

JEWISH READINGS FOR THE CITY OF SANCTUARY EVENT - 10TH DECEMBER

.... "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Emma Lazarus
C19th American

If you have a guest, never speak to him about learned matters unless you know he is able to participate in the conversation.

Judah heChasid
C12th German

A guest eating in a house in which he has been offered hospitality should leave something on his plate to show that he has been given enough. If, however, his host said to him, "Please do not leave anything," he should leave nothing on his plate. It once happened that a particular guest regularly took no notice when his host urged him to eat well. When the host observed this he naturally gave the guest smaller portions, but then the guest complained. A wise man told the guest, "Your host was quite right, because you should have listened to him in the first place. Your intention was to pay him respect, but the best way of honouring a person is to do what he wants."

Sefer Chasidim (Book of the Pious)
C12th German