



INDEPENDENT JEWISH VOICES
CANADA
VOIX JUIVES INDÉPENDANTES
www.ijvcanada.org

We the undersigned organizations endorse Independent Jewish Voices – Canada’s campaign to expose the racially discriminatory organization Jewish National Fund of Canada (JNF Canada), a branch of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) in Israel, and demand that the Minister of National Revenue initiate the revocation of JNF Canada’s charitable status. We have reached this conclusion based on the following facts:

- The JNF is a quasi-governmental organization in Israel that practices racial discrimination in the provision of land and housing, as its charter restricts the lease or sale of its land, which amounts to 13% of land in the state, to *Jews only*. Roughly 25% of Israel’s population is non-Jewish. As Canadians, we do not tolerate racial discrimination based on ethnic or religious background.
- The JNF acquired the majority of its land following the violent displacement of Palestinians, which led to the creation of the state of Israel. Palestinian refugees have been barred from ever returning to their land, much of which is controlled—and held in perpetuity for Jews around the world—by the JNF. As Canadians who are troubled by Canada’s own history of dispossession, we are opposed to the appropriation of land through violent displacement.
- The JNF covers up Israel’s historic injustices against the Palestinians by building recreational parks and planting forests over the ruins of depopulated and demolished Palestinian villages. One such example, ‘Canada Park’, which was built over the ruins of the depopulated and demolished villages of Yalu, Imwas and Deir Aiyub, and on lands belonging to Beit Nuba, shows JNF Canada’s complicity in violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention. As Canadians, we are opposed to war crimes.
- The JNF supports illegal settlers in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, through its subsidiary Himnuta, which is responsible for evicting Palestinians from their homes and properties for Jewish-only control. Dispossession of a country’s native inhabitants is wrong in Canada, and it is equally wrong in Palestine. As Canadians, we oppose the JNF because we cannot condone the ongoing unjust treatment of the Palestinian people.
- The JNF’s projects of displacement and forestation continue, particularly in the Naqab (Negev) and the Galilee. In these areas, “development” projects in which the JNF plays a central role aim to continue the forced displacement of Palestinian citizens of Israel to make way for exclusively Jewish settlements and JNF parks and forests. As Canadians, we are appalled by the ongoing displacement of the native inhabitants of the land.