

The Arab-Israeli Conflict



▶ Who?

- Palestinians and Israelis

▶ What?

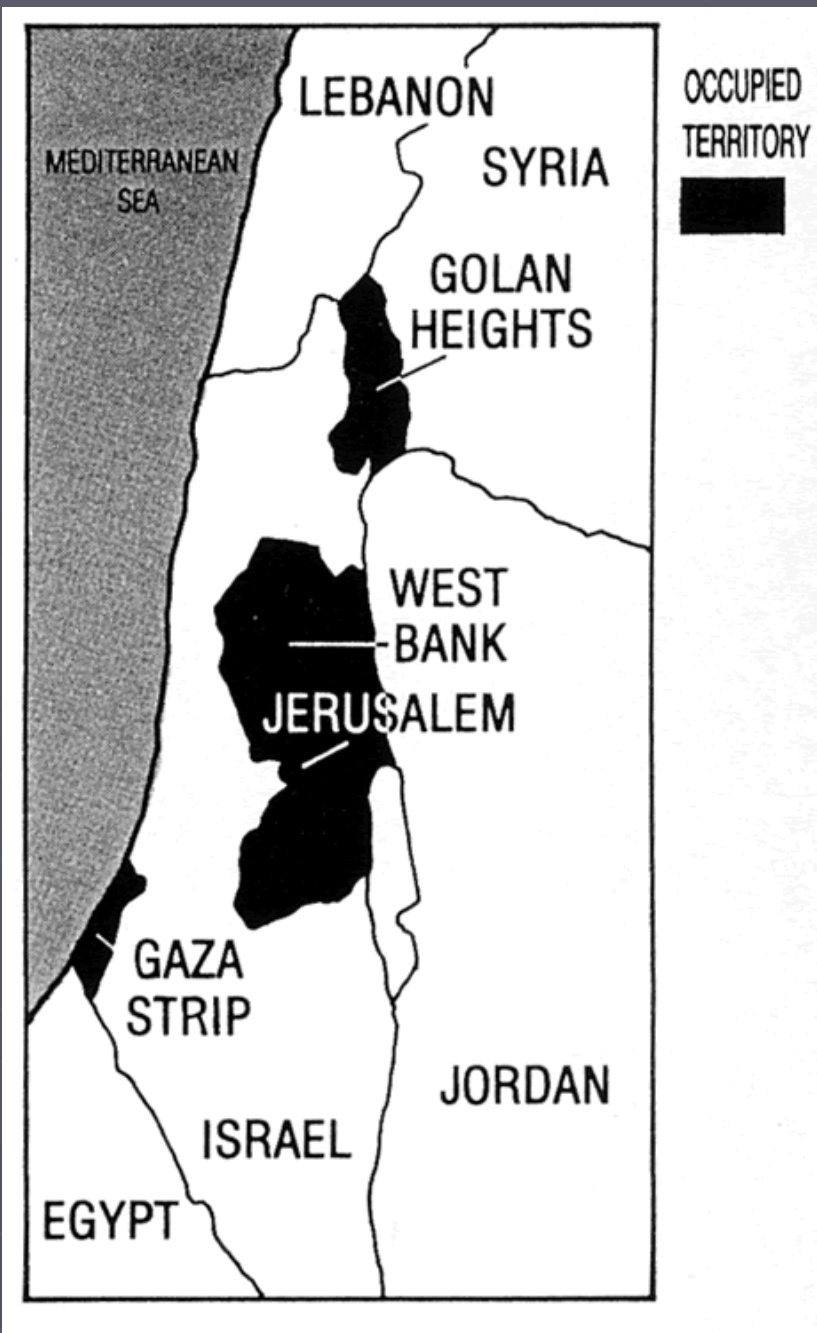
-Struggle for the control of land in and around Israel

▶ When?

-officially started with the United Nations partition and creation of Israel in 1948

▶ Why?

-both believe the land belongs to them based on history and religion



Important Terms/Events/People

- ❖ Diaspora- the removal and dispersion of Jews from Israel by the Romans in 70AD
- ❖ Zionism-nationalist movement founded by Theodore Herzl for the creation of a homeland for Jews in Palestine (ancient kingdom of Israel)
- ❖ Arab Nationalism-movement in the Arab community to have their own country/nation



▶ McMahan Pledge-

British official Henry McMahan's promise to the Arabs for the creation of country if the Arabs help the British in WWI

▶ Balfour Declaration-

British official Arthur James Balfour's pledge to Zionists for a creation a Jewish state in Palestine



