Tal Alon-Mozes

Food for the Body and the Soul: Israeli Urban Food-scapes

Starting in the 1920s, small urban farms began appearing in Tel Aviv, Haifa, and other smaller urban communities, developing concurrently with the agricultural settlements, the Kibbutzim and Moshavim. These productive landscapes generated food for the body as well as the soul of the new Jewish arrivals in Palestine, and their cultivation was intimately linked to the ideological efforts of creating a modern Hebrew/Jewish identity. Urban agriculture continued to accompany the Zionist project during the first years of statehood. It then faded, only to flourish once again as part of the contemporary trend of sustainability, or as a mechanism to empower immigrant communities.

My paper explores Hebrew/Israeli urban food-scapes as cultural landscapes created in order to integrate people, place, and ideology. They were a product of top down processes that thrived as long as the community of Jewish settlers found deep meaning in their cultivation. However, over the years of statehood they slowly disappeared—as agriculture lost its priority as part of the national ethos, small-scale urban agriculture lost its meaning as well.

Rooted in Ebenezer Howard’s concept of garden city and Leberecht Migge’s settlement gardens, Israel’s small urban farms unified Jewish urban dwellers regardless of social, economic, or political status. Members of the workers’ party, middle-class refugees who escaped Germany before World War II, prominent national figures such as poet Haim Nahman Bialik, and many others, all shared the burden and pleasure of growing vegetables and fruits, raising chickens, and perhaps even a goat. The ritual of growing one’s own food in backyards, or in small cooperative farms within cities, was nurtured by pioneer women of the second wave of immigration to Palestine (1904-1914), as well as by members of conservative women’s organizations, who had arrived in the fourth and the fifth immigration waves (1924-1931, 1932-1939).

While the economic benefit of growing food was almost negligible, other advantages led pre-state and later state agencies to promote it, calling on pupils, teens, and adults to collaborate in the national effort. In nurturing a domestic vegetable garden, one was implementing the essentials of the nation’s revival: productivity, native connectedness to the land, independence, and self-fulfillment. With the establishment of the State of Israel, the small urban farm became part of the official policy of settling the periphery, and formed an important aspect of the first National Master Plan drawn by Arie Sharon (1951). The project was promoted by daily radio programs, magazines, and a national network of instructors.

After years of slowly fading away, the concept of the small urban farm has recently reappeared under various guises. Urban agricultural plots are part of the sustainability trend enabling people to grow their own organic products. These plots are marketed by municipalities as “a Garden for each Resident,” and promoted by various NGOs as a mechanism to empower disadvantaged groups, especially recent immigrants such as the Ethiopian community.

Margaret Crawford

Evolving Agricultural Landscapes in Panyu, Guangzhou, China

Historically, the Pearl River Delta has been one of the most fertile areas in China. Tilled by peasants living in villages organized around lineages (clans who claim a common ancestor) its fields produced a broad range of agricultural products. Its abundant water and warm climate encouraged the development of a Cantonese food culture that valued freshness and delicate flavors. Over the centuries, hydrodynamics, extensive land reclamation, and an expanding water-based transport system created a distinctive agricultural landscape, carefully balanced between land and water. After 1949, a series of dramatic transformations undermined these natural and cultural advantages. Communist principles demanded new settlement patterns. The state expropriated farmland from exploitative landlords and redistributed it
according to increasingly complex allocation systems. National imperatives, imposed from above, restructured agricultural labor, land division and tenure, crops, and farming methods. Over the decades, the central government eliminated many of these restrictions to encourage more productive private cultivation, but a surprising number remain. In recent years, in spite of the nation’s commitment to food security, a series of contradictory and contested agricultural landscapes have emerged. In many cases, urban and industrial development has completely appropriated village agricultural land. In some places, a desakota pattern has emerged, mixing agriculture with industry and residential settlements. In other areas, villages have continued their agricultural pursuits, even specializing in high value-added crops. The Panyu district of Guangzhou, once a seamless landscape of agricultural villages, now also populated with high-rise gated communities, factories, and scattered commercial and office development, demonstrates the complexity of this evolving landscape.

