

# ROOTS OF THE ONGOING NAKBA

**1789-1799**

**French Revolution**

"Liberty, equality & brotherhood"

(for some)

**Jewish people in Europe**

**Western**

"emancipation" & assimilation



**Eastern**

poverty & isolation



**LATE 1800'S**

**Economic crisis & resurgence of anti-semitism**

violent pogroms in Russia

Dreyfus Affair



Herzl proposed multiple places to colonize



religious faction pushed for Palestine

We should there form a part of a wall of defense for Europe in Asia, an outpost of civilization against barbarism.

Theodor Herzl, father of Pol. Zionism



**SECULAR & POLITICAL ZIONISM**

• solution = Jewish state under patronage of imperial power

• weaponized anti-semitism to justify colonial agendas

>5 mil. Jews emigrate from Eastern Eur. - few thousand to Palestine &

Zionism begins to grow (previously a few fanatical religious sects)

**1880-1914**

~75,000 Jews migrate to Palestine - less than 1% Jews worldwide

**Colonial Expansion & Zionist seizure of Indigenous Land**

**1917**

**Balfour Declaration**

Formal support by British gov't of nat'l home for Jews in Palestine

**1918**

British Colonialism in Palestine



privileged small Jewish population over Palestinians

**1936**

**Great Arab Revolt**

Zionists create armed militias, the Haganah, to help British repression

**1941-1945**

**HOLOCAUST OF 6 MIL. JEWS**



Zionist groups saw opportunity young & healthy Jewish refugees to help settle Palestine  
rejected/returned "human material" deemed a burden

**1914-1918**

**World War I**

**NAKBA = "CATASTROPHE"**

not single event but historical trajectory

Formation of Israeli State



attempted erasure of Palestine & Palestinian People

**1948**

**Plan Dalet**

Zionist master plan for ethnic cleansing of Palestine

**1947**

**UN Partition of Palestine**

legitimized Zionist claims to land



>500 villages destroyed

>750,000 Palestinians displaced

15,000 Pal. killed

**1948 - TODAY**

extent still being unearthed, largely b/c Israel censorship  
• ongoing genocide, apartheid, settler violence, & resistance  
• 14mi. (>50%) Palestinians in exile of diaspora

Palestinian resistance to Zionism will remain as long as Zionism exists.

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