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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has organized many of the risks of climate change into five "reasons for concern." The reasons for concern show that these risks increase with increases in the Earth's global mean temperature (i.e., global warming). The IPCC's five reasons for concern are: threats to endangered species and unique systems, damages from extreme climate events, effects that fall most heavily on developing countries and the poor within countries, global aggregate 5 For Palestinian commentaries on the evolution of the P.L.O.'s political thinking and on possible political settlements, see Jiryis, Sabri, "On Political Settlement in the Middle East: The Palestinian Dimension," *Journal of Palestine Studies*, VII (Autumn 1977); Khalidi, Walid, "Thinking the Unthinkable: A Sovereign Palestinian State," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 57 (July 1978); Iyad, Abou and Rouleau, Eric, *My Home, My Land* (New York: Times Books, 1981); and Nakhleh, Emile A., ed., *A Palestinian Agenda for the West Bank and Gaza* (Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute, 1980). Former I In his book, "Injustice: The Story of the Holy Land Foundation Five," Israeli-American Miko Peled describes the 1948 "ethnic cleansing campaign that was sweeping through Palestine like wildfire, destroying everything in its path." Palestinians call it the "Nakba," Arabic for "catastrophe." My family was not religious but we were proud of our Jewish heritage. I have become sharply critical of Israel. An active member of the NLG's Palestine Subcommittee, I write frequent articles and do media commentary about Israel's violations of international law. I am also a member of Jewish Voice for Peace and I work in support of BDS. Years after I first read the 1977 NLG delegation report, I visited Ellis Island, where my grandparents arrived in the United States. It is now a museum.