Donna Graves
Transforming a Hostile Environment: Japanese Immigrant Farmers in Metropolitan California

In California—provider of one-third of America’s table food and the most intensely farmed landscape outside the tropics—the histories of agriculture and immigration are inextricably entwined. Despite their relatively small numbers, pervasive discrimination, and severe legal restrictions placed on them, Japanese immigrants forged an outsized role in the Golden State’s agricultural production during the first half of the 20th century. This paper will examine the unique role that Nikkei, Japanese immigrants and their children, played in vegetable, fruit, flower, and poultry production in the metropolitan regions of Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recruited to fill the need for cheap agricultural labor created by the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, many Japanese immigrants moved from seasonal migrant labor to sharecropping, tenant farming, and small farms of their own. By the late 1930s, they accounted for one-third of the value of California’s truck farms and dominated several areas of production including strawberries, celery, snap beans, peppers, and the cut flower industry. The pattern of Japanese Americans working small plots in less dense urban areas, or at the urban edge, was common to both flower growing and truck farming and was shaped by legislation that restricted Japanese immigrants from owning real property in California after 1913. Confined by these limitations to land ownership, Nikkei worked small parcels intensively with quick growing crops that could turn a relatively high profit without requiring a large amount of upfront capital. Their success in these fields led to increased antipathy among California nativists who organized vicious anti-Japanese campaigns.

This paper will describe the agricultural web Nikkei constructed in and near urban centers to circumvent a hostile environment by connecting small-scale family farms and nurseries to Japanese agricultural cooperatives and wholesale markets such as Los Angeles’ City Market and the California Flower Market in San Francisco. This web also included threads connecting Nikkei agriculture to Japantowns across California and transnationally to Japan. Finally, I will examine the turning points that diminished Japanese Americans’ role in California agriculture including WWII forced relocation and incarceration and the rise of large-scale agribusiness.

David H. Haney
The Anarchist Prince, the "Architect for Horticulture," and the Politics of Vegetable Gardening

Although today vegetable gardening and allotments are considered positive urban amenities, in the recent past they were seen as a means of political and social reform. The Russian prince turned anarchist, Peter Kropotkin (1842-1921), believed that small communities that produced their own food and goods could become relatively independent of mainstream capitalism. In his 1898 book, Fields Factories and Workshops, Kropotkin claimed to be observing existing trends towards small-scale production already taking place. Kropotkin carefully observed the techniques of Paris market gardeners, whom he claimed were so good at producing their own soil from waste that they could grow vegetables on asphalt. Kropotkin was neither a gardener nor a planner but a political activist, yet for him small-scale intensive vegetable gardening was key in developing a new, de-centralized, anarchist society.

The self-styled German “architect for horticulture,” Leberecht Migge (1881-1935), later took up Kropotkin’s call in the lean post-war years of 1918 and 1919, publishing a brochure titled “Everyman Self-
Sufficient!" Migge, a gardener and planner, presented a model settlement plan where the vegetable garden became a rationalized planning unit offering relative economic and social freedom. In the prosperous 1920s Migge adapted his system to the large-scale modernist housing projects, the Gross-Siedlungen. In the 1930s Migge changed his views yet again, proposing that traditional and modern agricultural landscapes be understood as paradigms for new self-sufficient settlement landscapes.

In the 1970s the Austrian architect Roland Rainer (1910-2004) wrote a book on traditional agricultural life in China titled, *The World as Garden*, crediting Migge as a major source of inspiration. This paper concludes by asking if the idea of the small garden may still maintain some future political value, while posing problems of scale and culture as defining factors.

Zef Hemel
The Landscape of the Dutch Modernist IJsselmeerpolders, 1930-1969

The food supply system for the city of Amsterdam in the 19th and first half of the 20th century was mostly regional. Water dominated, roads were lacking and there were no cold stores until 1905, so fresh food had to be transported over water. Farmers in the immediate environs of Amsterdam provided city markets with their own food: cheese, lettuce, milk, beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and fruit. Their small boats entered the city at night. This unique regional market system functioned until the 1930s. It explains why horticultural areas like Aalsmeer and cheese producing centers like Purmerend and Alkmaar are all situated in a circle of only thirty kilometers from Amsterdam. Nowadays these areas all are producing for a world market, but in the 19th century they were only supplying a regional market.

