

Statement from Agudath Israel Condemning UNESCO Resolution Denying Jewish Connection to Jerusalem

Agudath Israel of America condemns in the strongest terms the UNESCO resolution passed this week that effectively denies the Jewish connection to Jerusalem. It is an unabashed falsification of history, the magnitude of which can only be explained by a deep and ugly hatred for the Jewish people and its heritage. To ignore the historical record and the fact that Jews have prayed daily for millennia to be able to return to their ancestral land is nothing short of grotesque.

Nations that supported this shameful resolution desire to delegitimize Israel's claim to sovereignty over the Holy City. Their animus will not accomplish that. Its only consequence will be to make peace in the Middle East even more elusive.

Countries that demonstrated their malign intentions by endorsing the resolution and those that, out of cowardice, abstained, deserve denunciation. We applaud President Obama and the United States, as well as the United Kingdom, Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Estonia, for their courage in voting against the resolution, and for historical truth.