

## "ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS"

Will the recognition of Israel as the one sovereign state from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River be a more successful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than establishing two sovereign states of Israel and Palestine?

### Some of the questions we will be discussing:

What were the origins of the Arab-Jewish conflict? Where and when did it all begin?

When did Zionism as a cultural program change into Zionism as an international political movement?

Why did the British agree in 1917 to issue the paper known as the Balfour Declaration supporting the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine?

Would Israel as a state have been established had there not been a Holocaust?

Why did the Arab states and the Palestinian national movement reject the United Nations' Partition Plan of 1947?

Why did so many Palestinians flee their homes to neighboring Arab countries during the 1948-49 war?

Are the 550,000 Jews living on the West Bank of the Jordan River, in Samaria and Judea, occupiers or returnees?

Why have so many attempts to find a two-state peace plan failed?

### Wednesday afternoons, 1 :30-3 :30, Amherst College.

Required reading: "The Israel Solution: A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East," Caroline Glick.

There are many histories of Zionism and the founding of the State of Israel, as well as histories of the Palestinian People and their current situation, available in local libraries.