



## Israel Quiz

Test your knowledge about Israel!

This small quiz might give you an idea of the level of knowledge you have on the history of Zionism. Give it a try and don't be nervous!! And no peaking!

1. The following were suggested as a Jewish homeland before the State of Israel was formed:
  - a. Argentina
  - b. Uganda
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. None of the above
  
2. What has been the evolution of Reform Judaism's views on Zionism
  - a. At the beginning of the establishment of Reform Judaism with the Pittsburg Platform in 1885, Reform Judaism supported the establishment of a Jewish state and a return to Palestine. Reform Judaism has continued with that philosophy to this day.
  - b. At the beginning of the establishment of Reform Judaism with the Pittsburg Platform in 1885, Reform Judaism denounced the establishment of a Jewish state and a return to Palestine. Over time Reform Judaism has changed their statements and mission to support the State of Israel
  - c. Reform Judaism as a whole takes no stance on the State of Israel
  
3. True or False: Kibbutzim were a result of political Zionism.
  
4. True or False: Theodore Herzl was not in support of Yiddish as a Jewish language.
  
5. True or False: If someone lives in Israel they are automatically considered a Zionist.
  
6. The following are varieties of Zionist thought:
  - a. Political Zionism
  - b. Labor Zionism
  - c. Religious Zionism
  - d. Cultural Zionism
  - e. Revisionist Zionism
  - f. All of the above
  - g. All but E
  - h. None of the above
  
7. When was the idea the return to Zion formed?
  - a. Since Jews were forced into exile in Babylon
  - b. Since the late 19th c. when Pogroms began
  - c. Not until after the Holocaust



Answers:

1. Both Argentina and Uganda were offered as options by Theodore Herzl as a Jewish state. Yet in order to gain full support he abandoned these ideas and agreed upon Palestine because of the historical connections of the Jewish people to the land.

- a. 2 pts
- b. 2 pts
- c. 3 pts
- d. 1 pt.

2. B. is the correct answer. Reform Judaism was established with a philosophy that centered on assimilation into American society and cautioned against anything that could be construed as a way back to old times of temple sacrifices. Since then Reform Judaism has adjusted their view points and adopted Zionist philosophies.

- a. 2 pts.
- b. 3 pts.
- c. 1 pt.

3. False. Kibbutzim was a result of Labor Zionism that inspired the 2nd Aliyah (immigration to Israel) from 1904-1914. It was in this era that young Jews called "Halutzim" began Kibbutzim. True= 0 pts False=3 pts.

4. True. Theodore Herzl was not in support of Yiddish because he saw it as the language of the ghettos. He saw German as an intellectual language and advocated for its use among Jews. True= 3 pts. False=0 pts.

5. False. Many Haradi Jews are not Zionists and do not acknowledge Israel's existence as a state. They believe that Israel should not exist with out the Messiah and are in the land of their ancestors waiting for the Messianic Age to arrive.

True= 0 pts. False= 3 pts.

6. All the listed are considered Zionist thoughts.

- a, b, c, d, e or g. 2 pts.
- f. 3 pts.
- h. 1 pt.

7. While the Zionist movement began in the late 19th century, the idea of the return to Zion was a concept that came about after the exile of the Jews to Bavel (after the destruction of the first Temple.)

- a. 3 pts.
- b. 2 pts.
- c. 1 pt.

**You are a Newbie: 4- 9 pts.**

You do not have a strong background of the history of Zionism. This does not mean you are not a Zionist! But you might want to brush up on some history so you can become more knowledgeable on this school of thought you associate yourself with.

**You are a Grasshopper: 10- 16 pts.**

You have a nice basis of knowledge on Zionism. You may have paid attention in your religious school



classes but there is a lot more about the history of Zionism you may not know. Look into studying Zionism in a more intense setting than maybe what you are used to.

**You are a Zionist Einstein: 17- 21 pts.**

You obviously have an apt knowledge on the history of Zionism. But remember this was only a short quiz. You should always challenge yourself! Read books, take classes, even have discussions of the history of Zionism and look more in depth at the people who influence this school of thought.