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:

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
Select reading:

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