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ZIONISM: ORIGINS, MOVEMENTS & OPPOSITION

Programmes, institutions and competing futures

ILLUSTRATED DOCUMENTARY GUIDE

A source-based comparison of national programmes, their critics and Beter’s claims.

1882–1948 · National home · statehood · citizenship · rights

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One word, four dimensions

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FAITH

What does a person believe, and which religious community recognizes them?

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

What form of collective life is proposed?

STATE

Who has authority, and whom do they represent?

SPECIFIC CONDUCT

What did a particular actor do, and what documents it?

One identity cannot answer all four questions.

Sources: S03, S08, S19

1882–1897: a question still taking shape

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PINSKER

Self-help and open territorial possibilities.

HERZL

Political security and economic organization.

BASEL

An adopted programme for a home in Palestine, not a finished future constitution.

The later outcome must not rewrite an earlier open question.

Sources: S01, S02, S03

Herzl: reading the tensions too

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INSTITUTIONS

A political objective and an economic company have different roles.

LIBERTY

Rejecting theocracy is not the same as subsequent state practice.

CRITICAL QUESTION

How does declared liberty relate to the author’s imperial language?

A programme does not prove its implementation.

Sources: S02

The Basel Programme: four means

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01 / SETTLEMENT

Support for practical settlement.

02 / ORGANIZATION

Cooperation under countries’ laws.

03 / CONSCIOUSNESS

Strengthening national identification.

04 / DIPLOMACY

Obtaining government consent.

Examine aim, instrument and outcome separately.

Sources: S03

A cultural centre and a state

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AHAD HA’AM

A critique of statehood as an immediate material solution.

DIASPORA

The centre would also sustain communities remaining elsewhere.

OPEN QUESTION

Cultural influence and a state’s coercive power are not identical.

Internal disagreement belongs to the history; it is not a flaw in the story.

Sources: S04

Three left-wing positions are not one

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BOROCHOV

Connects a national objective with the social question.

BUND

Autonomy and Yiddish; later factions require separate tracking.

LENIN

Argues against both the Bund and Zionism.

The shared label socialist does not establish common command.

Sources: S05, S06, S07

Two Reform platforms

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1885 / PITTSBURGH

Religious community, not an expected return.

1937 / COLUMBUS

A home and refuge in Palestine alongside civic loyalty elsewhere.

EVIDENTIARY LIMIT

An adopted text is not a survey of every member.

One current's history includes change.

Sources: S08, S09

Religious support and opposition

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REINES

Lindell’s reading: practical protection distinguished from redemption.

TORAH JEWS

An organization’s own religious objection to statehood.

DO NOT GENERALIZE

Two positions do not measure all Orthodox Jewish opinion.

Text → interpretation → communal authority → political conclusion.

Sources: S11, S12

Citizenship and support from outside

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MONTAGU

Concern that the national project could harm Jewish civic equality elsewhere.

BLACKSTONE

A non-Jewish petition combines refuge with religious and political reasoning.

TEST

Motivation explains a position; it does not establish all its consequences.

Do not rewrite an author's prediction as a verified event.

Sources: S10, S13

Practical activity: more than speeches

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HADASSAH

Women’s organization and early medical activity.

SOURCE

An institution’s own account must be identified as such.

TWO QUESTIONS

Medical assistance does not itself settle a sovereignty dispute.

Assistance can be recognized without automatically endorsing every policy.

Sources: S26

Balfour: rights are not framed identically

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NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

A home for the Jewish people in Palestine.

SAFEGUARDS

Civil and religious rights of non-Jewish communities; Jewish status elsewhere.

WHAT THE LETTER IS NOT

Not a private property deed for the Rothschild family.

Addressee, commitment and owner are different categories.

Sources: S14

Mandate: public authority is not everyone’s consent

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INSTITUTIONS

Defined roles for the agency and mandatory administration.

CONDITIONS

Immigration and settlement are linked to safeguards.

PRACTICAL TEST

How were guarantees enforced, and who could challenge decisions?

A document can exist without the affected inhabitants’ consent.

Sources: S15

The Palestine delegation: its own voice

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1922

Representative government and rejection of the national home.

RIGHTS

Declared minority and religious protections also need practical testing.

SAME METHOD

Political objections do not turn accompanying stereotypes into facts.

Inhabitants should not appear merely as objects of others’ plans.

Sources: S16

The Iron Wall: tension within one text

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STRATEGY

Force rather than expecting voluntary consent.

PROMISE

Later agreement and declared equality.

QUESTION

How would equality be guaranteed while imposing a resisted project?

Do not erase declared rights or conceal the coercive method.

Sources: S17

Biltmore and the language of postwar order

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1942

A more explicit demand for a Jewish Commonwealth.

CONTEXT

War against Nazism and an envisaged future order.

A PHRASE IS NOT PROOF

“New world order” in the programme does not establish secret world command.

Every stronger claim requires further evidence.

Sources: S18

Ihud: another political architecture

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SHARED ARRANGEMENT

A binational proposal rather than exclusive national sovereignty.

PARITY AND ARBITRATION

Protection against domination; the problem of resolving deadlock.

UNREALIZED PROPOSAL

Evidence of an alternative, not a guarantee of success.

The history of possibilities is not identical to the history of the outcome.

Sources: S19

1948: rights and human consequences

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DECLARATION

Promises of equality must be distinguished from implementation.

REFUGE

Jewish survivors’ postwar experience explains the urgency of safety.

DISPLACEMENT

Bernadotte’s report documents refugee distress, not the war’s final total.

One group’s suffering does not erase another’s rights.

Sources: S20, S28, S29

Criticism, identity and two definitions

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IHRA / JDA

The frameworks overlap without being identical.

SPECIFIC STATEMENT

Identify its target, context and exact content.

EVIDENCE

Do not equate a political objection with collective accusation by ancestry.

Rejecting hatred does not mean prohibiting scrutiny of politics.

Sources: S21, S22

Beter’s axis: what would need to be documented?

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STATEMENT

An exact transcript documents what the author asserts.

RELATIONSHIP

Contact or funding needs a record of its own.

COMMAND

Shared ancestry or wording does not establish common direction.

A later digest is not automatically a second independent witness.

Sources: S23, S24, S25

Conclusion: five rules of precision

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AUTHOR AND DATE

Do not insert later outcomes into earlier programmes.

DISTINCTIONS

Separate faith, movement, organization and government.

RIGHTS

Read promises alongside evidence of consequences.

SCRUTINY

Examine supporters’ and opponents’ claims alike.

RESPONSIBILITY

Do not assign a deed to an entire people or its descendants.

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Sources: S02, S16, S19, S23

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