

Ottoman Empire -- 1885



Ottoman Palestine, 1517-1917

- Palestine's population (Muslims, Christians, Jews) was under Ottoman *Imperial rule*
- Islam and Islamic law (“Sharia”) were the religion and the law of the land
- The administrative language was Turkish, the governor was Turkish, and so forth
- Under the Ottomans, Palestine was never administrated as a separated or autonomous administrative unit but rather was split among various different districts



The Geography department, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Administrative division under Ottoman rule
between the years 1864 - 1871

Ottoman Palestine (cont.)

- Demography (1890)
- 432,000 Muslims;
- 57,000 Christians;
- 43,000 Jews (Religious, not Zionists)

Zionist Settlements, 1882-1914

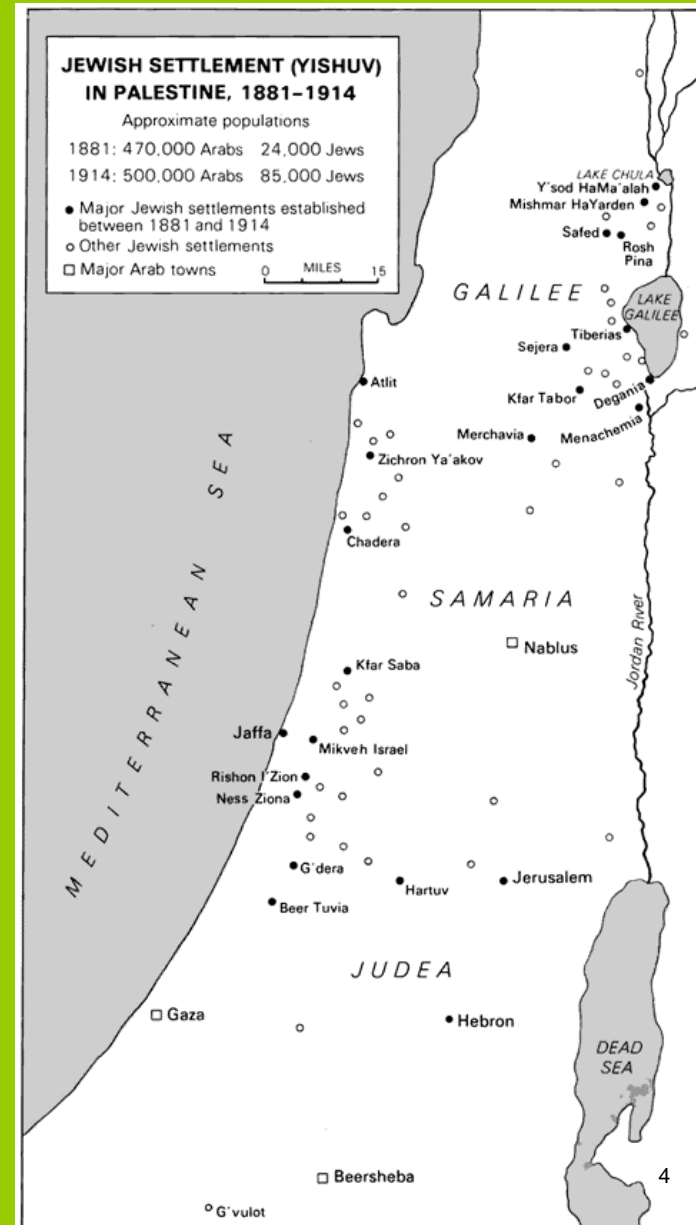


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British Mandate Palestine, 1917-1948

