

## 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.





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.



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.









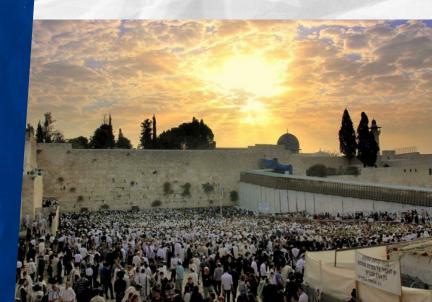
THE JEWISH
PEOPLE OBSERVE
THREE FAST DAYS
EACH YEAR TO
COMMEMORATE
THE DESTRUCTION OF
THE JEWISH
TEMPLES AND
THE EXILE FROM
THE JEWISH
HOMELAND.

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.

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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.





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.





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.





The Knesset Menorah: this monument is an ancient Jewish symbol, located in front of the Knesset, the Israeli paliment 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



including this displaced family who arrived in Israel from Iraq in 1951.

Numerous massacres against Jews in the Arab world led to nearly 1 million Jewish refugees,

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



## 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.





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

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