



AHISKA TURKS

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HISTORY

TIMELINE

AHISKA TURKS

AHISKA 1944

- Descended from Ottoman settlers
- Formerly inhabited the Meskheta region of Georgia, along the border with Turkey
- In 1944 forced to deport from Georgia to Central Asia
- 86 thousand people were forced leave their homes.
- Deported to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan , Azerbaijan



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UZBEKISTAN 1944 1989

- Deportation from Uzbekistan to other Soviet countries
- The train came to a halt in Uzbekistan, leaving behind most of my people.
- Resided in Uzbekistan for 45 year, Until 1989.
- My people were compelled to evacuate their residence once more for the second time.



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RUSSIA 1989 2004

- With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, some Ahıska Turks sought opportunities to leave Central Asia. Many of them resettled in various countries, including Russia, as refugees or migrants. In Russia, they have continued to face the challenges associated with adapting to a new environment, including language barriers, cultural differences, and economic struggles.





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UNITED STATES 2004 PRESENT

- Prior to 2004, there was no Ahiska Turkish community in the United States. Despite the challenges of the displacement and resettlement, the Ahiska Turk community in the USA has shown resilience in preserving its cultural identity. Language classes, traditional music, dance, and cuisine are actively maintained, passing down the rich heritage to younger generations.
- By the end of 2007, around 17,000 Turks settled in 66 towns of 32 states in the US.





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