

## Information About Miko Peled

Peled is an anti-Israel, for-profit activist who misleads well-meaning people about the Arab-Israeli conflict. He does not represent mainstream views of Jews or Israelis. The following are examples of his misleading propaganda.

Miko's Myths	The Facts
<p><b><i>"I don't believe a balanced presentation on this topic is possible."</i></b></p>	<p>A balanced presentation on the Arab-Israel conflict <i>is</i> possible. Peled propagates an oversimplified and crude scenario of Arab vs. Jew. In reality the conflict was partially instigated by French and British colonialist competition in the Middle East and is perpetuated today by various entities globally, with varying agendas. <b>True, unbiased discussion, with honest assessment of historical facts and modern day realities will yield a balanced exploration of this topic.</b></p>
<p><b><i>Israeli Jews are "European imperialists."</i></b></p>	<p><b>"[T]o claim the Jews are colonizers in the Holy Land <u>delegitimizes all indigenous peoples because such attempts trivialize the unbreakable, maternal ties to the land that make us, like the Jews, indigenous.</u>"</b> (Ryan Bellerose, Metis Canadian. From "Native, Jewish bond thicker than water", QMI Agency, June 16, 2013)</p> <p><u>Jews (יהודים), otherwise known as Hebrews (עברים) or Israelites (בני ישראל) are an ancient Middle Eastern nation originating in Israel.</u> Due to consistent historical persecution and ancient imperialism, some Jews were expelled from The Land by force but they never relinquished their national rights to their homeland. Despite being forcefully exiled and spread throughout the globe, the small nation maintained an amazing degree of cultural continuity of language, culture, and theology - all indigenous to the Land of Israel. While some were forced to live elsewhere - <u>the Jews have maintained a documented, continuous presence in Israel for almost 3,500 years.</u> Today's DNA studies have made it possible to verify what Hebrew oral tradition (as well as archeology and historical writings) already held as the truth: regardless of geography or physical characteristics - the majority of Jews from Poland to Morocco, Iran to France, England to Argentina - originate in Israel and have common Middle Eastern ancestors. Moreover, half of Israel's Jews moved there directly from Middle Eastern countries of exile.</p>

### What's another word for 'Israeli'?



Coin of Matthias, King of Judah, Jerusalem, Israel, 40 BCE.



Synagogue floor mosaic, Jericho, Israel, 8th c. CE.



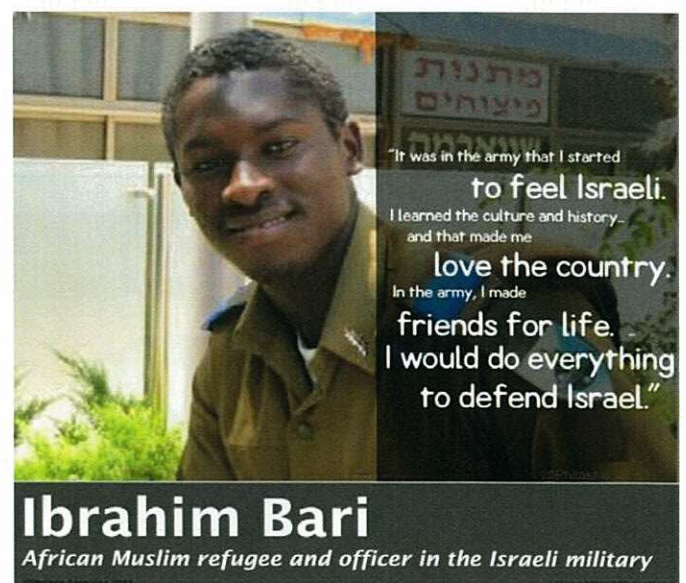
Coat of Arms of the State of Israel, 2013.

### Answer: Indigenous.

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<p><b>Zionism is racist.</b></p>	<p><b>ציונות -Tzionut, or Zionism in English, is a modern expression of ancient yearning for renewed Jewish self-determination in their ancestral homeland. It is the liberation movement of an indigenous, historically oppressed People.</b></p>
<p><b>Israel has engaged in a "systematic campaign of ethnic cleansing" and "genocide" against Palestinians since 1947.</b></p>	<p>The real ethnic cleansing was committed by Arabs against Jews. After declaring war on Israel, all countries conquered by the Arabs were completely ethnically cleansed of their deeply rooted Jewish inhabitants. At minimum, 850,000 Arabic and Persian speaking Jews were forced out of Arab countries and Iran before and shortly after 1948. These are countries where exiled Jews had often lived for hundreds and/or thousands of years before the arrival of Arabic people. In addition, in the war of 1948, with British military assistance, Jordan illegally occupied Judea (which became its "West Bank") and Egypt illegally occupied "Gaza". Thousands of Hebrews were expelled from these parts of Israel as well. In contrast, a significant Arab population (constituting approximately 20% of Israel's citizen population today) remained in the areas that Israel liberated after the 1948 war, and were granted full citizenship. Israel's Arab population has grown from 160,000 in 1948 to 1.7 million today. This is the opposite of ethnic cleansing.</p>
<p><b>Israel is an apartheid state.</b></p>	<p>The truth is that <u>Israel is the <i>only</i> country in the Middle East where Arabs enjoy full Democratic Rights</u> and are equal citizens before the law, regardless of their sectarian/religious affiliation, sexual orientation, or gender. These are the Israeli Arabs. The Palestinians are not Israeli citizens. Most of them are living either under Jordanian rule or under their own rule. They do not enjoy Democratic Rights because of decisions made by their own leaders – Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.</p>



