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+ no future in Revolutionary Russia. Build atheistic international, anti-nationalist working class.

Socialist

Propaganda in 1880s + early 1890s - finds its greatest receptivity amongst Jews despite certain degree of anti-sem. undertone of rhetoric of the time - calls for reevaluation. @ 1880s through mid 1890s - don't discourage Jews

1st stage

who are listening... start propagandizing / ~~to~~ organizing in Yiddish. Social Democratic party (Marxist) of Russia organizes a special component within itself in Yiddish to organize

2nd stage

~ @ Conclusion reached - Jews represent, not just a religious grouping or fading culture, but a nation amongst all of the nations of Europe.

→ Marxists downplay national identity

→ but they realize nations are convenient ways to organize,

Not to merge w/ Russian working class - legit. to advocate for a Jewish cultural autonomy within the Federated Russian party

- Jews organized themselves into an organization called the BUND (union) Important part of Russian Soc Dem Party.

- Feelings of the Non-Jewish members of the Soc Dem Party

Lenon - one of the leaders - doesn't like this idea bc BUND is sometimes in & sometimes out of Russian Soc Dem party. Not all Russian Social Dem Party members always see the Bund as pure Marxists.

- BUND - Lithuania & White Russia - succeeds in organizing 100s of thousands of workers; succeeds in identifying Yiddish as the proper language of the Jews / working class. Semi-autonomous Yiddish culture should exist.

> Bundism saw itself as opposed to Zionism -

(form of Jewish nationalism) - ~~not~~

Zionism - reactionary - backward / ultra-conserv, non-favoring of working masses.

Hebrew - lang. of rabbis - bourgeoisie.