

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><i>"I don't believe a balanced presentation on this topic is possible."</i></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. True, unbiased discussion, with honest assessment of historical facts and modern day realities will yield a balanced exploration of this topic.</p>
<p><i>Israeli Jews are "European imperialists."</i></p>	<p>"[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>" (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>Zionism is racist.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Israel has engaged in a "systematic campaign of ethnic cleansing" and "genocide" against Palestinians since 1947.</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>Israel is an apartheid state.</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>

