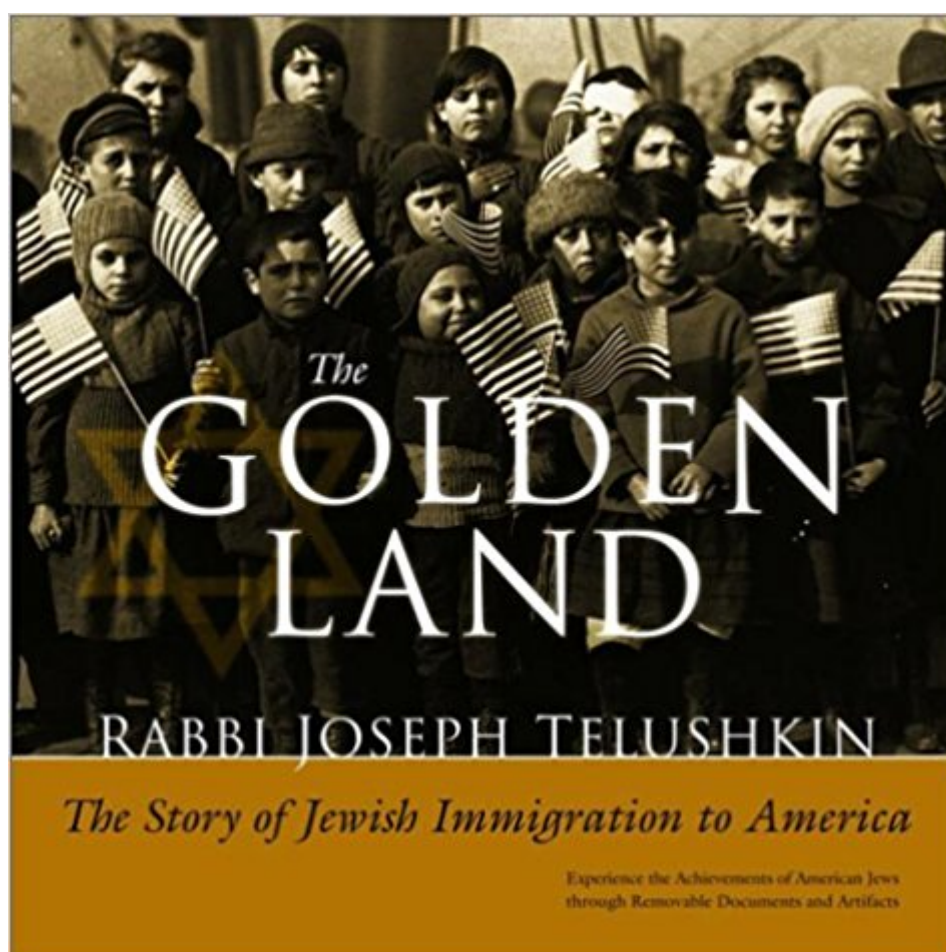


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The Golden Land: The Story Of Jewish Immigration To America: An Interactive History With Removable Documents And Artifacts



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This brief, illustrated account of four centuries of Jewish immigration to the "golden land," is American Jewish history for beginners. Telushkin, a noted popularizer of Jewish history and culture (Jewish Literacy, etc.), offers an introduction to the first arrival of Jews to New Amsterdam in 1654 (leaving Brazil a step ahead of the Portuguese Inquisition), to the Lower East Side in the early 20th century and other historical moments. Telushkin's narrative touches on such themes as "A Passion

for Education" and "Jews and Popular Culture" and highlights significant trends such as German peddlers who founded retail empires and Jewish contributions to the entertainment industry. He also takes notes of poverty and conflicts between established German Jews and the wave of Russian immigrants around the turn of the 20th century. The text is supplemented with photographs, and removable artifacts in reproduction (e.g., the Griffin and Sabine series) that augment almost every spread: a pamphlet advertising a Yiddish theater production, a handwritten copy of Emma Lazarus's "The New Colossus," a multilingual flyer urging Cleveland immigrants to send their children to public schools. The simple text and trendy pullouts may make this attractive to younger readers. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Very compelling book on Jewish immigration to America, with some interesting surprises. Would like others like it, especially about how Jews lived in tenements and did business.

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Joseph Telushkin is an ecumenically minded progressive sort of Orthodox rabbi, probably best known for his giant book on Jewish Literacy. This book is just 32 over-sized pages, but is PACKED with amazing photos, removable reproductions of fliers and ship passage tickets, various artifacts, etc. He gives a museum-like experience to the reader. You get as good of a taste of the turn of the century Jewish immigrant experience as any such book could offer. Wonderful book.

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