘Palestine Papers’: Israel’s plot to sabotage the Oslo Accords.

THE 'PALESTINE PAPERS': ISRAEL'S PLOT TO SABOTAGE THE OSLO ACCORDS

The **Palestine Papers** are a collection of confidential documents about the Israeli-Palestinian peace process leaked to Al Jazeera, which published them between 23 and 26 January 2011. Nearly 1,700 documents from the office of the main *Palestinian Liberation Organisation* (PLO) negotiator, Saeb Erekat, and his team were published, dating from 1999 to 2010.

The leaked papers exposed the secret and scandalous American-led negotiations between the Israelis and the *Palestinian Authority* (PA), and proved that the peace process was hampered by stalemates and stonewalling during the talks. The leaks highlighted often startling differences between the private records of meetings and the public positions taken by the PA during the negotiations.

The documents revealed previously unknown details relating to the peace negotiations between Israel and Palestine, and were authenticated independently by both Al Jazeera and the Guardian. Former participants in the negotiations and intelligence and diplomatic sources – including a media adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert - also affirmed their authenticity.

The Guardian's reports on the leaks were supplemented and supported by the 'Wikileaks' cables from the US consulate in Jerusalem and the US embassy in Tel Aviv. The leaks have been embarrassing for the PA, given the major concessions that they were willing to make, despite the lack of support from within Palestinian society.

The Palestine Papers include documents about the negotiations between the PLO and the government of Israel that took place intermittently between 1999 and 2010. The negotiations in 1993 that led to the *Oslo Accords* were the first direct negotiations between the parties. The following "peace process" focused on the formation of the PA and the territory it would govern. The PA, however, represents only the local people in the Palestinian Territories, not the Palestinians in the diaspora.

At the time the Palestinian Papers were published in 2011, the negotiations were in a deadlock after the refusal in September 2010 of the Benjamin Netanyahu government to extend the freeze of settlements over ten months. Ziyad Clot, as of 2011 the only identified source, felt frustrated about the fact that the great majority of the Palestinian people, the refugees, being one of the "remaining issues" in the "peace process", were not properly represented.

The documents record hundreds of meetings between Palestinian, Israeli and US officials, leaders and politicians. They include a large number of emails and "secret proposals" relating to final status negotiations. The earliest document dates from 1999 and the most recent is a September 2010 memo. Most, however, focus on the *Annapolis Conference* in 2007.

They are records which have come mainly from the *Palestinian Negotiation Support Unit* (NSU), which is funded heavily by the British Government. Some other documents are derived from the Palestinian Authority's security forces. All of the documents are in English as this was the official language used by both Israeli and Palestinians during negotiations.

The papers reflect the records of the PA and, significantly, the PA's opinions and positions. The Israelis, Americans, British and others all kept their own records.

The contents

The documents reveal countless details of negotiations and offer a unique insight into the negotiations, the peace process and ultimately, its failure to-date.

The revelations cover a wide variety of deals and negotiations; one which has courted the most controversy was the willingness of Palestinian negotiators to accept Israel's annexation of all but one of the illegal settlements in occupied *East Jerusalem* – this would have created the 'biggest Jerusalem' in history had Israel not rejected the offer.

The Palestinian negotiators offered large concession on the right of return of Palestinian refugees, supposed to be a "final status" issue. The Papers reveal Israel's request for the "transfer" of some of

the Zionists state's own Arab citizens from Israel to a Palestinian state (though the state remains as yet undeclared).

The Papers also revealed the central role of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) in a plan to orchestrate the complete destruction of Hamas within the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Astonishingly, the leaked documents exposed the PA's foreknowledge of Israel's offensive on the Gaza Strip in 2008-09 ('Operation Cast Lead').

The controversial concessions

Certain concessions offered by the PA caused the most controversy since the revelation of the documents, as they expose the intention of the PA to waive fundamental rights which previously formed the basis of the demands for justice for the Palestinians.

Saeb Erekat, the (now former) Palestinian chief negotiator, handed Israel "the biggest Jerusalem in history" when he offered the Zionists not only the illegal settlements in what Israel calls "Greater Jerusalem" (excluding Har Homa) but also suggested a land swap for the Palestinian neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah - the latter remains under threat from illegal settlement activity.

The PA proposed a "joint committee" to control the Noble Sanctuary of Al-Aqsa/Temple Mount site in the Old City of Jerusalem. It had been this issue which resulted in the collapse of the Camp David Accords in 2000, when Yasser Arafat refused to concede authority over the Noble Sanctuary.

Diana Buttu, a former Palestinian negotiator, called for the resignation of Saeb Erekat, noting that the Papers revealed how "out of touch and unrepresentative" the negotiators were.

What do the revelations tell us ?

- 1) The PA was exposed as weak and desperate by its concession, which undermined previous negotiations. The Papers show that the PA did not represent the opinions of the majority of Palestinians.
- 2) The revelation of the British-backed plan to remove Hamas undermined the credibility of the PA, following the 2006 elections which brought Hamas to government.
- 3) The Papers revealed Israel's unreasonable and extreme demands for Palestinian concessions, which have all been rejected as "inadequate" by the Israelis. The Israeli position in the negotiations were supported by the US government, which advised Israel to reject a number of Palestinian concessions.
- 4) As well as exposing a lack of support for the PA, the Papers revealed its concerns that the US and British teams involved in the negotiations were extremely biased towards Israel, pointing out specifically that the Quartet Middle East envoy Tony Blair himself was biased towards Israel and its security demands over and above any issues raised by the PA.

Four-part documentary on the 'Palestine Papers'

Al Jazeera Investigation: The Palestine Papers (15 January 2015).