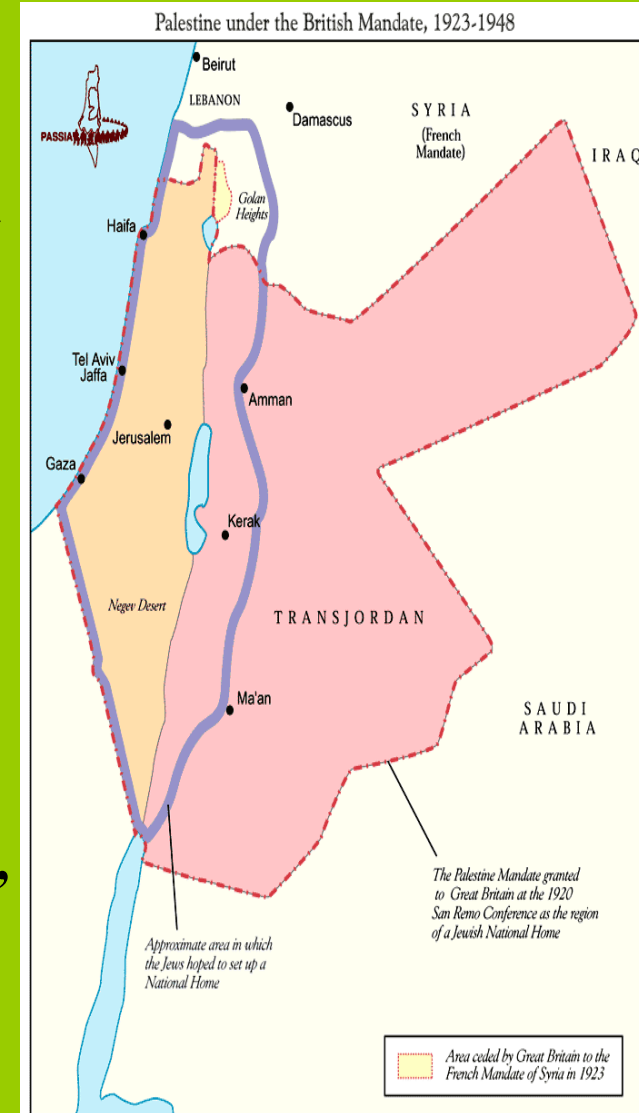
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The Mandate System:

- Enforced by the League of Nations. Its declared goal: to assist the “primitive” indigenous population in achieving maturity and independence
- Iraq, which became a British Mandate, was the first to receive independence in 1932

Palestine’s Mandate

- National rights are given to the entire Jewish people around the world; the Arab population of the country receives only civil rights
- Until 1939 – preference is given to the Jews in immigration and land purchases
- Zionist community (*Yishuv*) is autonomous
- British rule brings modernization: in infrastructure, communication, government. Separation of religion and state
- From 1939 the British impose limitations on Jewish immigration and land purchases.



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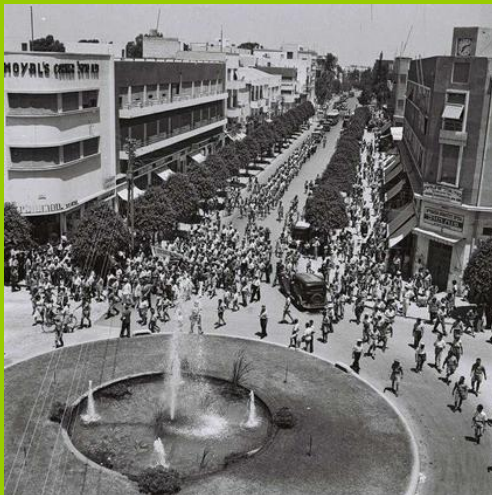
The *Yishuv* – the Zionist community the consolidation of the Zionist- Israeli core society and identity

Kibbutz



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Tel Aviv, 1940



David Ben Gurion

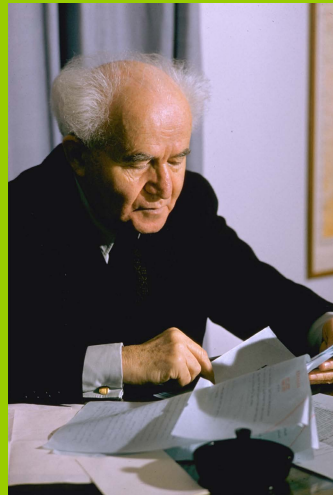


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The Land of Promise (1935)



