

## Jewish History Test 2

- Leon Pinsker
  - Wrote Auto-Emancipation
  - Shocked at the pogroms in Russia
  - His theory was that people hate the Jews because we are not a normal state (no land, flag, language, economy). If we were “normal” people then people wouldn't hate the Jews.
- Zionism was created to combat anti-Semitism
- Chovevei Zion
  - Raised money to have people move to Palestine and start a Jewish community
  - Pinsker and the נְצִיב supported it
- Theodor Herzl
  - Father of political Zionism
  - Worked as a writer of a newspaper in 1894
  - Thought if Jews assimilated with and were like non-Jews then the Jews would be liked
  - Like Pinsker, he felt that a Jewish state would give Jews a home
  - In 1897 he created the World Zionist Organization
  - The First Zionist Congress was in Basel, Switzerland
- Dreyfus Affair
  - Alfred Dreyfus was big in France
  - Jews in France were assimilated but the French still cheered on to kill the Jews during the affair
- Basel Declaration - Zionism aims at establishing for the Jewish people a publicly and legally assured home in Palestine. For the attainment of this purpose, the Congress considers the following means serviceable:
  - 1. The promotion of the settlement of Jewish agriculturists, artisans, and tradesmen in Palestine.
  - 2. The federation of all Jews into local or general groups, according to the laws of the various countries.
  - 3. The strengthening of the Jewish feeling and consciousness.
  - 4. Preparatory steps for the attainment of those governmental grants which are necessary to the achievement of the Zionist purpose.
- Most Jews of Western Europe rejected the idea of moving to Palestine. They fought for their emancipation, and received it, so didn't want to give it up.
- Religious Jews of Poland refused to listen to Herzl because he was totally secular and didn't want a religious Israel.
- Almost all the pioneers were from Russia, and they were pretty irreligious and wanted to start a new life, like Ben Gurion
- Mizrachi
  - An organization of Rabbis to incorporate Judaism into Zionist movement
  - Founder was Yaakov Reines

- Worked with Herzl to bring Judaism to Israel since Europe wasn't too Jewish at the time
- They wanted religious Zionism
- Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook
  - First modern Ashkenazi Rabbi of Palestine
  - Single most important religious Zionist thinker of the 20th century (mizrachi)
  - Pioneer in reviving the mitzvos that pertain to Israel. Started the movement to learn in Israel and join the IDF
  - Believed that the founding of a university (Bar Ilan) was essential
  - Believed it was a religious obligation to create settlements
- Agudas Israel - Founded in 1912, representing most religious Jews of Europe, believed in colonizing Israel, didn't want a secular Jewish government (Medinat Yisrael), but was okay with Eretz Yisrael. Aguda would become less anti-Zionist after the Holocaust and the creation of Israel for obvious reasons.
  - Reb Yehuda Leib Alter (Gerrer Rebbe) - Leader of the 2nd largest chasidic movement - wrote Sfas Emes
  - Rav Chaim Soloveitchik - Leading Yeshiva Rav and Shul Rav of non-chasidic Europe
  - Yaakov Rosenheim - Wealthy businessman, organizational brain of the Aguda
  - Moshe Sherer - Ran Aguda for over 50 years, influential in getting America to recognize that kids in private school deserve what public school kids get too (bussing, textbooks, special ed). Reform and Conservative Rabbis went against him and said they should just send their kids to public school.
- 1880 - 25,000 Jews living in 4 holy cities of Palestine, considered themselves as the Old Yishuv.
- 1880-1904 - 1st Aliyah
- 1904-1915 - 2nd Aliyah
- Brought in by pogroms and anti-Semitism
- Most of the Jewish population is between Gaza and Haifa
- Names of cities they named show that they felt they were the founders
- Jews started dressing up as the Arabs to show that they felt they belonged
- The Palestinians viewed them as imperialist colonizers, not as people who want to return to their land - Arabs still think this today
- 1880-1904-1<sup>st</sup> aliyah-New Yishuv
- 1904-1915-2<sup>nd</sup> aliyah
- First immigrants knew they were starting something new
- Jews believed that it was good to renew Jewish labor (Dignity of Labor) and not exploit the local Arabs -Arabs viewed that as the Jews not hiring them and pushing them out - anyway this didn't really work because many Jews didn't wanna do the dirty work
- Edmond Rothschild - rich banker that gave money to Jewish settlements that weren't successful
- "Israel's founding fathers and institutions were the result of the Second Aliyah."
- Second Aliyah was mainly communism/socialism
- Lenin was communist and pro-Jews so the Jews in Russia liked him a lot and thought communism would be great for them too

