

Fun Facts About...

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Theodore Herzl

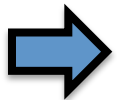
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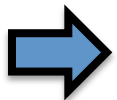
Herzl was a writer, playwright, and journalist.



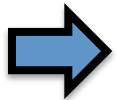
Herzl was deeply impacted by the anti-Semitic atmosphere surrounding the Dreyfus Affair. He concluded that the only solution was the mass immigration of Jews to a land they could call their own.



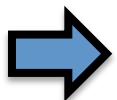
In his Zionist novel, *Altneuland* (Old New Land, 1902), Herzl pictured the future Jewish state as a socialist utopia.



Herzl's book became a symbol of the Zionist vision in the Land of Israel.



Herzl convened the First Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland in 1897; he convened a total of 6 Zionist Congresses between 1897 and 1902.



Herzl died from pneumonia in 1904 at the age of 44. He never lived to see his dream of a Jewish state realized.



Known as the father of modern Zionism, Herzl is remembered by a famous quote from his book: "Im tirzu, ein zo aggadah. If you will it, it is no dream."

