

WHO ARE THE [JEWISH] ISRAELIS?

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

HOW DOES BACKGROUND AFFECT THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN?

DIVERSITY AND UNITY?

JEWISH POPULATION OF PALESTINE AND ISRAEL:

		% INCREASE
1882	24,000	
1919	56,000	37 YEARS, 133%
1922	84,000	3 YEARS, 50%
1931	175,000	9 YEARS, 108%
5/14/48	650,000	17 YEARS, 270%
1961	1,900,000	13 YEARS, 192%
1882-1961, 79 YEARS, 7800%		
U.S., 1880-1960, 50 TO 180 MILLION, 260%		

ISRAEL IN 1948–VERY POOR.

WHY SO MANY IMMIGRANTS, SO QUICKLY?

**ORIGINAL LIKELY SOURCES: WESTERN EUROPEANS, KILLED IN
HOLOCAUST.**

USSR: NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE

ISRAEL: FULFILL ZIONIST VISION

NEED FOR IMMIGRANTS TO FILL COUNTRY AND DEFEND IT

NOW OR NEVER

EXCITEMENT OVER CREATION OF ISRAEL

DISPLACED EUROPEANS, CONTINUING ANTISEMITISM:

YITZHAK SHAMIR [PRIME MINISTER, 1986-92]

PERSECUTION IN ARAB WORLD:

E.G., IRAQ: JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR OVER 2,500 YEARS

WORLD WAR I, 1/3 OF BAGHDAD'S POPULATION JEWISH

1941, ANTI-JEWISH RIOTING KILLS 180, WOUNDS 1,000

**1947-49, ONGOING ANTI-JEWISH RIOTING; AFTER 1948, ZIONISM A
CRIME.**

**OVERALL, ROUGHLY EQUAL SHIFT: ARABS LEAVE ISRAEL, JEWS LEAVE
ARAB COUNTRIES**

WHO WERE THE IMMIGRANTS?

IN IMAGINATION, WHO WOULD THE PEOPLE BE?

HERZL: MODERN LIKE WESTERN EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS.

EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWS: LIKE THEMSELVES, TRANSFORMED.

1945: MOST EUROPEAN JEWS HAVE BEEN KILLED.

THOSE IN THE USSR CAN'T LEAVE.

AMERICAN JEWS STAY IN AMERICA, MOSTLY.

WHO ARRIVES:

REMNANTS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY [NOT USSR]

JEWS FROM THE 'THIRD WORLD'

IMMIGRANTS BY CONTINENTS OF BIRTH			
	NUMBERS		% OF TOTAL
	EUROPE/ AMERICA	ASIA/ AFRICA	EUR/ AMER
1919-5/48	385K	45K	90%
5/48-1961	450K	512K	47%

JEWISH POPULATION OF ISRAEL, BY CONTINENT OF BIRTH		
	NOV. 1948	DEC. 1960
ISRAEL	35%	37%
EUROPE/ AMERICA	55%	35%
ASIA	8%	16%
AFRICA	2%	12%

ESPECIALLY LARGE GROUPS IN THE EARLY YEARS:

RUMANIA 120K, POLAND 100K, IRAQ 125K, YEMEN 40K, MOROCCO 250K?

HOW DESCRIBE THE PEOPLE?

ROSENTHAL, 'ONE NATION, MANY TRIBES'

4 CHAPTERS, 4 'TRIBES'

ASHKENAZIM: 'JEWS WITH ORIGINS IN EUROPE' [P. 2]

**MIZRAHIM: 'JEWS WHOSE FAMILIES FLED ISLAMIC COUNTRIES OF THE
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA'**

RUSSIANS

ETHIOPIANS ['OUT OF AFRICA']

THE CONVENTIONAL TABLES:

EUROPE/AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA, OR AFRICA/ASIA

HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVES:

ORIGINS OF ALL ISRAEL?

RUSSIA IN EUROPE

WHY ISLAMIC BUT NOT IN EUROPE? ALBANIA

JEWS OF INDIA?

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA? AFRICA WOULD INCLUDE ETHIOPIANS.

WHY ANY DIVISIONS? ALL JEWISH

WHY NOT WHITE VS. BLACK, I.E., EVERYONE VS. ETHIOPIANS?

**U.S. CENSUS: WHITE = 'PEOPLE HAVING ORIGINS IN ANY OF THE ORIGINAL PEOPLES OF EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, OR NORTH AFRICA.'
INCLUDES ARABS.**

SEPHARDIM VS. GERMANS?

GERMANS VS. EASTERN EUROPEAN?

LITVAKS VS. GALITSIANERS?

IF CAN IMAGINE ALTERNATIVES, PROBABLY SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED.

**PRESSMAN: 'THE MARGINS'—GROUPS GAINED RECOGNITION ONLY IN 1970S &
BEYOND—LITERATURE, MUSIC, ETC.**

FOR MIZRAHI MUSIC, MUST BE MIZRAHIM.

WHY JUST TWO MAJOR CATEGORIES, ASHKENAZIM & MIZRAHIM?

WHY THESE TWO?

EXAMPLES:

ONGOING CREATION OF A VISION: WHAT WILL THE COUNTRY BE LIKE?

SHOULD BE JEWISH.

MUST MAINTAIN DISTINCTIVENESS FROM ARABS.

**BUT WHAT WAS GOING TO BE JEWISH ABOUT IT? WHAT WERE THE
JEWS GOING TO BE LIKE?**

WHY NEED TO DECIDE?

