

- “Let me quote a song that a group of children on a school bus in Israel sing merrily as they go to school: ` With my teeth I will rip your flesh, with my mouth I will suck your blood.”
- Syrian diplomat Rania Al Rifaiy
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**Think and Write: What is this reminiscent of?**

**Why did the history of the  
state of Israel NOT begin  
with Theodore Herzl?**

Aim #3

"It is written in the Bible: 'Return, O Lord, unto the tens of thousands of the families of Israel.' . . . [But] upon what should the Divine Presence rest? On sticks and stones? Therefore, as the initial stage in the redemption of our souls, we must cause at least 22,000 to return to the Holy Land. This is the necessary precondition for a descent of the Divine Presence among us; afterward, He will grant us and all Israel additional signs of His favor."

He never have heard of.



**Sage Sayings**

-Rabbi Judah Alkalai,  
*Minchat Yehuda*

I. Early Religious Zionists

A. Rabbi Alkali ( 1798-1878: Sarajevo, Bosnia)  
Writes *Pleasant Path*

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B. Syria –Blood libel

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"Pay no heed to the traditional view that the Messiah will suddenly loose a blast on the Great Shofar and cause all the inhabitants of the earth to tremble. On the contrary, the Redemption will begin with the generating of support among philanthropists and with the gaining of the consent of the nations to the gathering of the scattered of Israel into the Holy Land."

- Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kalischer



## B. Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kalischer ( East Prussia ) 1795–1874

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“Let us take to heart the examples of the Italians, Poles and Hungarians. . . All the other peoples have striven only for the sake of their national honor. How much more should we exert ourselves, for our duty is to labor . . . for the glory of God Who chose Zion!”

-Rabbi Kalischer, *In Search of Zion*, 1862

"There is no such thing as *Ahavat Chinam* - groundless love. Why groundless? He is a Jew, and I am obligated to respect him. There is only "*Sinat Chinam*" - hate without reason. But "*Ahavat Chinam*"? Never!"

- Rav Kook, First Chief Rabbi of  
Palestine (1864-1935)

*"Just as the Temple was destroyed through  
baseless hatred, it will only be rebuilt  
through baseless love."*

## C. Rav Kook (1865-1935)

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