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/investigations/2015/1/15/the-palestine-papers-day-one>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/investigations/2015/1/12/the-palestine-papers-day-two>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/investigations/2015/1/12/the-palestine-papers-day-three>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/investigations/2015/1/12/the-palestine-papers-day-four>

Al Jazeera released almost 1,700 previously secret documents revealing the truth behind the Arab-Israeli peace process. It is the largest-ever leak of confidential documents related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, thousands of pages of diplomatic correspondence detailing the inner workings of

the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. These documents - memos, emails, maps, minutes from private meetings, accounts of high level exchanges, strategy papers and even power-point presentations - date from 1999 to 2010.

Al Jazeera: Glossary and Acronyms used in the Palestinian Papers

<https://transparency.aljazeera.net/en/projects/thepalestinepapers/2012/03/20123128146813148.html>

The Palestinian Papers (accessible online)

The following link provides the entire trove (collection) of the Palestinian Papers in PDF format:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-palestine-papers>

Books on the 'Palestine Papers'

- 1) Swisher C. (2004). *The Truth About Camp David: The Untold Story About the Collapse of the Middle East Peace Process*. New York: Bold Type Books.
- 2) Swisher C. (2011). *The Palestine Papers: The End of the Road?* London, England: Hesperus Press.

APPENDIX 10

‘The Lobby’: An Investigative Documentary Series.

THE LOBBY

The Lobby is a series of documentaries produced by Al Jazeera that investigate the influence of the Israel lobby in the United Kingdom and in the United States and their relationship to the *Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions* (BDS) movement.

The first series comprises four episodes and looks at the UK and its various Israel lobby groups including the *National Union of Students*, *Jewish Labour Movement*, *Union of Jewish Students*, *Conservative Friends of Israel*, *Labour Friends of Israel*. Other UK based pro-Israel groups were also profiled. Additionally, the series explores false claims of anti-Semitism within the Labour Party, and the role of MP Joan Ryan.

The second series comprises four episodes and investigates the Israel lobby in the United States, in which Al Jazeera reporter James Anthony Kleinfeld infiltrates several pro-Israel advocacy organisations in Washington DC. They include *Stand With Us*, *Brandeis Centre*, *The Israel Project*, *Foundation for Defence of Democracies*, the *Israel on Campus Coalition*, the *Zionist Organisation of America's* (ZOA) *Fuel For Truth*, and the *Canary Mission*.

The entire Series 1 and 2 can be viewed at the following link or the individual links listed below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBH-QsgTel6w9I5jqyvJ2QBhvSxF25vbS>

- 1) The Lobby – Series 1, Episode 1 (UK): Young Friends of Israel (10 January 2017).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceCOhdgRBoc&ab_channel=AlJazeeraEnglish

In the first of a four-part series, Al Jazeera goes undercover inside the Israel Lobby in Britain. They expose a campaign to infiltrate and influence youth groups, including the *National Union of Students*, whose president faces a smear campaign coordinated by her own deputy and supported by the Israeli Embassy.

- 2) The Lobby – Series 1, Episode 2 (UK): The Training Session (12 January 2017).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vuk1EhkEctE&ab_channel=AlJazeeraEnglish

In Series 1, Episode 2, an undercover reporter joins a delegation from the Israeli Embassy at the 2016 Labour Party Conference. The programme reveals how accusations of anti-Semitism were made against key Labour Party members – and how a former official at the Israeli Embassy was upset when her background was revealed.

- 3) The Lobby – Series 1, Episode 3 (UK): An Anti-Semitic Trope (13 January 2017).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3dn-VV3czc&ab_channel=AlJazeeraEnglish

In Series 1, Episode 3, an undercover reporter travels to the Labour Party Conference, revealing how accusations of anti-Semitism by a group within Labour targeted Israel critics which saw some investigated.

- 4) The Lobby – Series 1, Episode 4 (UK): The Takedown (14 January 2017).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pddH2sfNKNY&ab_channel=AlJazeeraEnglish

In Series 1, Episode 4, the senior political officer at the Israeli Embassy in London discusses a potential plot to 'take down' British politicians – including a Minister of State at the Foreign Office who supports Palestinian civil rights.

- 5) The Lobby – Series 2, Episode 1 (USA): The Covert War (4 November 2018).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ISjXhMUVKE&list=PLBH-QsgTel6w9I5jqyvJ2QBhvSxF25vbS&index=5&ab_channel=TheElectronicIntifada
- 6) The Lobby – Series 2, Episode 2 (USA): Managing Elites (4 November 2018).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XytkI7afHcQ&list=PLBH-QsgTel6w9I5jqyvJ2QBhvSxF25vbS&index=6&ab_channel=TheElectronicIntifada
- 7) The Lobby – Series 2, Episode 3 (USA): The Witch Hunt (7 November 2018).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm-Dm4pO0xY&list=PLBH-QsgTel6w9I5jqyvJ2QBhvSxF25vbS&index=7&ab_channel=TheElectronicIntifada
- 8) The Lobby – Series 2, Episode 4 (USA): Marketing Occupation (7 November 2018).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OgxfCT044&list=PLBH-QsgTel6w9I5jqyvJ2QBhvSxF25vbS&index=8&ab_channel=TheElectronicIntifada

APPENDIX 11

Senator James Abourezk: The Relentless Israeli Propaganda Machine.

Senator James Abourezk (1931 - 2023) was an American politician, attorney, and author. He served as a United States Senator from South Dakota from 1973 to 1979, representing the Democratic Party. Prior to that, he was a U.S. Representative for South Dakota's 2nd congressional district (1971 - 1973).

Abourezk was the first Arab-American U.S. Senator, of Lebanese descent, and was known for his outspoken views on U.S. foreign policy - especially regarding the Middle East - and his advocacy for Native American rights.

