

# A tale of the New York Ghetto

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### The Final scene of Yekl

The last scene of Yekl is dominated by the theme of immigration featuring two Jewish immigrants who decide to relocate to America. Throughout the story, the reader is taken through the changes that occur as a result of immigration. The "imported bridegroom revolves around the issue of how secularism and traditional faith come to collide. Yekl had been having an affair with Mamie without the awareness of his wife. This character experiences a lot of changes during the story. Before his migration to After he migrated to America, he changes his name to Jake. The fact that he changes his name shows us that he had now begun the journey of becoming a completely new person. His migration seems to completely erase his connection with traditional faith which is portrayed by the fact that he cannot pray.

Mamie seems to have control over Jake and uses this influence to convince him to hide in Philadelphia for the divorce to be settled. Cahan uses Jake's deep reactions after agreeing to marry Mamie to reveal Jake's character after the divorce. Jake deeply regrets the fact that he has to leave his son behind before boarding a train to Philadelphia. He is deeply hurt by this fact which seems to reveal to the reader that deep down, he still cared for his family. After the divorce, Jake is better off since he seems t have had a great love for Mamie. Now that he is granted the opportunity to be with her, his desires are fulfilled. His wife, Gilt seems to have been hurt due to the fact she faints when they are handed to her. In the ending, Cahan describes Gilt and the neighbors as people who cannot mind their business. This is illustrated by Jake's reactions before he decides to go to Gilt and demand that she minds her own business.

Cahan ends the story by bringing to our attention, Jakes wishes for the trip to the mayor's office to be prolonged. Some part of Jake did not want for the marriage with Mamie to happen since he wishes for it to delay although his wishes are not fulfilled. Cahans shows how a family

gets separated due to migration which erases a person's traditional faith. Cohan seems to tell the reader that immigrants should not abandon their culture even if they migrate to foreign countries. The author, Cohan seems to warn the reader about the behavior of forgetting someone's traditional faith as well as a family after they migrate to America or any other foreign country.

#### America and I "Yeziarska"

Although the article revolves mostly around the immigration of Yeziarska's and the creation of her own place in America, the story is based on the personal experiences of the character. Yeziarska reads the history of the first settlers of America and discovers the way the Pilgrims struggled. She compares this struggle with the way she experiences difficulties in America which she thought would be a favorable place to adopt her desired lifestyle. The expectations that she has about America seem to be unfulfilled due to the fact that she has had to work long hours to survive.

Unlike the Pilgrims, she has always given up. However, Yeziarska gets a revelation that just like the Pilgrims struggled, she must work her way to success. She applies this revelation by opting to take an English course which enables her to learn how to speak English. Although she still struggles even after learning English, she starts writing about the experiences of her fellow immigrants from Russia who come to America with the hope of making it in life.

At last, Yeziarska discovers the life she had longed for. The Pilgrims experienced difficulties during their first settlement in America. Yiziarska, after fleeing Russia with the hope of leading a satisfactory life in America, she finds that America is still being created. She, therefore, decides to work hard and contribute to the growth of America. The story of the Pilgrims validates what Yiziarska and other Russian immigrants do in their pursuit for a better life in America. The phrase America and I seems to align with the narrator's claim that she was

trying to create her own place in America. In broader terms, she was finding her way into the American community to adopt their quality lifestyle as she perceived it.

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