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### **Course Content**

1. Historical background:  
Jews in the Diaspora, origin and evolution of Zionist ideology
2. Formation of the State of Israel  
Jewish national Home, Balfour Declaration, partition of Palestine, Declaration of independence.
3. Government and politics:  
Knesset Elections (1948-1999), coalition politics, electoral reforms
4. Internal tensions in Israel  
Civil-military relations; secular-religious differences; problems of immigration
5. Arab-Israeli conflicts:  
Origin, progression and consequences of the wars of 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1981 and *Intifadah*
6. The successes and failures of the process of peace-making  
Armistice agreement 1948-49; Sinai I and II accords; Israeli-Egypt Camp David Accord; Madrid peace process; Oslo Agreement; Israel-Jordan Peace treaty; Wye River agreement
7. Israel's foreign policy and relations with the US, Russia, EU, great powers and India

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