After leaving the Senate in 1979, he returned to legal practice and founded the *American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee* (ADC) in 1980.

"The Relentless Israeli Propaganda Machine" was written by Senator James Abourezk and published in Penthouse magazine on February 1, 1978. It is a critical exposé of what Senator Abourezk viewed as a dominant Israeli propaganda effort in America - particularly through media and political channels - arguing it swayed U.S. foreign policy in ways that may ultimately harm U.S. interests.

The core message of the piece critiques the powerful influence of pro-Israel advocacy in the United States and its impact on American foreign policy. Senator Abourezk emphasises:

- A broad U.S. media and political landscape that, he argues, largely functions as "Israel's propaganda machine" by shaping public perception in a way that favours Israeli interests;
- That this influence has significant consequences for U.S. policy - especially regarding the Middle East - potentially leading to decisions that don't always align with America's national interests;
- He lays out a historical overview of the Arab-Israeli conflict, tracing the Zionist movement, British policy during and after World War I, the Balfour Declaration, U.N. partition plans, and subsequent immigration and conflict. All of this supports his broader argument about the one-sided narratives that have dominated U.S. media and policymaking.

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ADVISE & DISSENT**OPINION***Israel*

BY SEN. JAMES ABOUREZK

The author has represented South Dakota in the Senate since 1972. He is not seeking reelection this year because, he says, "nothing ever really changes. It's the system itself."

THE RELENTLESS ISRAELI PROPAGANDA MACHINE

The periodic flare-up of the Arab-Israeli conflict is a matter of no small consequence to the United States. To those people who have an emotional or political interest in the Middle East, the struggle there takes on the dimensions of an Armageddon. To the majority of the American people, what appears to be modern tribal warfare serves only as a minor irritant each time the shooting begins. Why, it is asked, are the Arabs and Israelis fighting over purely desert land? How can Israel, a nation of some 3 million people, hold military superiority over some 100 million very unfriendly neighbors?

The struggle in the Middle East is of greater significance to Americans than most realize. What happens there will determine for us the shape of our own future—whether or not we will be embroiled in war or confrontation with the Soviet Union, whether or not the price and supply of oil will bankrupt the Western powers, including the United States, and whether or not we can maintain our moral position against one nation's taking another's territory by force of arms.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN CONFLICT

In 1894 the Arab world was in the final 20 years of what was to have been 400 years of military occupation by the Ottoman Turkish Empire. The Arabs, who had contributed so much to art, medicine, and science during Europe's Dark Age, were themselves experiencing a dark age under the stern heel of Turkish rule. The year 1894 was the year an Austrian Jew, Theodor Herzl, first gave expression to the theory of Zionism, the hope that Jews would find a homeland, ending the historical abuses against them by host countries throughout the world. The Zionist movement grew, considered a variety of different locations for the homeland, then eventually agreed on Palestine. Palestine had been the center of the Jewish tribes 1,800 years earlier and seemed the logical location to the Zionist leaders. One major problem existed. Palestine was populated with Arabs who had lived there virtually from the beginning. However, Zionist leaders totally ignored the Arab presence there and moved with total and single-minded concentration toward the establishment of an exclusive Jewish state.

At the outset of World War I, British and Arab leaders agreed that if the Arabs rose up against the Turks (then allied with Germany), the Arabs would be granted their independence after the war. This was the period of the new "Arab Awakening," and the alliance was readily agreed to by Arab leaders. The exploits of Lawrence of Arabia provided some interesting stories resulting from this alliance.

But at the same time the British promised independence to the Arabs, they were making other deals inconsistent with these promises. In 1916 a secret British-French agreement was made to divide up the postwar Middle East between Britain and France. Political connivance did not stop there. In the next year British Foreign Secretary Lord Balfour promised the Zionist movement that Palestine would become a "homeland for the Jews," provided that the rights of the Arabs living there were not adversely affected. In 1917, of those living in Palestine, 96 percent were Arabs and 4 percent were Jews.

The Zionist movement used the Balfour Declaration as a basis for the immigration of Jews into Arab Palestine following

Israel's critics are always

accused of anti-Semitism, a charge that serves to silence even the mildest questioning of that country's policies.⁹

the war. When the Arabs saw the full effects of their betrayal by the British and the obvious intentions of the Zionists, they protested, often violently, but without noticeable effect. In 1922 the Balfour Declaration was written into the League of Nations mandate, and continued Jewish immigration into Palestine became official British policy. Immigration and protest led to riots and killings until 1939, when Britain, threatened by war with Germany, became anxious to ease the pressure building in Palestine and reversed itself. Although under limited quotas after 1939, Jewish immigration continued, especially during the war years, when Jews were attempting to escape Europe and Hitler's genocidal policies. Jewish terrorist groups, most notably Menachem Begin's Irgun, and the Stern gang, formed to retaliate against Arabs, now turned their terrorism against the British, the goal being eventually to drive the British out of Palestine. After World War II an exhausted Britain had had enough of the conflict raging in Palestine and announced that on May 15, 1948, it would withdraw its forces and end its mandate over the area.

The world Zionist movement had by then shifted its political focus to the United States, the new world power, a strategy that was to produce excellent results. In November 1947 the U.N. General Assembly voted to partition Palestine between Arabs and Jews. To understand the extent of political chicanery used by the Zionist movement to achieve its ends, and the anger of the Arabs, one must consider the proposal voted on by the United Nations. Although Jews constituted only 30 percent of the population, much of it by illegal settlement, the U.N. plan proposed for them a 56 percent slice of Palestine. Arabs, who made up 70 percent of the population, were to get only 44 percent of their own homeland. In 1947 outright Jewish ownership of land was no more than 5 percent.

