



ZIONISM

So what is it?

Zionism | Zi·on·ism | *noun*

Zionism (Hebrew: Tziyonut) is the Jewish national liberation movement and the striving for Jewish self-determination.

It simply means the Jewish people's right to exist as a sovereign nation and supports the establishment of the Jewish state in the Jewish historic homeland of Israel.

It also aims to provide a safe haven for Jews, who have suffered from more than 2,000 years of worldwide persecution.



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A Zionist is an individual who supports Jewish national liberation and sovereignty, and for Jewish national liberation to take place in the Jewish homeland. There are 49 Muslim majority states; there is only one Jewish state and homeland.

A Zionist believes in the Jewish right to self-determination. Providing a safe haven for the Jewish people is an important social justice cause.

Zionists include members of any religion and nationality.

THE LAND OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN AN INHERENT PART OF THE JEWISH FAITH FOR MORE THAN 3,000 YEARS (SINCE THE BIBLICAL ERA).

ORIGIN OF THE TERM:

The term Zion (Hebrew: *tzion*) has its origins in the Old Testament. It refers to Jerusalem and translates to mean “marker.” This exemplifies Jerusalem’s centrality and historical importance to the Jewish people.



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ZIONIST THINKING DATES BACK MORE THAN 3,000 YEARS WHEN THE JEWISH PEOPLE ESTABLISHED SOVEREIGNTY IN ISRAEL.

THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT TOOK OFF WHEN THE ROMANS DESTROYED JERUSALEM, MASSACRED MORE THAN 1 MILLION JEWS, AND EXPELLED THE MAJORITY OF THE REST FROM THE LAND OF ISRAEL 2,000 YEARS AGO.

**JEWS FROM
ALL OVER THE
WORLD HAVE
MIGRATED TO
ISRAEL FOR
MILLENNIA IN
AN EFFORT
TO REINSTATE
JEWISH LIFE IN
THE HISTORIC
JEWISH
HOMELAND.**

**AFTER THE ROMANS
DESTROYED JERUSALEM
(70 CE), THE JEWISH
POPULATION BECAME
A MINORITY IN ISRAEL
(FORMERLY CALLED
JUDEA).**

**THE JEWS REMAINED A
MINORITY IN ISRAEL
UNDER PERSECUTION
UNTIL THE
REESTABLISHMENT OF
JEWISH SOVEREIGNTY
ALMOST 2,000 YEARS
LATER IN 1948.**





THE JEWISH PEOPLE EMBRACE ZIONISM THROUGH FORMAL PRACTICES AND ANCIENT TRADITIONS.

The term for Jewish return to the land of Israel is referred to in Hebrew as “Aliyah,” meaning “to go up.” This term exemplifies the Jewish connection to Israel. Leaving Israel is referred to as “yeridah,” meaning “to go down,” symbolic of the loss experienced from leaving.

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THE JEWISH PEOPLE OBSERVE THREE FAST DAYS EACH YEAR TO COMMEMORATE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH TEMPLES AND THE EXILE FROM THE JEWISH HOMELAND.

Jewish couples
break a glass on
their wedding day
as a reminder of the
destruction of the
Temple, which led to
the Jewish exile from
Israel.

Jews do this even on
a happy occasion as
a reminder of the
pain they feel from
the exile and that full
happiness cannot be
achieved until Jews
can return home to
Israel, with the hope
of ultimately living in
peace.

**THE POEM
THAT INSPIRED
THE ISRAELI
NATIONAL ANTHEM
PREDATES THE
ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE STATE OF
ISRAEL BY ABOUT
70 YEARS. THE
TITLE, HATIKVAH,
MEANS "HOPE"
IN HEBREW AND
SPEAKS OF THE
2,000-YEAR-OLD
HOPE FOR THE RE-
ESTABLISHMENT
OF A SOVEREIGN
JEWISH STATE
AND THE DESIRE
TO RETURN TO
THE JEWISH
HOMELAND.**

**IT IS TRADITIONAL FOR JEWS TO RECITE A
VERSE ABOUT JERUSALEM BEFORE LEAVING
THE PRESENCE OF A JEWISH PERSON IN
MOURNING.**



**THE JEWISH
PEOPLE
EXPRESS A
DESIRE TO
RETURN
TO ISRAEL
OFTEN
THROUGH
PRAYER.**



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**IN FACT,
RETURNING
TO ZION,
STATEHOOD,
AND
JERUSALEM
IS A REQUEST
FOUND IN
ALMOST
EVERY PRAYER
THROUGHOUT
JEWISH
LITURGY.**

**JEWS PRAY
THREE TIMES
PER DAY
FACING
JERUSALEM,
SIGNIFYING
THE
IMPORTANCE
OF THEIR
HOMELAND.**



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**IF A JEWISH PERSON PRAYS
WITHIN JERUSALEM, S/HE
PRAYS FACING THE TEMPLE
MOUNT, THE HOLIEST SITE IN
JUDAISM.**

**THE JEWISH RETURN
TO ISRAEL IS A SOCIAL
JUSTICE CAUSE.**

**ISRAEL'S ANTHEM
EMPHASIZES THE
INCLUSION OF ALL
JEWS- RELIGIOUS AND
SECULAR- AND THE
RIGHT OF THE JEWISH
PEOPLE TO LIVE FREELY
IN THEIR HISTORIC
HOMELAND.**





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The Knesset Menorah: this monument is an ancient Jewish symbol, located in front of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament building. Jerusalem, Israel. October 17, 2010.

WHILE ZIONISM IS INHERENT TO JUDAISM, CONSTANT JEWISH PERSECUTION REAFFIRMS THE NEED FOR THIS MOVEMENT.

Jewish persecution throughout history includes pogroms, violent massacres, expulsions, and murders in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, culminating in the European Holocaust.

250 C.E. | Carthage | Expulsion

224 C.E. | Italy | Forced Conversion

351 C.E. | Persia | Book Burning

638 C.E. | Toledo | Stake Burnings

722 C.E. | Byzantium | Judaism Outlawed

897 C.E. | Narbonne | Land Confiscation

1063 C.E. | Spain | Massacre

1100 C.E. | Kiev | Pogrom

1262 C.E. | London | Mob Attacks

1215 C.E. | Toulouse, France | Mass Arrests

1348 C.E. | France & Spain | Jews Burned Alive

1727 C.E. | Russia | Expulsion

1902 C.E. | Poland | Widespread Pogroms

1919 C.E. | Prague | Widespread Pogroms

1929 | Hebron | Hebron Massacre

1936-39 | Mandatory Palestine | Widespread Arab Riots

1941 | Iraq | (Farhud) Massacre

1938-45 C.E. | Europe | Holocaust



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A starving child in a
ghetto street, 1941.
Warsaw, Poland.

Numerous massacres
against Jews in the Arab
world led to nearly 1
million Jewish refugees,
including this displaced
family who arrived in
Israel from Iraq
in 1951.



SINCE THE 1880S, ZIONISM EXPERIENCED A RESURGENCE.

Increase in violence and frequency of pogroms (violent attacks against Jewish civilians) in Europe, culminating in the Holocaust, produced a mass number of European refugees.

Furthermore, attacks against Jews in Arab countries produced hundreds of thousands of refugees throughout the 1900s and earlier.

**THESE EXAMPLES,
AMONG OTHERS,
EXEMPLIFY THE
IMMENSE NEED FOR
A PLACE DESIGNATED
FOR JEWISH SAFETY
AND FREEDOM.**



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**SUPPORTERS OF ZIONISM AND
THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE
SAFETY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE
INCLUDE MEMBERS OF ANY
RELIGION AND NATIONALITY.**

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