



How Well Do You Know Israel?!

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1. There were over 70 million refugees in post-World War II.
a. True b. False
 2. How many Palestinian refugees were there in 1950?
a. 300,000 b. 900,000
c. 4.2 million d. 3 million
 3. How did the UN definition of Palestinian refugee differ from other definitions?
a. There is no difference
b. They lived in Palestine between 1946 & 1948
c. Descendants of refugees were also refugees
d. Both b and c are correct
 4. Palestinian Jews who were refugees from Arab controlled areas were counted in the number of Palestinian refugees and were eligible for aid from the UN.
a. True b. False
 5. Between 1922 and 1946, what was the rate of growth of Arab population in Haifa?
a. 260% b. 130%
c. 75% d. 42%
 6. Who is Elor Azaria?
a. The terrorist at Damascus Gate this Shabbat
b. The soldier who killed a terrorist this Shabbat
c. A medic who shot an injured terrorist in Hebron in 2016
d. The man stabbed at Damascus Gate this past Shabbat
 7. Who is the current US Ambassador to Israel?
a. Thomas Nides
b. Mike Pompeo
c. Robert Wexler
d. Martin Indyk
 8. Who said, "Far from being persecuted, the Arabs have crowded into the country and multiplied."
a. David BenGurion
b. Menachem Begin
c. Winston Churchill
d. Eleanor Roosevelt
- Food for thought @ your Shabbat table:** How have refugees been used in the Palestinian conflict since 1948?
1. **(a)** Between refugees in China, the former Soviet Union and the rest of Europe there were over 70 million people who were homeless and looking for refuge at the end of the war.
 2. **(b)** As a result of the war and at the encouragement of the leaders of Arab states, to get out of the way to enable the Arab armies to gain a clear victory in the 1948, by 1950 there were 900,000 Arab refugees from Palestine to other Arab countries and to the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
 3. **(d)** The United Nations wrote a separate definition for Palestinian refugees. They had to prove residence in Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948. They also included descendants in the definition of refugees.
 4. **(b)** Jews who left areas controlled by Jordan, Syria or Egypt after the 1948 were not included in the UN definition of refugee from the crisis and were not eligible for aid from the UN.
 5. **(a)** Arab population growth rate in Haifa was 260%, in Jerusalem it was 131%, in Jaffa 158%. Arab population growth rate was significantly different in areas where there was not a Jewish population; Nablus was 42%, Bethlehem was 37%, Jenin was 78%. Arab population growth in Israel from 1948 until 2021 is at approximately 15%; Jewish population growth for the same time period is at approximately 10%.
 6. **(c)** Elor Azaria was a medic in the IDF in 2016. He shot a terrorist who was awaiting medical attention in Hebron. He was brought up on charges and sentenced to prison for shooting the terrorist after he was no longer a threat. Some have compared the shooting this past Shabbat to Elor Azaria and have demanded an investigation. Initial reports indicate that the incidents are not similar.
 7. **(a)** Thomas Nides is a banking executive and former deputy Secretary of State for management and resources. Thomas Nides has taken the position that the UN definition of Palestinian refugees should not be changed to eliminate descendants from the definition so as not to make it difficult for the US to be a mediator in the region.
 8. **(c)** Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of England, said this arguing against the White Paper of 1939.