# A Case for U.S. Leadership and UN Accountability RECOGNIZING JEWISH INDIGENEITY

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THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST DOCUMENTED INDIGENOUS NATION—yet uniquely, they are the only Indigenous people denied recognition and vilified for returning to their ancestral homeland. They have maintained an unbroken cultural, religious, linguistic, and legal identity tied to the Land of Israel for more than 3,000 years. Their national language, Hebrew—born of this land—was revived and today unites Jews as a modern nation. Their laws, traditions, and spirituality are inseparable from the land's geography and history.

And yet, when Jews reestablish communities in Judea and Samaria—the cradle of Jewish civilization—the world calls it "occupation." This is not just wrong. It is a dangerous and deliberate distortion of Indigenous rights and history.

#### A CASE THAT CANNOT BE DENIED

This document makes the case—irrefutably—that the Jewish people meet and exceed every international criterion for Indigenous status. It exposes the hypocrisy of the United Nations, which celebrates Indigenous peoples elsewhere while denying Jews the same dignity in their ancestral land. UN bias does more than insult the Jewish people—it shatters the integrity of international law itself.

#### NOT JUST ISRAEL'S FIGHT—AMERICA'S TOO

As the nation founded on Judeo-Christian values, the United States has a direct stake in defending the **biblical connection** between the Jewish people and their land. To erase that connection is to erase much of the Bible—and with it, the moral foundation of Western civilization.

#### John Adams said it plainly:

"I wish the Jews again in Judea an independent nation... They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe."

This is the legacy America shares—and must protect.

#### INDIGENOUS RIGHTS—NOT OCCUPATION

Recognizing Jewish indigeneity reframes Israeli sovereignty.

It is not **colonization or occupation**—it is **self-determination**, exactly what Indigenous rights frameworks are designed to defend. By acknowledging this truth, America can:

- · Restore moral clarity to international law
- Push back against rising antisemitism disguised as "anti-Zionism,"
- Uphold its own values

#### RECOGNITION IS NOT ENOUGH—PREPARE FOR POLITICAL BATTLE

Enemies of Israel, armed with political, legal, and diplomatic tools, will resist this truth. That is why this document also calls for the creation of a robust **legal and diplomatic defense** initiative to **confront and defeat** these challenges head-on. Jewish indigeneity **must be defended** as vigorously as it is declared.

#### A MOMENT OF CHOICE

It can side with **global cynicism and historical revisionism**—or *it can lead with truth and courage*. By recognizing the Jewish people as Indigenous to Judea and Samaria, America will not only defend an ally—it will defend history, justice, and its own soul.

## THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION ON INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Over recent decades, the international community has built a growing legal and moral framework to protect Indigenous peoples—those with ancestral ties to land whose identities, traditions, and languages have survived marginalization and displacement.

From the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) to the Martínez Cobo Study—the foundation of modern Indigenous law—the world now views the rights to land, language, spirituality, and self-determination not as optional, but as sacred commitments.

This framework rightly supports peoples like the **Sámi** of Scandinavia, **Māori** of New Zealand, **Aboriginal** Australians, Canada's **Inuit and First Nations**, and **Native American** tribes in the U.S., all of whom meet core criteria:

- · Self-identification as Indigenous
- · Historical continuity with ancestral territories
- · Distinct language, culture, legal systems, and religious traditions
- · Non-dominant or marginalized status
- · Deep spiritual and cultural connection to the land
- · Efforts to preserve and transmit their identity to future generations
- A collective desire for autonomy and protection of heritage

#### YET ONE GLARING EXCEPTION REMAINS

The Jewish people—arguably the most thoroughly documented Indigenous group in history—are denied recognition and excluded from Indigenous discourse.

This is not about lacking evidence. It is about systemic bias. No other people has maintained such a deep, unbroken connection to their land. Hebrew—revived as Israel's national language—remains a living symbol of this bond, unlike Arabic's broad regional use.

Moreover, Jews have self-identified as Indigenous for millennia—from biblical exile, to the diaspora era of Galut, to Israel's 1948 Declaration of Independence and the 2018 Basic Law, which declares "The Land of Israel is the historical homeland of the Jewish people."

Despite this, global institutions that uphold Indigenous rights elsewhere brand Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria—the cradle of Jewish civilization—as "colonial occupation."

