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State of Israel and Related Issues

Svět kolem nás – Understanding the Context

State of Israel



- Official languages
 - Hebrew
 - Arabic
- Ethnic groups (2018)
 - 74.5% Jewish
 - 20.9% Arab
 - 4.6% other
- Religion (2016)
 - 74.7% Jewish
 - 17.7% Muslim
 - 2.0% Christian
 - 1.6% Druze
 - 4.0% other

The Size



- Jerusalem – Tel Aviv-Yafo = 72 km
- Jerusalem – Haifa = 155 km
- Beersheba – Haifa = 193 km

- Ostrava – Brno = 169 km
- Praha – Brno = 205 km

The Landscape

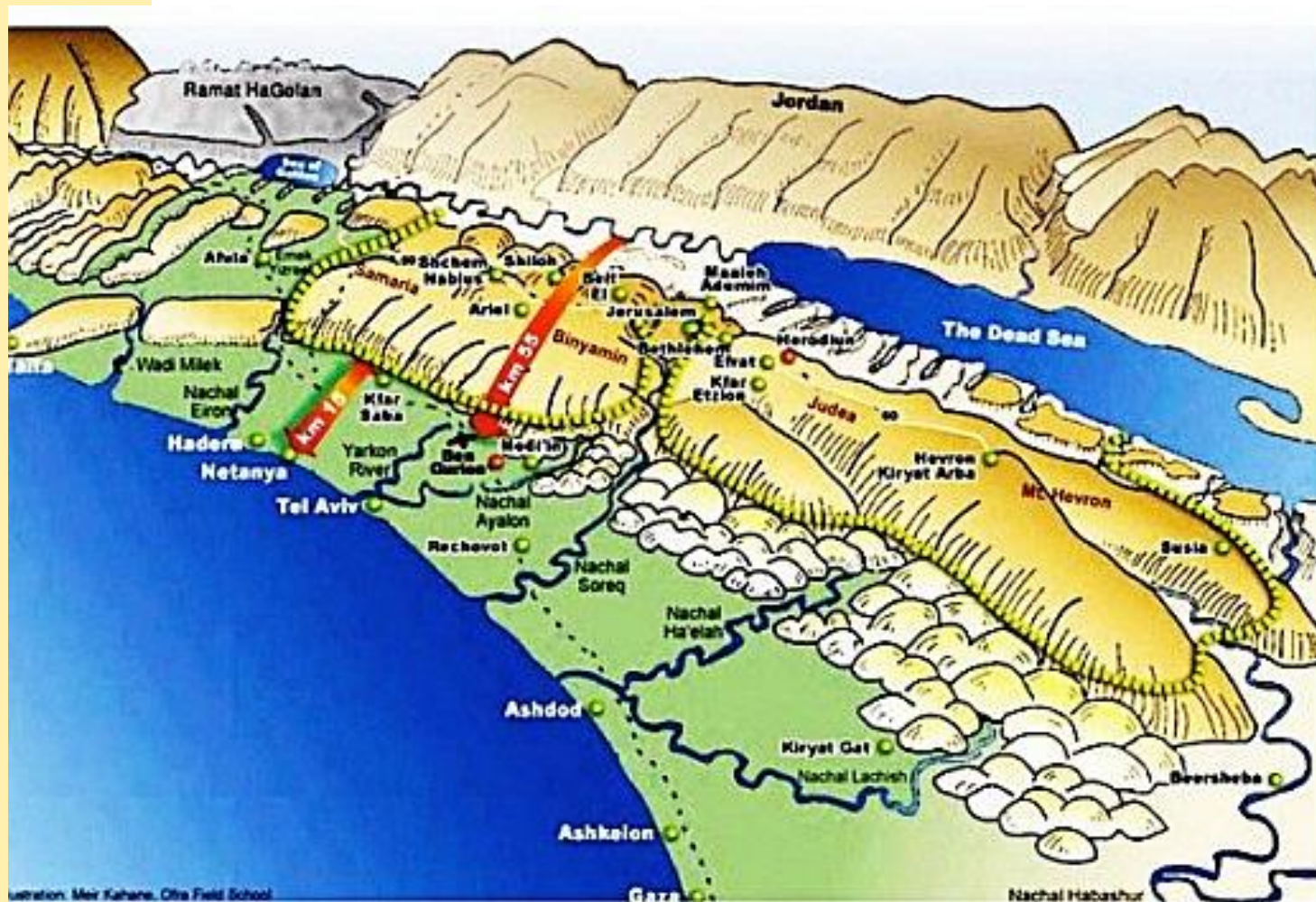


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Fertile Crescent



Zionism

- **Mount Zion** (765 m) is a hill in Jerusalem just outside the walls of the Old City.
- The term Mount Zion has been used in the Hebrew Bible first for the City of David (2 Samuel 5:7, 1 Chronicles 11:5; 1 Kings 8:1, 2 Chronicles 5:2) and later for the Temple Mount
- Its meaning has shifted and it is now used as the name of ancient Jerusalem's Western Hill.
- In a wider sense, the term is also used for the entire Land of Israel.



