



בארץ ישראל קם העם היהודי, בה עוצבה דמותו הרוחנית, הדתית והמדינית, בה חי חיי קוממיות ממלכתית, בה יצר נכסי תרבות לאומיים וכלכליים והוריש לעולם כולו את ספר הספרים הנצח.

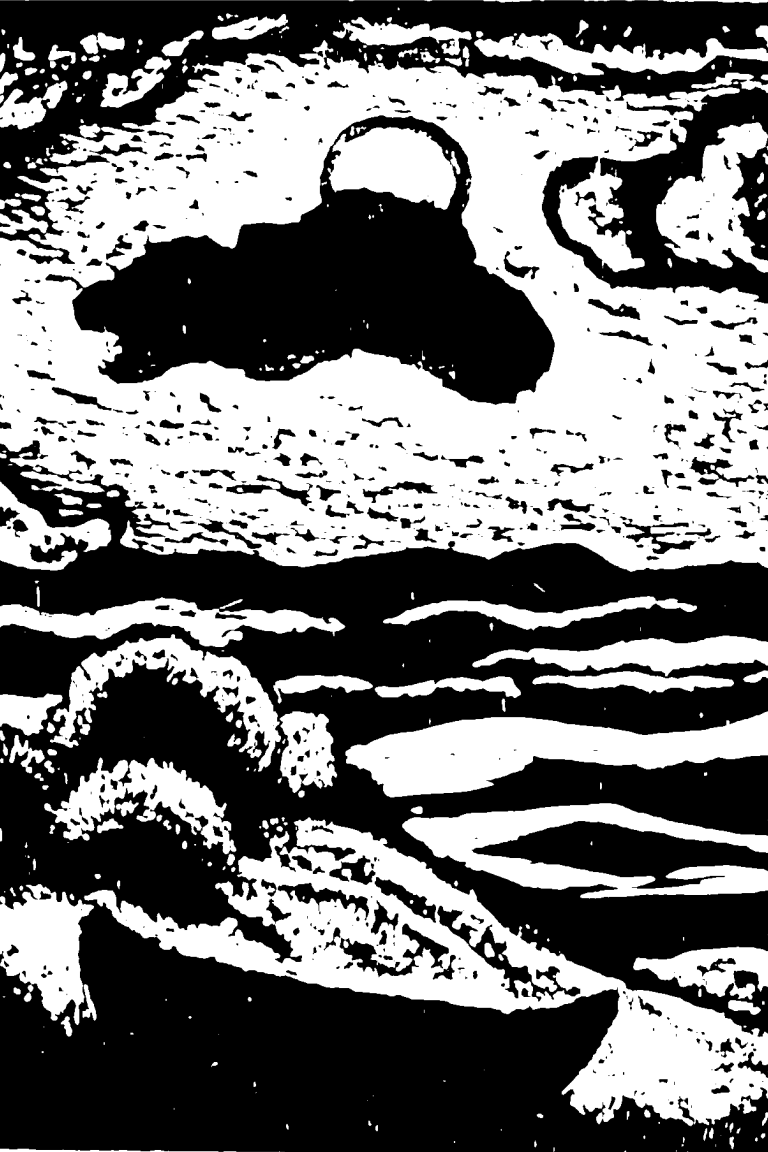
לאחר שהוגלה העם מארצו בכוח הזרוע שמר לה אמונים בכל ארצות שזרין, ולא חדל מתפלה ומתקווה לשוב לארצו ולחדש בתוכה את חירותו המדינית.



ERETZ-ISRAEL - the Land
of Israel was the birthplace of
the Jewish people. Here their
spiritual, religious and
political identity was shaped.
Here they first attained to
statehood, created cultural
values of national and
universal significance and
gave to the world the eternal
Book of Books.



After being forcibly
exiled from their
land, the people kept
faith with it
throughout their
Dispersion and never
ceased to pray and
hope for their return
to it and for the
restoration in it of
their political
freedom.



Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses.

Pioneers, ma'pilim - immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.



Portrait -

In the year **5657**
(1897), at the
summons of the
spiritual father of
the Jewish State,
Theodor Herzl, the
First Zionist
Congress convened
and proclaimed the
right of the Jewish
people to national
rebirth in its own
country.



This right was
recognized in the
Balfour Declaration of
the 2nd November,
1917, and re-affirmed in
the Mandate of the
League of Nations
which, in particular,
gave international
sanction to the historic
connection between the
Jewish people and
Eretz-Israel and to the
right of the Jewish
people to rebuild its
National Home.



The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.



In the Second World
War, the Jewish
community of this
country contributed its
full share to the
struggle of the freedom-
and peace-loving
nations against the
forces of Nazi
wickedness and, by the
blood of its soldiers and
its war effort, gained
the right to be reckoned
among the peoples who
founded the United
Nations.



Survivors of the Nazi
holocaust in Europe,
as well as Jews from
other parts of the
world, continued to
migrate to Eretz-
Israel, undaunted by
difficulties,
restrictions and
dangers, and never
ceased to assert their
right to a life of
dignity, freedom and
honest toil in their
national homeland.



On the **29th November, 1947**,
the United Nations General
Assembly passed a resolution
calling for the establishment of
a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel;
the General Assembly required
the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel
to take such steps as were
necessary on their part for the
implementation of that
resolution. This recognition by
the United Nations of the right
of the Jewish people to
establish their State is
irrevocable.

This right is the natural right
of the Jewish people to be
masters of their own fate, like
all other nations, in their own
sovereign State.



ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS
OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL,
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-
ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST
MOVEMENT, ARE HERE
ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF
THE TERMINATION OF THE
BRITISH MANDATE OVER
ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE
OF OUR NATURAL AND
HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE
STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY
DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-
ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
STATE OF ISRAEL.



This recognition by
the United Nations of
the right of the
Jewish people to
establish their
independent state
may not be revoked.
It is, moreover, the
self-evident right of
the Jewish people to
be a nation, as all
other nations, in its
own sovereign state.



WE DECLARE that, with effect
from the moment of the
termination of the Mandate being
tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the
6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948),
until the establishment of the
elected, regular authorities of the
State in accordance with the
Constitution which shall be
adopted by the Elected
Constituent Assembly not later
than the **1st October 1948,** the
People's Council shall act as a
Provisional Council of State, and
its executive organ, the People's
Administration, shall be the
Provisional Government of the
Jewish State, to be called "Israel".

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

מתוך בטחון בעור ישראל הננו חותמים בהתנעת ידינו
לעדות על הכרזה זו, במושב מועצת המדינה הזמנית
על אדמת המולדת, בעיר תל־אביב, היום הזה, ערב שבת
ה' אייר תש"ח, 14 במאי 1948.

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ISRAEL'S
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CONTAINING THE
PRINTS OF JACOB
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