

Jewish New York

Defining Jewishness

- Religion
- Ancestry and ethnicity
- Culture

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Religious Affiliation

Reform

Conservative

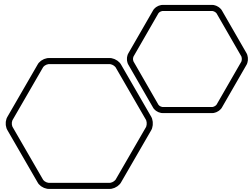
Orthodox

Modern Orthodox

Haredi

- Misnagdic
- Hasidic





Common Ethnic Terms

Ashkenazi (“German”)

Sephardi (“Spanish”)

Mizrahi (“Middle Eastern”)

Smaller groups:

- Italian
- Ethiopian
- Romaniote (Greek-speaking)





Jews of Color

Consciousness raised in late 1980s

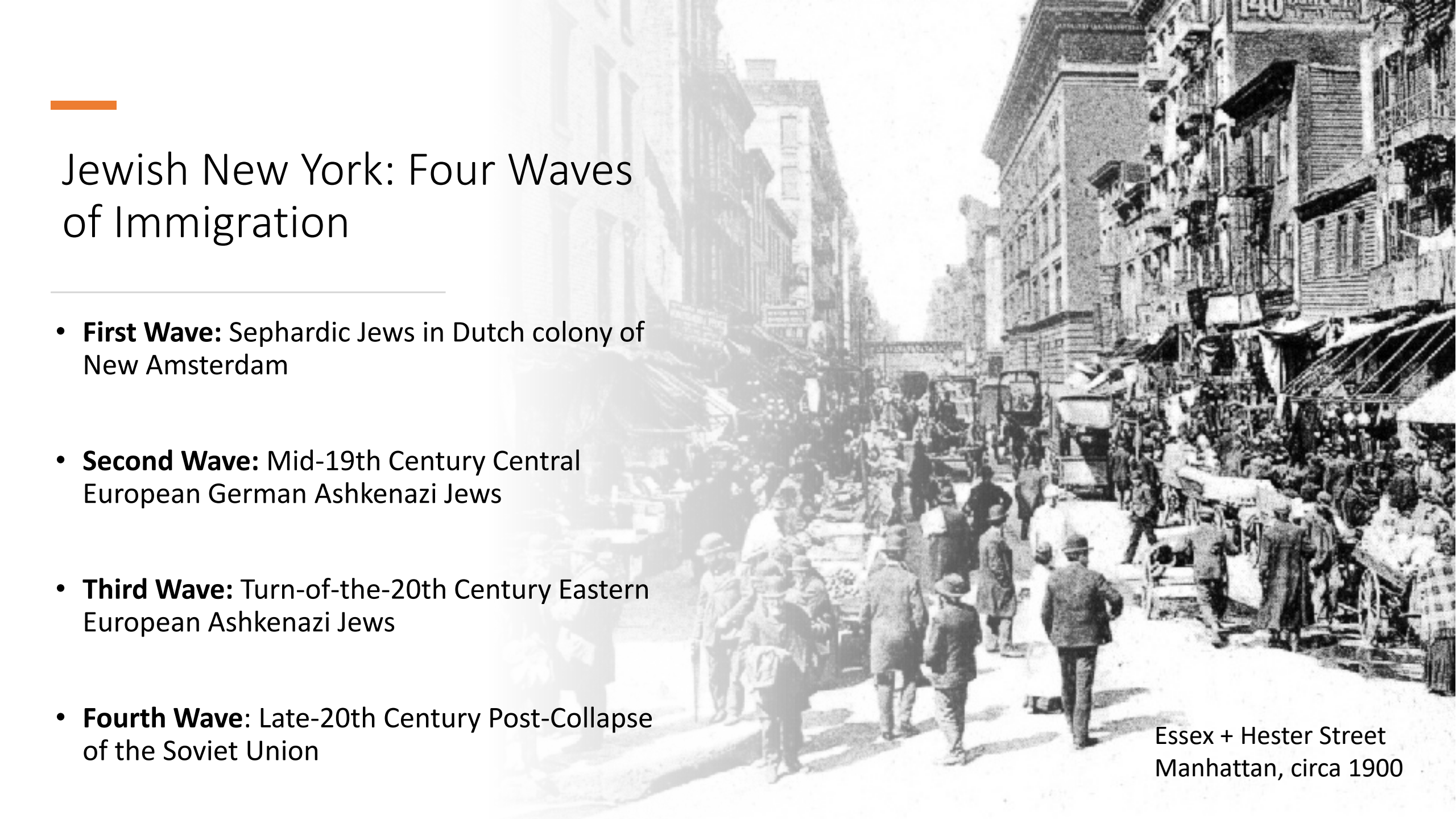
A porous designation (does it include Mizrahi Jews?)

