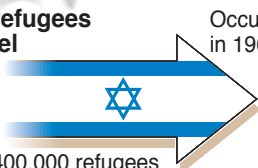




Refugees: an enduring problem

The issue of refugees – both Palestinian and Jewish – is at the heart of the story of modern Israel, and remains the most intractable problem in the search for peace in the region

Jewish refugees into Israel



Occupied in 1967

Palestinian refugees out

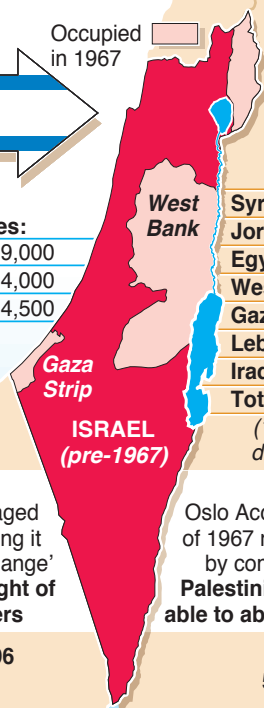


Europe: 400,000 refugees from Nazism, 1933-49

Refugees from Arab states:

Iraq 130,000	Egypt 29,000
Yemen 49,000	Algeria 14,000
Libya 35,600	Syria 4,500

A further 400,000 Jews came from Morocco, Iran and Tunisia



	1948	1967
Syria	75,000	116,000
Jordan	70,000	245,000
Egypt	7,000	11,000
West Bank	280,000	
Gaza Strip	190,000	
Lebanon	100,000	
Iraq	4,000	
Total	726,000	

(1967 exodus includes many displaced for a second time)

Two-way traffic

Israel has actively encouraged two-way migration, regarding it as simple 'population exchange'. Will reject Palestinian 'right of return' to pre-1967 borders

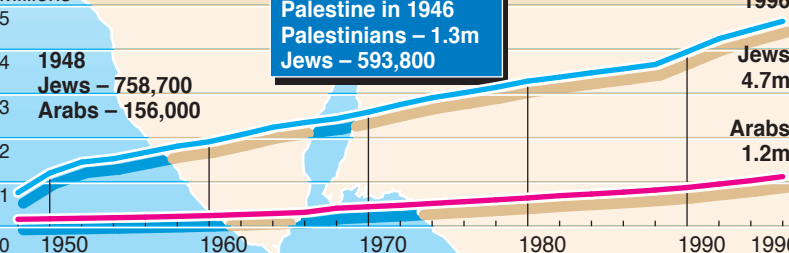
Settling the refugees

Oslo Accord (1993) decreed status of 1967 refugees would be decided by committee. **Even a projected Palestinian state is unlikely to be able to absorb all refugees of 1948**

Israel's population 1948-96

Excluding Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza Strip

Millions



Palestinians today
5.8m worldwide (estimate)
3.2 million under UN care