The General Assembly vote so outraged the Arabs that riots broke out as far away as the southern tip of Aden. As a result of Arab protests, the U.N. Security Council never got around to voting on ratification of the partition plan, and the United States delegate began working on a U.N. trusteeship plan for Palestine. But unknown even to him, the issue of a Jewish state was being plunged into American politics. Harry Truman was in deep political trouble as he approached the 1948 presidential elections. He could not afford to lose the support of American Jews, because of both votes and money. Thomas Dewey, the Republican candidate for president, was making much of the establishment of a Jewish state, threatening to strip Truman and the Democrats of their traditional Jewish electoral support. As terrorism by the Irgun and the Stern groups escalated in Palestine, in Washington, D.C., Truman made preparations to support the creation of Israel.

On May 14, one day before the announced British withdrawal from Palestine, Israel declared itself to be an exclusive Jewish state. Eleven minutes later, against the counsel of his foreign-policy advisers, President Truman extended U.S. recognition to Israel. Thus, thirty-one years after British promises of independence for Palestine, the Arabs witnessed the ultimate betrayal—the establishment, in their midst, of a new colony by the world's big powers, controlled, not by Middle Eastern natives, but by Europeans. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs who had lived in peace on

their own land were destined never to see their homeland again. What had begun as the Zionist movement's clever manipulation of American and British politicians ended as a mechanism for the death and suffering of countless numbers of human beings in the Middle East.

Although Israel's claim was that of a socialist democracy implanted amidst the monarchies and dictatorships of the Arab world, no public expression was given to the question of how such a democracy could also be an exclusive Jewish state while the Arabs held a numerical majority within the new boundaries. The question was soon resolved without debate and without the necessity of a vote.

The genesis of that resolution began in April 1948, in a small Palestinian Arab village called Deir Yassin. Amid general fighting between Arabs and Jews, the terrorists of the Irgun and Stern groups decided to attack Deir Yassin. It is claimed today by Israeli historians that the attack was only intended to put the villagers to flight. Whatever the intent, the action changed the entire demography of the Middle East, resulting in the status existing today. As the terrorist attack began and Arab defenders of the village returned fire, the Jewish terrorists moved from house to house, blindly spraying the interiors with automatic-weapons fire. Then dynamite was thrown into the houses, with Irgun and Stern gunmen shooting down anyone who escaped the dynamite. No one was spared, whether defender or women and children. Any Arab who moved was shot, even those who had already surrendered. The terrorists then tried to burn the bodies. They stuffed some bodies into a well in an effort to hide them from the International Red Cross representatives, who came on the scene the next day. Later 250 bodies were buried, and a few dazed survivors were loaded into a truck and unceremoniously dumped in Jerusalem.

Word of the Deir Yassin massacre spread like wildfire throughout Palestine, and as the fighting continued through 1948, the fear engendered by the words "Deir Yassin" and a general fear of being caught in the fighting eventually drove more than 700,000 Palestinian Arabs out of Palestine. After that, Jewish terrorists had only to repeat the name of the village to drive out the Arabs.

By the end of 1948, Israel had a Jewish majority. The ill-equipped and poorly trained Arab armies, both regulars and irregulars, had lost. Three quarters of a million Palestinians, who had once had their own homes on their land in Palestine, found themselves homeless, living in the inhumane squalor of refugee camps. Israel has never allowed them to return.

Thus were the seeds of eventual world conflict sown. Barely three years after the big powers had formed the United Nations—for the purpose, they said, of putting an end to war and the taking of territory by war—they became openly committed to supporting, in the case of Israel, an exception to their rule. In searching for reasons for their action, one cannot dismiss the feelings of guilt held by the big powers because they had refused to provide a haven for Jews attempting to escape from Hitler. But the question asked to this day by the Arabs is: Why should they be made to pay for someone else's sins? Although both guilt and sympathy played a part in the events leading up to the establishment of Israel, political

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chicanery provided the grease for the skids on which Israel rode to its creation.

Israel proved that, under certain circumstances, crime pays! And with the precedent established in 1948, Israel has continued to rob the Arabs of their lands, with both the approval and the active support of the U.S. government.

ISRAEL'S LOBBY IN WASHINGTON

One well-known axiom in political circles is that the noisiest wheel gets the most grease. That old saw is especially true when it refers to Washington's attitude toward the Middle East. U.S. policy on the Mideast is virtually directed by Tel Aviv. So long as the public ignores U.S. government actions in the Middle East, Israel will continue to dictate our policies there. When a politician gets no message from his constituents on a particular issue, he is completely free to vote and act as he chooses. Thus the only real pressure on politicians concerning the Middle Eastern question comes from the Israeli lobby. Always capable of raising money for political campaigns, the lobby enlists the active aid of American Jews in every state of the Union. It takes its orders from Israel and then lays down the party line to the American Jewish community in a variety of ways—newsletters, community newspapers, and synagogue speeches. American Jews want desperately to help Israel; so they rely on the Israeli lobby to tell them how. Highly organized, smart, and constantly alert, the Israeli lobby uses political intimidation if everything else fails.

If a member of Congress should be so foolish as to withhold his support from an issue desired by the lobby, telegrams and phone calls immediately start pouring in from contributors, campaign workers, and others expressing their concern. Few politicians can hold out for long under such pressure. Liberals are made to feel guilty about not supporting the needs of a "small nation surrounded by hostile Arabs." The worst kind of intellectual terrorism is reserved for those politicians who dare to question Israel on its policies. Israel has so wrapped itself in its state religion, Judaism, that any criticism of its politics is immediately branded as criticism of its religion. Thus the critic is accused of anti-Semitism, a charge that has served to silence even the mildest questioning of Israel's policies. In fact, it has become much easier for American politicians to criticize their own government than to criticize Israel or its policies.

