

Ronen Zien | Khan al-Akhdar Curator: Maya Frankel Tene | 4.4.19–18.5.19

The centerpiece of this work is the Bedouin village of Kahn al-Ahmar, adjacent to Kfar Adumim and highway 1. The controversy around the resettlement of its inhabitants—dozens of the Jahalin tribe—to an alternative location, has occupied Ronen Zien during his repeated visits to the village, and has affected his choice to investigate the concepts of nomadism and displacement, and the landscape as a cultural medium and a powerful political tool.

The exhibition displays three works, which conserve a familiar perception of landscape depiction—land, sky, and the horizon between them. Zien's camera, situated on hill nearby the village, turns in a different direction each time: The lights from the permanent homes of the settlements Kfar Adumim, Alon, and Nofei Prat appear in a nightly photo. Another view shows a pristine desert landscape, free of any human signs. The third image shows a donkey and its owners. The donkey is held by a loose rope, and is set against a green screen, the kind that is used as a temporary background in cinematic exterior shots.

The motif of exchange repeats in different aspects in the work. The name of the village has been replaced in the exhibit's title from Khan al-Ahmar (red) to Khan al-Akhdar (green); a move symbolizing a possible scenario, in which the red desert soil may be replaced with a new and unfamiliar environment. The green screen, erected in the heart of the desert landscape, exists as a sign of its replacement with a different, unknown view when the time comes. The exhibit's space, too, invites the viewer into an experience of replacement.

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