Zionism

- Zionism
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iVQdjMg_Y4
- The conflict (start at 01:00)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-xE0xCyhwo>
- Beginning of the state:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E-P4FG7Utc>
- „Escaping burning building by jumping out of a window and falling on somebody else’s head.“
- „If this is not the promised land, we have no good reason to be here.“



The Israel Defence Forces

- **32 months of service:** citizens over the age of 18, although Arab (but not Druze) citizens are exempted if they so please + the law exempts ultra-Orthodox Jews
- **24 months:** mandatory conscription of women (they can avoid conscription through a religious exemption and over a third of Israeli women do so)
- its structure emphasizes close relations between the army, navy, and air force



Palestinians


- „Israel has failed in recognition of the rights of Palestinian people.“



Belligerents


-  **Israel**
 - **Mahal volunteers** (1947–49)
 -  **United Kingdom** (1956 only)
 -  **France** (1956 only)
 - **Kataeb Party** (1978–82)
 - **Free Lebanon State** (1978–84)
 -  **South Lebanon Army** (1984–2000)
- Supported by:*
-  **United States** (1973–)
-  **All-Palestine** (1948–59)
 - **AHW** (1947–49)
 - **Fedayeen** (1949–64)
 -  **Arab League**
 -  **Egypt** (1948–78)
 -  **Jordan** (1948–94)
 -  **Lebanon** (1948–67)
 -  **Iraq** (1948–2003)
 -  **Syria** (1948–)
 -  **PLO** (1964–1993)
 -  **Palestinian Authority** (2000–05)

Supported by:

-  **Soviet Union** (1967–91)^[1]

 **Gaza Strip** (2006–)

Supported by:

-  **Iran** (2006–12)



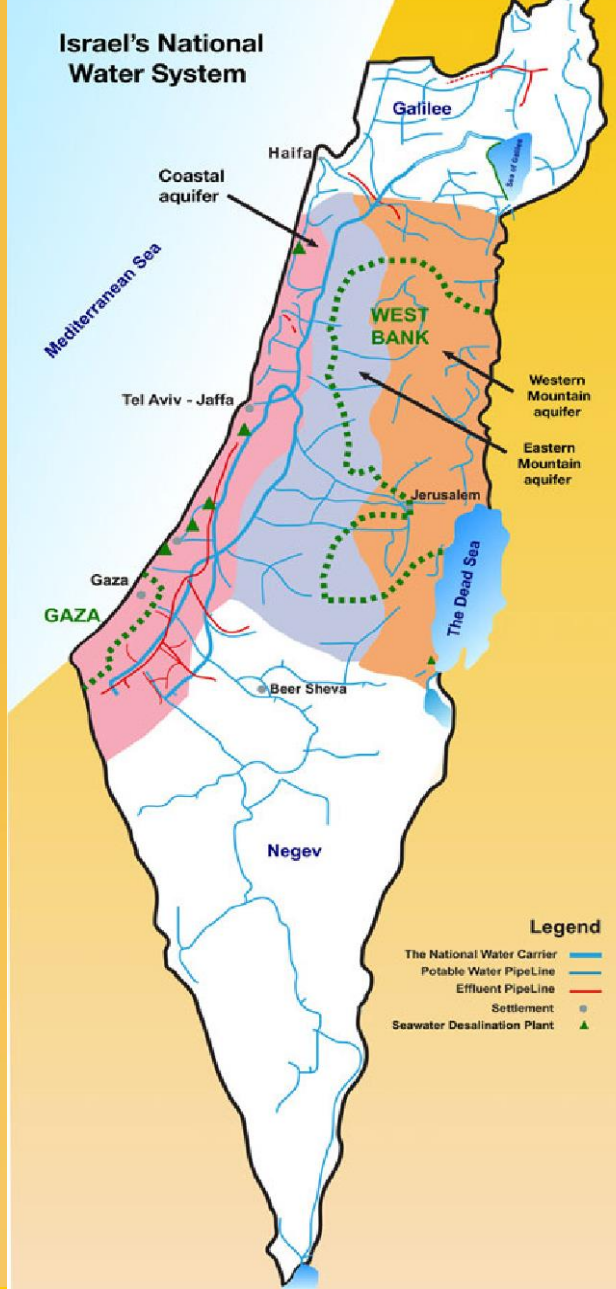
Water

- Israel receives much of its water from two large underground aquifers which continue under the Green Line, the use of this water has been contentious in the Israeli–Palestinian conflict.
- Israel withdraws most water from these areas, but it also supplies the West Bank with approximately 40 million cubic metres annually, contributing to 77% of Palestinians' water supply in the West Bank, which is to be shared for a population of about 2.6 million.
- While Israel's consumption of this water has decreased since it began its occupation of the West Bank, it still consumes the majority of it: in the 1950s, Israel consumed 95% of the water output of the Western Aquifer, and 82% of that produced by the Northeastern Aquifer. Although this water was drawn entirely on Israel's own side of the pre-1967 border, the sources of the water are nevertheless from the shared groundwater basins located under both West Bank and Israel.