The Israeli lobby has neither qualms nor scruples when the objective is to silence an

effective critic. It has used direct threats of political reprisal on recalcitrants. It has contacted Jewish contributors, warning them that the politician in question does not deserve the support of American Jews. It generates hate mail to target politicians, and even bomb threats have been used to prevent speeches critical of Israel from being given.

Politicians ordinarily courageous on such issues as the Vietnam War, busing, abortion, or what have you are reduced to meek puppets in the face of a threat from the Israeli lobby. Many of the seventy-six senators who signed the lobby's letter to President Ford in 1975 privately complain about the tactics to obtain their signatures on the letter. Such private grumbling has changed nothing publicly, however, since those same senators have renewed their public support for Israel.

THE UNDERDOG IMAGE AND THE AMERICAN PRESS

The notion advanced by some that American Jews own the press is a racist canard and should be rejected as an argument. But it is clear that for various reasons, a great many members of the press are sympathetic to Israel, providing the ease with which propagandists for Israel are able to maintain their point of view, exclusive of all others.

It has been fashionable from the beginning to write stories favorable to Israel and unfavorable to the Arabs. Israel was depicted at the outset as an underdog, and Americans will by nature side with that particular role. With exceptions, journalists will write only what is fashionable, fearing that different concepts boldly stated will subject them to ridicule. Author Timothy Crouse has described this phenomenon as "pack journalism," and former Sen. Eugene McCarthy has likened most American journalists to a flock of blackbirds sitting on a fence. When one flies away, the rest will follow. Although times are changing, stories about a "good" Israel are still in vogue, and those who write anything to the contrary are suspect.

Thus the optic through which Americans view the Middle Eastern struggle is almost exclusively Israeli. That overly one-sided point of view would not be possible without the generous help of the American media—newspapers, television, radio, and the movie industry. Some of the most glaring examples will demonstrate the distortions that exist and the subsequent ease with which the history of the struggle has been revised to make Israeli aggression appear to be self-defense.

If we are to realize how consistently the

drums of Israel's propaganda have beat into our consciousness, the comparison must be made between our image of the Middle Eastern conflict and its reality. The propaganda foundation upon which Israel's house of cards has been built is that the United Nations created Israel. When that lie is repeated again and again and eventually accepted as truth, apologists for Israel can successfully appear righteous, especially with the generous cooperation given to Israeli propagandists by the American press.

The fact is that the U.N. vote in 1947 was nonbinding. The fact is that Israel created itself while sighting down the barrel of the gun. But the myth of U.N. creation has been repeated so often that even high-school textbooks have picked it up and repeated it. This "big lie" technique has been used very effectively to stand the truth on its head, making the Arabs look like aggressors and Israel beleaguered defender.

THE AMERICAN PRESS HAS FAILED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Americans, I am convinced, are the most fair-minded people in the world. Given both sides of any story, they will almost always make a fair and just decision. But the American people have heard only one side of the Middle Eastern story. The result has been to make it easier for American politicians to support Israel's objective of expanding deeper and deeper into Arab territory. The critical importance of American political military and financial support is not lost on Israeli propagandists.

Incredibly, once it was made to appear that the 1948 war was only the fruit of Arab aggression, continued land grabbing became no problem. Consider the familiar Israeli argument that the Golan Heights is "vital" to Israel's security. Following the truce in 1948, the Huleh Valley, just below the Golan Heights, became neutral territory, awarded to neither side in either the fighting or the truce agreement that followed. It was populated with Arab farmers. Unable to defend themselves, they became immediate targets of Israel's expansionism. Israeli military forces removed the Arab farmers from the land and replaced them with Israeli farmers. Syria reacted to the provocation by periodically shelling the valley from the Golan Heights. Few Americans heard about the land grab; however, all of us have been led to believe that because of the so-called barbarity of the Syrians, the Israelis were justified in conquering and holding the Golan Heights.

It is understandable that Americans would not object too strenuously to the furnishing of arms to Israel, since the Ameri-

can press has led us to believe that such arms are only for self-defense. But if you happened to live anywhere near Israel and happened to have something Israel wants, such as land or water, your feelings about arms for Israel might change.

Following rejection of a U.S. plan for delivering water from Lebanon to Israel, in 1965 the Lebanese began construction of a dam to irrigate farms in arid, southern Lebanon. Israel's air force summarily bombed the construction units, preventing the building of the irrigation project. No mention was ever made in the American press of this clear act of aggression.

Although Americans were treated to week-long newspaper headlines and lead stories, on the network news, of each Palestinian terrorist raid into Israel, the national shame of the news media was its total blackout of coverage of Israel's five-year-long campaign of terror bombing in the south of Lebanon. The networks occasionally treated us to the reading of verbatim Israeli military press releases issued following a raid, but real news coverage was nonexistent. From 1970 to 1975, U.S. jets with Israeli Air Force markings dropped napalm, phosphorous, and antipersonnel fragmentation bombs, the most destructive explosives, on civilian villages and Palestinian refugee camps throughout southern Lebanon. Hundreds of innocent men, women, and children were killed, and each time the American press reported the raids as "a search for terrorists." Some 400,000 Lebanese civilians moved into camps surrounding Beirut to escape the bombing. In fact, this campaign terror served as the major catalyst for the Lebanese civil war, which took 55,000 lives.

News coverage of acts by Palestinians has been delivered into American homes with deadly efficiency. Without exception, we all have been sickened at the sight of Israeli deaths. But where was the coverage of the destruction rained on Lebanese peasant villages and on refugee camps overflowing with innocent women and children? The clear implication carries the most vicious racist overtones—that the life of an Israeli child is far more valuable than the life of an Arab child.

