

There were many places in Poland where Jewish youth learned to work the land. One of them was Grochów near Warsaw, where a model Jewish settlement, or kvutza, existed. The girls who lived there – daughters of rabbis and merchants – would milk cows, cultivate the land and speak Hebrew, pronouncing the words the Sephardic way, while former yeshiva students plowed for crops, exhibiting impressive skill and knowledge of husbandry.” – wrote Issac Bashevis Singer in the Jewish newspaper “Forward” in 1944. Today Grochów is a residential area within Warsaw, not a single physical trace of the kibbutz remains. Nevertheless using archival pictures, memories of the former Kibbutz Members we will tell the story of the Jewish training farm and its commemoration.