

## Israel's Armor

The United States and Israel have long had a “special relationship.” The USA became the first country in the world to recognize the state of Israel in 1948, and has been an important ally and benefactor ever since. A critical component of the special relationship is the pro-Israel lobby. Although the lobby has been a controversial topic in public affairs, it has been widely understudied. *Israel's Armor* fills a gap in the existing literature by examining the origins and early history of the Israel lobby, looking at its influence on American foreign policy and weaving its activities into the diplomatic history of the first generation of the Palestine conflict. Covering the period roughly from World War II to the pivotal June 1967 War, Walter L. Hixson demonstrates that from the outset the Israel lobby played a crucial role in mobilizing US support for the Zionist state.

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Abbreviations

ACJ	American Council for Judaism
ACPC	American Christian Palestine Committee
ADL	Anti-Defamation League
AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
AFME	American Friends of the Middle East
AHC	Arab Higher Committee
AIPAC	American Israel Public Affairs Committee
AJA	American Jewish Archives
AJC	American Jewish Committee
APC	American Palestine Committee
APCs	Armored personnel carriers
AWF	Ann Whitman File
AZC	American Zionist Council
AZCPA	American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs
AZEC	American Zionist Emergency Council
BBIA	B’nai B’rith International Archives
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
DDE	Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library
DOS	Department of State
DMZ	Demilitarized zones
FARA	Foreign Agents Registration Act
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany
FRUS	<i>Foreign Relations Series of the United States</i>
HSTL	Harry S. Truman Library Institute
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IDF	Israel Defense Forces



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IRMEP	Institute for Research: Middle East Policy
JA	Jewish Agency
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JFKL	John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
JNF	Jewish National Fund
KP	Kenen Papers
LBJL	Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library
LOC	Library of Congress
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NER	<i>Near East Report</i>
NSF	National Security Files
NIE	National Intelligence Estimate
NSA	National Security Agency
NSC	National Security Council
OT	Occupied territories
PCC	Palestine Conciliation Commission
PLO	Palestine Liberation Organization
RG 59	Record Group 59 (General Records of Department of State)
SFRC	Senate Foreign Relations Committee
UAR	United Arab Republic
UN	United Nations
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSCOP	United Nations Special Committee on Palestine
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine
WRB	War Refugee Board
WRHS	Western Reserve Historical Society
WZC	World Zionist Congress
WZO	World Zionist Organization
ZOA	Zionist Organization of America

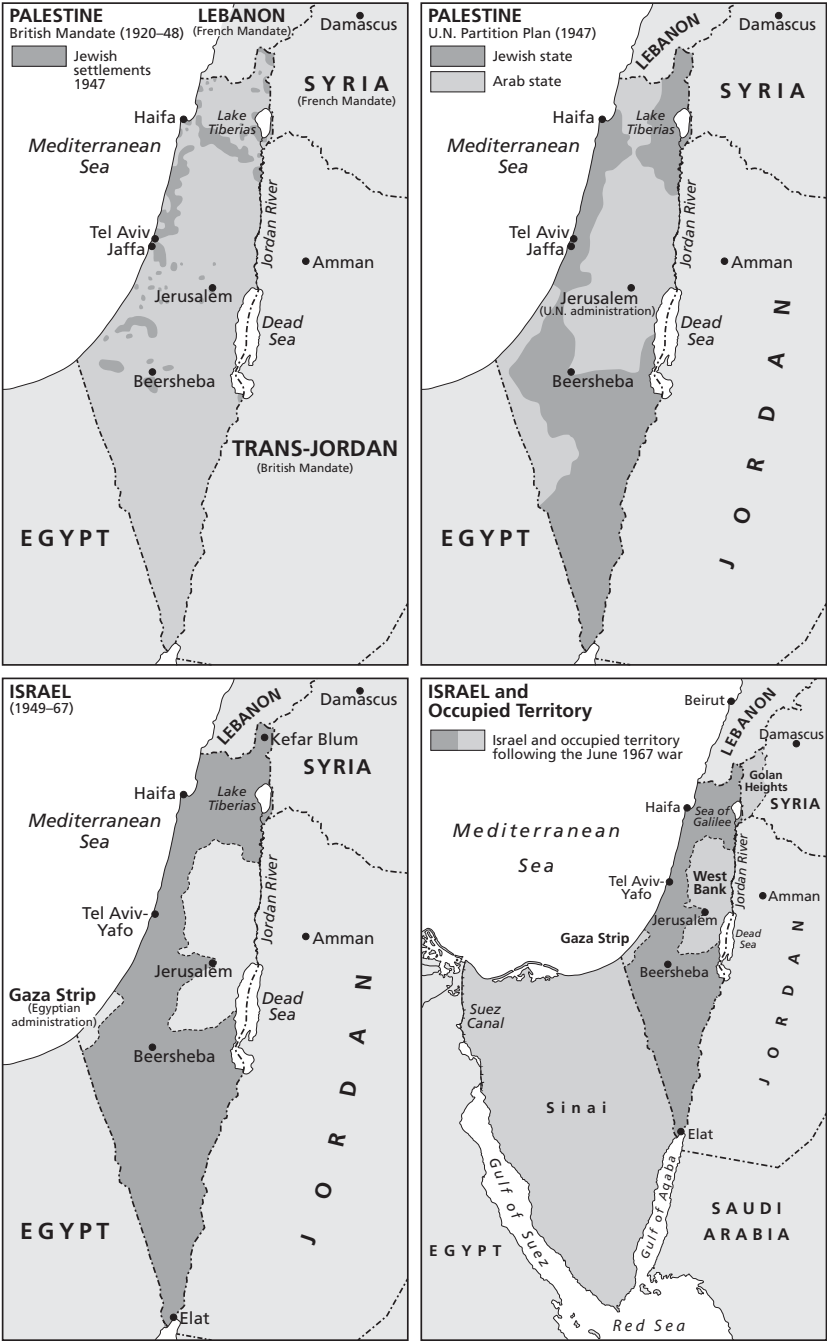


FIGURE I Map of Israeli expansion in the Middle East 1920–67