

Ha-Rav Shlomo Aviner Shlit"a

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How is it possible that UNESCO Denies our Connection to

the Temple Mount and the Kotel?

Question: How is it possible that UNESCO ratified a resolution that there is no Jewish connection to the Temple Mount and the Kotel? Why do the Nations of the World Deny our Connection to Yerushalayim?

Answer: In the year 5690, Ha-Rav Yaakov Kamenetzky, Rosh Yeshiva of Torah Ve-Da'at in Brooklyn, said: The leaders of the nations of the world are discussing to whom the Kotel belongs – to the Jews or to the Arabs. This is shocking! We have an entire tradition in the Torah, Gemara and Midrashim relating to the Temple Mount and the Kotel: The Akedah took place there, Yaakov Avinu slept and had his dream there, King David bought the land for full price, etc..., while the Muslim have a "story" that Mohamed visited there and tied his horse to the Kotel. How is it possible that all of our rights are denied based on a story?! Rav Kamenetzky answered that it is measure-formeasure. Since we ourselves are in doubt about the traditions of the Tanach and our Sages, Hashem shows us that even the nations of the world, the majority of whom believe in the Tanach, err in what even a nursery school child knows. Divine Providence clearly shows us this fact (Emet Le-Yaakov on Pirkei Avot p. 136 #131).