**The IDF is a terrorist organization which targets Palestinian civilians.**

While mistakes have been made, Israel scrupulously follows international laws of engagement, targeting only terrorist operatives, weapons, and infrastructure, and going beyond normal standards for Western democracies in protecting civilians and supplying its enemy with medical care and humanitarian goods.

“The IDF is quite simply the most moral army in the world... No other army does more to safeguard the rights of civilians in a combat zone.”—**Richard Kemp, former Commander of British Forces in Afghanistan**



“I do not imagine myself living anywhere else... This is my country. When I see the flag waving in the wind, I get excited. My heart beats stronger.”

**Elinor Joseph**  
Arab Christian and fighter in the Israel Defense Forces



“I am a liberal, free woman, with all the rights that I could enjoy. I compare myself to other women my age in Jordan, the Palestinian territories, Egypt, any Arab country. They don't have the rights that I have. I have everything. Israel is my country.”

**Boshra Khalaila**  
Arab Muslim activist, professional and graduate student

**The only solution to the conflict is one binational state where Arabs and Jews live together as equals.**

The proposal for a bi-national state is not new. It was, in fact, the minority report proposal to the United Nations in 1947 (proposed by Iran, Yugoslavia, and India). This (along with majority proposal of the United Nations) was rejected by the Arab League. In addition, disastrous consequences have resulted from peoples with intense and competing national narratives being slotted into bi-national or multi-sectarian states. Examples include Lebanon, former Yugoslavia, and Syria today. The key is a just resolution to the conflict. There are many possibilities once people are able to think outside the box. For examples, please see URL below.

“This not only denies the right of the Jewish people to self-determination, but it also contradicts the UN's own endorsement of a Jewish state alongside an Arab (Palestinian) state: two states for two peoples....Unlike Mr. Peled, most Canadians believe one can be pro-Palestinian without being anti-Israel, just as one can call for a Palestinian state without calling for Israel's destruction....The region and the world needs a win-win solution to this painful conflict. Unfortunately, Peled's position is a recipe for an endless civil war that benefits neither Israelis nor Palestinians.” (Stu Selby, The Windsor Star. Oct 7, 2013)

**Arabs are indigenous to Palestine.**

**"The existence of a separate Palestinian identity serves only tactical purposes. The founding of a Palestinian state is a new tool in the battle against Israel."  
(Zuheir Muhsein, PLO Leader)**

Arab people are indigenous to Arabia and are, to a large extent, culturally, linguistically and theologically similar to Jews. When there is honesty and mutual respect, there is a possibility and precedent for a very natural coexistence between the two neighboring Mid-Eastern peoples. Historically, through a process of military and cultural colonization starting in the 7th century, Arabic people from Arabia conquered and largely, converted and assimilated the Assyrians and Kurds in Mesopotamia, the Phoenicians and Syrians in the Northern Levant, the Egyptians, Nubians and Amazighs in North Africa and the Israelites in Israel during the following centuries. Zionism is the only indigenous peoples' movement in the Middle East that succeeded in de-colonizing and reviving the pre-imperialist culture of the land. The Jews are the last indigenous people to have a sovereign country in Israel prior to Roman occupation and the first indigenous people to regain it from British colonists. Today, some Kurdish and Amazigh and Native American movements (amongst others) seek to emulate Zionist successes. Palestinian identity is a recent phenomenon created for political purposes in the 1960s. Prior to the 1960s, the term "Palestinian" was associated primarily with Jews and the term "Palestine" referred to a geographic region not a country.

- "Brothers, half of the Palestinians are Egyptians and the other half are Saudis. Who are the Palestinians?" (Fathi Hammad, Hamas Minister of the Interior and of National Security, aired by Al-Hekma TV on March 23, 2012)
- "The question of borders does not interest us. Our nation is the Arab nation, extending from the Atlantic to the Red Sea and beyond. There is no difference between Egyptians and Palestinians, we are both part of the Arab nation. What you call Transjordan is actually Palestine." (Yasser Arafat, 1974)

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Ancient carving of the Star of David, from a Synagogue at Capernaum, Galilee, Israel. First century CE.

**A: Indigenous.**

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