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The most intense phase in the industrial annihilation of the Jews occurred between March 1942 and February 1943, when about two-thirds of the Nazis’ victims were killed. Murder on this scale entailed a massive logistical effort on the part of the Nazi regime, as the following report – the so-called Korherr Report – reveals. The report was drawn up in the spring of 1943 by Dr. Richard Korherr, the Inspector for Statistics with the Reichsführer SS, at the request of Heinrich Himmler. Adolf Eichmann, who was in charge of the “evacuation” of the European Jews in his capacity as head of the *Referat IV B4* at the Reich Main Security Office, later testified in court that the Korherr Report had made his job much easier.

After the war, Korherr found a position in the West German Ministry of Finance, but he was dismissed in 1961 when it became known, through the publication of Gerald Reitlinger’s book *Die Endlösung* [*The Final Solution*], how important the Korherr Report was in the conception of the “final solution.”

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THE FINAL SOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN JEWISH QUESTION

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I. INTRODUCTION

Drawing up an account of the accomplishments made along the way toward the solution of the Jewish question requires a numerical recording of Jewry and its development. Contradictions in the numerical figures regarding Jewry, however, necessitate a preliminary remark to the effect that numbers concerning the Jews must always be taken with special caution and can often lead to erroneous conclusions if there is no information on their source or the manner in which they were derived. The sources of these errors are found above all in the nature of Jewry and its historical development, in its restless wanderings for thousands of years, in the large number of those who joined and left, in the endeavor to assimilate, in the intermingling with host peoples, in the efforts of the Jew to escape statistical counting undetected, and, finally, in erroneous or erroneously interpreted statistics on Jewry.

Moreover, until most recently, statistics – partly out of statistical necessity, partly because of the nearly complete overlap between the Jewish faith and Jewish race, partly out of ignorance about the idea of race, partly out of adherence to the religious thinking of a given time – have almost never recorded the Jews according to their race, but instead according to their religious confession. The statistical recording of race presupposes many years of training [on the part of the researcher] as well as ancestral research. Another reason why it proved difficult, especially in southern and eastern countries, was that in spite of all overlapping, a uniform Jewish race was difficult to delineate statistically. Profession of the Mosaic or Israelite faith is, once again, not completely valid proof, because as a result of the former Jewish missionary movement, with its admission of masses of pagans and Christians, and through the defection into Judaism through mixed marriages and "conversion" in recent times, there is no small number of religious Jews who are not of the Jewish race, while, conversely, forced Christianization and the number of baptized Jews, which has risen again sharply during the last century, and the number of non-confessional racial Jews, have reduced the number of Jews. For example, in 1893 Leroy-Beaulieu estimated the number of Jews lost to Christianity at about four to ten times the number of Judaism's present-day adherents; according to Maurice Fishberg and Mathias Mises, three times the current number of Jews was absorbed into Aryan Europe. Even Hans Günther estimates the number of Jews in Germany at twice the number of Jews of the Mosaic faith who are German citizens. Finally, the Lithuanian Jew Brutzkus goes so far as to describe the Berlin Jews, with respect to the composition of their blood, as purer Europeans than the Germans in Berlin.

In keeping with these views, the number of racial Jews in Europe, including *Mischlinge*, has often been pegged at three times the number of religious Jews (in Eastern Europe twice as high, in Central Europe four times as high, in the rest of Europe even eight times as high), reckoning that 6% of the European population has some degree of Jewish blood. By contrast, in his estimate, Burgdörfer put the number of Jews in Germany in 1933 at 850,000 full, half, and

quarter Jews (with 502,799 religious Jews); for Austria in 1934 at 300-400,000 (with 191,481 religious Jews). The counting of racial Jews in the German census of 1939 yielded – with 307,614 religious Jews – only a somewhat higher number of 330,892 full Jews, 72,738 half Jews, and 42,811 quarter Jews, though these numbers cannot be seen as reliable especially with respect to half and quarter Jews. The numbers can be evaluated only as minimum numbers. They were generated by the question, "Was or is one of your four grandparents fully Jewish?" The question was listed on a "supplemental card" to the household list for the census of 1939 and had to be answered with "yes" or "no" for each grandparent. Since this supplemental card had to be submitted in a sealed envelope and was therefore not subject to control on the spot, it was poorly filled out. Many times, instead of an answer, only marks appeared in the corresponding boxes.

