

The aim of the project is to describe the fate of Polish emigration to Palestine in the years 1939 - 1948 against local and global political events and global migration movements of the World War 2 and after. During the war Palestine was one of the largest and most important centers for Polish military and civilian expatriates in the Middle East. In Palestine Polish refugees and Jews who had emigrated from Poland before the war created a unique community. The worlds of incumbent and new inhabitants of Palestine, especially those from Poland and of Polish-Jewish roots, mutually penetrated in the cultural, social and political sphere, creating a common history but with many variations determined by individual choices and fates.

Due to strong political diversity of Yiszuw and refugee communities, the study will present a detailed description of the political issues and formations, thus offering an overview of different views and concepts. Regardless of the results of Polish - Jewish cooperation, the discourse between these groups illustrates the contemporary state of affairs, interests, expectations, bilateral relations and the political moods in Palestine. My research will also focus on the activity of the army and military organizations in Palestine. The aim of this study is to describe the socio - cultural infrastructure of the Polish emigration and to show its center and peripheries. The work will illustrate the academic, professional, social and cultural life of the Polish expatriates.

The politics of the great powers imposed a powerful international factor on Polish - Jewish refugees, sucking their everyday lives into the spheres of global history and politics, which is why the fate of Polish expatriates will be shown against the background of historical events. In this paper, I intend to explore the important and unknown part of the history of Polish emigration to Palestine. By raising the issues of refugees, assimilation, acculturation and adaptation, I will also endeavor to find answers to some of the contemporary social problems.