Population estimates: 6% - 15% of Jews in the US



Jewish New York: Four Waves of Immigration

- **First Wave:** Sephardic Jews in Dutch colony of New Amsterdam
- **Second Wave:** Mid-19th Century Central European German Ashkenazi Jews
- **Third Wave:** Turn-of-the-20th Century Eastern European Ashkenazi Jews
- **Fourth Wave:** Late-20th Century Post-Collapse of the Soviet Union



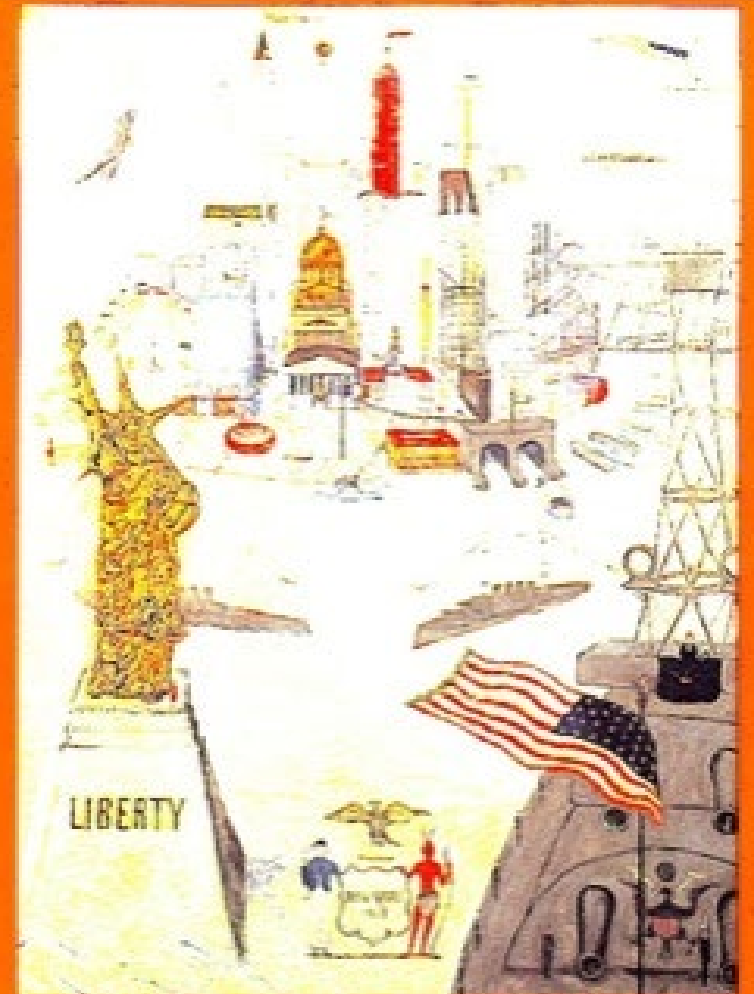
Essex + Hester Street
Manhattan, circa 1900

City College-CUNY, the "Proletarian Harvard"

- Est. by popular referendum in 1847
- Changing city demographics, increasingly secular CCNY
 - Free tuition
 - No quotas
- CCNY majority Jewish by 1930s

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Jewish Immigration to the Queens area

Russian-speaking Ashkenazi Jews:
immigration from late 1960s

Jews from Iran: immigration after 1979
Islamic Revolution

Bukharan Jews from former Soviet Central
Asia: immigration from 1990s

