

firm our rationale for choosing Borochovism as the basis of our analysis and not other versions of Zionism. Public statements and debates are meant here to illustrate the historical use by the ruling class of the socialist Zionist ideals derivative of Borochovism in appealing to the Israeli-Jewish population, and mobilizing them to serve Zionism. This is to indicate that it is the Borochovist formulation of Zionism which ultimately became the material force responsible for the transformation of Palestine.

IV. Palestinian Proletarianization in the Post-1967 Phase: The Irreversible Breakthroughs

In the rural villages of Galilee, the Triangle, the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank, masses of Arab men, women and even children are being released from private household servitude, semi-subsistence agriculture, and small-scale commodity production. These Palestinian-Arabs are then absorbed through the Israeli rural and urban labor markets into capitalist production as seasonal cash-croppers on commercialized Jewish agricultural plantations, as modern wage-workers in construction, textile, and food processing industries, and as service employees in menial positions within various branches of this expanding economic sector. A process that has the appearance of massive Palestinian proletarianization in Israel, the content of which constitutes the subject of this thesis.

This growing penetration of Palestinian-Arab labor in the Israeli-Jewish economy has become, in recent years, a prominent feature disrupting the basic principles of Israeli society and transforming the character of both Arab and Jewish communities alike.¹¹⁸

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