

# Moreshet Yisrael History 301

## THE JEWISH WORLD TURNED ON ITS HEAD: ZIONISM AND THE SHOAH

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### REQUIRED BOOKS:

Hertzberg, Arthur, *The Zionist Idea: A Historical Analysis and Reader*

Sachar, Howard M., *A History of Israel: From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time*

ZIONISM UNIT	TOPIC(S)	RESOURCES
<b>Historical Context</b>	Why now, that is, why did the Jews only organize to regain sovereignty over the land of Israel in the late 1800s and early 1900s?	✓ Howard Sachar, <i>A History of Israel: From the Rise of Zionism to Our Time</i> , Chapters 1 & 2
	What did Zionism hope to achieve in both the short and long term?	✓ Sachar, <i>A History of Israel</i> , pp. 36 - 56
<b>Strands of Zionism</b>	➤ <a href="#">Political Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 200 – 231
	➤ <a href="#">Practical Zionism</a>	✓ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i> , pp. 59 – 64
	➤ <a href="#">Synthetic Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 572 – 589
	➤ <a href="#">Labor Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 330 – 351 Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i> , pp. 69 – 70
	➤ <a href="#">Revisionist Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 556 – 571 Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i> , pp. 183 – 187
	➤ <a href="#">Cultural Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 247 – 277 Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i> , pp. 56 – 59
	➤ <a href="#">Revolutionary Zionism</a>	✓ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i> , pp. 240 – 248
<b>Key Personalities (other than Herzl)</b>	➤ <a href="#">Religious Zionism</a>	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 406 – 449 <a href="#">Religious Zionism in Israel Today</a>
	➤ Max Nordau	✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i> , pp. 242 – 246
	➤ <a href="#">Asher Zvi Ginsberg (Ahad Ha'am)</a>	
	➤ <a href="#">Leo Motzkin</a>	
	➤ <a href="#">Menachem Ussishkin</a>	
	➤ <a href="#">Miriam Schach</a>	
➤ <a href="#">Berl Katznelson</a>		
➤ <a href="#">AD Gordon</a>		

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<p><b>Connection between personalities and strands of Zionism</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Weizmann = Synthetic Zionism</li> <li>➤ Kook - Religious Zionism</li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Jabotinsky = Revisionist Zionism</a></li> <li>➤ Shochat = Practical or Labor Zionism</li> <li>➤ Ha'am = Cultural</li> <li>➤ Gordon = Labor</li> <li>➤ Herzl = Political</li> <li>➤ Gottheil = Women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i>, Chapter 4</li> </ul>
<p><b>Herzl</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">Background and bio</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Dreyfus Trial</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">First Zionist Congress</a></li> <li>➤ Kishinev Pogrom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Event Itself</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">City of Slaughter – Bialik</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Uganda Plan</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Death</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Theodor Herzl, a memorial</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Settling and Acquiring the Land</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Enactment of new laws which discriminated against Jews in Russia in 1881 -1882</li> <li>➤ Basel Declaration calls for Jews to settle the land of Israel “in such a manner as serves the purpose [of creating a national home].”</li> <li>➤ Need for the immigrants to fill jobs that would both help develop the country and provide sufficient employment.</li> <li>➤ Bank versus land fund.</li> <li>➤ After being postponed at each of the first four Zionist Congresses, the national fund first proposed by Hermann Schapira came up for discussion once more at the Fifth Zionist Congress in December 1901.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Basel Declaration of 1897</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Settling and Acquiring the Land</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">The Jubilee of the first Zionist Congress, 1897-1947</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>World War I</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Context/background</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Sykes–Picot Agreement</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Balfour Declaration</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">San Remo Agreement</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>British Mandate Period</b></p>	<p>➤ Context/background</p>	<p>✓ Primary Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Mandate for Palestine, Council of the League of Nations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">1922 Churchill White Paper</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Peel Commission Report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The 1939 White Paper</a></li> </ul> <p>✓ Arab Sources/Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Mufti of Jerusalem</a> and his Attitude towards Zionism</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Nashashibi family</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The 1936-1939 Arab Riots</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Mufti Hajj Amin al-Husayni Decision to Reject the 1939 White Paper</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>The New Jew</b></p>	<p>➤ Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Process of creating a revolutionary Jewish culture in the land of Israel in order to safeguard Jewish existence”</li> <li>• Emancipation in Europe</li> <li>• <a href="#">Scientific Racism</a></li> </ul> <p>➤ Education</p> <p>➤ Language</p> <p>➤ Working the Land</p> <p>➤ <a href="#">Muscular Judaism</a> – Nordau</p>	<p>✓ <a href="#">Max Nordau – Jewry of Muscle</a></p>

