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20th Century Alyah from Volozhin - Three Builders of Torah in Israel

Ideological Foundations:

Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kalischer (1794-1874)

“Drishat Zion” - published coherent ideology with classical Talmudic sources for the need to emigrate to the Land of Israel and settle there.

Move from passive to active messianism.

1885 “Ness Zionah” initiated in Volzhin Yeshiva to build rabbinic leadership to spread the ideology of the return to the Land of Israel.

Became part of the “Hovevei Zion” movement.

Rabbi Yitzchak Yakov Reines (1839-1915)

Founder and President of Mizrahi Movement of Religious Zionism.

“Or Chadash Al Zion” publication. Combine Torah with Working the Land correspondence with Theodor Hertzl - attended Zionist Conferences.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak Hacohen Kook (1865-1935)

Kabbalistic vision of “Atchalta de’Geulah” with practical realism.

Spiritual Torah revival of Jewish Nationalism- totally inclusive of all.

Founder of Religious Zionism; Mercaz Harav Yeshiva; First Chief Rabbi.

1909 first Shmitta. Published “Shabbat Ha’Aretz”.

1924 fundraising to USA. massive reception. Met President Coolidge.

Rabbi Isser Zalman Meltzer (1870-1953)

Mir. Volozhin. Maggid shiur in Slabodka. Talmid of Rabbi Chaim

Soloveitchik and Chafetz Chaim. Aliyah to become Rosh Yeshiva of Eitz Chaim Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Moshe Mordechai Epstein (1866-1933)

Rosh Yeshiva of Slabodka together with R. Melzer his brother in law.

1924 Slabodka to Chevron, 1929 to Jerusalem. Yeshivat Chevron.

Participated in founding Hadera making an Etrog orchard there.