JEWS INFLUENCED BY CHRISTIANS

**SEE AZIZA KHAZZOOM, 'THE GREAT CHAIN OF ORIENTALISM,' *AMERICAN
SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW* 2003**

**APPARENT POTENTIAL DEAL IN WESTERN & CENTRAL EUROPE, WITH
EMANCIPATION: JEWS COULD JOIN THE LARGER SOCIETY, PERHAPS
BE TREATED AS EQUALS.**

THE PRICE: ABANDON THOSE ASPECTS OF JEWISH LIFE NON-JEWS FOUND A PROBLEM

**TRADITIONAL JEWISH EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS SERVICES,
ORGANIZATIONS, APPEARANCE, OCCUPATIONS**

**WEAKEN THE RABBIS: 'PRODUCE A JUDAISM THAT THE CHRISTIANS
COULD TOLERATE'**

**JEWS HAD TO BECOME MODERN. HAD TO GET AWAY FROM BEING 'ASIATIC'
AND 'ARAB':**

**VOLTAIRE: 'THE [ANCIENT] JEWS WERE VAGRANT ARABS INFESTED
WITH LEPROSY.'**

**MANY JEWS BUY INTO THIS. SOME TRY TO ASSIMILATE. OTHERS DECIDE
THAT WON'T WORK, NEED TO MODERNIZE AND 'NORMALIZE' JEWS BY
CREATING THEIR OWN COUNTRY.**

THEY MUST ESCAPE THEIR OWN ORIGINS [AS NON-JEWS DEFINED THEM].

**WESTERNIZED JEWS BECOME EMBARRASSED BY 'EASTERN' JEWS: GERMAN
JEWS BY EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWS, EASTERN EUROPEAN
JEWS BY THOSE FURTHER 'EAST,' IN THE ORIENT.**

**BEING MODERN MEANS MOVING AWAY FROM BEING EASTERN, PERSONALLY
AND AS A GROUP.**

AND WHAT MIGHT THE JEWS OF THE ORIENT REPRESENT?

**ENTIRE PROCESS COMPLEX: NEEDED TO HOLD ONTO JEWISHNESS WHILE
ABANDONING PARTS OF IT. WHICH PARTS? HOW MUCH?**

**MIDDLE EASTERN JEWS COULD WANT TO PUSH AWAY ARABS AS WELL, FOR
SAME REASON—NOT WANTING TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE PRIMITIVE.**

THE FIRST LEADERS OF ISRAEL NEEDED TO BRING IN THE JEWS OF THE
THIRD WORLD; THEY NEEDED TO RETURN TO ROOTS IN MIDDLE EAST;
THEY HAD TO STAY CONNECTED TO JUDAISM.

BUT THE THIRD-WORLD JEWS, THE MIDDLE EAST, TRADITIONAL JUDAISM,
WERE ALL THREATENING.

WHAT WOULD THE NEW COUNTRY BE LIKE? THE EUROPEANS HAD TO
WESTERNIZE THE THIRD-WORLD JEWS—THE EASTERNERS, THE
MIZRAHIM.

WHAT HAPPENS, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER?

ASHKENAZIM WON'T TAKE 'MIZRAHI' CULTURE SERIOUSLY.

MIZRAHIM MORE LIKELY TO BE SENT TO DEVELOPMENT TOWNS.

GENERAL OBLIVIOUSNESS.

IMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.

AND YET: THEY ARE JEWS, & ESSENTIAL.

WHAT HAPPENS?

MIZRAHI LITERATURE & MUSIC.

ECONOMIC OUTCOMES?

MONTHLY EARNINGS, MIZRAHI VS. ASHKENAZI MEN & WOMEN:

	1975	1982	1992	2001
MEN	77%	65%	65%	68%
WOMEN	84	85	80	75

WHY?

BACKGROUND

EARLY DECISIONS

WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC TRENDS IN INEQUALITY

HOW MUCH LABOR-MARKET DISCRIMINATION?

EPHRAIM YA'AR, 'CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN ISRAELI SOCIETY,' *ISRAEL STUDIES* 2005

FEELINGS OF INJUSTICE

OPPOSITION PARTIES: LIKUD, SHAS

POPULAR CULTURE

FAMILY SIZE:

1963, IMMIGRANTS, # CHILDREN: MIZRAHI 4.6 ASHKENAZI 2.4

1998, SECOND GENERATION: MIZRAHI 2.7 ASHKENAZI 2.7

WOMEN'S LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION:

1970, IMMIGRANTS: MIZRAHI 26% ASHKENAZI 34%

1998, SECOND GENERATION: MIZRAHI 61% ASHKENAZI 66%

INTERMARRIAGE: INCREASING

**COLLEGE ATTENDANCE: DIFFERENCES DISAPPEAR AMONG WOMEN;
 STILL SIGNIFICANT FOR MEN; SONS OF MIXED MARRIAGES
 INTERMEDIATE**

RELIGION, LATE 1990S, % SECULAR:

IMMIGRANTS: MIZRAHI 26%, ASHKENAZI 65%

SECOND GENERATION: MIZRAHI 42%, ASHKENAZI 66%

2002 STUDY OF ISRAELI IDENTITY: 'PROUD TO BE AN ISRAELI'?

IMMIGRANTS: MIZRAHI 90% ASHKENAZI 77%

SECOND GENERATION: MIZRAHI 91% ASHKENAZI 85%

WHAT CAN WE IMAGINE ABOUT THE FUTURE?