

From: Ruth Parker

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:20 PM

To: [list of other recipients redacted]; Ethnic Studies

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Tell California: Keep Jews Included in Ethnic Studies (J. Barry just signed the petition below; please considering doing so yourselves)

The teaching that Jews are European colonial settlers who have stolen the land of Israel from the "indigenous" Palestinians is the reason for the exponential growth of antisemitism in America today. The JIMENA lessons (Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa) present a far more accurate picture of the 3,000 year Jewish history in the region can change this now widely held false narrative which I believe is the basis for the current growth of antisemitism. It is vital for the California Department of Education to recognize the importance of including these lessons in the Ethnic Studies curriculum. Please tell them that you support this.

On Monday, December 14, 2020, 08:32:17 PM PST, J. Barry Gurdin wrote:

From: Jewish Community Relations Council

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:59 AM

To: [email redacted]

Subject: Tell California: Keep Jews Included in Ethnic Studies

Tell California Where You Stand Today!

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**Tell California:
Keep Jews in Ethnic Studies**



#KeepJewsIncluded

Help us keep Jewish lesson plans included in the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum and keep anti-Jewish and pro-BDS content out of our schools.

California's [Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum](#) will be used in thousands of classrooms, have influence in every high school statewide and will almost certainly be emulated by other states. It is imperative, as the proposed final curriculum goes before the State Board of Education, that the newly added

Jewish lesson plans are kept in and denigrating content kept out.

Please tell the State Board of Education to #KeepJewsIncluded!

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