



# ZIONISM & ANTI-ZIONISM: The history of two opposing ideas

## EPISODE 5: SECULARISM SOVIET AND LEFT WING ANTI-ZIONISM

In this episode, we learn about the history of Soviet anti-Zionism, and its influence on today's western left-wing anti-Zionism. We consider a recent innovative intellectual analysis of anti-Zionism which ties together themes from the course, and apply the theory to recent protests following the October 7th attacks. Finally, we discuss the ultimate goals of Zionism and anti-Zionism in today's world and the role they play in politics, Western life, and the hope of Arab Zionism.

### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How were the Jews treated in Tsarist and Soviet Russia? | **Timecode: 2:50 - 8:56**
2. Who were the Refuseniks? | **Timecode: 7:34 - 8:56**
3. How has Soviet anti-Zionism influenced contemporary discussion and debate? | **Timecode: 9:48 - 16:45**
4. What are the three types of anti-Zionism which Shany Mor presents? | **Timecode: 16:55 - 24:00**
5. What does SJP claim? How does SJP fit into Shany Mor's theory? | **Timecode: 25:18 - 29:10**
6. What is the good Jew / bad Jew dichotomy? | **Timecode: 35:37 - 37:40**
7. How does anti-Zionism relate to antisemitism? | **Timecode: 39:20 - 47:08**

### OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

1. Zoe opens the episode by asserting that "with the establishment of the modern state of Israel, Zionism had achieved its goal. With this, the inter-Jewish debate had ended." Do you agree or disagree?
2. Do you share Dr. Wilf's optimism for Arab and Islamic Zionisms?
3. Much of this course is dedicated to investigating the intellectual lineage of Zionist and anti-Zionist ideas. Should intellectual influence matter when considering the truth of an idea? Why or why not?
4. What did you learn in this course, and how did it challenge your thinking?

### PRIMARY SOURCES FOR CONVERSATION

1. [A Fourth of July Story](#), Tablet Interview with Natan Sharansky
2. ["On Three Anti-Zionisms"](#) by Shany Mor
3. [How antisemitic Soviet propaganda informs contemporary left anti-Zionism](#) by Izabella Tabarovsky
4. [SJP's response to October 7th massacres](#), reported by the ADL