**Ten Things To Know about Zionism and Israel**

1. How did Zionism see itself vis a vis traditional Jewish notions of messianism? Was it the same thing? A modern reworking of messianism? Or was it a radical break with messianism?
2. What was the problem of the Jews according to Herzl and what was his solution to that problem?
3. What was the problem of Judaism according to cultural Zionists like Ahad Ha’am and what was its solution?
4. In what ways did Zionism succeed? In what ways did it fail?
5. How did Zionism deal with the Arab problem in the interwar period?
6. What was the relationship between Ashkenazim and Sephardim in the State of Israel?
7. What was the Law of Return? What does this law suggest about the relationship between Israel and world Jewry?
8. What was the impact of the 1967 war upon Israeli society?
9. How has the relationship between religion and state evolved in contemporary Israel?
10. In what ways is Israel both capitalist and socialist in socio-economic terms?

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