



## **Bridges for Peace Institute of Israel Studies Term Paper 2020**

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A term paper will be required for final certification of the Bridges for Peace Institute of Israel Studies. The paper is due by Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Length: 2500 – 3000 words. Please do not write longer papers.

Style:

- Typed, double spaced, 12-point type
- Cover Page with title, name, address and email address
- Footer should include title, name and page number. Footer should appear on each page of the paper.
- Bibliography at end should be alphabetized.
- Sources should be identified in the text – (author, page number)
- No handwritten papers

Topic: You may choose from the following list of topics, or suggest your own topic to BFP International for consideration. Send suggested alternate topic for approval to [intl.assistant@bridgesforpeace.com](mailto:intl.assistant@bridgesforpeace.com). Upon completion of your paper send to your National Office at [exec.assistant@bfpusa.org](mailto:exec.assistant@bfpusa.org) and to [intl.assistant@bridgesforpeace.com](mailto:intl.assistant@bridgesforpeace.com).

1. Jewish Settlers
  - a. Who are they?
  - b. Political views - Religious views
  - c. Where are the settlements?
  - d. Do they infringe on Arab lands or rights?
2. Ashkenazi vs. Sephardi Jews
  - a. Origins
  - b. Culture
  - c. Similarities and differences in worship
  - d. Intra-community relations

3. Streams of Judaism
  - a. Ultra-orthodox Judaism
    - i. Origins
    - ii. Faith and practice - community life
    - iii. Styles of worship
  - b. Reform Judaism
  - c. Conservative Judaism
  - d. Traditional Practice
4. Ethiopian Jewry
  - a. History
  - b. Culture
  - c. New life in Israel - adjustments to new culture – lifestyles - separation from family in Ethiopia, etc.
  - d. Efforts to get remaining Jews out of Ethiopia
5. The “Intifada”
  - a. Origins
  - b. Effects on lifestyle of Arabs and Jews
  - c. Reasons for and against a Palestinian State
  - d. Arab actions and Israeli reactions and vice versa
  - e. Its effects upon the Arab Christian community
6. A History of the Land and its Peoples
7. Who is a Jew? Tackle the burning question that has brought down governments in Israel and is still unresolved.
8. History of Christianity in the Holy Land
9. Differences in orientation to life in Israel and worldview for the Sabrá Israeli, immigrant Israeli, and Jews living in the Diaspora.
10. Zionism
  - a. Origin
  - b. Fulfillment
  - c. Successes and Failures
  - d. Its Future
11. The Concept of Israel as a Holy Land for Jews, Christians, and Moslems.
  - a. Who should have rights for what?
  - b. How does Israel uphold these ideals?

12. Jerusalem since 1948

- a. The divided city - advantages and disadvantages
- b. The united city - advantages and disadvantages
- c. Ethnic communities - cooperation of barriers
- d. Health, education, welfare
- e. Development

13. The Role of Women in Islam, Judaism and Christianity

14. Christian Zionism

- a. Biblical basis
- b. Christian Zionists in the past
- c. Current streams
- d. Philosophy

15. Aliyah

- a. History
- b. Biblical basis
- c. Statistics
- d. Reality of life for new immigrants

16. Christian Anti-Semitism

- a. Past and Present
- b. Theological basis
- c. Practical solutions

17. Right of the Jews to the Land of Israel

- a. Biblical
- b. Historical
- c. Current

18. The Failure of Oslo and Land for Peace Plans

- a. What was the original plan?
- b. How did the process breakdown?
- c. How did the Palestinian Authority fail its people?

19. Hebraic Roots of Christianity

- a. Why is it important to Christians to understand their roots in Hebrew thinking?
- b. Choose a specific aspect of Hebraic thought and /or practice and compare it to Christian thought and/or practice.

20. Palestinian fulfillment theology

- a. Define
- b. Explain why it is extra biblical
- c. Contrast with biblical truth.
- d. How does this theology incorporate Replacement theology?
- e. Is it anti-Semitic in nature?