

Or Yehuda Agricultural Colony in Akhisar

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Abstract

In this presentation, firstly, the reasons for the establishment of Jewish Colonization Association initiative and Alliance Israélite Universelle supported agricultural colonies in Anatolia will be mentioned. And next, the establishment stages and working principles of the Akhisar Or Yehuda Agricultural Colony will be discussed. The presence of thousands of poor and indigent Ashkenazi immigrants and the inadequacy of the socio-economic conditions of the immigrants and local Jewish people are included in the presentation. The time frame we will consider is the period of wars and regime change.

Finally, it will be examined whether the Or Yehuda Agricultural Colony was successful or not. And the impact of the agricultural colonies on the agricultural policies of the Ottoman Period and the Republic Period will be questioned.

Bio

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