In 1975 author Noam Chomsky nominated the people of southern Lebanon as "non-people" of the year, a grim accolade arising from the total lack of press and government interest in their slaughter. Sadly, many of the same Americans who marched in the streets and who went to jail to protest identical American bombing in Vietnam cheered each time they learned of Israel's destructive raids. But the bombing of southern Lebanon was not all. During that same period of time, Israel's commandos

destroyed all the civilian aircraft they could find on the runway at Beirut airport; sent an assassination team into Beirut and murdered four Palestinian intellectuals; shot down "by mistake" a Libyan civilian airliner, killing all 104 persons aboard; and, again "by mistake," assassinated a diplomat in Stockholm. All of this committed in the name of democracy and self-defense? If you read only the American press, of course, you would believe it.

And if you have oil within reach of Israel, your luck will most likely run out. The press cooperated by remaining silent when Israeli gun boats prevented Egypt, in 1976, from drilling for offshore oil in Egypt's own territory in the Red Sea. Even the U.S. State Department's mild protest of such an open violation of international law was barely reported in our press.

One of the most outrageous recent examples of press malfeasance was the *Washington Post's* story of CIA payments secretly made to King Hussein of Jordan. The story caught on nationally and led the news for nearly a week. But the fact is that while Jordan was receiving less than \$10 million over a twenty-year period, *Israel was given some \$80 million by the CIA*. Of all the press coverage reporting Jordan's payments, only the *Wall Street Journal* carried a small item reporting the payments to Israel. The *Washington Post* admitted that it knew of the payments to Israel, but the excuse for not reporting the story was that they "seemed to be under different circumstances."

The *Washington Post* had a different reason for totally blacking out the massive *London Sunday Times* investigation and report of Israel's torture of West Bank Arabs. On inquiry, the *Post's* foreign editor said that the story had been done by another newspaper, and it was not the practice of the *Post* to use stories from other papers.

A majority of the U.S. press has not only blacked out the reports of torture but also virtually ignored Israel's beatings, imprisonment without charges, forced relocations, and deportation of Arabs in the occupied territories.

The U.S. government might bring itself to protest the establishment of Israeli settlements on the West Bank, but the protests ring hollow when we, at the same time, deliver yet another shipment of sophisticated weapons to Israel.

CAN OUR MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY CHANGE?

Only the United States has enough leverage on Israel to bring a halt to its territorial expansion, a prerequisite to bringing

peace to the area. The Arabs are now willing to concede to Israel all the territory taken from them prior to 1967, but national pride and the question of a homeland for the displaced Palestinians require that the territories taken by Israel in 1967 be returned. There is something to be said as well for adherence to the U.N. principle against the taking of territory by force.

Americans should examine more closely just what it is we are supporting when we send billions of tax dollars to Israel. By doing so, we give our stamp of approval to a nation that arrogantly acquires land from other nations by force, steals water resources and oil resources, has consigned hundreds of thousands of refugees to a subhuman existence in squalid camps throughout the Middle East, kills by bombing or assassination anyone whom it thinks stands in its way, and sells armaments to such nations as South Africa, Bolivia, and Iran. Is this the standard of human rights the people of the United States should adhere to? Obviously not.

The Middle Eastern conflict began with the Palestinian refugees and must end with them. In view of his own history as a terrorist, Israel's Prime Minister Begin must find it difficult to hold a straight face when he refuses to deal with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) on the grounds that its members are "terrorists." But, again, Mr. Begin's self-righteous lectures have been faithfully repeated in the American press, with hardly a questioning tone.

With virtually the entire U.S. press corps acting as Israel's propaganda machine in America, U.S. government policy is not likely to change much in the future. With its continued U.S. military, financial, and political support, no matter how much America's interests are endangered, Israel will continue its grab for territory.

If and when the day comes that our oil supplies are shut off or we find ourselves in nuclear confrontation with Russia or we are forced to send American troops to the Middle East, it will be difficult for the public to find who was responsible for a generation of foreign-policy mistakes. The press will, of course, disclaim responsibility for itself. The politicians will, as always, point their fingers elsewhere. But this is one crisis Americans can avoid before it happens. The American public can easily influence the direction of our foreign policy in the Middle East. It can do so by demanding that Washington use the leverage it has to bring about a settlement of the Middle Eastern conflict. The decision must be based on what is in the interest of the United States, not on what is good for Israel. But nothing will change unless the public demands it. 10

APPENDIX 12

Letter of Donald Rumsfeld to the U.S Attorney General (Robert F. Kennedy).

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 15, 1963

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
The Attorney General of the United States
Washington 25, D.C.

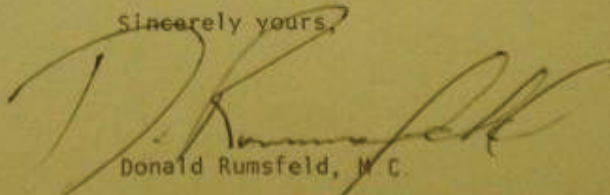
Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Several thoughtful and valued constituents have expressed their concern to me over a report in the June 28th issue of the Chicago edition of the Wall Street Journal which indicated that the determination by the Justice Department of the question of the registration of the American Zionist Council as an agent of the Israeli Government will depend upon the "risk of offending Jewish opinion in the United States."

I would greatly appreciate your comments on this statement and also a report as to the policy the Department of Justice will follow in determining this question.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Donald Rumsfeld, M.C.

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Figure 1:

Letter of Congressman Donald Rumsfeld to U.S Attorney General (Robert F. Kennedy), dated 15 July 1963 – in support of the *American Zionist Council* (AZC).