The first official attempt to count the Jews according to their race was immediately sabotaged by the Jews. It happened in the Austrian census of March 7, 1923. Shortly before the census, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Frank (*Großdeutsche Volkspartei* [Greater German People's Party]) signed a decree according to which the answer to question 7 of the census form (language) should "also include ethnic membership [*Volkszugehörigkeit*] and race." Since the census forms had already been printed, this was merely pointed out in a red notice slip without explanation, instruction, or examples. The way the Austrian Jews sabotaged this question is as follows: immediately before the census, the Jewish-Marxist press called upon its readers to answer the question about race with "white." The result was that the "white race was found throughout Austria about as far as the sphere of influence of the Jewish-Marxist press and parties extended." Only in Carinthia and the Burgenland was the preparation of the material carried out, albeit with rather questionable results; in the other states, and especially in Vienna, it was abandoned as pointless.

II. BALANCE SHEET FOR THE JEWS IN GERMANY

The following particulars about the number and development of the Jews in Germany are based on official census data and other Reich statistics, and on scientific calculations and estimates, though for the most part they were generated by the Reich Association of the Jews in Germany and by the religious communities in Vienna and Prague, who worked with censuses, counting-cards for population movement, extrapolation, and calculations and estimates. These Jewish offices work under the supervision of the Reich Security Main Office and for its purposes. Apart from the dubious data on the initial number of Jews, it would appear that the Reich Association of the Jews in Germany does reliable work. Based on the statistics produced by this office and checked by the Reich Security Main Office so far, the following conclusions can be drawn about the development of Jewry in Germany between the *Machtergreifung* [seizure of power] (January 30, 1933) and January 1, 1943, in the *Altreich* [Old Reich]; between

March 1938 and January 1, 1943, in Austria; and between March 1939 and January 1, 1943, in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia:

1. Balance Sheet for the Jews in the *Altreich* with Sudeten Gau and Danzig

Number of Jews in the *Altreich* (excluding Sudeten Gau and Danzig) on January 30, 1933: about 561,000

Attrition between January 30, 1933, to January 1, 1943, from

Excess deaths (in the <i>Altreich</i>)	- 61,193
Excess emigration	- 352,534
Departure (evacuation)	<u>- 100,516</u>
	- 514,243

Increase between January 30, 1933, and January 1, 1943, from

Incorporation of the Sudetenland	+ 2,649 ¹
other changes (Danzig, immigration, emigration, authorized departures from the community, recognition as <i>Mischling</i> of the 1st degree, new recording, updating of the files)	<u>+ 1,921</u>
	+ 4,570

Number of Jews in the *Altreich* (including Sudeten Gau and Danzig) on January 1, 1943 51,327

2. Balance Sheet for the Jews in the *Ostmark* [Austria after 1938]

Number of Jews in the *Ostmark* on March 1, 1938 about 220,000

Attrition between March 1, 1938, and January 1, 1943, from

Excess deaths	- 14,509
Excess emigration	- 149,124
Departure (evacuation)	- 47,555
other changes	<u>- 710</u>
	- 211,898

¹ This number of 2,649 Jews in the Sudetenland was determined in the census of 1939. Before the incorporation of the Sudetenland into the Reich, the number of Jews was about 3[illegible], though they quickly moved into the Protectorate without crossing a state border and without losing any property.

Number of Jews in the Ostmark on January 1, 1943 8,102
3. Balance Sheet for the Jews in the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia

Number of Jews in the Protectorate on March 15, 1939 118,310

Attrition between March 15, 1939, and January 1, 1943, from

Excess deaths	- 7,074
Excess emigration	- 26,009
Departure (evacuation)	- <u>69,677</u>
	- 102,760

Number of Jews in the Protectorate on January 1, 1943 15,550

The balance sheet does not include the newly acquired eastern territories (with the exception of Danzig). Their final numbers cannot be established yet. There are, however, various estimates regarding the Jews in these areas at the time of their incorporation into the Reich, and they are likely to lead to a number of about 630,000, to which we must add about 160,000 Jews in the district of Bialystok and about 1.3 million Jews in the General Government at the time of its establishment.² All together, that would produce in the entire German area (excluding the occupied eastern areas) at the end of 1939 a total number of about 2.5 million³ Jews, the vast majority of whom are found in the new East.