▶ Partition Plan-

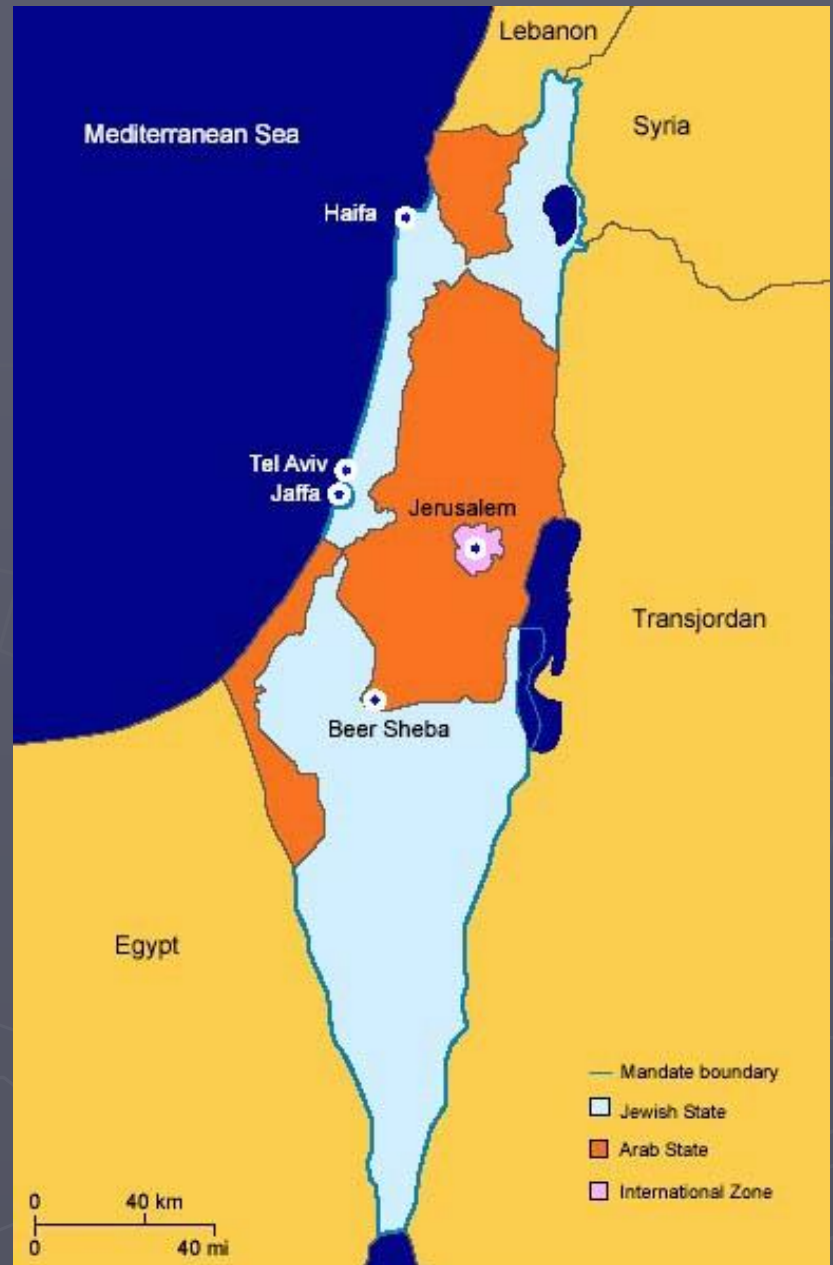
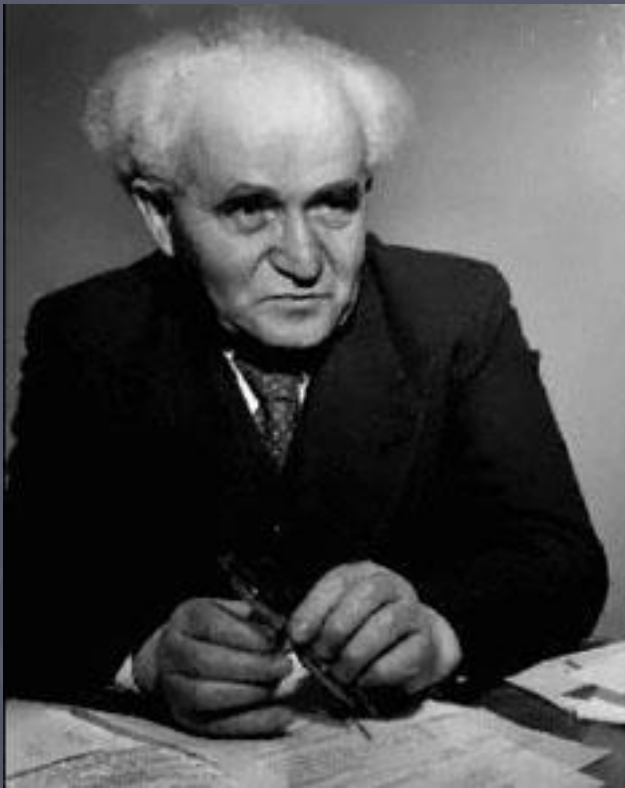
1947, United Nations plan to divide Palestine into 2 lands, 1 for Palestinians and 1 for Israelis

❖ David Ben Gurion-

first President of the State of Israel in 1948

❖ Law of Return-

a Israeli law that allows any Jew living in the world Israeli citizenship



❖ 1948 War over creation-

5 Arab nations attack the newly formed country of Israel

❖ 6 Days War-

1967 war between Israel and surrounding Arab countries, Israel wins and takes control of occupied territories

❖ Occupied Territories-

won by Israel in 6 Days War-Gaza Strip, Golan Heights and West Bank (Jerusalem)

❖ Yom Kippur War-

1973, Arab nations attack Israel on holy holiday, they win early victories but Israel fights back and war ends with a cease fire

❖ Yasir Arafat-

founder and president of PLO, led terrorist attacks against Israel, but in 1990's work for peace with Israel, won the Nobel Peace Prize and died in 2004



❖ PLO-

Palestinian Liberation Organization, formed to give a voice to the Palestinians and fight for self-determination

❖ Intifada-

meanings uprising-fighting by the Palestinians against Israeli occupation



❖ Oslo Accords-

1993 peace plan signed by PLO and Israel,
first plan between the two

❖ Barriers to Peace

1. Jerusalem-who would get control
2. Palestinian refugees
3. Jewish Settlements in Palestinian lands

