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## Why the USA

Pull Factor

- USA industrial magnet
- promoting immigration (state gov'ts, private industries)

Push Factor

- anti-Semitism (pogroms - short run) - aggravated situation, not cause
- economic + biological reasons - Long Run  
w/o expansion of Jewish economic activity / residential advancement
- imm. picked up before pogroms began
- 1/3 from outside Russian empire area

Mid 1880-1924

Prior to 1880 - smaller #s (200,000) - mostly from W. Europ.  
Settled all over country - spread out through small towns  
in Midwest

1880-1924 - big cities on East Coast and close by.

Yezierska - Bread Givers

- old world - status depended on something that is no longer  
important in American society