

In the Golden Land: A Century of Russian and Soviet Jewish Immigration in America - 181 pages - 9780275957315 - VNR AG, 1997 - Rita James Simon - 1997

The Golden Land is a museum-in-a-book that devotes a double-page spread--complete with removable letters, documents, and personal effects--to each of the successive waves of Jewish immigration to America, from the Germans and Eastern Europeans in the 19th and early 20th centuries to the refugees from the Nazis in the 1930s and '40s to the Soviet Jews in the 1970s and '80s. America was the first nation where Jews were regarded as citizens from the very beginning, and The Golden Land reveals how they converted opportunity to success in fields from commerce, medicine, and science to movies, music, and art. In the first half of the nineteenth century, Jewish immigrants came mostly, though not exclusively, from Central Europe. In addition to settling in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, groups of German-speaking Jews made their way to Cincinnati, Albany, Cleveland, Louisville, Minneapolis, St. Louis, New Orleans, San Francisco, and dozens of small towns across the United States. A Prayer Book for Travelers to America. This miniature daily prayer book was printed in Germany in 1842, "especially for travelers by sea to the nation of America." Jewish women made up the majority of workers in the garment industry, especially in the dress and shirtwaist trade. The Russian-Jewish-American-post-Soviet-immigrant-New York novel. The "trendlet" is still trending, the "wavelet" is still surging; the vogue for Russian American immigrant fiction has turned into a fully fledged literary boom. What does this say about contemporary American life? Nobody cared to listen to her! Lena was suddenly seized by an acute feeling of being a stranger in America," writes Vapnyar. But at the hotel swimming pool Lena meets Ben, an American with whom she begins a brief, intense affair, and the book weaves between this new intimacy and her memories as Lena tells Ben about one fateful summer at a children's camp in the woods of pre-perestroika USSR. 2015. Russian Jewish immigrants in the United States: The adjustment of their English language proficiency and earnings in the American community survey. Contemporary Jewry Published online, 11 April. Google Scholar. Cohen, S.M. 1986. Israeli Migrants and the New York federation: A case study in ambivalent policymaking for Jewish communal deviants. Contemporary Jewry 7: 155-165. CrossRef Google Scholar. Cohen, N. 2009a. In the golden land: A century of Russian and Soviet Jewish immigration in America. Westport: Praeger. Google Scholar. Sobel, Z. 1986. Migrants from the Promised Land. New Brunswick: Transaction. Google Scholar. Spiegel, B. 2012. A Promised Land. Narrative.ly, October 23. Google Scholar. Teicholz, T. 2013.