



## JEWIS IN CYPRUS AND THEIR AIMS

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### Abstract

This article is about all nations in Cyprus from Byzantine Rule until British Crown Colony. In this stage we have studied the development of the Jews and the importance of the Jews in aviation.

### Introduction

This article describes the stages of Jews in Cyprus and their purposes.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to diagnose Jewish families in Cyprus and to determine the history of Jews. In this article the aim is to specify their behaviors in aviation

#### Design/methodology/approach

This study will be approached by the following steps:

To analysis of data of interviews. To research a particular phases and satages of jews life in Cyprus.

#### Practical implications

The study will highlight the Jews life approach. It also provides life cycle of Jews and aims and thier evolution in the island.

#### Originality/value

This paper will be the first introduction of Jews by highlighting thier life cycle evolution in Cyprus between years Byzantine Rule until British Crown Colony.

#### Short Brief of history of Cyprus

1. Lusignan in Cyprus 1192-1489
2. Venice in Cyprus 1489-1571
3. Ottomans in Cyprus 1571-1878
4. British Rule in Cyprus 1878-1914
5. British Military Occupation 1914-1925
6. British Crown Colony in Cyprus 1925-1960
7. Cyprus Government 16 August 1960

#### Events in Cyprus

1. Provisional Turkish Cypriot Administration 27 December 1967
2. Cyprus Turkish Autonomous Administration 1 October 1974-13 February 1975
3. Cyprus Turkish Federation 13 February 1975
4. Cyprus Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus 15 November 1983

#### Life Cycle of Jews in Cyprus

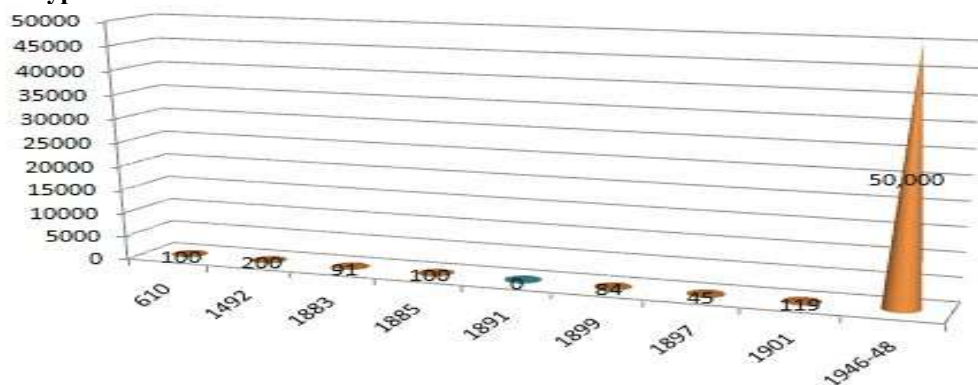


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As it can be seen from the date written above Cyprus has gone through difficult times. In this article I will point out importance of Jewish History in Cyprus. When I was writing history of Cyprus Turkish Aviation and Realities, I ran to the importance of the Jews.

If you check referances of Jews, you see that Jews are based on the prehistoric period of Cyprus. Jews are mostly settlers in Cyprus between the years 1880s-1940s. These years were in British Rule.

#### **How was the pre-years?**

##### **Jewish rebellions & byzantine rule**

The first Jews family lived well in Cyprus during the Roman Rule. Christianity was preached in Cyprus among the Jews at an early date, St.Paul is called as the first and Barnabas is second who are both natives of Cyprus.

They attempted to convert the Jews to Christianity under the ideas of Jesus. Under the leadership of Artemion, the Cypriot Jews participated in the great rebellion against the Romans ruled by Trajan in 117 AD. and 240.000 Greeks were murdered by Dio Cassius.

At the end of rebellion, according to several laws were enacted which did not allow any Jew to land on Cypriot soil, even in case of shipwreck. After a few years, the Jewish communities began to grow and thrive once again in Cyprus. However, in 610, the Jews again participated in the uprising against the Greeks under the rule of Heraclius. In 646, and again in 1154, Cyprus was devastated by the Arabs.