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The Old Jew



Jewish market, Warsaw, Poland

The New Jew

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- European, Modern
- Toils the land. Kibbutznik, Moshavnik (relinquishes banking or commerce for physical labor)
- Invincible warrior
- Secular
- Socialist
- Egalitarian
- Negates Jewish Diaspora and Diasporic "mentality"
- "Progress"
- The Arabs are invisible

The “*Sabra*” = The “New Jew” who was born on the land



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The “Sabre” (Arabic) cactus plant and fruit

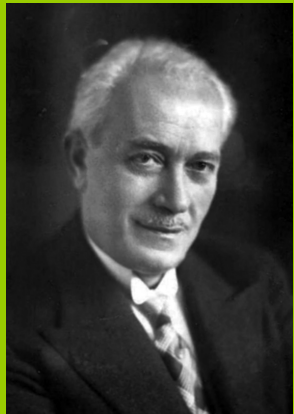


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Palestinian Society 1917-1948

- Mostly rural (70%); divided along clan, regional and ideological lines.

- Haj Amin al-Hussaini



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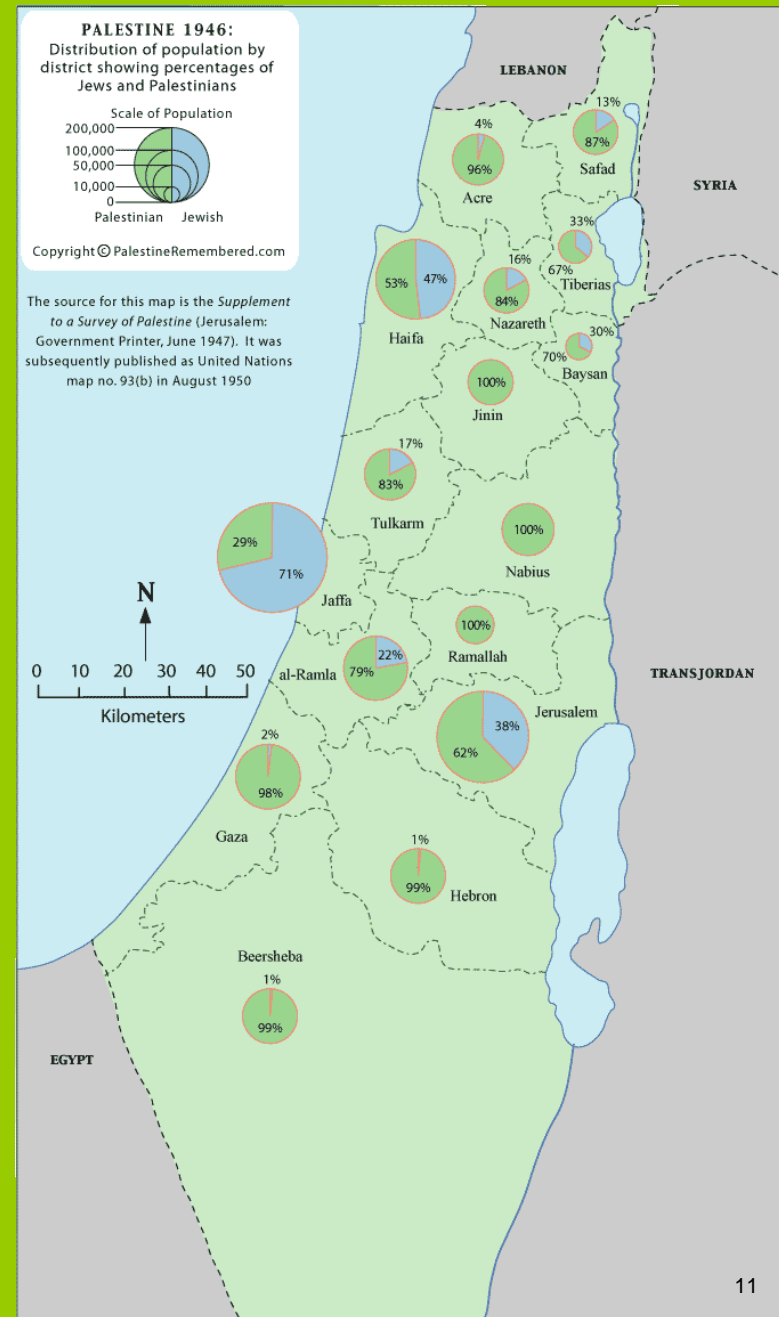
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Raghib El-Nashashibi