Things began to change during the Great War of 1914-1918. Thanks to their neutrality the Dutch exported their food on a massive scale to neighboring countries; food prices skyrocketed. Old plans to drain the Zuiderzee and reclaim land became profitable all of a sudden; decision making in the political arena became relatively easy. In 1918, at the end of the war, the Dutch government decided to add 180,000 hectares of arable land to the country in order to give Dutch agriculture a great boost.

Reclaiming the Zuiderzee meant that in the immediate environs of Amsterdam new farmland would materialize on a massive scale. From the very first moment the city tried to influence the planning and landscaping of the new polders. Cornelis van Eesteren, president of CIAM and head of the planning department of the city, entered the Corps of Engineers responsible for the reclamation works in 1949. From that moment on the designing of the landscape of the Dutch IJsselmeerpolders became a Modernist experience: a unique combination of water engineering, industrialized farming, and functional landscaping: productive, aesthetic, and agreeable.

Laura Lawson
Quantifying, Qualifying, and Justifying the Community Garden

“How much food can a community garden really grow?” Although community gardens are usually included in the suite of community food security interventions, skepticism about the quantity of food that can be produced by individuals working small plots often leads to justifying gardens as sites of education and outreach rather than food production. An examination of community garden advocacy in the U.S. from the late 19th to late 20th centuries reveals a recurring theme of gardens as sites of food production, but how and why is relative to changing political and economic contexts. Contradictory purposes ensue, such as garden produce being part of a comprehensive food system to being a subordinate and separate system, and from gardening as an act of individualism to collective action. The inconsistent views of production underscore a second recurring theme of gardening as a response to crisis rather than a component of long-term planning and policy. As a result, community gardens are not framed as ‘normal’ urban space and gardening as typical urban practice; gardening for food production is justified only so far as the crisis at hand permits.

This presentation highlights community garden discourse centering on food production and subsequent justifications and framings, with demonstrations of how the crisis narrative changes community gardening from normal practice to temporary solution. The paper examines published documents from four periods of widespread community garden advocacy—the 1890s, World Wars I and II, the Great Depression, and the 1970s and 80s—with particular focus on Philadelphia, Chicago, and Seattle. The presentation
concludes with an alternative perspective of gardening not as a response to crisis, but as a normal part of the urban landscape that has persisted over time and space through various changing political and economic contexts.

Mary McLeod
Radiant Farm and Village: Le Corbusier’s Agricultural Utopia, 1933-1942

“The country is the other city of tomorrow.”
— Le Corbusier, La Ville Radieuse, 1935.

Most architects and scholars familiar with Le Corbusier’s planning proposals, such as the Ville Contemporaine (1922) and the Ville Radieuse (1930), assume that he, like many modern architects, was exclusively concerned with urbanization and mass-production. Certainly, the issue of food, beyond proposals for collective restaurants in his Immeuble-villas, is not a major theme in these projects. However, in the 1930s, Le Corbusier became intensely preoccupied with issues of agriculture and peasantry. At this time, he had become involved with a small non-conformist political movement, Regional Syndicalism, which called for decentralized governing units based on natural topography and local economy. A major concern of this movement was the condition of the French peasantry, which had become increasingly politically active during the Depression. After meeting in 1933 with a group of peasants involved with Regional Syndicalism, Le Corbusier became interested in how notions of rational planning might be extended to the countryside. However, like his new political associates, he rejected large-scale Soviet models of agricultural production and called instead for modern family farms, which retained the family as the central unit of agricultural production, at least in regions of bocage such as the Sarthe. The result was a design for a model farm house and barn, using pre-fabricated panels, called the Ferme Radieuse. He also designed a model “village,” the Village Radieux (later renamed the Centre Coopératif) which would provide collective amenities (a co-op, silo, garage, school, club, etc.) for a small group of farmers from the region. Le Corbusier claimed to have worked closely with local residents in the design of these two projects: his goal was to unite modern amenities and production techniques with local traditions and the existing terrain. The two rural proposals were first published in two regional syndicalist publications, Prélude and L’Homme Réel.

