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**I. Arab Terrorism: An Alternative to Conventional War**

On July 23, 1968, El Al flight 426, en route from Rome to Tel Aviv, was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and flown to Algeria. There were only 38 passengers on board.  Shortly after takeoff, 2 of the 3 hijackers burst into the cockpit with guns. The hijackers were members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which had been founded in 1967 by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The plane landed in Algeria, where the aircraft and its passengers became captives of Algerian officials. The 23 non-Israeli passengers were released first. But the remaining 12 Israeli men remained prisoners of the Algerian government until September 1, more than 40 days later. They were released following an international aviation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Algeria and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Israel of 16 Palestinian prisoners. On September 6, the hijackers, who demanded the release of Palestinians in Israeli jails, managed to take control of three planes and force them to land at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Field. The planes were operated by TWA, Swissair and BOAC (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). A fourth plane, a Pan Am aircraft, was flown to Cairo and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the passengers disembarked. The fifth aircraft was an El Al flight from Tel Aviv to New York with a stop in Amsterdam. The two hijackers, a Nicaraguan American man and a Palestinian woman, Leila Khaled, attempted to take over the plane after it took off from Amsterdam. The male hijacker was shot by an onboard sky marshal and later \_\_\_\_ of his injuries while Khaled was overpowered. **In 1972,** a flight operated by Sabena Airlines from Vienna to Tel Aviv was taken over by four members of the Palestinian Black September movement. At their direction the plane at Lod airport near Tel Aviv. The following day, an IDF commando team approached the aircraft disguised as aviation technicians. They killed the two male hijackers and captured the two female hijackers. The commando raid was commanded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who was later to become prime minister of Israel. One of the other commandos, who was wounded in the operation, was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Entebbe hijacking saga began on June 27, 1976, when two members of the Popular Front for Palestine and two from Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, hijacked an Air France plane on a flight from Tel Aviv to Paris, with a stop in Athens, to Entebbe airport in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The hijackers boarded the plane in Athens. They were joined by reinforcements in Uganda and the Ugandan dictator at the time, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On July 1, some of the passengers were released but about 100 remained, including all the Israelis and the members of the crew. The hijackers set a deadline by which their demands, the release of prisoners in Israel and elsewhere, would be met or they would kill the passengers. The hijackers' plans were foiled early on July 4, when a daring Israeli commando team that had landed at the airport rescued most of the passengers. The commando unit commander, Yonatan Netanyahu was killed in the operation.

**II. Arabs and the Jews Attempt a Political Peace**

In 1977 Menachem Begin became Israel's first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prime minister when the Likud bloc secured the mandate to form the government after the parliamentary elections. He also became the first Israeli prime minister to meet officially and publicly with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ head of state when he welcomed Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem in November 1977. He led Israel's delegations to the ensuing peace negotiations and signed, with Sadat and U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accords in September 1978. In March 1979 he and Sadat signed the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty, with Carter witnessing the event, on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lawn. Begin and Sadat shared the 1978 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their efforts. It brought peace with Israel's most populous adversary and significantly reduced the military danger to the existence of Israel by neutralizing the largest Arab army, with whom Israel had fought \_\_\_\_ wars. But, it was also traumatic given the extensive tangible concessions required of Israel, especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish settlements in Sinai. The Knesset elections of June 30, 1981, returned a Likud-led coalition government to power in Israel. The Oslo process of 1993 stops the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.  Israeli withdrawals were on a fixed schedule leading to Palestinian Authority control of 90 percent of the Gaza Strip and West Bank, eventually returning to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The second expectation centered around increased economic development in Palestinian society, lifting Palestinians out of crushing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and narrowing the gap in living standards between them and the Israelis. Israeli expectations mostly centered on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Palestinians would have to consider organizations such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad as a threat to its own existence, thus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israeli interests in fighting terrorism. The first Israeli withdrawal was from Palestinian territories in the Gaza Strip and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The establishment of the Palestinian Authority and Yasser Arafat’s installation as its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ followed. A second Israeli redeployment occurred outside of the larger Palestinian cities and towns in the West Bank. An Israeli “third redeployment” never happened. A free passage route connecting the West Bank and Gaza Strip running through Israeli territory was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Israeli observers noted that the number of Palestinians in arms and the types of armaments being brought into Palestinian Authority territory were significantly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the limits established by the agreements. But the greatest Israeli anger was elicited by the fact that the Palestinian Authority was doing little to prevent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emanating from its territory. The economic reconstruction of the Palestinian territories was to be handled by respected Palestinian economists and businesspeople working along with the World Bank and the financial support of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. These plans were halted by Yasser Arafat. The economy in the Palestinian Authority was since its inception run as if it were a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with monopolistic control over sectors granted to individuals or institutions in return for “percentage kick-backs” paid to authority figures in a pyramid going all the way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ office. The Palestinian economy went into a downward spiral. By the time the second Intifada led to permanent Israeli closures, choking off all trade, it went into a coma.