- Major cities – “mixed”: Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa; all-Arab: Nablus, Hebron--Al-Khalil

- Processes of modernization and nationalization;

- Shows growing resistance to Zionist colonization: 1921, 1929, 1936-1939



Holocaust – during WWII 6 million Jews are murdered by the Nazis



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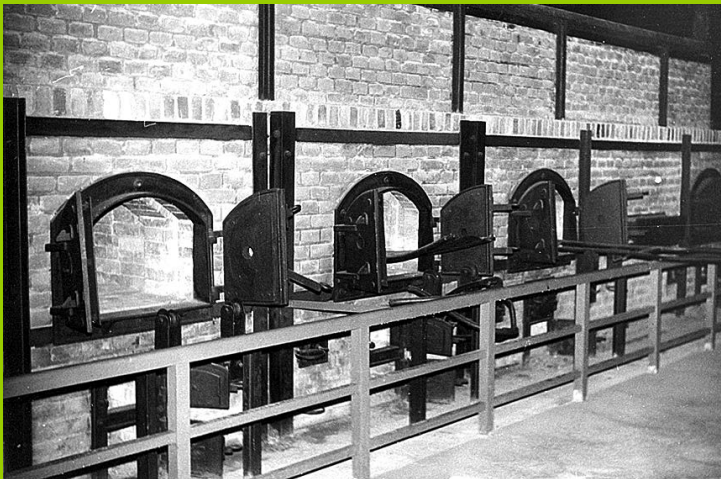


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**"Selection" at Auschwitz
(in the background:
crematoria's smoke)**



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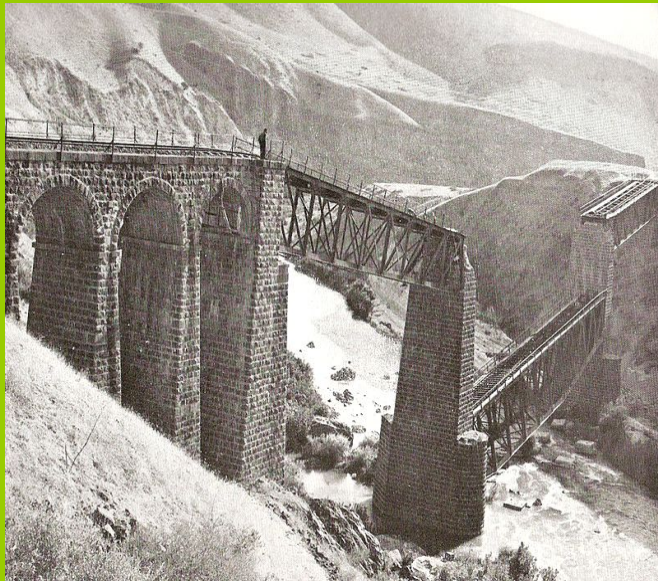


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The Yishuv Revolts Against the British, 1945-1947



