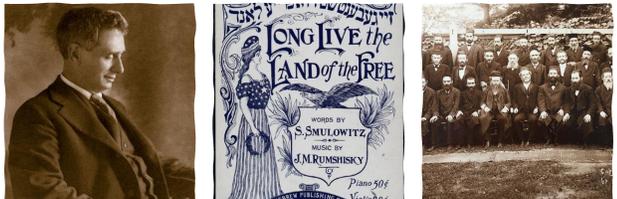


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Jewish Immigrant Activism in Gilded Age Boston

- 1902 Koshers Meat Boycott
- Jewish Garment Worker Unions and the Campaign Against the Sweatshop – Philip Davis and Henry Abrams
- Class Conflict in Jewish Boston But Far Less Than in New York – Model of the Filenes
- Larger Role of Jewish Labor and Immigrant Activism on American Jewish/Boston Jewish History

KOSHER MEAT RIOT IN BOSTON.
 Stores Bombarded by Heliocaine and Police Charge Overseas Arriving the Heliocaine.

POLICE GUARD BOSTON SHOPS.
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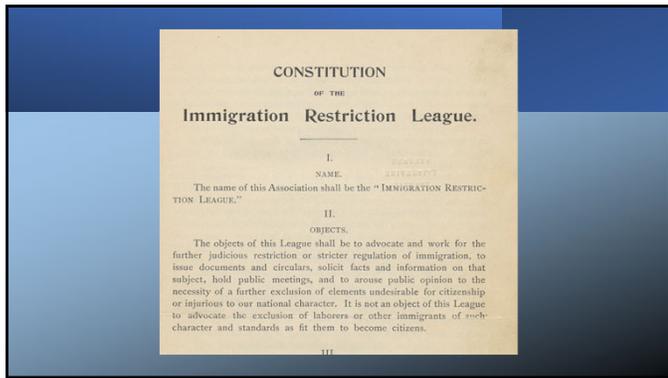
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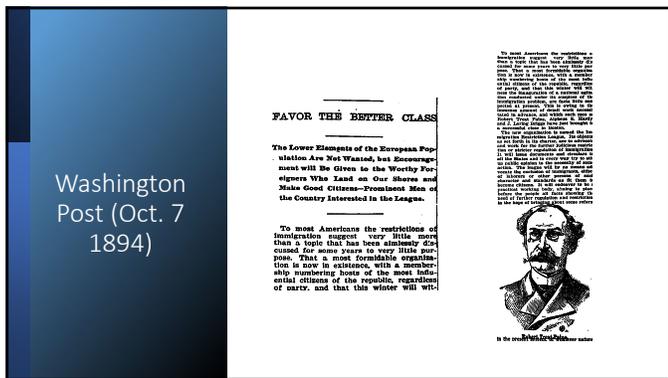
- The Formation of the Immigration Restriction League (IRL) in Boston (1893/1894) – Charles Warren, Robert DeCourcy Ward, and Prescott F. Scott
- Prescott F. Hall, *Immigration and Its Effects Upon the United States*: "The Jews we have received hitherto have been, in general, industrious, of good mental ability, but liable to disease, especially tuberculosis, in the crowded life of our city slums. The longevity of the race and its freedom from acute disease, apart from this factor of city life, has often been noted; so, also, is the freedom of the race from drunkenness and crimes of violence. The Jews have a keen personal ambition, and such lawbreaking as they do is usually in the breach of sanitary regulations or in trying to gain some monetary advantage by craft and deceit. Although the history of many of these immigrants in Europe is something for which they are not responsible, it does not augur well for their future as American citizens. This is shown by the fact that the authorities of the Jewish settlements in South America cause their recruits to be "filtered" several times before accepting them. 17 The physical degeneration of the Jew in New York and Philadelphia has been accompanied to some extent by a moral and political degeneration. The report of the United Hebrew Charities above referred to states that "the vice and crime, the irreligious-ness, lack of self-restraint, indifference to social conventions, indulgence in the most degraded and perverted appetites are growing daily more pronounced and more offensive."
- 1917 Immigration Act, 1921 Emergency Quota Act, and 1924 Johnson-Reed Act

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American Jews At Home in Boston

- Boston as the "Athens of America"
- The Menorah Society – Harry Hurwitz
- Horace Kallen and Cultural Pluralism in Modern America
 - Harry Wolfson
 - Louis Brandeis
- Influence in the Progressive Era, the Rise of American Zionism, the American Jewish Congress, and American Political and Legal Thought
- Jacob de Haas and the Boston Jewish Advocate

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Mayor James Michael Curley and Boston's Jews

ZIONISTS MEET IN BOSTON
 Created by Governor and Mayor at the Opening Session.

