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Immigrants from Russia became to be either doctors or farmers. The number of doctors per capita in Israel, therefore, is highest in the world. Doctors have been employed in the hospitals or became practitioners. They are merged in the Jewish and Arab societies. However, those who had no choice but to cultivate the soil should live in the cooperative settlements prepared by the government. The Mafia's family migrated to kolkhoz together with their relatives. They could not speak neither English nor Hebrew language. They used only Russian in their community. They prayed to Christ. The government forced to learn the Hebrew, but the old generation was too late to learn the new language.

Israeli society was icy for Russian immigrants who could not speak Hebrew. Establishments in the society looked down them as if they were second-class citizens. Israeli constitution assured that all of the citizen were equal by the place of origin, religion, or educational background. But this was only principle. The "Mafia" used to play with his friends in elementary school without being conscious of the color of the skin or the profession of their parents. But when he grew up, he became aware of discrimination. In order to overcome his disadvantage, "Mafia" studied Hebrew hard at school and achieved excellent grades. He joined the army where there was less discrimination.

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