On January 1, 1943, the Reich – excluding the eastern territories, excluding the old-age ghetto Theresienstadt, and excluding work deployment within the framework of the Organization Schmelt – was down to only 74,979, 51,327 of whom were in the *Altreich*, 8,102 in the *Ostmark*, and 15,550 in the Protectorate. In the *Altreich*, including the Sudetenland, only 9.2 percent of the Jews who were there for the seizure of power still remain. On January 30, 1943, their number was only 48,242, or 8.6 percent; on February 28, 1943, it was down to 44,589, or 7.9 percent. Berlin, home to one-eighth of the Jews in Germany in 1880, more than one-quarter in 1910, and nearly a third in 1933, had no fewer than 32,999, or 64.3 percent, of the entire Jewish population of the *Altreich* on January 1, 1943; on January 30, 1943, it still had 30,121; on February 28, 1943, still 27,281. In the *Ostmark*, only Vienna still has any Jews.

Of the 51,327 Jews of the *Altreich*, 23,197 are men and 28,130 women. 40,351 are religious Jews; 10,976 are non-religious Jews. 16,760 live in mixed marriages, in the *Ostmark* 4,803 (of 8,102), in the Protectorate 6,211 (of 15,550).

² Excluding Lemberg District with around 700,000 Jews.

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III. WEAKNESS OF THE JEWISH VOLK

The balance sheet for the Jews in Germany shows an extraordinary excess of deaths. This results not only from the very high mortality rate of the Jews, but even more so from the marked scarcity of births. Thus, the natural population trend in the *Altreich*, including the Sudetenland, developed as follows (according to estimates and documentation from the Reich Association of the Jews in Germany, since the tallying of religious Jews is much more complicated and less reliable):

Births and deaths of Jews in the *Altreich*
(calculated and estimated until 1939)

Year	Births	Deaths	Excess deaths (-)
1933	3,425	8,925	- 5,500
1934	2,300	8,200	- 5,900
1935	2,500	8,100	- 5,600
1936	2,300	8,000	- 5,700
1937	2,100	8,000	- 5,900
1938	1,000	7,448	- 6,448
1939	610	8,136	- 7,526
1940	396	6,199	- 5,803
1941	351	6,249	- 5,898
1942	239	7,657	- 7,418
<u>1933-1942</u>	<u>15,221</u>	<u>76,914</u>	<u>- 61,693</u>

From the day of the seizure of power (January 30, 1933) until January 1, 1943, the excess of Jewish deaths in the *Altreich*, with the Sudetenland, totals 61,693; it represents the result of 14,921 births [sic: actually 15,221] and 76,114 deaths [sic: 76,914]. Although, on the one hand, migration, and, on the other hand, the absence of recording by the Reich Association of the Jews in the initial years, and the insufficiency of recording since then, particularly with respect to concentration camp deaths, leave much room for error, even this rough overview reveals that the level of deaths remained relatively constant despite the decline in the number of Jews. Jewish mortality would thus amount to 80-85 (as compared to 10 to 15 on average in Europe) per 1,000 (in the calendar year 1942).

Additionally striking is the decline in births, which is far ahead of the decline in the number of Jews. Accordingly, the birth rate for the Jews in the *Altreich* in 1942 would be only about 2.5 per 1,000. Similarly, in the *Ostmark* from March 1, 1938, to January 1, 1943, there were only 679 Jewish births to 15,188 Jewish deaths. In the *Altreich*, finally, only 14 Jewish children were born in December 1942, and only 7 and 8 in January and February 1943, respectively. Here, it must be remembered that, for decades, Jewry in the civilized western states has been at the forefront of declining birth rates, as was evident from the confessional birth statistics. As early as 1911,

the Jew Felix Theilhaber pointed to the resulting "decline of the German Jews," which was covered up only by the continuous influx of east-Jewish blood. This was only partly related to the aging of the European Jewry in large cities: the main issue is a matter of genuine weakness of life.

Looking at the extraordinary mortality of the Jews today and their low birth rate, however, one must take into account the extremely unfavorable age structure of the Jews. After the emigration of their best generations, the Jews in Germany are largely comprised of old people, as a result of which their age structure resembles – in a visual depiction in the form of the age pyramid and in the words of the Reich Association of the Jews – the shape of a "club," which is objectively true. There is a lack of children and those of a similar age capable of reproducing, while the generation of old people is not only too strong comparatively, but is also much stronger than the younger generation in purely numerical terms. This also accounts in part for the highly elevated suicide rate of the Jews, since suicide is predominantly a method of death among old people.

