



BIBLIOGRAPHY ON LAWRENCE vs. NILI

Here are some of the resources that were used in my preparation of the July 22, 2021 lecture. Not all of the listed books concentrate on Lawrence and/or the Nili espionage group. However, some provide an important context that helps better define the period. I also recommend reading Prof. Anita Shapira's superb overview of Israeli history as well as a shorter (and very readable) overview of Israeli history by Daniel Gordis.

Should you have questions or are interested in a repeat presentation for an organizational event, please contact rivagambert@gmail.com or 925.895.3605.

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AUTHOR	Title	Comments
Anderson, Scott	<i>Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East</i>	The title says it all.
Barr, James	<i>A Line in the Sand: The Anglo-French Struggle for the Middle East, 1914-1948</i>	
Engle, Anita	<i>The Nili Spies</i>	
Florence, Ronald	<i>Lawrence and Aaronsohn</i>	Excellent
Fromkin, David	<i>A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East</i>	A Classic! Must reading for the history buff!
Gilbert, Martin	<i>Churchill and the Jews</i>	Provides historic context; Gilbert's "map" books on the area identify the shifting borders of the region and note historical events. He is a brilliant writer and one of the major Churchill biographers!

Goldstone, Patricia	<i>Aaronsohn's Maps</i>	
Halkin, Hillel	<i>A Strange Death</i>	Beautifully written...more like a novel than a history book
Hamilton, Jill	<i>God, Guns and Israel: Britain, the First World War and the Jews in the Holy Land</i>	
Katz, Samuel	<i>The Aaronsohn Saga</i>	
Laquer, Walter and Dan Schueftan, Editors	<i>The Israel-Arab Reader: A Documentary History of the Middle East Conflict</i>	A must-read (or rather have in your library) for those who want to peruse primary sources.
MacMillan, Margaret	<i>Paris 1919</i>	A very detailed overview of the Paris Peace Conference—for history buffs!
Makovsky, Michael	<i>Churchill's Promised Land: Zionism and Statecraft</i>	Provides historic context
McMeekin, Sean	<i>The Ottoman Endgame: War, Revolution, and the Making of the Modern Middle East, 1908-1923</i>	
Meyer, Karl and Shareen Blair Brysac	<i>Kingmakers: The Invention of the Modern Middle East</i>	Provides historic context
Schneer, Jonathan	<i>The Balfour Declaration</i>	
Wallance, Gregory J.	<i>The Woman Who Fought an Empire: Sarah Aaronsohn and Her Nili Spy Ring</i>	Good overview with emphasis on Sarah