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The main results of the 1948 war

- The emergence of a Jewish state that is larger than the UN gave them
- 100,000-150,000 Palestinians left in Israel (displacement of 6-7000,000)
- The war did not accomplish peace through the Partition Plan
- For Palestinians, this is a national catastrophe. For the rest of the world it was the first major attempt at creating a nation.
- Virtually unimaginable that the process would succeed in its aim. The issues were simpler than they are now but the stark reality of two peoples claiming sole possession of the land was there. The Partition Resolution dividing the state makes sense as a compromise. However, it did not make sense to either side, especially to Palestinians who saw no reason why there should be a Jewish national presence in Palestine.
- Ultimately, even if the Arabs had accepted the plan, violence would not have started.

Today

- One fundamental conceptual problem.
- Between 1948 and today
 - o The mainstream attitude of the two sides
 - Bitterness
 - Animosity

How have things changed:

- After 60 years, much more of warfare a huge number of Israelis basically are convinced that the Arab world will not accept them and no matter what Arab says, Israel won't be secure.

The 19 years after the 1948 war were the most peaceful in Israeli-Palestinian history. Israel was forming itself as a state, bringing in encouraging immigration, bringing in Holocaust survivors. About 1,000,000 Jews from Arab nations moved to Israel, population tripled by 1967.