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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

<u>District</u>	<u>Name of Council</u>	<u>Arab, Jewish or mixed</u>	<u>Population 1944</u>
Gaza	Beersheba	Arab	5,570
	Gaza	Arab	34,170
	Khan Yunis	Arab	11,220
	Majdal	Arab	9,910
Lydda	Jaffa	Arab	94,310
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	Petah Tiqva	Jewish	17,250
	Ramle	Arab	15,160
	Tel Aviv	Jewish	166,650
Jerusalem	Beit Jala	Arab	3,710
	Bethlehem	Arab	8,820
	Hebron	Arab	24,560
	Jerusalem	Mixed	157,080
	Ramallah	Arab	5,080
Haifa	Haifa	Mixed	128,800
	Shefa 'Amr	Arab	3,640
Samaria	Jenin	Arab	3,990
	Nablus	Arab	23,250
	Tulkarm	Arab	8,090
Galilee	Acre	Arab	12,360
	Beisan	Arab	5,180
	Nazareth	Arab	14,200
	Safad	Mixed	11,930
	Tiberias	Mixed	11,310

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