##### **In terms of latin era**

Jewish merchants were active during this time at the Famagusta City Port.

##### **Jews in terms of ottoman empire**

Cyprus was conquered by the Ottoman Empire from Venice. During Ottoman rule the Jewish community of Cyprus thrived due to the influx of Sephardi Jews from Ottoman lands, who had emigrated in a mass to the Ottoman territories after expulsion from Spain in 1492. Famagusta became the main center of the Ottoman Jewish community in Cyprus.

Ottoman rule lasted until 1878, when Cyprus came under British Rule.

##### **Mobilization of jews**

In 19th century jews attempts were made to settle by Romanian and Russian refugees in Cyprus.

##### **Orides near the paphos.**

The first attempt was in 1883, into the Orides near the Paphos. Several hundred Russians established in to Orides near the Paphos. In 1885 approximately 27 Romanian families settled in Cyprus as colonist but those were not successful in forming communities. Those were Romanian Jewish families.

In 1891 Romanians bought land in Cyprus and did not immigrate to the country.

In 1897 under the leadership of Walter Cohen founded a colony at Margo and fifteen Russian families settled in Cyprus.

Jews families were supported by Ahawat Zion from London and Jewish Colonisation Association.

On the August in 1899 Davis Trietsch who was a delegate of Third Zionist Congress at Basel.

He attempted to get an endorsement for Jewish Colonisation in Cyprus. Those were involved by Romanian Jews.

Trietsch proposals were rejected however approximately two dozen Romanian Jews were immigrated in the island. Followed by this twenty-eight Romanian families posted and they were supported and assisted by Jewish Colonization Association of London.

These settlers founded Margo farm near the Tymbou Airfield and the Asheriton west of Famagusta.

Jews who were working in Margo farm, they were living Piroi place where was 6.7 km south of Tymbou Airfield.

Jews Colonisation Association was continued to give amount of support to work in Cyprus.

Communities of Jewish in the year 1900s mostly located center of Nicosia.

In 1901, population of Jews in Cyprus were 63 men and 56 women.

Theodore Herzl was presented in a brochure to the Parliamentary committee on the foreign immigration in London, regarding title was "The Problem of Jewish Immigration of England and the United States Solved by Furthering the Jewish Colonisation of Cyprus."

Island played a crucial rule for the Jewish communities of Europe during the World War II and the Holocaust.



Many immigrants were avoided from World War II and the Holocaust. Hitler in Germany was doing a big holocaust to jews community therefore approximately 50.000 Jewish refugees came to Cyprus. 50.000 Jewish refugees were limited by Crown Colony from 1946 until the establishment of State of Israil in 1948. Until establishment of Isreal 2,000 babies were born in the island.

Majority of Jewish refugees were living Korakol-Famagusta (Gülseren Camp) and near the British Air Base Dikelia-Larnaca. These two bases were used by British Crown Colony as an Airfied during in 1930s-1950s. These evidences were come out from our book of History of Cyprus Turkish Aviation and Realities.

When we were writing our book we had a visit to Jewishes Cemenry where is 6.7 km from south of Ercan Airport (Tymbou Airfied ).

Oldest date of grave was seen 1873 and there were a few small graves in the cemenry. I checked the reason of this and I saw from my researches. During 1900s in Margo farm there was malaria and so many small children were died from this disease.

Finally, from interviews of History of Cyprus Turkish Aviation and Realities Book Mr.Mehmet Karaöz and Mr.Mustafa Haşim Altan confirmed that Jewishes were saying a Bengurion Airport instead of Ercan Airport (Tymbou Airfield) because they were beliving it will be one of them.



*Photo-left to right: İzzet Derkan, Mehmet Karaöz, Almaz Sandybayev*

## Conclusion

This article show us jews objective is based on a very old years in Cyprus. Slogan of Jews are **‘Together Strong’**.They were supported each and they wanted to have all Cyprus one day. When we look today There are no major differences in their purposes. The richest people and the elite people in the world are Jews. After 1980s Jews bought a lot of lands in Northern Cyprus. Their dreams on Cyrus are performed with the money.



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