

## **Palestinian Authority text books**

### **What Arab kids now learn in UNRWA schools**

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Over the past year, the Center for Near East Policy Research, with partial funding from the Simon Wisenthal Center, hired journalists with PhDs in Islamic Studies to translate all PA schoolbooks taught to 492,000 children in the schools of the UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, funded with a \$640 million education budget from 68 nations and... allowed by Israel.

Largest donor: the US, which donates \$150 million for UNRWA education.

For the first time, the new PA curriculum mentions the fate of six million Jews who live in the country after its "liberation": Expulsion of the usurper (code name for Israel) and extermination of the foreigners' defeated and scattered remnants. This new element in PA schoolbooks used by UNRWA sounds the alarm:

"Let us sing and learn by heart: The Nobles' Land [Ard al-Kurama']

I have sworn! I shall sacrifice my blood

To water the nobles' land

And I shall remove the usurper [ghaseb] from my country

And shall exterminate [ubid] the foreigners' scattered remnants [fulul al-ghuraba']

O land of Al-Aqsa [Mosque] and the sacred place [haram],

O cradle of pride and nobility

Patience, patience, for victory is ours

And dawn will peep out from darkness"

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*Ed. note: In case you are wondering why this article is in TT, or why we reprinted a Pollard editorial from the Jerusalem Post in last week's TT - what to these have to do with the weekly sedra or with Chanuka... The answer is that these articles are vital to our life here in Israel and we dare not be ignorant of these kind of things. A D'var Torah on the sedra and a halachic review of the laws of candle lighting for Chanuka are important for us. So are these articles.*