Le Corbusier continued to explore and promote these projects throughout the 1930s and early 1940s, hoping to persuade both the Popular Front and the Vichy government to adopt his ideas. The Ferme Radieuse and the Village Radieux were also the subject of considerable debate at the C.I.A.M. (Congrès Internationaux d’Architecture Moderne) meeting held in Paris in 1937, with the Dutch socialists adamantly rejecting the small-scale regionalism of Le Corbusier’s proposals. Although Le Corbusier’s designs were not realized, they influenced his own later planning studies, such as his outline for regional development, Les Trois Etablissements humains (1943-46). This study, developed with the ASCORAL group, called for a tripartite model of planning, consisting of agricultural settlements, radio-concentric cities of exchange, and linear industrial settlements.

In this paper I shall present a short history of the Ferme Radieuse and Village Radieux projects and attempt to situate Le Corbusier’s ideas about agriculture and rural habitation within the history of modern architecture more generally. Brief comparisons will be made to other modernist planning proposals for the countryside, such as Soviet schemes for deurbanization and the Italian Pontine Marsh towns (Le Corbusier proposed the Village Radieux as an alternative to the “romanticism” of Sabaudia).

Luc Mougeot
Urban Agriculture in the Global South: Four Logics of Integration

Agriculture seeks to integrate itself to the city at different scales and in different ways. Largely driven by practitioners themselves, these processes can be supported and improved through collaboration with other urban actors and appropriate policy support. Policy research on urban agriculture in the global South over the last 10-15 years has centered on informing and influencing public actions to promote the integration of agriculture in the city. This experience suggests that such actions must pay attention to at least four processes and their interactions at work in any given city: optimizing land rent through the evolution of agricultural land use over time; optimizing income by adding value to agricultural production; optimizing public good by valuing agriculture for its multiple urban functions; and optimizing resource
through-flow by integrating agriculture in design. The paper attempts to model these four processes through which operators try to optimize productivity and income, and cities seek to optimize public benefits and urban resources. The paper reflects on the constraints and opportunities which such processes offer for design to improve the integration of agriculture to cities in global South contexts, especially in Africa and Latin America.

Florent Quellier

“Paris is a land of plenty”: Kitchen Gardens as a Major Urban Phenomenon in a Modern European City (16th – 18th centuries)

During the Ancien Régime the productive garden was both a major urban phenomenon and a characteristic feature of the peri-urban and urban landscape. In addition to being located on the outskirts of the city, productive gardens were very present within Paris proper, whether as marais (marshy plots dedicated to intensive vegetable cultivation), aristocratic mansions and religious communities, or pots on window sills. The urban production of foodstuff is explained first and foremost by the need to find a quick and efficient way of ensuring that Parisians were supplied with fruit, vegetables, and herbs in an economy which was widely compartmentalized and constrained by slow transport. Furthermore, the 17th- and 18th-century nouvelle cuisine’s craze for early vegetables, lettuces, and luscious fresh fruit—rather than dried legumes and cellar-stored fruits and vegetables—required local food production and an efficient distribution system.

Parisian urban and peri-urban productive gardens offered several advantages over those of the rural world and small towns. These advantages included access to an abundant labor force and to large quantities of manure and sludge, the patronage of a high-paying consumer base, and knowledge of the tastes of the city and the court. The Parisian market even made possible a specialization process in market gardening and fruit production, with, for example, the growing of early vegetables, espaliered peaches, and parsley; specialization which was unthinkable in the rural world. In addition to these technical, economic, and social factors, we should also consider cultural factors. During the last two centuries of the Ancien Régime, the privileged classes took an extremely keen interest in gardening, and specifically in the cultivation of vegetables and fruits. The principle of good housekeeping and the absolutist ideal of domesticated nature, as illustrated in espalier and pruning techniques, fertilizing, the production of early vegetables, and the development in the 18th century of heated greenhouses, fostered among the privileged classes the social obligation of having a kitchen garden, in spite of their having the financial means to buy produce. It should be noted that surplus production from the gardens of the nobility and ecclesiastical institutions contributed to the city’s food supply.

