Zionism - Definition and History. Note - The Zionist movement developed against the background of events in Palestine/Israel and influenced those events. This account of Zionism is meant to be read together with the brief history of Israel and Palestine and History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict since the Oslo Accords. The word "Zionism" has several different meanings: 1. An ideology - Zionist ideology holds that the Jews are a people or nation like any other, and should gather together in a single homeland. Zionism was self-consciously the Jewish analogue of Italian and German national liberation movements of the nineteenth century. Critical Sociology and the End of Ideology in Israel. The objective of this article is not to assess the historical accuracy of the claims of either Zionist or post-Zionist scholars. As will be argued, for anyone other than a historian, that need not be an issue of major significance. This is, rather, an exercise in the sociology of knowledge, and is an attempt to explore the sources of the emergence of critical sociology and post-Zionism among social scientists in Israel. Choose what language to privilege, what history and civics to teach in the public schools, what holidays to celebrate. In every nation-state in the world, choices like these turn national minorities into the wrong kind of people. Exploration of the origins and development of Zionism, illustrating the theory and history of the Zionist movement and the creation of the state of Israel. Abstract: An exploration of the origins and development of Zionism, illustrating the theory and history of the Zionist movement and the creation of the state of Israel. It provides an explanation of the various forms of anti-Zionism which emerged in the early history of the Zionist movement. Read more. It may take up to 1-5 minutes before you receive it. Please note: you need to verify every book you want to send to your Kindle. Check your mailbox (which is linked to your Amazon account) for the email from Amazon Kindle. Post a Review. Electronic books History. Additional Physical Format: Print version: Cohn-Sherbok, Dan. Introduction to Zionism and Israel: From Ideology to History, London: Continuum International Publishing, ©2011. Material Type: An exploration of the origins and development of Zionism, illustrating the theory and history of the Zionist movement and the creation of the state of Israel. It provides an explanation of the various forms of anti-Zionism which emerged in the early history of the Zionist movement. Read more Reviews.