

Tourism and the Construction of Community Boundaries in a Galilee Kibbutz

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Abstract

The mounting focus on the tourist industry by kibbutzim in the last decade, calls for an assessment of the implications of tourism development on the life of kibbutz members and the changes in the local identity and boundaries. In the present study, based on anthropological fieldwork, identity and structural changes in one kibbutz are placed in the context of local tourism development. The core of the article is the description of two celebrations to which tourists were invited to celebrate the festivities together with the kibbutz members. These celebrations from different periods of kibbutz life and stages of development of the tourism project, shed light on the changes occurring in the local identity and boundaries.