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Death and destruction was the lot of the Jewish people in 19th and 20th century Russia

Russian peasants and other miscreants professing to be Christians attack the Jewish population with immunity and the blessing of the Russian Czar. Only by fleeing the country could a Jew be safe. Leaving loved ones and friends behind, Havah and a few relatives and friends escape the marauding horde in Russia, seeking safety in the United States of America. But even in America - the land of the free - there is bias, discrimination, hatred and mayhem.

Although things were worse in America than they had believed, it was like heaven compared to Russia, and Havah did have one American friend in her corner: President Theodore Roosevelt. Her faith and determination enabled her to persevere and lead her people through trials and tribulations that at times seemed almost too much to bear, but she was buttressed by her father's words: "As one must, one can."

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