There are many Jews who were invited to the meeting... Mrs. Register simply wouldn't budge on her vacation until she had arranged for the comforts of "pansy" and "tipperary" which are the names her cat answers to. She inserted an advertisement in a local paper and as a result secured the accommodations to her gain. She explained that she didn't want to take them to her camp because she thought it cruel to make them ride in a language coach, and besides they might be devoured by wild animals up there.

MRS. JESS WILLARD DYING.
 Champion's Wife Has Tuberculosis, Say Four Physicians at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y. June 27.—Mrs. Jess Willard, accompanying her husband who is traveling with a wild West show now being here, is dying of tuberculosis.

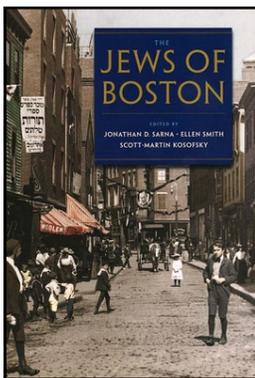


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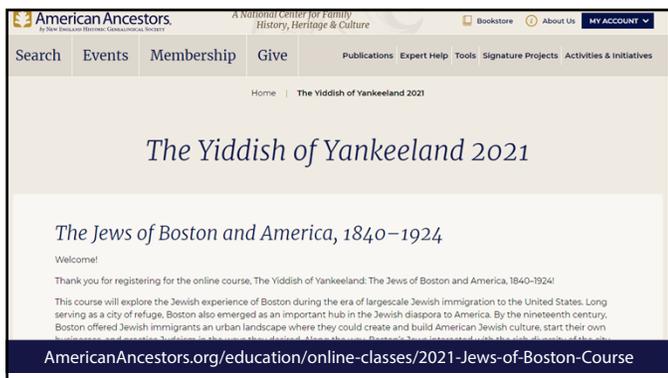
The Jews of Boston, Sarna and Smith (Pgs. 14 – 15)

- "Liberalism underlay all of these creative syntheses, and that is no accident. ... Temple Israel's rabbi, Solomon Schindler and [his successor] Charles Fleischer, preached liberalism in the late 19th century; Louis Brandeis and his circle helped to shape American Progressivism in the early 20th century; Louis Kirstein, the Filene Brothers, [presidential advisor] David Niles, and [future Supreme Court Justice] Felix Frankfurter galvanized the forces of Boston liberalism in support of Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. ... Liberalism, indeed, forms part of the ethos of Boston's Jews – so much so that some Boston Jews consider its values to be intrinsic to Judaism itself. While far from the truth, the assumption is nevertheless revealing, providing as it does yet another example of the local penchant for synthesizing two worlds into one."

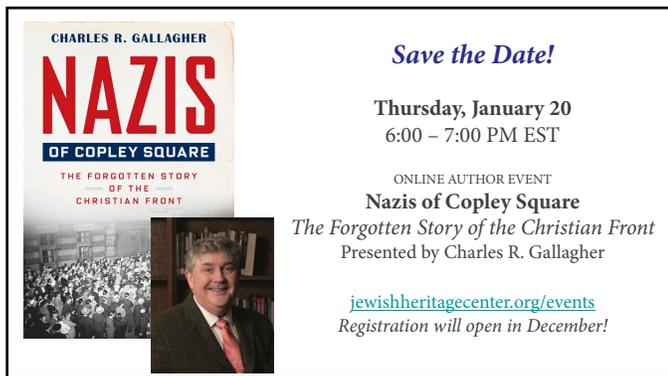
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