**III. Desert Storm and the Large Emigration from Russia and Africa**

The Gulf crisis found Israel on the same side as the great majority of the Arab states, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Arabs wanted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Iraqi aggression, whereas Israel wanted the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Iraq’s war-making potential. Israel for the first time were not allowed to defend themselves from SCUD missile attacks (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would not give Israel codes). During Desert Storm, Israeli security forces used live ammunition on the Temple Mount to deal with a Muslim riot, killing 21 demonstrators. The Arab coalition along with the USA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel. Operation Solomon was a covert Israeli military operation to airlift Ethiopian Jews to Israel from May 24 to May 25, 1991. Non-stop flights of 35 Israeli aircraft, including Israeli C-130’s and El Al Boeing 747’s, transported \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ethiopian Jews to Israel in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The 1990s post-Soviet aliyah began en masse in late 1980s when the Soviet Union opened their borders and allowed Jews to leave the country for Israel. Between 1989 and 2006, about 1.6 million Soviet Jews as defined by the Law of Return, emigrated from the Soviet Union. About 979,000, or 61%, migrated to Israel. Another 325,000 migrated to the USA, and 219,000 migrated to Germany.

**IV. Israel, A World Leader**

A country of very limited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and financial resources, as yet not at peace with some of its neighbors, Israel's scientists and engineers have been constantly faced with the challenge of quickly devising new and innovative solutions, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or the Merkava \_\_\_\_\_. History and geography have made Israelis adept at identifying problems, finding solutions, and shortening the development process to turn them into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Over the last decade, Israel's research and development prowess has rapidly expanded out of the military sphere, the universities and research institutes, where it was originally concentrated, to create what is widely acknowledged as a model \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ economy. Israel is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only to the United States on a per capita basis in its ability to generate new, technology-based companies with innovative, market-focused products. Israel makes up only 1/6 of 1% of the landmass of the Middle East. 24% of Israel’s workforce holds \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degrees – ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland – and 12% hold advanced degrees. Israel has the third highest rate of entrepreneurship – and the highest rate among women and among people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – in the world. Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. With more than 3,000 high-tech companies and start-ups, Israel has the highest concentration of hi-tech companies in the world (apart from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Israel has one of the highest percentages in the world of home computers per capita. Israel has been at the forefront of some of the major technological advances in recent years, including: some of the development for the very first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was believed to have been done in Israel by Motorola (which has its largest development center in Israel), most of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ operating system was developed by Microsoft-Israel, the Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel, and voice mail technology was also developed in Israel. Israeli bank notes have brail on them so the blind can identify them. Israel has the fourth largest air force in the world (after the U.S, Russia and China). Israel has a life expectancy of 82 years, which is more than the United Kingdom, the U.S. and Germany. About 93 percent of Israeli homes use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for water heating, the highest percentage in the world. **11/3 “The Apostle’s Creed”**