Jewish Missions in the Warsaw Ghetto

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Jewish Population of Europe Before the Holocaust

European Jewish Population Distribution Circa 1933

- Southern Europe: 329,200
- Northern & Western Europe: 766,600
- Central Europe: 1,544,200
- Eastern Europe: 6,760,000

Total: 9,500,000
The Messianic Jewish Movement
CHRISTIANS IN THE WARSAW GHETTO
AN EPIGRAPH FOR THE UNEMEMBERED
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Important Individuals

• Emanuel Ringelblum - Jewish historian in the Warsaw Ghetto who preserved many documents
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Dr. Ludwik Hirszfeld – Catholic Jewish believer, physician, later became famous, discovered inheritance of ABO blood type
Timeline – Four Major Stages

1. Oct 1939 – Nov 1940: Anti-Jewish decrees and the isolation of the Jewish population
2. Nov 1940 – July 1942: Ghetto sealed off from the rest of the city
4. Oct 1942 – May 1943: More deportations, the Ghetto uprising, and final destruction of the Ghetto
The Warsaw Ghetto
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- 1 Gesiowka Prison
- 2 Pawlik Prison
- 3 Hiding Place of Ringleblum Archive
- 4 The Great Synagogue
- 5 Korczak Orphanage
- 6 Extended Jewish Cemetery

Legend:
- Gates
- Wall
- 0 - 2000 feet
Life in the Warsaw Ghetto

Isolation and starvation
Life in the Warsaw Ghetto

Deportation to death camps
Churches in the Warsaw Ghetto

St. Maria’s Church – Leszno Street
Churches in the Warsaw Ghetto

This church had a tunnel underneath for evacuating children and bringing in arms for the uprising.

Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Leszno Street
Churches in the Warsaw Ghetto

All Saints’ Church – Gryzbowksi Square
Jewish Ministry in Poland
Jewish Ministries Operating in Warsaw and Poland

- Church’s Ministry Among the Jews (CMJ) – *Emmanuel Hall in Warsaw*

- American Board of Missions to the Jews (ABMJ, now Chosen People Ministries) – *Warsaw Ministries*

- Mildmay Mission to the Jews – *Hall in Jewish quarter of Warsaw helping poorer Jews*

- American European Fellowship – *Warsaw children’s ministry, villa at Radoso used in summer*
Jewish Missions Operating in Warsaw and Poland

- Bethel Mission – *Evangelistic Center and Colony at Lodz*
- Danish Mission – *Lvov*
- British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews
- The Barbican Mission
- *Hebrew Christian Alliance Groups (IMJA)*
Important Individuals

• Rachmiel Frydland – well-known Messianic Jewish survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto
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Lessons to Learn from Jewish Believers in the Ghetto

• As believers in Yeshua, we will often be viewed negatively by the Jewish community; even if we are suffering alongside our people.

• Due to the negative history between Jews and Christians, our motivation for believing in Yeshua will always be a matter of suspicion on the part of the Jewish community.

• The notion that historically, some of the greatest anti-Semites were Jews who converted to Christianity, is part of the stigma we live with because of our faith in Yeshua.
Lessons to Learn from Jewish Believers in the Ghetto

• Our identification with the Jewish community is not always a matter of choice, but could result from a series of external circumstances.

• Be encouraged! The words of Romans 11:1-5 are true, as the Lord will preserve a remnant of Jewish followers of Yeshua in every age and even under unusual circumstances!