

From Declaration to Start-up Nation

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration...

Lord Balfour

Since 1951



Who Dreamt?



“ If you will it, it is no dream
אם תרצו אין זו אגדה ”

— Theodor Herzl

Theodor Herzl was the founder of the Zionist movement and the visionary of the State of Israel. Born in 1860 in Budapest, Hungary Herzl was a lawyer, playwright, journalist and author.

In February 1896 he published *Der Judenstaat* (The Jewish State) which communicated Herzl's vision for an independent state for the Jewish people as a solution to anti-semitism in Europe. The Jewish State vaulted Herzl to be the leader of his people to whom he dedicated the last nine years of his life in pursuit of a sovereign Jewish state secured by international law.

After Herzl's premature death in 1904 at the age of 44 and burial in Vienna, he was transformed from being the leader of the Zionist movement to being the Zionist movement's symbol of the yearning for a Jewish homeland. Herzl's motto was "If you will it, it is no dream". Herzl's dream was fulfilled when the State of Israel was born on May 14, 1948.

In accordance with his wishes, after the creation of Israel Herzl's remains were reburied in Jerusalem in the sovereign Jewish state which he envisioned.

Who Declared?

The enduring legacy of Lord Arthur James Balfour

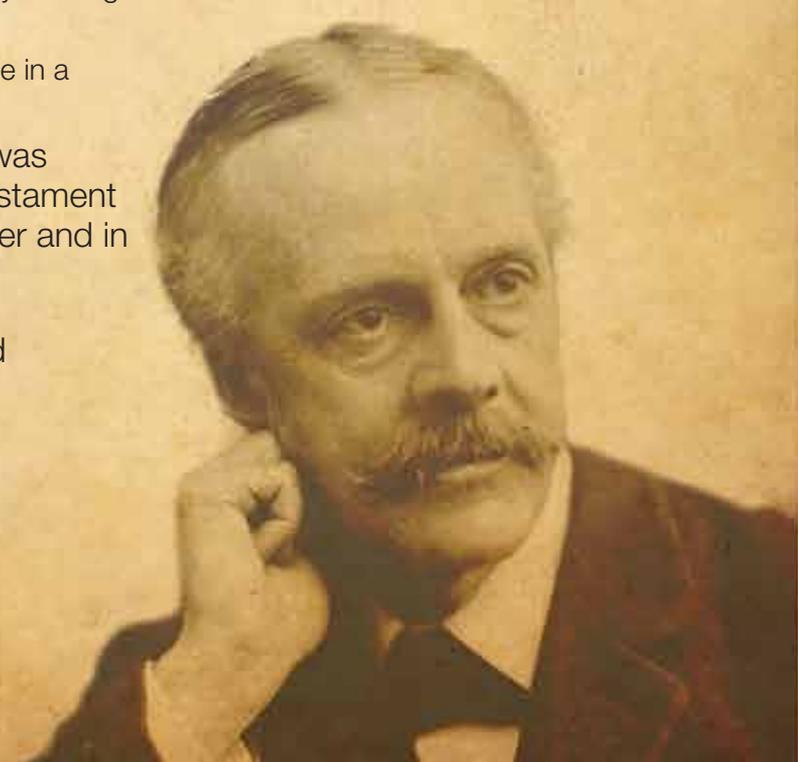
Lord Arthur James Balfour is best remembered for the famous Balfour Declaration of 1917 that bears his name.

But Lord Balfour's legacy of concern for the Jewish people and their restoration in Eretz Israel found other notable expressions beyond his time of service as foreign secretary under Lloyd George and as a prime minister himself.

His niece Blanche Dugdale wrote about her famous uncle in a two-volume biography published in 1936:

“Balfour's interest in the Jews and their history was lifelong,” she recalled. It originated in the Old Testament training that Balfour had received from his mother and in his Scottish upbringing.

“ As he grew up, his intellectual admiration and sympathy for certain aspects of Jewish philosophy and culture grew also, and the problem of the Jews in the modern world seemed to him of immense importance ”
wrote Dugdale.



The State of Israel is Born

From 1945-1948, there was a groundswell of public support for the State of Israel by Jews & Friends of Israel world-wide.

Eventually British Prime Minister Bevin decided that England would give up its rule over the region and handed the situation over to the United Nations to solve.

UNSCOP, The United Nations Committee on Palestine, held hearings on September 1, 1947, to decide what course of action to recommend to the UN regarding the land.

Remarkably it was 50 years to the day (September 1, 1897) that Herzl wrote in his diary:

“ In 50 years, a Jewish State would be created. ”



Friends and Supporters

One hundred and twenty years ago, Theodor Herzl convened the First Zionist Congress in Basel. As Herzl wrote in his diary at the time: “In Basel I founded the Jewish State”. But even Herzl himself would acknowledge that the modern State of Israel could not be created through the efforts of only one person.

One hundred years ago, Lord Balfour issued his famous declaration, announcing that the British government viewed with favour the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people. As important as it was, the Balfour Declaration alone was not sufficient to create the modern State of Israel.

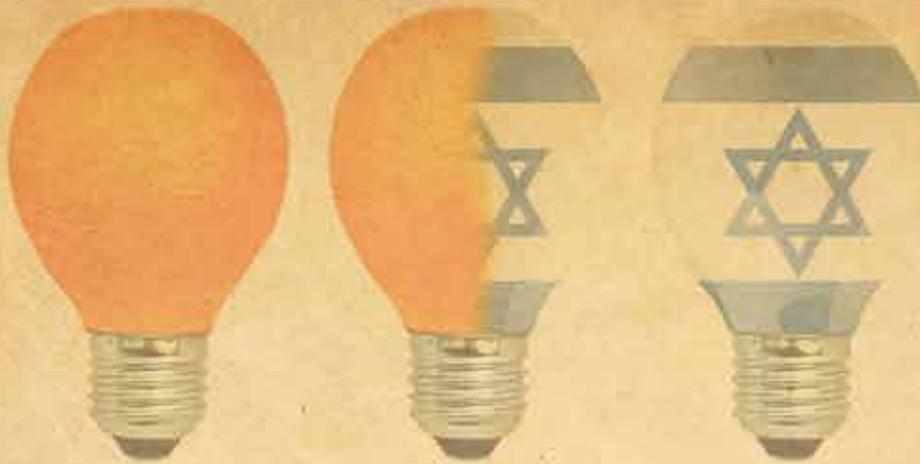
What did lead to the creation of Israel, and what has enabled Israel to survive and thrive, are the efforts of thousands and millions of individual friends and supporters.

Israel was founded in 1948. In 69 years, it has grown from a struggling agrarian country into one of the world's leading technological and medical innovation hubs.



Start-up Nation!





Israel: A bright light for innovations of every kind! Get the facts...

Investors in Israel Bonds continue to help strengthen a nation whose collective ingenuity knows no bounds, and whose resourcefulness in combatting serious global issues improves and helps to repair our planet.

Creativity and out-of-the-box inventiveness have transformed tiny Israel into a hub of financial, industrial and high-tech growth. Israel has become a global superstar whose resourceful citizens have earned it the designation of "Start-up Nation."

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"All the news and views from the silicon Wadi"
timesofisrael.com/start-up-israel

ISRAEL21c

"A Focus Beyond the Conflict:
 Technology, Health, Environment, Travel ..."
israel21c.org

THE JERUSALEM POST

jpost.com/Business-and-Innovation/Tech

GOOD NEWS FROM ISRAEL

"News of Israel's Achievements and Heartwarming Stories from the Jewish State."
verygoodnewsisrael.blogspot.co.il

NOCAMELS

"Israel Innovation News"
nocamels.com

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