Land Acknowledgment (Palestinian Authority Edition)

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The Departure of the Israelites (David Roberts, 1829)

The PA recognizes that the land which it occupies
is the traditional unceded and unsurrendered territory
of the indigenous Israelite tribes
of (western) Menasheh, Ephraim, Benjamin, and Judah.

We acknowledge without reservation the Children of Israel—

the original and enduring covenantal and providential nation—
as the past, present, and future stewards of this Holy Land,
and welcome and respect the renascence and recrudescence
of the Jewish people and the Hebrew tongue—the language of the angels—
in Jewry's ancestral and historical homeland, the Land of Israel,
Jewish possession of which is an imperative absolute
because divinely given, and what is of God cannot be withstood.

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