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The First Zionist Congress, organised by Theodor Herzl (1860 -1904), was held in Basel, Switzerland, in August 1897. Herzl's Political Zionism sought international recognition for the right of the Jewish people to a homeland in the area then known as Palestine.

The Congress established the Basel Programme, which, in addition to promoting settlement in Eretz Yisrael and fostering Jewish national sentiment and consciousness, sought to identify and implement the steps required toward obtaining the consent of governments in order to reach the goals of Zionism.

Theodor Herzl, the Father of modern Political Zionism



The delegates of the First Zionist Congress, Basel, August 1897