This is no academic oversight. It is deliberate exclusion.

UN bodies have spent decades twisting Indigenous definitions to deny Jewish rights while critics dismiss Jewish claims simply because Jews do not participate in UN Indigenous forums—a modern invention, never a precondition for recognition.

#### THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS:

Judged by universal Indigenous standards, Jews would stand at the forefront.

Instead, they remain uniquely condemned and denied their rightful place in the family of Indigenous nations.





No people has returned with greater hope.

No people has been received with greater hostility.

It is time the world
honored the truth it so
often
preaches—and
recognized the Jewish
people for what they
are:
Indigenous,
resilient, and home.

### MEETING THE UN'S OWN STANDARDS: THE JEWISH CASE FOR INDIGENEITY

The question of who qualifies as Indigenous is no longer theoretical. It is one of the defining global issues of our time. Around the world, marginalized peoples are increasingly recognized for preserving ancient identities, memories, and connections to their ancestral lands, often in the face of great adversity.

The United Nations has codified clear definitions through the Martínez Cobo Study and UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). These frameworks articulate key elements that define Indigenous status:

- · Self-identification as Indigenous
- · Historical continuity with pre-colonial or pre-invasion societies
- · Distinct language, culture, legal systems, and spiritual traditions
- Deep connection to ancestral lands
- · Non-dominant or marginalized status
- Efforts to preserve and transmit identity
- A collective desire for autonomy and to protect heritage

By every standard, the Jewish people not only meet these criteria—they exemplify them.

#### SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Jews have always identified as a people bound to Judea. Exile never broke this link—daily prayers, festivals, and traditions all centered on return. Israel's Declaration of Independence and the 2018 Basic Law legally enshrine this enduring connection.

#### HISTORICAL CONTINUITY

Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria is thoroughly documented. From biblical times through foreign rule, Jews maintained communities, never relinquishing their claim to the land.

#### DISTINCT LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

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#### **NON-DOMINANT STATUS**

Despite portrayals to the contrary, Jews have historically been a persecuted minority. Even today, Jews in their ancestral homeland face global demonization, making Indigenous protections necessary.

#### PRESERVATION AND REVIVAL OF IDENTITY

Jewish identity has survived exile and persecution. Ancient sites are restored, Hebrew revived, and traditions maintained—all centered on return to Zion.

#### PREEMPTING UN RECOGNITION OBJECTIVES

Indigeneity is not granted by UN participation but through reality. Jews meet all criteria and have formally declared this through national laws. Denying this is political, not principled.

To deny these facts exposes the truth: this is not a legal issue, but a political one. If the UN seeks credibility, it must confront its deepest contradiction — the erasure of the world's most documented Indigenous people.



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL CONTINUITY IN JUDEA & SAMARIA

Identity alone does not define indigeneity—history, law, culture, and enduring presence do. By every international standard, the Jewish people meet these criteria with overwhelming clarity.

The Jewish connection to Judea and Samaria is not symbolic. It is historical, spiritual, legal, and physical. Through exile, conquest, and foreign rule, Jews remained tied to the land in prayer, law, and longing. This is Indigenous continuity.

Modern Israel's 1948 Declaration of Independence and 2018 Basic Law formally reassert this ancient tie, fulfilling Indigenous peoples' right to self-declaration.

#### ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROOF: THE LAND BEARS WITNESS

- Shiloh: Site of the Tabbernacle and pilgrimage festivals.
- Hebron: Burial place of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, revered for millennia.
- Jerusalem: Eternal Jewish capital, home of the First and Second Temples.
- . Ancient Coins and Ritual Baths: vidence of sovereignty and ritual life.
- · Seals and Inscriptions: Names matching biblical figures.

This is not theory—this is material proof of ancient nationhood and religious practice.

#### AN UNBROKEN PRESENCE

Even under foreign rule, Jews never left the land spiritually or physically. In Jerusalem, Hebron, Tzfat, and Tiberias, Jewish communities endured. Diaspora Jews viewed their homes as temporary, and Judea as home.

#### NOT COLONIZATION—HOMECOMING

Calling Jews "settlers" in Judea distorts history. Jews are not colonizers; they are returning to ancestral land. This is Indigenous revival, not conquest.

#### A MORAL AND LEGAL IMPERATIVE

The Jewish tie to Judea and Samaria is among the clearest Indigenous connections in history. To deny this is to corrupt Indigenous rights themselves. Fair application of global standards demands recognition—not as privilege, but as justice.

