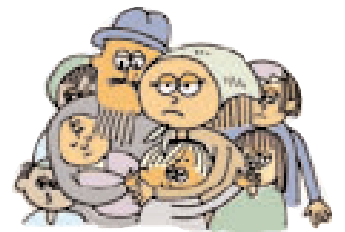


What does the
Statue of Liberty
have to do with
Thanksgiving?

These words from "The New Colossus", (the poem inscribed on the plaque just inside the entrance to the statue of Liberty in New York harbor) will give you a hint:



Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!



This poem was written in 1883 by a young girl named Emma Lazarus. She was born to a Jewish family that had been in America since colonial times. Emma met many Jewish refugees, and their plight inspired her to write the poem. The last lines welcome the immigrants, the pilgrims of that time.

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