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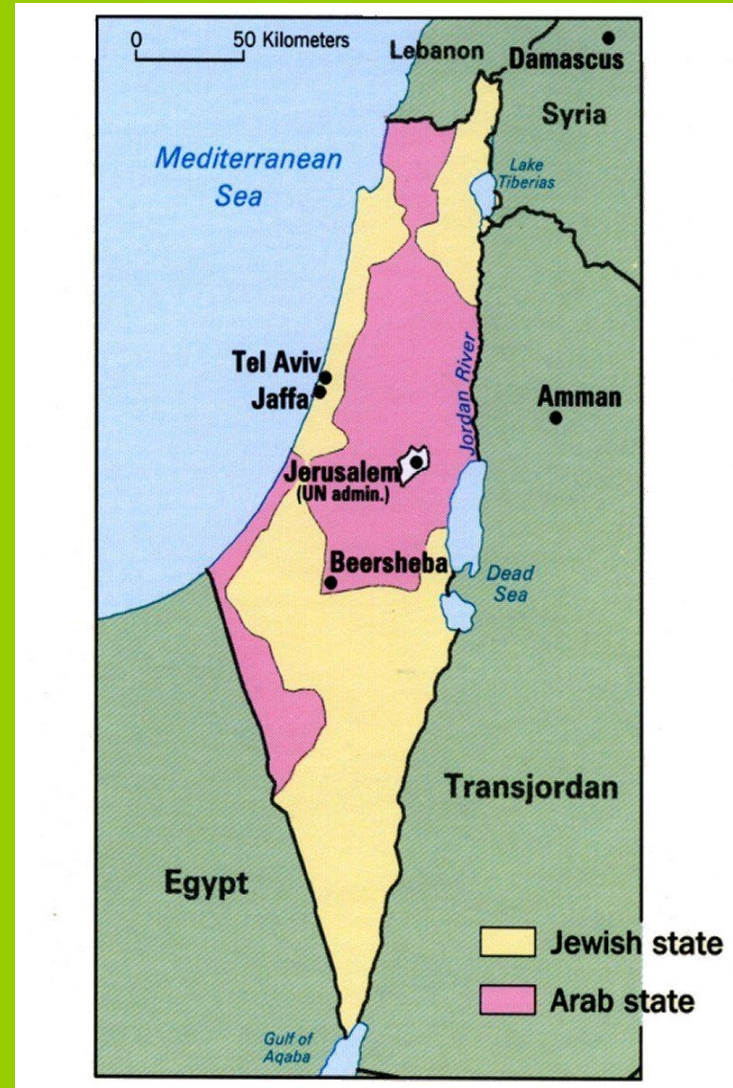
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November 29, 1947 – UN Resolution 181 – “The Partition Plan”

- The Zionists accepted it
- The Palestinians and the Arab states rejected it






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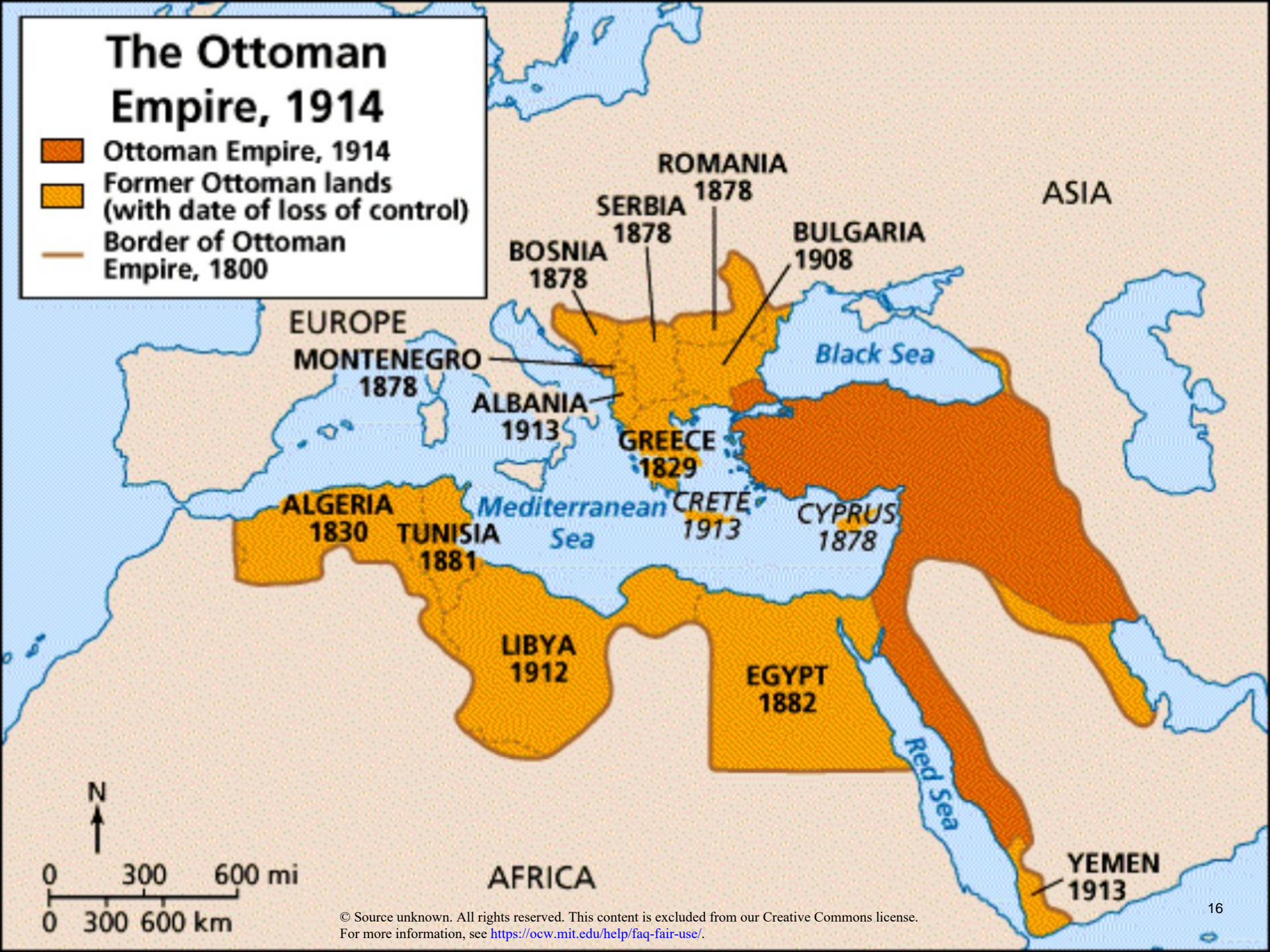
Palestine – Demography, 1800-1947 (in thousands)

