

Israel and Palestine



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Background

- Iraq, Syria, Israel, and Egypt; were under the rule of the Ottoman empire for almost 400 years. Jews and Arabs lived in peace together.
- During World War One the British Empire conquered Israel, Jordan and Iraq

Buildup

- In 1915 Britain promised the Sharif of Mecca Hussein bin Ali, that he'd rule over an Arab state including Israel if he lead a revolt against the Ottomans, which he did.
- To gain Jewish support the British signed the Balfour declaration on November 2nd 1917 promised Israel to the Jews.

Divide

- Promising the same land to 2 nations lead to ethnic tensions.
- The Jews were leaving Europe due to anti semitism at this time
- Jews buying land in Israel from the owners in Syria leaving Arabs upset.



Tensions Rise

- In 1945 the Jewish nation was mourning the loss of 6 million plus Jews murdered in the Holocaust. Many Jews moved to Israel with a desire to form their own military to protect themselves since they saw what happened to them when they were without a military.
- On November 29, 1947 the United Nations adopted Resolution 181, that would divide Great Britain's former Palestinian mandate into Jewish and Arab states in May 1948 when the British mandate was scheduled to end.

War

- Many Palestinians choose to leave their homes to escape the upcoming attack on Israel, while Jews are kicked out of Arab countries with exception of Iran and Morocco. These Palestinian people are known as the Palestinian refugees.
- On May 14th Israel was declared independent and on the 15th Israel Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Egypt with support from Saudi Arabia attacked Israel. Israel won, this war to the Israelis is known as the Israeli War of Independence, and to the Palestinians as the Nabka, the disaster.

Interviews-what do you think of the Israel and Palestinian conflict?

My father- Israel has offered peace so many times, how do you make peace with a nation that keeps attacking?

Jay a student at BMCC- Israel has murdered innocent people in hospitals and they are murderers.

Leibel Mangel, former soldier in the IDF - The UN unfairly judges Israel for Human Rights violations while ignoring the horrors of so many other countries.

History tutor at BMCC- Israel shouldn't have a democracy but give equal citizenship for everyone and the people in the West should be given training and jobs.

I gained a better understanding of other views of Israel and a strong faith that there will soon be peace in the land my family calls home.



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