IV. THE EMIGRATION OF THE JEWS FROM GERMANY

The migration of the Jews from eastern to central and western Europe and from the whole of Europe overseas, primarily to the United States of America, is a phenomenon that has been generally observed for decades. A great many Jews emigrated from Germany primarily between 1840 and 1870, but after 1870 their emigration ceased almost entirely. Instead, the Germans emigrated. Jewish emigration from Germany since 1933, which, in a sense, is making up for the movement that did not happen after 1870, aroused the special attention of the entire civilized world, especially the Jewish-governed democratic states. Different sides used various methods to try and grasp the number and composition of the emigrants. They did not produce any uniform results, however. The numbers included in the German emigration statistics, those of the Reich Association of the Jews in Germany and of the Israelite religious communities in Vienna and Prague, the numerous foreign statistics, calculations, and estimates, the statistics of international Jewry, and the numbers from scientific studies diverge very strongly. For example, Prof. Zielenziger in Amsterdam calculates 135,000 emigrants from the seizure of power until the end of 1937; the Reich Association of the Jews calculates 203,000 emigrants. Since 1938, emigration has risen sharply, though it came to an almost complete end (except for a few exceptions month by month) with the prohibition against Jewish emigration in the fall of 1941. The Reich Association of the Jews and the Israelite religious communities in Vienna and Prague came up with the following high emigration estimates up to January 1, 1943 (including double counting):

<u>Emigrants from</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Period</u>
<i>Altreich</i> including Sudetenland	352,534	(January 30, 1933 – January 1, 1943)
<i>Ostmark</i>	149,124	(March 1, 1938 – January 1, 1943)
Protectorate	26,009	(February 15, 1939 – January 1, 1943)

This initial emigration makes it impossible to give precise figures at all. Likewise, if the target country mentioned by emigrants was a European country, it should often be seen merely as a way-station. Of the emigrants from the *Altreich*, about 144,000 went to other European countries; about 57,000 to the USA; 54,000 to South America; 10,000 to Central America; 53,000 to Palestine; 15,000 to Africa (mostly South Africa); 16,000 to Asia (China); and 4,000 to Australia. Of the 144,000 Jews who emigrated to European countries, 32,000 went to England alone; 39,000 to Poland or the General Government; 18,000 to France; 8,000 to Italy; 7,500 to the Netherlands; and 6,000 to Belgium. It is likely that the majority of these emigrants moved abroad from these countries. The following targets were indicated for the Jewish emigrants from the *Ostmark*: 65,500 to European countries; 50,000 to America; 20,000 to Asia; 9,000 to Palestine; 2,600 to Africa; and 2,000 to Australia.

V. THE EVACUATION OF THE JEWS

The evacuation of the Jews replaced the emigration of the Jews, at least on Reich territory. Following the prohibition of Jewish emigration in the fall of 1941, the evacuation was prepared on a large scale and largely implemented throughout the entire Reich territory in 1942. In the survey of the Jewry it appears as "*Abwanderung*" (Departure).

According to the tabulations of the Reich Security Main Office, the following numbers departed up to January 1, 1943:

from the <i>Altreich</i> , with the Sudetenland	100,516 Jews
from the <i>Ostmark</i>	47,555 "
from the Protectorate	<u>69,677 "</u>
Total	217,748 Jews

These figures also include the Jews evacuated into the old-age ghetto Theresienstadt.

All of the evacuations in the Reich territory, including the eastern territories and further within the German sphere of power and influence in Europe, generated the following numbers from October 1939 or later up to December 31, 1942:

1. Evacuation of Jews from Baden and the Palatinate to France . . . 6,504 Jews
2. Evacuation of Jews from Reich territory including the Protectorate and the district Bialystok to the East 170,642 Jews
3. Evacuation of Jews from Reich territory and the Protectorate to 87,193 Jews

Theresienstadt

4. Transportation of Jews from the eastern Provinces to the Russian East:	1,449,692 Jews
the following numbers transited through the camps in the General Government	1,274,166 Jews
through the camps in the Warthegau	145,301 Jews
5. Evacuation from other countries, namely:	
France (the part occupied prior to November 10, 1942)	41, 911 Jews
Netherlands	38,571 Jews
Belgium	16,886 Jews
Norway	532 Jews
Slovakia	56, 691 Jews
Croatia	4,927 Jews

<u>Evacuation overall</u> (incl. Theresienstadt and incl. special treatment)	<u>1,873,549 Jews</u>
excluding Theresienstadt	1,786,356 Jews

6. To which is added according to the information of the Reich Security Main Office the evacuation of	633,300 Jews
in the Russian territories including the former Baltic countries since the beginning of the eastern campaign.	

