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The Diaspora Community and Its Ties to Ancestral Home Land

I) Introduction: some prefer to distinguish diaspora from the term immigrant communities even though in my opinion it is hard to draw a fine line between the two, since the reasons in most of the cases are similar to the numbers in both cases are usually huge and overall consequences and influences on new local communities, and on home land are quite similar.

Ia) Influential causes and events leading to diasporas. Throughout history unfortunate events like wars, extreme natural conditions (desertification, floods etc), corrupted and brutal political systems (harsh socioeconomic conditions resulting in severe poverty etc.).

Ib) The Lebanese diaspora after first, second and recent civil war is a good example of a "continuing diaspora" over 11 million Lebanese's live outside Lebanon a country with less than 4 million inhabitants and in itself one of the major destinations of the Palestinian diaspora after the arab-israeli war in the past century.

II) The influence of the diasporas on the coexisting or local communities is a mixed one: economic burden but yet a major contributing source for economic development.

III) The ties with the ancestral land cultural (traditions/music), financial (great influence, etc.).