For American policymakers and friends of Israel, this historical clarity offers an opportunity—not just to affirm truth, but to reflect deeply held values. Recognizing the Jewish connection to Judea and Samaria aligns with America's broader commitment to religious freedom, ancestral rights, and historical justice.

## UNITED NATIONS BIAS AND THE SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF LAW

Despite fulfilling every internationally recognized criterion for Indigenous status, the Jewish people remain uniquely excluded from the protections afforded to others. Within the very institutions tasked with defending Indigenous rights, Jews face systematic bias that strips them of dignity, distorts international law, and criminalizes their return to their ancestral homeland.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the United Nations, where political hostility towards Israel has transformed into a campaign of erasure against Jewish indigeneity itself.

#### THE LEGAL DOUBLE STANDARD

While other Indigenous peoples are celebrated for reclaiming land and reviving traditions, Jews returning to Judea and Samaria — the cradle of their civilization — are denounced as "settlers" and "colonizers."

This inversion of justice and history is not accidental. It is institutional.

Through decades of politicized resolutions and selective application of law, the UN has established a regime of discrimination against the lewish people. Consider:

#### UNGA Resolution 3236 (1974)

Frames Palestinians as the exclusive Indigenous people of "Palestine," denying Jewish ancestral claims.

**Indigenous reality**: Jewish presence predates any modern national claims by other groups and meets every global standard of Indigenous connection and self-identification.

#### UNGA Resolution 3379 (1975) — "Zionism is Racism" (revoked 1991)

Equated Jewish national revival and self-determination with racism.

Indigenous reality: Zionism is the political expression of Indigenous return. To call it racist is to deny the very rights Indigenous frameworks seek to protect.

#### UNHRC Agenda Item 7

Israel is the only country subjected to permanent scrutiny.

Indigenous reality: Returning to and defending ancestral land is not aggression — it is survival and self-determination.

#### UNGA Resolution 60/39 (2005) — Palestinian "Right of Return"

Claims a mass refugee return would override Israel's demographic integrity.

Indigenous reality: No Indigenous rights framework allows one population to displace another from its ancestral homeland. Recognition of Jewish indigeneity establishes competing Indigenous claims — which must be balanced, not overridden.



## UNITED NATIONS BIAS AND THE SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF LAW

#### UNESCO Resolutions (e.g., 40 COM 7A.13)

Deny Jewish ties to sites like the Temple Mount, describing them solely in Islamic terms.

**Indigenous reality**: UNDRIP protects Indigenous peoples' rights to their sacred sites. Denying Jewish access or connection is a violation of Indigenous rights.

#### UNSC Resolution 2334 (2016)

Defines lewish communities in Judea and Samaria as illegal.

Indigenous reality: UNDRIP Article 26 states that Indigenous peoples have the right to occupy and use traditional lands. Labeling this as illegal is itself contrary to international law.

#### Legal Backing from UNDRIP

UNDRIP's core protections clearly apply to the Jewish people:

Article 10: No forced removal from lands.

Article 12: Right to maintain and access religious and cultural sites.

Article 26: Right to own, occupy, and use traditional lands.

In every other case worldwide, these rights are upheld. For Jews alone, they are denied.

#### ABSURDITY OF THE "NOT RECOGNIZED"

Some claim that Jews are not "recognized" because they do not formally participate in UN Indigenous forums. This argument is disingenuous and discriminatory.

Recognition does not originate with UN forums. Indigenous peoples worldwide were recognized before such bodies existed. Furthermore, Jews have made formal declarations of indigeneity and self-determination in the modern era:

- 1948 Declaration of Independence: Proclaimed the return to the ancestral homeland and the ingathering of exiles.
- 2018 Basic Law: Declared that the Land of Israel is the historical homeland of the Jewish people, and affirmed their exclusive national right to self-determination there.

To suggest that Indigenous status is negated without UN paperwork is not only absurd—it is a weaponization of process to enforce exclusion.

#### THE STRATEGIC IMPACT OF RECOGNITION

Recognizing Jewish indigeneity is not just moral — it's strategic. It would:

- · Collapse the false narrative of "occupation" and replace it with Indigenous return.
- · Reframe Zionism as rightful self-determination, not colonialism.
- · Undermine anti-Israel resolutions based on denying Jewish ties.
- · Require competing claims to be negotiated, not imposed.

