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## Beirut

He showed me the letter and asked if I recognized the handwriting. The financial support for the research was provided by the British Academy, the Lucius N. During this period, Lebanese Jews unlike Jews in other Arab countries were not particularly active in the budding communist movements.

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He then proceeded to become a textile merchant by profession. The Maccabi was active in Beirut and Saida and became the framework for teaching the Hebrew language and Jewish history, pursuing general cultural activities, sports activities, scouting, education, agricultural training, and overall Zionist activities for the world movement. Many were commercial importers, and there were some small bankers and money lenders such as the Nahmads and Arazis.

## The History Guy: The Israel

The community was regarded as the most highly organized in Lebanon and Syria. Adverts about trips to Lebanon were advertised even during World War II, although after the Germans conquered France, enemy soldiers were stationed in Syria and Lebanon. Stella Levi, the daughter of Joseph Farhi who was president of the Beirut community 1910-24, 1928-30, and again from 1935-8, remembers her father going to Bkerke, the seat of the Maronite Patriarch, on a regular basis for afternoons of theological discussions with the patriarch.

## **Israel and Lebanon: A History**

The same civil and political rights as those recognized for the other Lebanese Jews under the French Mandate 55 elements of the population without regard to birth, nationality, language, or race, whether they be Syrians or foreigners living in these territories.

### **Beirut**

Finally, no measure of discrimination to be taken with regard to us.

### **Maghen Abraham Synagogue**

And the 1985 withdrawal of the Israel Defense Forces left the Jews vulnerable. It has existed for thousands of years. The centers of administration and government were located there, as were educational institutions such as the and the Jesuit University, both of which were founded in the nineteenth century.

### **When Jews from pre**

Time has not diminished our attachment to the land which we inhabit, has nothing but fortified our feelings of loyalty and devotion to Lebanon, which in our days, following the example of its glorious ally France, is maintaining rights and a regime of liberty and justice for all its citizens without distinction of race or confession.

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