The kitchen garden was not just a simple production space to be tolerated in the heart of the modern city: for the elite, it performed as both a productive and an ornamental landscape. Tourists deemed the kitchen gardens of Paris and environs to be attractions worthy of visit. Predictably, these comprised the elegant gardens of the nobility, ecclesiastical institutions, and the bourgeoisie. However, the simpler market gardens within and outside the city’s boundaries, as well as technically-advanced productive landscapes such as the murs-à-pêches in Montreuil, to the east, also received a great deal of attention. Visitors could admire espalier, fertilizing, and forcing techniques, as well as witness social ideals such as the display and domestication of nature.

Although we typically consider vegetable and fruit production as the rural facet of cities in the modern era, I believe that it was in fact perceived by contemporaries as a symbol of urbanity. Not only were the Parisian kitchen gardens spaces of modernity, displaying technical advances such as fertilizing, climate control, and pruning techniques, but they also illustrated the concept of urbanity and civility. Witnesses to this claim were the 17th- and 18th-century country houses and estates featuring a kitchen garden—not a concession to their rural setting, but rather a commitment to urbane values and uses.

David Rifkind

Consuming Empire

The simultaneous transformation of two landscapes—one agricultural and the other urban—served as twin instruments for reforming social structures and reconstructing cultural identities under Italy’s Fascist government. During the 1930s, the regime invested heavily in land reclamation and city-building projects
in both metropolitan Italy and its African colonies. These efforts often proceeded in tandem, as in the Pontine Marshes, and the overarching logic of bonifica (reclamation) came to define the authoritarian and utopian goal of forming landscapes and re-forming citizens: both needed to be ordered, and to be made productive.

This essay examines three types of agricultural settlements built in Italian East Africa, including older plantations in southern Somalia and hamlets and villages for demobilized veterans in the Ethiopian highlands. While Italian efforts to support their imperial venture through agricultural production were largely unsuccessful, their impact on the built environment provides important evidence of the motives—both official and unspoken—that animated the country’s attempts at overseas expansion in the fascist era.

Colonial agricultural production influenced urban design and material culture in several ways. In addition to their roles as depots and distribution centers, Italian colonial cities mirrored the geometric and social orders of the productive landscape around them. The neat organization of the rural landscape into croplands, orchards, pastures, and forests, and the systematic segregation of urban districts according to use, class, and race manifested a common concern with order, hierarchy, and control. Verdant corridors flowed into the cities to help effect these divisions, but excluded agricultural functions so to avoid mixing farmworkers with other classes. The cities acted as belvederes from which to look out over the surrounding agricultural landscape, which in turn reflected the concern with surveillance that drove the design of residential areas within the city limits.

**Jordan Sand**

**Tokyo Bay as Productive and Aesthetic Landscape**

This paper will explore the history of Tokyo Bay as a frontier for urban development, a scenic vista, and a productive landscape. Most of the shoreline was once made up of shallow tidelands, rendering the boundary between land and sea vague. Since the city’s founding in 1600, the city has steadily encroached through repeated landfill projects. In the 20th century, large-scale construction of artificial islands was accompanied by dredging for an industrial port. Beginning in 1959, architects and planners proposed visionary plans for converting the entire bay into habitable urban space. These ideas were still alive in the 1990s.

The evidence of woodblock prints and other art suggests that the bay and the Sumida River that flows into it have been important scenic features and leisure spaces for Tokyo since early in its history.

The bay’s history as a productive landscape is closely tied to the history of the city itself. The raw fish on vinegared rice that is today the classic form of sushi is a product of the intimate relationship between the city and Tokyo Bay, having been invented in Tokyo in the 18th century. The bay was also extensively farmed, since the shallows provided ideal conditions for nori seaweed production. These productive uses were decimated in the mid-20th century by dredging and industrial pollution. Since the 1980s movements have emerged for their revival, as much for the urban amenity they are seen to represent as for the actual value of the marine products.