The above numbers do not include the inmates of the ghettos and concentration camps.

The evacuations from Slovakia and Croatia were undertaken by these states themselves.

VI. THE JEWS IN THE GHETTOS

Here must be mentioned:

1. The old-age ghetto <u>Theresienstadt</u> , to which were transferred a total of:	87,193 Jews,
of these from Reich territory	47,471 (<i>Ostmark</i> 14,222)
" " " the Protectorate	39,722

At the beginning of 1943 it counted a total of Jewish inmates:	<u>49,392</u>
of these with German citizenship	24,313
Protectorate citizenship	25,079

The decline occurred chiefly through deaths. Apart from Theresienstadt, the Reich territory includes a number of Jewish old-age and convalescent homes with smaller capacities, though these are regarded as neither ghettos nor evacuation sites.

2. The ghetto Litzmannstadt counted at the beginning of 1943 87,180 Jews, of which 83,133 had former Polish citizenship.

3. The Jews housed primarily in the rest-ghettos of the General Government were recorded or estimated as follows as of December 31, 1942:

in district	number of Jews
Krakow	37,000
Radom	29,400
Lublin	20,000 (estimated)
Warsaw	50,000
Lemberg	161,514
<u>General gov. total</u>	<u>297,914</u>

VII. THE JEWS IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS

From the seizure of power to December 31, 1942	73,417 admissions of Jews
the concentration camps saw	36,943 were released
of those	27,347 departed through death

Remaining number as of December 31, 1942: 9,127 Jews

Here it should be noted that the number of internments of Jews will be greater than the number of Jews placed into the concentration camps, since the repeated admission of Jews was recounted more than once.

Not included are the Jews that were interned in the concentration camps Auschwitz and Lublin.

We arrive at the following figures for the concentration camps, divided by internments, releases, deaths, and the level on December 31, 1942:

Jews in the concentration camps

Concentration Camp	Internments	Releases	Deaths	Level on December 31, 1942
Lublin/men	23,409	4,509	14,217	4,683
Lublin/women	2,849	59	131	2,659
Auschwitz/men	4,917	1	3,716	1,200
Auschwitz/women	932	-	720	212
Buchenwald	16,827	13,805	2,795	227
Mauthausen/Gusen	2,064	-	1,985	79
Sachsenhausen	7,960	6,570	1,344	46
Stutthof/men	28	-	13	15
Stutthof/women	3	-	-	3
Ravensbrück/women	1,321	531	787	3

Ravensbrück/men	273	44	229	-
Dachau	12,026	11,140	886	-
Groß-Rosen	231	-	231	-
Lichtenburg	195	195	-	-
Neuengamme	192	2	190	-
Floßenbürg	80	2	78	-
Sachsenburg	52	52	-	-
Esterwegen	36	33	3	-
Niederhagen	12	-	12	-
Natzweiler	10	-	10	-
Concentration camps total	73,417	36,943	27,347	9,127

VIII. JEWS IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS

At the beginning of 1943, 458 Jews were in the penal institutions of the Reich territory.

They were distributed among men and women and to the kinds of facility as follows:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Together</u>
Penal incarceration	350	78	428
Preventive detention	29	-	29
Workhouse	-	1	1
<u>Total for penal institutions</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>458</u>

IX. THE WORK DEPLOYMENT OF THE JEWS

At the beginning of 1943, 185,776 Jews were active in war-essential work deployment in the Reich territory. Of those:

1) 21,659 were deployed within the inspectoral districts of the Security Police and the SD (excluding Posen and excluding Soviet Russian Jews); of those, 18,546 had German citizenship, 107 had Protectorate membership, 2,519 were stateless, and 487 were foreigners. They were distributed as follows according to inspectoral districts (excluding Posen):

Berlin	15 100	Königsberg ⁴	96
Braunschweig	110	Munich	313
Breslau ⁵	2 451	Nuremberg	89
Danzig	-	Salzburg	7
Dresden	485	Stettin	18
Düsseldorf	673	Stuttgart	178
Hamburg	497	Vienna	1 226
Kassel	259	Wiesbaden	139

⁴ excluding Soviet Russian Jews

⁵ excluding Organization Schmelt

2) in the inspectoral district Königsberg also 18,435 foreign, that is, almost exclusively Soviet Russian, Jews.