מערכת המים הארצית

- National Carrier
- Cold water bull
- Cold Saline Water
- Cold Shafdan
- - - - - Cold planned connection
- Towns
- Potable water reservoir
- Mtoconc fresh water reservoir
- Rinat fresh water
- Fresh water Station
- Potable water plant planned
- Fresh water drill
- ▲ Desalination plant
- Brackish water drill
- Brackish water reservoir
- Shafdan Station
- Reclaimed Water Reservoir
- Rinat Sfd'o

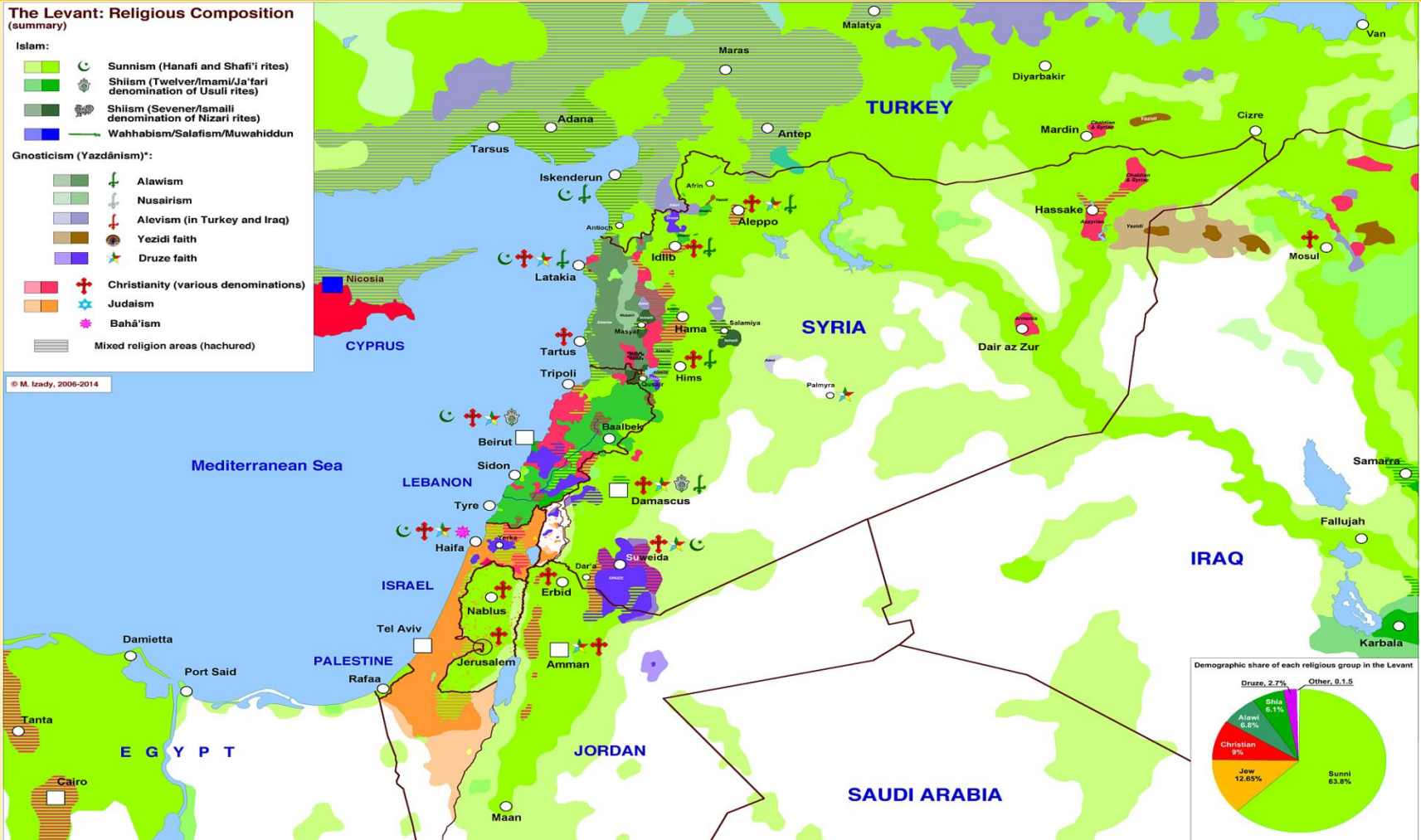


Neighbours + religion

The Levant: Religious Composition (summary)

- Islam:**
- Sunnism (Hanafi and Shafi'i rites)
 - Shiism (Twelver/Imami/Ja'fari denomination of Usuli rites)
 - Shiism (Sevener/Isma'ili denomination of Nizari rites)
 - Wahhabism/Salafism/Muwahhidun
- Gnosticism (Yazdânism)*:**
- Alawism
 - Nusairism
 - Alevism (in Turkey and Iraq)
 - Yezidi faith
 - Druze faith
- Other religions:**
- Christianity (various denominations)
 - Judaism
 - Bahá'ism
 - Mixed religion areas (hachured)

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