

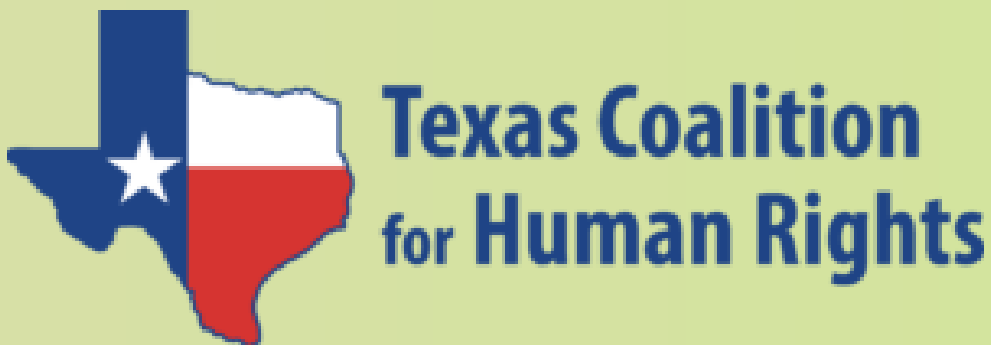


Zionism is a colonial movement at the expense of Palestinians.

1896-7 Birth of Zionism:

- Theodor Herzl publishes *The Jewish State*
- First Zionist Congress

-Secular political movement for Jewish self-determination
-Solution to ongoing persecution in Europe



Access Session Resources

KEY:

Zionist Jews/Israel

Palestinians

WWI, British Mandate, WWII



Emir Abdullah ibn Hussein of Transjordan, Lord Allenby and TE Lawrence attend a military review during the Arab Revolt, circa 1917 (Getty)

1915-16 Hussein-McMahon Correspondence
Britain promises Arab independence for WWI revolt.

Based on promise of self-determination, Arabs revolt against Ottomans; lose 20,000 lives

Jews are promised a homeland in Palestine after locals were promised independence

1917 Balfour Declaration
Britain promises Jews a homeland in Palestine

-Chance for escape from ongoing persecution
-Potential self-determination

United States Role during this period:

- Instrumental in supporting the Balfour Declaration/Mandate at the Versailles Conference in 1919
- President Wilson organized King Crane Commission which found population of Palestine wanted complete independence under a provisional Arab government; findings ignored

Arab requests for self-rule are dismissed



1920 San Remo Conference
Allied powers assign mandates including language of Balfour Declaration

Conference endorses unlimited Jewish immigration to Palestine

-Arab Palestinians largely excluded from government
-Unlimited migration

1922-1948 British Mandate
League of Nations assigns Britain as tutelary Great Power over Palestine

British backing of Zionist proto-state to pursue their colonial ambitions

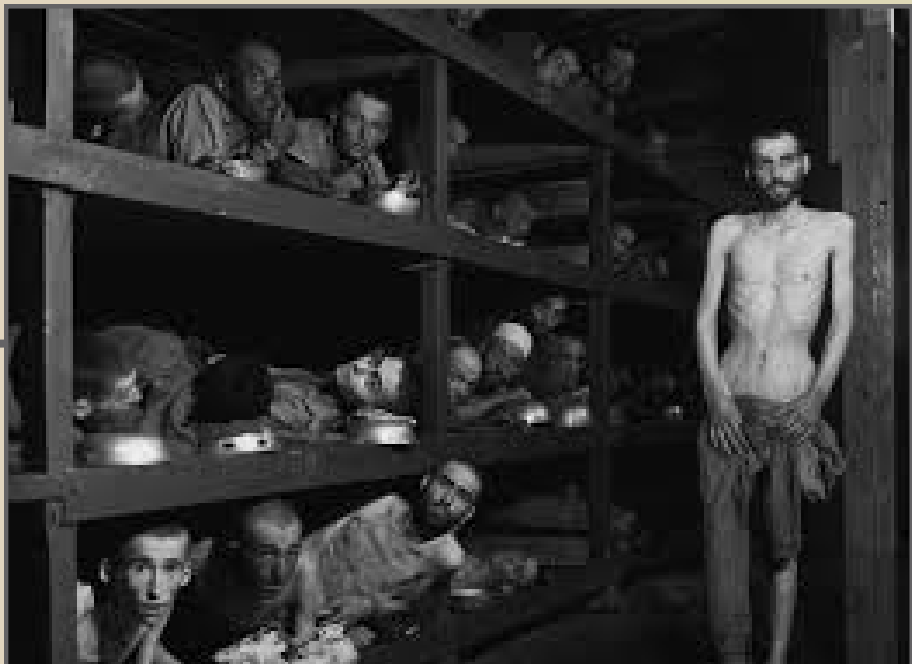
-British oppression of Arabs increases
-Freedom to defend themselves is restricted

Britain curtails Jewish immigration

1936-1939 Great Arab Revolt
Strike evolves into armed rebellion against British rule and Jewish immigration

-Jews allowed to keep arms
-Form Irgun and Haganah militias

Human rights and chances for self-determination in Europe lost through genocide



1939-1945 Holocaust
Jews are massacred by the Germans in WWII

United States Role during this period:

1938 Evian: US and 32 countries refuse Jewish refugees