

## Launching their Settler Colonial Vision

The JNF was founded to purchase land in Palestine for exclusive Jewish settlement; to be a “caretaker of the land of Israel on behalf of its owners - Jewish people everywhere.”

# 1901

## From gradual dispossession to mass transfer

During the 20th Zionist Congress, David Ben-Gurion said: “Now, the transfer would have to be on a completely different scale. In many parts of the country, Jewish settlement would only be enabled by the transfer of Arab fellahin.”

# 1937

## The majority of JNF's land was taken by force

Only 7% of the lands were owned by Jews until 1947. More than 80% of the Palestinian inhabitants on the land Israel was established on became refugees in the 1948 war & their lands were taken by force.

# 1948

## Preventing return

At the end of the war, it was Yosef Weitz & other JNF people who urged to ensure that the refugees did not return, by destroying emptied villages, settling Jews in Palestinian homes, renaming localities & even encouraging further expulsion.

# 1949

## A vehicle for land discrimination

The confiscated properties became the domain of either the Development Authority or the JNF. The JNF controls 13% of the land in Israel, and develops this property only for Israeli Jews. The State of Israel also reserves the power to unilaterally transfer land directly to the JNF.

# 1950

## Can't see the Nakba for the Trees

Israel grants the JNF the authority for afforestation, which works to erase evidence of the existence of Palestinian life and prevent the return of refugees. More than two-thirds of the JNF forests hide Palestinian villages.

# 1961

## Cooperation with right-wing settler groups

JNF plays a major role in the growth of the settlement movement in the occupied West Bank, including the establishment of the Canada-Ayalon Park on the ruins of the villages of Imwas, Yalu, and Beit Nuba, the takeover of land and "Judaization" of East Jerusalem with the help of right-wing organizations and partner subsidiaries.

# 1967

## Displacement in the Negev-Naqab

Israel transferred the lands of the unrecognized village of al-Araqib to the JNF, which is planting forests on them. Since then, the village has been destroyed more than 200 times. Indigenous Bedouin Palestinians are under the threat of expulsion because of the JNF's master plan for the Judaization of the Negev, while Palestinian homes are being destroyed non-stop and their villages are unrecognized.

# 2010

## Cashing in on the Nakba

The land reforms in 2013 enabled the privatization of “public” lands, which are then sold on the private market, removing it yet further from its original owners. The state compensates the JNF for this “loss” through the transfer of new land in National Priority Areas, which is code for all the areas where Palestinians still live in close vicinity to Israeli Jews.

# 2013

## Ongoing dispossession & Displacement from the river to the sea

The new management committee approves a proposal according to which the JNF will officially start purchasing land in the Occupied Territories in the West Bank for the purpose of expanding settlements in violation of international law.

# 2021

# JNF 120 YEARS of DISPOSSESSION & DISPLACEMENT

On the eve of Sukkot, a holiday that deals with refugeehood among other things, Zochrot launched the “120 Years of Dispossession and Displacement” campaign, which was intended to raise awareness of the Jewish National Fund's involvement and complicity in the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their homeland.



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