

Contents

Preface — VII

Introduction — 1

Chapter 1: Historical Background — 9

The Sea and Mediterranean Culture — 9

The Sea and Colonialism — 10

Jewish Nationalism, Zionism, and the Sea — 12

New Jewish Settlement in the Land of Israel and the Sea — 17

The Sea in the Land of Israel's History — 20

Maritime Activity during the Late Ottoman Period — 23

**Chapter 2: Harbingers of Jewish Maritime Activity in the Land of Israel,
1917–1933 — 36**

New Ideas: The Water Commission in Jaffa, 1919–1921 — 36

Early Jewish Activity in the Ports of Jaffa and Haifa — 55

Early Attempts to Purchase Ships and Establish Jewish Shipping
Companies — 74

The First Jewish Fishing Groups — 76

Early Maritime Organizations and Professional Training — 93

**Chapter 3: Expanding Jewish Maritime Activity in the Land of Israel,
1934–1939 — 105**

The Haifa Port — 106

The Establishment of the Tel Aviv Port — 126

The Emergence of Private Jewish Shipping Companies — 143

The Founding of the Jewish Agency's Maritime and Fisheries
Department — 155

Growing Activity in Sports Associations — 183

The Left-Right Political Divide in the Maritime Realm — 189

**Chapter 4: Evolution during a Time of Paralysis: Jewish Maritime Activity in
the Land of Israel during the Second World War, 1939–1945 — 200**

The Land of Israel's Ports during the Second World War — 201

Shipping and Enlistment in the British Navy in the Second World
War — 208

Fishery in the Land of Israel during the Second World War — 210

Fishing Settlements during the Second World War —	221
Maritime Training, Education, and Culture during the Second World War —	233
Military Sea Training in the Haganah and Palmach during the Second World War —	240

Chapter 5: The Road to Jewish Maritime Sovereignty, 1945–1948 —	249
Jewish Activity in the Land of Israel's Ports, 1945–1948 —	250
Zim: A Jewish National Shipping Company —	256
Fishery and Fishing Settlements, 1945–1948 —	275
Maritime Training, Education, and Sports, 1945–1948 —	280
Military Maritime Training in the Palyam, 1945–1948 —	283

Conclusion and Discussion: The Sea in Zionist Thought and Endeavor: Inception, Evolution, and Ideology —	289
Central Changes in the Mandate-Era Yishuv with Regard to the Sea —	290
Ideologies and Tensions about the Sea in the Mandate-Era Yishuv —	296
Bottom-up and Top-down History of the Zionist Hold on the Sea —	301

Bibliography —	303
Books and Articles —	303
Archives —	323

Index of Persons —	324
---------------------------	------------

Index of Subjects —	327
----------------------------	------------

Index of Places —	332
--------------------------	------------