#### A FIGHT FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

This is not about privilege — it's about fairness. Jews are the only Indigenous people whose return home is condemned. Correcting this restores integrity to Indigenous rights globally. Selective application is no law at all. Recognition is essential, strategic, and will face fierce opposition. The U.S. must lead — not just as Israel's ally, but as a defender of Indigenous rights everywhere.





### THE 'AMERICA FIRST' CASE FOR RECOGNITION

THE RECOGNITION OF JEWISH INDIGENEITY IS NOT MERELY A JEWISH ISSUE. IT IS AN AMERICAN ISSUE.

#### AT STAKE ARE U.S. CORE VALUES

- The defense of Indigenous peoples against dispossession and discrimination.
- · The protection of freedom of religion and historical identity.
- The preservation of the biblical and moral foundations upon which America itself was built.

By denying Jewish indigeneity—whether by omission or political calculation—the United Nations and its member states are not merely harming Jews. They are eroding the universal principles the United States claims to uphold.

#### WHY THIS MATTERS TO AMERICA

The Jewish connection to the Land of Israel is central not only to Jewish survival but to the biblical story that underpins Western civilization. Without the Jewish claim to Judea and Samaria, the Bible becomes a book of myth, not history.

It is no exaggeration to say that if Jewish indigeneity is denied, the world's most influential religious and moral text — the Bible — loses its foundation. This issue goes to the heart of faith itself.

To erase Jewish ties to the land is to tear out 80% of the Bible and sever Judeo-Christian civilization from its source.

For a nation like the United States, founded on Judeo-Christian principles, this has profound implications. America does not simply support Israel politically. It shares a spiritual and moral legacy with the Jewish people — one that is now under assault through international lawfare and historical revisionism.

#### A DEEPLY AMERICAN ISSUE

The United States has long championed freedom, justice, and Indigenous rights, with its credibility rooted in moral consistency. Failing to recognize Jewish indigeneity while affirming it for others undermines that consistency and signals that rights are subject to political convenience. For leaders who value faith, tradition, and moral clarity — especially those aligned with "America First" ideals — this issue is urgent and cannot be ignored.

#### **RECOGNIZING JEWISH INDIGENEITY AFFIRMS:**

- · That faith matters.
- · That history matters.
- That the defense of Indigenous peoples must be applied universally, not selectively.
- That legal and moral clarity must replace political cynicism in international affairs.

#### THE STRATEGIC AND MORAL NECESSITY OF RECOGNITION

Recognizing Jewish indigeneity is not just morally correct. It is strategically vital. Doing so would:

- Undermine the false narrative of "occupation," replacing it with the rightful language of Indigenous return.
- Legitimize Israeli claims in Judea and Samaria under international law, shifting the legal conversation away from false colonial accusations.
- Combat the rise of antisemitism disguised as anti-Zionism.
- Strengthen America's role as a leader in defending historical truth and Indigenous justice.



### THE 'AMERICA FIRST' CASE FOR RECOGNITION

Recognition alone, however, is not enough. As Dr. Greer cautioned, there will be fierce resistance to correcting this injustice. UN bureaucracies, anti-Israel NGOs, and hostile states will wage political and legal warfare to prevent Jewish indigeneity from being recognized and protected.

Therefore, America's role must go beyond words. It must support:

- Legal defense initiatives to confront challenges in international courts and UN bodies.
- Diplomatic campaigns to align with other Indigenous groups and global allies.
- Moral leadership to reframe the global conversation and expose the discriminatory double standard against the Jewish people.

#### A MOMENT OF DECISION

For the United States, this is a moment of moral clarity. To continue ignoring Jewish indigeneity is to side with historical revisionism and global cynicism.

To recognize and defend it is to stand with:

Truth over lies.

Faith over erasure.

Indigenous rights over political expediency.

Western civilization over the forces seeking to deconstruct it.

#### As John Adams once declared:

"I wish the Jews again in Judea an independent nation... They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe."

In this spirit, America must now reaffirm — legally, diplomatically, and morally — that the Jewish people are Indigenous to Judea and Samaria, and that this truth is non-negotiable.

The defense of Indigenous rights, the preservation of biblical history, and the moral integrity of international law all demand it.





### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U.S. POLICYMAKERS

The United States has long been a champion of Indigenous rights, religious liberty, and historical justice. In the case of the Jewish people and their connection to the Land of Israel, these commitments can converge into a powerful and principled policy stance. Below are actionable steps that reflect both American values and global leadership:

- FORMALLY RECOGNIZE JEWISH INDIGENEITY to the Land of Israel in U.S. State Department communications, Congressional declarations, and official statements. Recognition rooted in legal, historical, and spiritual continuity would reinforce the integrity of American policy.
- CHALLENCE INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS—such as UNSC Resolution 2334 and UNESCO statements—that deny or distort the historical and Indigenous connection between the Jewish people and Judea and Samaria. Diplomatic efforts should reflect documented history, not political expediency.
- CREATE A SPECIAL ENVOY FOR INDIGENOUS EQUALITY IN GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS, tasked with ensuring that Indigenous rights frameworks are applied equitably—including in cases where political bias has excluded legitimate Indigenous claims, such as those of the Jewish people.
- 4. FUND AND SUPORT RESEARCH and documentation initiatives that use Indigenous methodologies and legal frameworks to trace Jewish continuity in the land. This includes archaeological, linguistic, spiritual, and cultural studies that can educate and inform international policy.
- 5. ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES that codify the Jewish people's historical and legal claims within the framework of U.S. law—recognizing Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria not as obstacles to peace, but as expressions of a people's rightful return to its ancestral land.

These recommendations are not about imposing beliefs—they are about aligning action with truth, and policy with principle. They offer a path for the United States to reaffirm its leadership on the global stage, while anchoring that leadership in the values that shaped its founding.

### **CONCLUSION: TRUTH AS A STRATEGIC ASSET**

The **Jewish people** are the textbook example of **an Indigenous nation**: first to call the Land of Israel home, last to leave, and the only people to return and restore their presence through language, culture, and self-determination.

And yet today, this Indigenous people is uniquely scrutinized and even demonized for doing what all Indigenous peoples strive to do—return to their land, rebuild their identity, and live in peace. In every other context, this is celebrated. In the case of the Jewish people, it is condemned.

For the United States, this issue reaches far beyond borders. It speaks to the **integrity of international law**, the legitimacy of shared moral foundations, and the urgency of countering revisionist narratives that erode faith and justice alike. This is not about partisan politics. It is about principle.

Under the Trump Administration, many of the levers of American power are once again in the hands of leaders who openly **champion the values** upon which the nation was founded—**faith, family, freedom, and truth**. But this moment comes amid a time of tremendous cultural challenge. Across the West, **Judeo-Christian values are under siege** by rising tides of wokism, socialism, communism, and Islamism—ideologies that seek to dismantle not just religious heritage, but the moral structures that have sustained liberty and justice for centuries.

In this environment, recognizing Jewish indigeneity is more than a matter of historical accuracy or diplomatic fairness—it is a **declaration of resolve**. It is a line in the sand, drawn not only against the UN's entrenched bias, but against the global forces that aim to erase our **shared moral and spiritual foundations**.

To those who seek to upend our societies by severing them from their Biblical roots, this recognition sends a clear message: you will not succeed. **We are not ashamed of our values**. We are not confused about our history. And we are resolute in our love and connection to the Land of Israel.

To recognize Jewish indigeneity is to correct a historic wrong. It is to realign global institutions with their own charters. And it is to reaffirm that ancient identity and sacred truth still matter in a world increasingly shaped by shallow diplomacy and short-term interest.

This is especially true in light of the events **following October 7**. In the wake of the most devastating slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust, and amid an existential threat against Israel and the Jewish people, what **occurred was not mass flight**, **but mass return**. Unlike most war zones where civilians flee danger, the opposite happened: hundreds of thousands of Israeli expatriates—Jews living across Europe, North America, and beyond—boarded planes and came home. Many came temporarily, but they came with purpose: to fight for, defend, and secure the homeland of their ancestors.

This was not just a military mobilization. It was a spiritual one. It was a living affirmation of the very indigeneity this document defends. No people risks life and livelihood to return to a place unless it is home.

By defending the Jewish people's rights in their ancestral homeland, America is not simply helping an ally—it is defending a bond older than diplomacy, rooted in scripture, justice, and shared destiny. It is a stand not only for Israel—but for truth.