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<p><b>State Building</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Areas of focus               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Culture and Educator</li> <li>• Defense and Security</li> <li>• Economy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i>, pp. 77 – 80</li> <li>✓ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i>, pp. 147 – 154</li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Arthur Ruppin, “The Picture in 1907:” an Address to the Jewish Colonization Society of Vienna</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Arthur Ruppin Purchases Land for Hebrew University</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Arthur Ruppin and the Rise of Zionist Statistics</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Practical examples               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hebrew University</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Technion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Palestine Philharmonic</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Habimah Theater</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tel-Aviv Museum of the Arts</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Maccabiah Games</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Histadrut</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hashomer Hatzair</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Kupat Holim</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Women and Israel</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Jewish Agency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sachar, <i>History of Israel</i>, pp. 138 – 162</li> </ul>
<p><b>David Ben Gurion – His Role and Impact</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="#">Biography</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="#">Baltimore Speech, 1942</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hertzberg, <i>Zionist Idea</i>, pp. 604 – 619</li> <li>✓ <a href="#">David Ben-Gurion Interview – 1956</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">U-nu and Ben Gurion</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Were the Jews Prepared to Declare A State in 1939?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation of argument</li> <li>➤ Discussion/analysis of argument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">A Zionist State in 1939</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>A Final Thought</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik</a></li> </ul>

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World War I – was it the beginning of the end?	Shtetel life before the war	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <a href="#">Jewish Life in Europe Before the Holocaust</a></li><li>✓ <a href="#">Shtetl: The Life and Death of a Small Town and the World of Polish Jews</a></li><li>✓ <a href="#">“The Town of the Little People” by Sholem Aleichem – reading and follow-up activities</a></li></ul>
	What was left after the war – dispersion and refugees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <a href="#">Shtetel – YIVO Encyclopedia</a></li></ul>
	<a href="#">Roman Vishniac</a> and the post-war era – reality or propaganda?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <a href="#">The Roman Vishniac Collection</a></li></ul>

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<p><b>Nazi's Rise to Power</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Impact of the Versailles Treaty               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the German psyche</li> <li>• On the German economy</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Beer Hall Putsch and <i>Mein Kampf</i> – 1923</li> <li>➤ Hitler becomes chancellor of a coalition government – 1933</li> <li>➤ German Reichstag is destroyed by fire – 1933</li> <li>➤ Death of President Hindenburg, Hitler becomes “Fuehrer and Reich Chancellor” and abolishes the title of President – 1934</li> <li>➤ Hitler re-arms Germany with the aim of undoing the Treaty of Versailles – 1935</li> <li>➤ Nuremberg Laws – 1935</li> <li>➤ Anschluss and the Munich Agreement – 1938</li> <li>➤ Kristallnacht – 1939</li> <li>➤ Molotov-Ribbentrop pact/Invasion of Poland/Start of WWII – 1939</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Jewish Refugees and Zionist Policy during the Holocaust</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">1939 White Paper</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Leni Riefenstahl: Triumph of the Will (1935)</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>How Does a Country Murder Six Million Souls</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Some Milestones               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First ghetto established in Piotrków Trybunalski, Poland – 1939</li> <li>• <a href="#">Auschwitz-Birkenau</a> opens – 1940</li> <li>• Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing units) established with shooting of nearly 3,000 Jews at the Seventh Fort – 1941</li> <li>• Babi Yar – 1941</li> <li>• Germans begin mass deportations – more than 65,000 Jews from Lodz to the Chelmno killing center – 1942</li> <li>• <a href="#">Wannsee Conference</a> held near Berlin, Germany – 1942</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Leaving No One Untouched               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Jews of Greece</li> <li>• The Jews of Hungary</li> <li>• The Warsaw Ghetto</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">The Holocaust: Jewish Tragedy – Martin Gilbert</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Reports Of The Jewish Agency Executives Submitted To The Twenty-Second Zionist Congress At Basle, Excerpts Jewish Agency</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Oneg Shabbos Archive</a></li> </ul>

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<b>The Allied Powers and the Shoah</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What did they know and when?</li> <li>➤ Why didn't they intervene?</li> </ul>	✓
<b>The Shoah Today</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What are its enduring lessons for us today?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Respona from the Holocaust</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Eliezer Berkovits – Faith After the Holocaust (1973)</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">The Rav on Religious Zionism</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Yom Hashoah piece</a></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ How do we preserve its memory and relevance when there are no survivors left?</li> </ul>	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What obligation do we have as Jews to speak out against modern genocides?</li> </ul>	✓