

## TIMELINE: Rivals to Zionism

**1740** A period of gradual emancipation of the Jews begins in Western Europe.

**1843** An early Jewish Reform society in Germany issues a Declaration of Principles. It states: "A Messiah who is to lead back the Israelites to the land of Palestine is neither expected nor desired by us."

**1862** Moses Hess, an emancipated Jew, publishes *Rome and Jerusalem* in which he argues that Jews will never be accepted by the states in which they reside.

**1896** Theodor Herzl publishes *The Jewish State*.

**1897** Herzl organizes the first Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland.

**1897** The General Jewish Labor Bund of Lithuania, Poland and Russia, known simply as "The Bund," is formed in Vilnius, then part of the Russian Empire.

**1902** Religious Zionists found the Mizrahi party.

**1912** The Agudath Israel organization is formed, a group of anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews.

**1939** World War II breaks out.

**1948** The State of Israel is founded.