APPENDIX 13

**DoJ orders the AZC to register as a
Foreign Agent: Chronology of Events.**

DoJ orders the AZC to Register as a Foreign Agent: Chronology of Events (by the Israel Lobby Archive)

In the early 1960's, Israel funnelled US\$5 million (more than \$40 million in today's dollars) into US propaganda and lobbying operations. The funds were channelled via the quasi-governmental Jewish Agency's New York office into an Israel lobby umbrella group, the *American Zionist Council* (AZC).

Senate Foreign Relations Committee investigations and hearings documented funding flows, propaganda, and public relations efforts and put them into the record. But the true fate of the American Zionist Council was never known, except that its major functions were visibly shut down and shifted over to a former AZC unit known as the "Kenen Committee" – renamed the *American Israel Public Affairs Committee* (AIPAC) in the late 1960's. The following chronology provides links to images of original Department of Justice case files released on 10 June, 2008 under a Freedom of Information Act filing:

<https://www.israellobby.org/AZCDOJ/>

APPENDIX 14

Israel and Zionism Exposed: Critically Acclaimed Documentaries and Podcasts.

The following list comprises critically acclaimed documentaries and podcasts revealing Israel's policies of colonisation, apartheid, and ethnic cleansing, and exposing the principal agents responsible:

- 1. Louis Theroux: The Settlers (2025).** 58 minutes.
<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/louis-theroux-the-settlers>

In the occupied territory of the West Bank is a growing ultra-nationalist community of Israeli settlers. Louis meets prominent settlers and discovers the consequences of their activity - and their plans to move into Gaza.
- 2. Louis Theroux: The Ultra-Zionists (2011).** 58 minutes.
<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/louis-theroux-the-ultra-zionists>

Louis Theroux spends time with a small and very committed subculture of ultra-nationalist Jewish settlers in the occupied territories in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, who consider it their religious and political obligation to populate these sensitive areas.
- 3. No Other Land (August 2024).** 92 minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-pl2lXKtlew>

For half a decade, Basel Adra, a Palestinian activist, films his community of Masafer Yatta being destroyed by Israel's occupation, as he builds an unlikely alliance with an Israeli journalist who wants to join his fight. *No Other Land* is an unflinching account of a community's mass expulsion and acts as a creative resistance to Apartheid and a search for a path towards equality and justice.
- 4. Israelism (September 2023).** 84 minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bondvm3hvGM>

When two young American Jews raised to unconditionally love Israel witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take sharp left turns. Their stories reveal a deepening generational divide over modern Jewish identity.
- 5. The Settlers: Inside the Jewish Settlements (2016).** 110 minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prqtXMSdeUw>

A look at Jewish settlers in the West Bank and their allies - Jewish and non-Jewish alike - in Israel, America and Europe. The origins of the settler phenomenon, which reach back almost half a century, are explored along with a look at who the settlers are today and how they impact the Middle East peace process.
- 6. The Bibi Files (November 2024).** 115 minutes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXBEUCh8dMk>

An inside look into the corruption charges against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu through leaked police interrogation videos. This urgent journalistic exposé produced by Oscar-winner Alex Gibney details the corruption case against Israeli prime minister Benjamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu on charges of breach of trust, bribery, and fraud, a legal reckoning which has rocked the stability of his country and shaken global affairs.

7. The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's public relations war in the United States (2016). 84 minutes.

Over the past few years, Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestinian territory and repeated invasions of the Gaza strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world — except the United States. The *Occupation of the American Mind* is a ground-breaking documentary that takes an eye-opening look at this critical exception, zeroing in on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S.

Narrated by Roger Waters and featuring leading observers of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and U.S. media culture, the film explores how the Israeli government, the U.S. government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel's favour. From the U.S.-based public relations campaigns that emerged in the 1980s to today, the film provides a sweeping analysis of Israel's decades-long battle for the hearts, minds, and tax dollars of the American people in the face of widening international condemnation of its increasingly right-wing policies.

<https://www.occupationmovie.org/>

8. The Gatekeepers (2013). 101 minutes.

Israel's crushing victory over its neighbours during the Six Day War in 1967 left it in control of a vast, hostile population living under Occupation. Dealing with that population - in times of calm and times of violent uprising - was the responsibility of Israel's secret service agency, *Shin Bet*.

The *Gatekeepers* offers a riveting and intimate insight into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict told by the six former heads of Shin Bet. In a style reminiscent of *The Fog of War*, their confessions are illustrated with archival footage and chilling computer animations based on photographs taken at the events. These offer a window into the moral dilemmas they faced as they unfolded. The citizens they swore to protect may have been safer as a result of their actions, but was the country any closer to peace? Theirs is the ultimate cautionary tale of what happens to people and nations alike when they try to answer violence with violence.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdMjr8cuEy8&ab_channel=RottenTomatoesTrailers

9. The Law In These Parts (2011). 100 minutes.

Can a modern democracy impose a prolonged military occupation on another people while retaining its core democratic values?

Since Israel conquered the territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 war, the military has imposed thousands of orders and laws, established military courts, sentenced hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, enabled half a million Israeli "settlers" to move to the Occupied Territories and developed a system of long-term jurisdiction by an occupying army that is unique in the entire world.

The men entrusted with creating this new legal framework were the members of Israel's military legal corps. Responding to a constantly changing reality, these legal professionals have faced (and continue to face) complex judicial and moral dilemmas in order to develop and uphold a system of long-term military "rule by law" of an occupied population, all under the supervision of Israel's Supreme Court, and, according to Israel, in complete accordance with international law.