3) in the inspectoral district Posen in ghetto and camp deployment, 95,112 mainly Polish Jews.

4) in the framework of the Organization Schmelt (Breslau) 50,570 Jews, of these 42,382 stateless and 8,188 foreigners.

X. BALANCE SHEET FOR THE JEWS IN EUROPE

The collapse of European Jewry was set in motion decades ago by the *völkisch* decline of European big-city Jewry, on the one hand, and by Jewish emigration, on the other. In 1927, the Jewish statistician Lestschinsky illustrated the decline of the Jews in Europe as follows: "At the beginning of the 19th century, 85% of all Jews lived in Europe, with Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Germany alone accounting for 80% of all Jews; at that time, America only had 2-3,000 Jews. In 1925, 63% of all Jews lived in Europe; only 57% of all Jews still lived within the borders of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia, which America was home to 30%, the other parts of the world 7%." According to calculations by the Reich Office of Statistics, the share of Europe's Jews in 1880 was even 88.4%, and in 1937 only 60.4%. It is likely that in 1943 the European share will only be 1/3 of world Jewry.

Around 1930 and in the last few years, the number of Jews in some of the more important states in Europe was as follows:

State	Census year	Number of Jews	Year	Recent count or estimate	
				Number of Jews in 1000	Percentage of the population of the host Volk
<i>Altreich</i>	1933/35	502,799	1943	51	0.07
Austria	1934	191,481	1943	8	0.1
Czechoslovakia	1930	356,830	-	-	-
- Protectorate	-	-	1943	16	0.2
Danzig	1929	10,448	-	-	-
Memel region	1925	2,402	1937	3	2.0
Belgium	-	-	1937	80	1.0
Bulgaria	1934	48,398	1937	50	0.8
Finland	-	-	1937	2	0.04
France	-	-	1937	280	0.7
Greece	1928	72,791	1937	90	1.1
Great Britain	1931/33	234,000	1937	345	0.7

Italy	1930	47,825	1937	52	0.1
Ireland	-	-	1936	4	0.1
Yugoslavia	1930	68,405	1937	75	0.3
Latvia	1935	93,479	1937	96	4.9
Lithuania	1923	155,125	1937	175	7.4
Netherlands	1930	111,917	1937	135	1.6
Poland	1930	3,113,933	1937	3,300	9.6
Rumania	1930	984,213	1941	302 (1)	2.2
Slovakia	-	-	1940	89	3.4
Soviet Russia	1926	2,570,330	1939	4,600 (2)	2.4
Hungary	1930	444,567	1940	750 (3)	5.8

(1) New territory

(2) New territory, including East Poland; the number is an estimate.

(3) New territory; the number is calculated.

The total number of Jews in the world was estimated in 1937 in general at around 17 million, of which more than 10 million are found in Europe. They are or were concentrated in Europe especially in the former Polish-Russian territories occupied by Germany between the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Finland and the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, as well as in the trading centers and in the Rhine region of central and western Europe and along the coasts of the Mediterranean.

Between 1937 and the beginning of 1943, the number of Jews in Europe is likely to have declined by an estimated 4 million, in part through emigration, in part through excess mortality of the Jews in central and western Europe, in part through the evacuations especially in the *völkisch* stronger eastern territories, which are calculated here as departure. One must not overlook that only a part of the deaths of Soviet Russian Jews in the occupied eastern territories are recorded here, while those in the rest of European Russia and on the front are not included at all. To this must be added migration streams (unknown to us) of the Jews within Russia into the Asiatic region. The stream of emigration of the Jews out of the European countries outside of German influence is also a largely unknown quantity. All in all, it is likely that since 1933, that is to say, in the first decade of the National Socialist German *Machtergreifung*, European Jewry is likely to have lost close to half of its numbers.

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