The critical feature distinguishing the bay as a part of the political economy of the urban landscape is that it was managed through most of its history as a commons. This paper will explore the implications of water space as commons to both the productive and the aesthetic aspects of the bay’s history.

**Susan Taylor-Leduc**

**Market Gardens in Paris: A Circulus Intelligent from 1790-1900**

Maxime Du Camp, describing market gardeners at Les Halles in his *Paris: ses organes, ses fonctions, et sa vie* (1870), recounts a symbiotic relationship between the maraîchers and the city. Du Camp records that after the gardeners deposited their vegetables for sale, certain maraîchers recuperated natural wastes from the city. Du Camp characterized this exchange as a circulus intelligent: waste was recycled to produce food. The history of market garden culture in 19th-century Paris reveals that the relationship between garden and city was a constantly changing circulus to accommodate the demands of urban food supply.
The concept of a *circulus*, an interconnected organic system, inspired 19th-century engineers, hygienists and chemists to industrialize the process of intensive fertilization practiced by market gardeners to irrigate land with non-human waste. An experimental farm was founded in 1869-70 at Gennevilliers where sewage water from Paris increased farmlands from one hundred to over two thousand acres in less than twenty years. By 1893 the Gennevilliers sewage farms produced over 40,000 heads of cabbage. The engineering feats that linked sewage and suburb became a displaced referent for garden culture within the city limits. Adolphe Alphand, as head of the Promenades de Paris, disenfranchised agrarian productivity from the urban landscape, resignifying the urban park as a place for leisure, not agriculture.

From 1790-1860 market gardens were transient spaces that demarcated the constantly shifting faubourg and suburb. As the *jardins maraîchers* were displaced, their produce became a symbolic garden—the market of France—that was displayed daily at the Carreau des Halles. Emile Zola’s detailed descriptions of gardeners and their vegetables in his mythic *Belly of Paris* (1873) coupled with contemporary photographs and testimonials about Les Halles, substantiates that local abundance was metaphorically aligned to a productive nation.

As food supply became nationalized, contemporary treatises dedicated to the *maraîchers* reveal a vibrant community maintaining traditional methods of intensive fertilization, but also accelerating experimentation with new varieties that could be grown out of season. These prized early vegetables, known as *primeurs*, continued to have a high market value even after the expansion of the railroad placed *maraîchers* in competition with imported vegetables and the increased production from sewage farms. The *primeurs*, celebrated in culinary literature, provided an economic boon for the *maraîchers* while promoting a gastronomic fashion that contributed to definitions of ‘good’ taste. Market garden culture is often marginalized in studies of 19th-century Paris, yet this paper will suggest that market gardens were intimately intertwined with urban history, landscape planning, food supply, and aesthetics.

**Meredith Tenhoor**

**Markets and the Agricultural Landscape in France, 1940-1979**

My paper will consider the ways that agricultural and urban spaces were connected by the institution of a program of National Wholesale Markets (Marchés d'Intérêt National) in France during the 1950s and 60s. These markets, which had previously been under local control, were nationalized by Decree No. 53-959 on September 30, 1953, allowing for greater coordination between markets, and between different national agencies: territorial development, agriculture, and finance. National Wholesale Markets were explicitly intended to lower food prices by reducing speculation at the market, and implicitly designed to support a transition to industrial agriculture by making markets optimized for selling uniform agricultural products. They were also attempts to create a more tightly integrated network for moving food from farmland to cities. Connected to rail lines and other forms of transportation, and largely located in the peripheries of cities, they sought to reduce the material barriers involved in bringing food from farm to table, and they relegated what had been a visible and central part of urban life to largely invisible suburban locations, making connections between production and consumption that had once been more direct much more anonymous. Looking at National Interest markets built in Lyon, Nice, Toulouse and Lille (1964-68), and at the most important market, at Rungis near Paris (1969), I will show how both the agricultural landscape and the organization of cities in France were transformed by the wholesale market system.

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