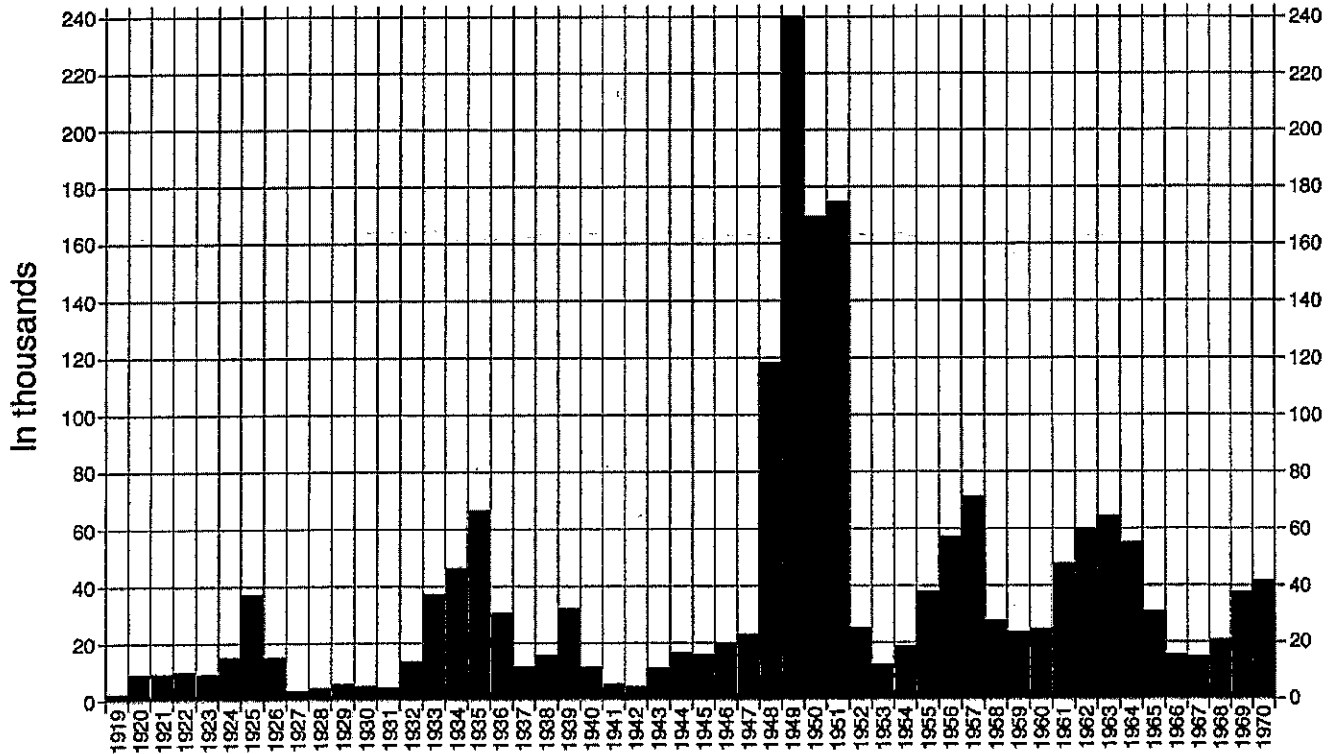


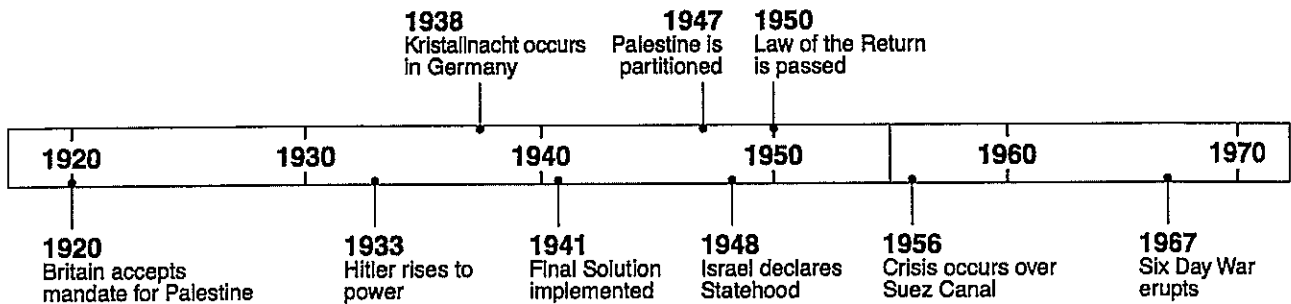
Document 3a

Immigration of Jews to Palestine/Israel (1919-1970)



Source: *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, Volume 9, Keter Publishing House Jerusalem (adapted)

Document 3b



According to these documents, identify two specific reasons large number of Jewish immigrants moved to the Palestinian/Israeli region between 1920 and 1970.

Excerpts from the Israeli Declaration of Independence (1948)

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped...After being forcibly exiled from their land [by Ancient Rome], 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.

...Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses...

...In the year (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore 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...

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 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.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Israel....

...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.

We extend our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighbourliness, 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.

Source: David Ben-Gurion. "Israeli Declaration of Independence", 1948.

According to David Ben-Gurion, why does he think Jews needed a homeland in Israel?
