The Arabs never knew about Britain’s conspiracy with France or about the Balfour Declaration and remained loyal and committed to Britain during the whole of the war. Tiberias was significant in Jewish history as the place where the Jerusalem Talmud was composed and as the home of the Masoretes (mostly Karaite scribes and scholars), but its status as a holy city is due to the influx of rabbis who established the city as a center for Jewish learning in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. During World War I, then, Britain and her allies slew the Ottoman dragon in the Middle East. By their policies they sowed dragon’s teeth. Armed men rose up from the ground. On the other hand, Britain secretly hoped to exclude France from the Middle East altogether. The Arab-Israeli conflict has its origins both in events in the last 200 years and indifferent interpretations of 2000 years of history, within the ancient territory of Palestine, at the Eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea in the Middle East. The issues and roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict have arisen from the claims by Arabs and Jews to be rightful owners of the holy land. This is based on the history and religion of their people. Jews had lived in the area for many hundreds of years after escaping famine and slavery in Egypt. But after the Romans crushed the Jewish revolt and expelled