- Kibbutzim were created in the 2nd Aliyah, was the tool used to create a perfect socialist society. They were the most important agricultural institution until the 1970s. Communal ownership - no one owned individual property - ate in cafeterias, slept in dorms, all profits went back into the kibbutz, all equipment owned by all - give according to your talent, receive according to your talent. Everyone rotated jobs, because they're all of equal importance. Children are raised by kibbutz members in a children's dorm from 6 weeks up. Marriage didn't exist in the beginning, they shared all the women - but didn't last. Every member got a vote, and they all voted on everything. Most of Israel's officer corps came from kibbutzim - they were raised in a group, and then thought and lived like a group. Great artists and writers wouldn't stay in the kibbutz - it wasn't the place to cultivate individual talent.
- Degania Alef - The first kibbutz, founded in 1909
- They still exist, but now there's more private individual property - own homes, raise their kids
- Communism cultivates into making people leeches and ultimately declines
- Tel Aviv - Founded in 1909 in Yafo to make a Jewish suburb
- דבר - Communist newspaper founded during the 2nd Aliyah
- Accomplishment of the 2nd Aliyah was the revival of Hebrew as a major verbal language, and not only a literary one
- Eliezer Ben Yehuda - founder of modern Hebrew, created the first dictionary
- No shuls on a kibbutz
- Yom Tovs morphed into agricultural holidays but they liked Pesach and Chanukah (loved the message where the Jews fought back and won)
- The 2nd Aliyah was pretty much anti-religion
- Histadrut - labor organization founded in 2nd Aliyah
- Chaim Weizmann - created substitute for natural acetone. British Zionist leader. President of the World Zionist Organization in the 20s and 30s. Elected first president.
- England owed Weizmann for creating the substitute for natural acetone. England believed Jews were influential in USA, so doing something for the Jews will make them do something good for us in Washington. Christians believed that the creation of Israel would cause the Second Coming of Jesus to happen.
- These 3 factors led to the Balfour Declaration, authored November 2nd 1917 by Arthur Balfour. Key document in the creation of the State of Israel. Said that England would help Israel create a state.
- England ruled Palestine for the 30 years after it was signed in 1917 and backed away from the promises, under Arab pressure, because a Jewish homeland was promised somewhere in the Arab land of Palestine, not a Jewish nation of Palestine. At the same time, England promised the Arabs if they fought the Turks they'd give them Palestine. Also because oil was discovered in the Middle East which England would want. England would appoint 7 High Commissioner of Palestine (governor). The first was Herbert Samuel, who was Zionist and Jewish.
- Haj Amin al-Husseini - Jew hating Arab, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, incited Arab violence against Jews.
- In 1920, 1929, and 1936-38 there were major Arab riots. Jewish population increased from 90,000 to 500,000 during this time. Every time there was a riot the British sided with the

Arabs. As the Jewish population grew, so did the Arab population - because the best place in the Middle East was Palestine. In 1948, a large majority of the Arab population wasn't aboriginal.

Pogroms in Russia

Alfred Dreyfus Affair - Jewish captain in the French army convicted of spying for the German army, framed because he was a Jew

Leon Pinsker

Zionism was created to counter anti-Semitism

Auto-Emancipation - Pinsker

The Jewish State - Herzl

First Zionist Congress - Basel Switzerland 1897, founding of the World Zionist Organization, president was Herzl. Goal to create a modern state of Israel - political Zionism

Most Jews against it

Chasidim in Poland & Hungary because Herzl wasn't religious/it was secular

Assimilated successful German/French/English Jew because they didn't need/want it

Most support from non-frum Russian teens who liked Jewish identity but didn't like religion

Agudas Israel - Founded in 1912 to