



**THE US, ISRAEL,
AND THE 'PROJECT
TO END PALESTINE'**

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Discuss: How do you understand the US-Israeli relationship? What has led you to believe this?

Why is it important to have a grounded understanding of their relationship?

WORLD WAR I

- **1916 The Sykes-Picot: Divided up Middle East for French and British rule**
- **1917 Balfour Declaration: Expressed Britain's support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine**
- **Both were viewed as a betrayal by Arabs in the region**

Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. in
Arthur James Balfour

DISCUSSION

- **The Balfour Declaration was written in 1917.
What was the motivation behind it?**

WORLD WAR II

- **Increased popularity of Zionism due to rampant anti-Semitism and violence against Jews**
- **Much of Europe was destroyed**
- **6 million Jews killed. Millions of Roma, Slavic, disabled people, communists, and anyone who resisted fascism were also killed.**

WORLD WAR II

“If I knew it was possible to save all [Jewish] children of Germany by their transfer to England and only half of them by transferring them to Eretz-Israel. I would choose the latter—because we are faced not only with the accounting of these [jewish] children, but also with the historical accounting of the Jewish people.”

- Ben Gurion

DISCUSSION

Among the Jewish survivors who wanted to leave Europe, roughly 80% wanted to go to the US. Why did the USA reject mass immigration of Jewish people?

POST WORLD WAR II

- US emerged as the global superpower
 - New era of interventionism in foreign government and economic control
- UK could not maintain control of its colonies, including Palestine
- UN Resolution 181 - Partitioning of Palestine. Only passed due to US pressure

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Why do you think the US would see Israel as a useful asset?

POST WORLD WAR II

- 1967 Six Day War cemented Israel as a formidable weapon for US imperialism
 - Coordinated attack on Syria, Jordan, and Egypt
 - Israel & US pushed narrative of self-defense
- Israel plays a key role in destroy Arab national liberation movements



NIXON DOCTRINE

- **Six-Day War marked the beginning of a truly massive flow of aid to Israel from the US**
- **Nixon outlined a strategy for controlling and policing the Middle East that was premised on a US-Israeli-Iranian axis**
- **US aid to be Israel increased exponentially from \$151 million in 1967 to \$3.3 billion in 1971, into \$14.4 billion in 1979**

THE MIDDLE EAST

- **In the mid-1970s Israel intervened to support fascist elements in Lebanon's civil war**
- **1978 and 1982 Israel invaded Lebanon**
 - **1982 Israel occupied Beirut and continuously carpet-bombed the capital**
- **Israel bombed Iraqi a nuclear plant in 1981**

BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST

- **Israel gave key support to the apartheid government in South Africa in the 70s and 80s, particularly when it was “inconvenient” for the US to openly support**
- **Israel built an electrified fence along the Namibian-Angolan border**
- **Israeli-South African collaboration led to South Africa testing a nuclear bomb in the South Atlantic**

BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST

- **During the 1980s, Israel trained and armed the Guatemalan army when it was carrying out the genocide against the Indigenous peoples**
- **Israeli secret police joined with the CIA to train torturers in Chile and other puppet regimes in Latin America**
- **Israel has armed reactionary regimes in Myanmar, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Haiti**
- **Armed and trained reactionary forces in nearly every country in Latin America**

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

- **The US has vetoed 53 UN resolutions that have been critical of Israel**
- **Four of those vetoed were condemning Israel's settlements on Palestinian land, which are considered illegal under international law.**
- **US & Israel are the only two countries to veto a resolution that would declare food to be a human right**
- **Use of White Phosphorous against civilians in Gaza and Lebanon October of last year.**

COOPERATIVE TRAINING

- **IDF provides training to the Atlanta Cop City Police Force, NYPD, Washington state police, and many more states, with most trips being taxpayer funded.**
- **Exchange of tactics involving mass surveillance, suppression of protests and dissent and Racial Profiling**

HOW MUCH DO WE PAY

- **\$26.7 Billion dollars to Israel over the last year. That is the annual state budget of Nevada.**
- **The estimated cost of the last dollar tuition free program is \$27.8 Billion dollars.**
- **It could fund the Housing And Development disaster relief budget 9 times over.**

DISCUSSION

What are other ways the money that the US sends to Israel could be spent?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

What are the consequences of the US and Israel's aggression in Palestine? What about the region? Other parts of the world?

DISCUSSION

How do you understand the US-Israeli relationship?

Why is it important to have a grounded understanding of their relationship?