

**AN ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGIOUS
AND SECULAR MOTIVATIONS FOR VIOLENCE
IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL**

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Abstract: *The land which Israeli and Palestinian peoples claim is undoubtedly a disputed one. The history of this land is deeply tied to the Israeli national and religious identity which has been shaped not only by religious texts and land, but also by persecution, exile, and violence. This complicated identity forms the basis of the current Jewish state of Israel. The analysis of the relationship between religious and secular motivations for violence in contemporary Israel begins with an examination of violence in the history and sacred texts of the Jewish people; then continues with the religious and secular manifestations of Zionism, particularly in the context of the current political dimensions of Israel and also the conflict with Palestine and its people; and finally, the attitude of regional powers towards Israel and Israel's involvement in regional politics.*

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