Year	(% Jews)	Jews	Christians	Muslims	Total
1800		7	22	246	275
1890		43	57	432	532
1914	(12%)	84	70	525	679
1922	(11%)	84	71	589	752
1931	(17%)	175	89	760	1,033
1947	(32%)	630	143	1,181	1,970

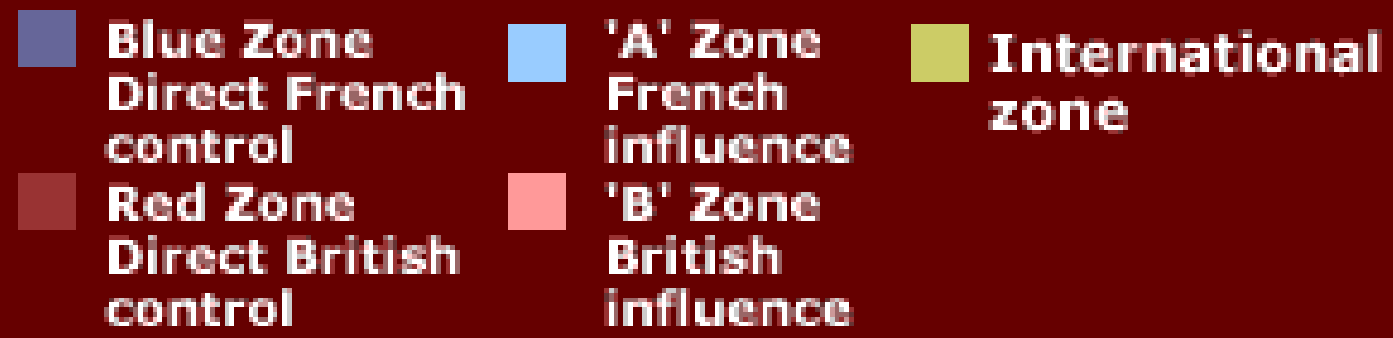
1947 --- 87% of the Jewish population came to Palestine after 1918

The Ottoman Empire, 1914

-  Ottoman Empire, 1914
-  Former Ottoman lands (with date of loss of control)
-  Border of Ottoman Empire, 1800







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-  INDEPENDENT TERRITORY
-  BRITISH ZONE OF INFLUENCE
-  RUSSIAN ZONE OF INFLUENCE
-  BOUNDARY OF OTTOMAN EMPIRE REC. 1800

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