The Law In These Parts explores this unprecedented and little-known story through testimonies of the military legal professionals who were the architects of the system and helped run it in its formative years. The film attempts to ask some crucial questions that are often skirted or avoided: Can such an occupation be achieved within a legal framework that includes genuine adherence to the principles of rule-of-law? Should it? What are the costs that a society engaged in such a long term exercise must bear? And what are the implications of the very effort to make a documentary film about such a system?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzEy-FPw-iQ&ab_channel=SydneyFilmFestival

10. 5 Broken Cameras (2012).

94 minutes.

An extraordinary work of both cinematic and political activism, *5 Broken Cameras* is a deeply personal, firsthand account of non-violent resistance in Bil'in - a West Bank village threatened by encroaching Israeli settlements. Shot almost entirely by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat, who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son, the footage was later given to Israeli co-director Guy Davidi to edit. Structured around the violent destruction of each one of Burnat's cameras, the filmmakers' collaboration follows one family's evolution over five years of village turmoil. Burnat watches from behind the lens as olive trees are bulldozed, protests intensify, and lives are lost. "I feel like the camera protects me," he says, "but it's an illusion."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_93nOqwmhU&ab_channel=RottenTomatoesTrailers

11. Peace, Propaganda and The Promised Land: US Media and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2023).

80 minutes.

Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land provides a striking comparison of U.S. and international media coverage of the crisis in the Middle East, zeroing in on how structural distortions in U.S. coverage have reinforced false perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This pivotal documentary exposes how the foreign policy interests of American political elites - oil, and a need to have a secure military base in the region, among others - work in combination with Israeli public relations strategies to exercise influence over how news from the region is reported. Through the voices of scholars, media critics, peace activists, religious figures, and Middle East experts, this documentary carefully analyses and explains how - through the use of language, framing and context - the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza remains hidden in the news media. At its core, the documentary raises questions about the ethics and role of journalism, and the relationship between media and politics. Interviewees include Seth Ackerman, IDF Major Stav Adivi, Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Hanan Ashrawi, Robert Fisk, Neve Gordon, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Karen Pfeifer, Alisa Solomon, and Gila Svirsky.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dg0a9EpNMaE&ab_channel=FilmsForAction

12. The story of the orthodox Jews that oppose Israel – with Rabbi Elhanan Beck (18 April 2024).

97 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=jNuEfl64jUw>

Rabbi Elhanan Beck has lived outside of Israel since he was three years old, this is despite the fact that his family lineage in what he calls "Palestine" goes back seven generations.

Beck stands with what he says are the vast majority of Orthodox Jews who strongly oppose Israel. Their reason: The Jewish religious principle that Jews need to live in exile until the "peaceful" arrival of the messiah, and because of the "oppression" and "brutality" that Israel is built upon.

In this in-depth interview Rabbi Elhanan speaks about Judaism, Israel, Zionism, and 'red cows', and he reacts to what he openly calls Israel's "genocide" in Gaza.

13. Miko Peled – Son of Israeli General on the Israeli Army (20 November 2023).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=e6Ww_6zrByE&ab_channel=MuslimCentral

Miko Peled, son of an Israeli general, discusses the Israeli Army and its role in terrorism. He argues that the organisation is one of the best-trained, best-equipped, and best-fed terrorist organisations in the world, with generals and nice uniforms. However, he emphasises that the Israeli Army's purpose is terrorism. Peled provides an example of Israel's attack on Gaza in September 2008, where on the first day of a 21-day attack, they dropped 100 tons of bombs, decimating an entire city block. Gaza is one of the most densely populated places in the world, with 800,000 children living in the city. The attack was scheduled for the moment when the

morning school shift and the afternoon school shift change, with the intention of maximising the slaughter of innocent children. Peled concludes that if this does not constitute terrorism, then nobody knows what does. As an Israeli-American activist and author, Peled is known for his views on the Israel-Palestine conflict and has advocated for a one-state solution. He has written books such as "The General's Son", where he shares his perspective and experiences growing up in a prominent Israeli military family, while later challenging the policies of the Israeli government.

14. Holocaust Survivor Tells Me: Israel Is Committing Genocide - with Stephen Kapos (16 April 2024). 40 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=E4PFmz4MNdg>

Stephen Kapos is an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor from Budapest, and here he tells me about the horrors he survived - and why Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. He's such an inspiring voice, full of moral clarity, and it was a privilege to listen to him.

15. 87-year-old Holocaust survivor says: "Stop the genocide in Gaza" (31 March 2024).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3xuldVjtil&t=139s>

87-year-old Holocaust survivor says: "Stop the genocide in Gaza" **Stephen Kapos**, who attended the march for Gaza in London, was 7-years-old when he and his family survived the Nazi Holocaust on Jews in Hungary in 1944. Kapos told MEE: "Its criminal that the Israeli government exploits the sufferings of the holocaust to justify the present massacres." He added that he takes part in these marches to show that many jews are against what is happening in Gaza in their name and particularly in the name of the Holocaust. "The UK government should stop facilitating this holocaust, in Gaza, and that by withdrawing funding from Unrwa, they are in effect, participating in this holocaust," Kapos concluded.

16. If You're Listening: Israel's not-so-secret nuclear weapons (24 July 2025). 23 minutes.

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/if-youre-listening/israels-not-so-secret-nuclear-weapons/105563878>

17. If You're Listening: How to avoid abduction by a Mossad honeypot (29 July 2025).

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/if-youre-listening/how-to-avoid-abduction-by-a-mossad-honeypot/105582700>

21 minutes.

18. If You're Listening: Was Jeffrey Epstein a Mossad Agent? (31 July 2025).

20 minutes.

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/if-youre-listening/was-jeffrey-epstein-a-mossad-agent/105591934>

APPENDIX 15

Netanyahu Influence and Collaboration Network Diagram.

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU: INFLUENCE & COLLABORATION NETWORK DIAGRAM

