

# Wars and Peace (1948- 1993)

MVZ248 Week 4

# 1948

Arab neighbors

Neutral 'Allies'

Survival = memories of Holocaust

# 1956

Hostile Arabs

End of European Imperial ambitions

Searching for both strength and stability

Israeli strategy of self-interest and recognition

Arms race

Diplomatic, economic (US use of Murray = grand strategy)

Immigration

# 1967

Greater Israel

Israeli Invincibility

Internal/External variables (Murray)

New borders

Nuclear Deterrent

# 1973

Intelligence Failure

Political Failure

Military disaster/success

Conclusion of conventional 'wars' against Arab neighbors

# 1982

Lebanon War

Aggression + National Security

Regional Imbalance

Israel loses 'moral high ground'

# Terrorism = Intifada 1970s-1993

Constructivism

Peace Process 'perpetual'

PLO

Actors change

Attacks and Reprisals

# Peace Process

MUST fit within the National Security concerns of Israel

Green Line + Territories + Terrorism

Long standing inclusion of US as mediator

1988 Schultz Peace Initiative

1991 Madrid

Hubris



# Creating Nat.Security

Defensible borders

“Green lines” de facto border from 1947 to 1967.

Blue line (Lebanon) Purple line (Syria)

1979 Peace Treaty recognized the 1906 Ottoman/British demarcation (Egypt) Gardus, Yehuda; Shmueli, Avshalom, eds. (1978–79). *The Land of the Negev (English title)*

Creating Defenses

Conventional and Nuclear

Deploying interests

Diplomatic, Economic and Military. Throughout the world.

# Defensible borders

Sinai

Golan

West Bank and E.Jerusalem

# Creating defense: Ben Gurion and Begin

IDF premier fighting force

Conventional forces

Nuclear deterrent

Begin Doctrine

# Interests

Growth of economy

Exports

Technological development

Universities

# Proxy and Power Projection

Israel proxy for U.S. against Arab states and Soviet Union

Fights in Egypt and Lebanon and Syria

Munich (1973)

Iraq (1981)

Lebanon (1982)

# Peace

No formal recognition since 1948

1978 (Egypt)

1979 (Camp David)

1991 (Madrid) and bi-lateral leading to Oslo

1993 (Oslo)

# Long road

Baby steps

1948-1979 'state of hostilities' with Arab neighbors (no longer with Egypt)

1991 Madrid = Oslo Accords = 1994 Peace Treaty with Jordan

Two-state/ 'road map'

Leaps backwards

'Occupation' = Intifada

Assassinations (Arab and Israeli)

# US and Israeli bond

In the words of William Quandt:

The bond between the United States and Israel is unquestionably strengthened because of the presumed congruence of values between the two nations. Americans can identify with Israel's national style—the commitment to western-style democracy, the ideals of individualism and freedom—in a way that has no parallel on the Arab side. Neither the ideal of well-ordered Muslim community nor that of a modernizing autocracy evokes much sympathy among Americans. Consequently, a predisposition no doubt exists in American political culture that works to the advantage of the Israelis.

William B. Quandt, *Decade of Decision: American Policy Toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967–1976* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1977), p. 16.