

The JNF Supports Israel's Discriminatory Policies

13% of the land in Israel is owned by the JNF. Under the JNF's charter, it is prohibited from selling or leasing its land to *non-Jews*, who happen to make up 25% of Israel's citizenry.



The JNF's iconic donation box doesn't show the internationally-recognized Green Line (1949 armistice lines); JNF considers all of historic Palestine to be Israel's rightful land.

The JNF: Historic and Present-day Land theft

Established as the principal tool for acquiring land in Palestine, the JNF was actively involved in dispossessing Palestinians of their lands prior to the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948.

"...The only solution is to transfer the Arabs from here to neighbouring countries.... Not a single village or a single tribe must be let off." **Yossef Weitz (Head of JNF Settlement Department) 1940**

The JNF acquired most of its land from Palestinians who were expelled or fled their homes due to Israeli atrocities leading up to and following Israel's Declaration of Independence. JNF forests cover up 89 Palestinian villages that were depopulated and destroyed.

Today, the JNF funds infrastructure for illegal settlements in the occupied Jordan Valley.

In illegally-annexed East Jerusalem, the JNF, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Himnuta, has been evicting Palestinians from their homes.

Uprooting Bedouins to Plant Forests...

Bedouin residents in the Naqab (Negev)—who are Israeli citizens—are being forcibly relocated and refused access to their villages and lands.

The JNF, through its project 'Blueprint Negev', is planting forests and establishing Jewish-only settlements over the lands and ruins of Bedouin villages.

The JNF has been planting forests on the lands of the village of Al Araqib, which has been demolished over 80 times since 2010 by Israel and the JNF.

Furthermore, on lands belonging to the Indigenous residents of Al Araqib, JNF Canada has funded the establishment of the Jewish-only town of Giv'ot Bar. It is not charitable to build an ethnically segregated community over the lands belonging to an Indigenous people.

Canadian Tax Dollars Fund Illegal JNF Activities

Because JNF Canada—the fundraising arm for the JNF in Canada—has official Canada Revenue Agency charitable status, it provides tax credits for donations, meaning that up to 25% of their budget effectively comes from our taxes.

Canada Park: An Egregious Example

JNF Canada raised \$15 million after the 1967 war to build **Canada Park**, a 3200 hectares park between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Shamefully, this “tribute to Canada and the Canadian Jewish community” was built on the ruins of three Palestinian villages – **Imwas, Yalu (1967) and Deir Aiyub (1948), and over lands belonging to Beit Nuba (1967)** - after the Israeli military razed the villages and expelled their residents, all in violation of the *Fourth Geneva Convention*.

A 1986 UN Special Committee reported to the UN Secretary-General that the villagers were being denied their right of return to their land now occupied by this park built by the JNF Canada.



What Can YOU do?

1. Support Independent Jewish Voices-Canada (IJV) in our work to expose JNF Canada. Join us or donate at ijvcanada.org
2. Sign our online e-mail petition and our hard-copy petition, and gather signatures. Discuss it with your MP.
3. Encourage any organization you're affiliated with to endorse IJV's campaign to 'Expose the JNF' in Canada, and having its charitable status revoked.

Founded in 2008, **Independent Jewish Voices – Canada** is a national human rights organization whose mandate is to promote a just resolution to the dispute in Israel and Palestine through the application of international law and respect for the human rights of all parties.

Support Human Rights and Social Justice: Help Expose the JNF!



What Is the JNF?

The **Jewish National Fund** was created in 1901 at the Fifth Zionist Congress in Switzerland. Its purpose has always been to acquire land “for the purpose of settling Jews on such land”. Crucially, this land could never again be sold or leased to *non-Jews*.

Today the JNF enjoys charitable status in over 50 countries worldwide, including in Canada. While it claims to be an environmental organization, it operates as a quasi-governmental body in Israel that continues to secure land for Jewish-only settlement.