

"Jewish Community Organization in the U.S."

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Methods of Obtaining Jewish Population of Nk.

- 1) Absences in public schools on Jewish high holy days. Inaccurate
- 2) Jewish burials

No accurate method available

City Jewish Population in the U.S.

11% of total population of cities of 100,000 and over are Jews

3%	"	"	"	"	Between 25,000 and 100,000 are Jews
1.6%		"	"	"	10,000 and 25,000 " "
.8%					5,000 and 10,000
.7%					2,500 and 5,000
.5%					rural incorporated villages
.1%					" unincorporated "

Economic distribution

No studies are available as to number of Jewish wage workers or other categories. The clothing industry, which formerly was almost purely Jewish in workers as well as employers, now employs only 40 to 50%. The rest are mainly Italian and Negro.

A study in 1935 of 17,000 Jews in New York city bearing the names Goldstein, Levy, Ginsburg, Friedman, Goldberg was made, and their occupations compared with the occupations of a typical non-Jewish name, Smith. The occupational distribution was found to be:

	Jews	non-Jews
Brokers and sales	16%	8.3%
Needle trades	10%	1.7%
Professionals	6.5%	6.3%
Bldg. trades labor	4.4%	4.9%
Domestic & personal	3.7%	13.5%
Transp. & Communic.	3.7%	9.3%



Jews		non-Jews	
Production-Managerial	2.9%		5.2%
City & Federal employees	1.3%		4.0%
Bldg. trades contractors	.3%		.2%

Other tables in Karpf show distribution of occupational training received, training preferences, etc.

### Professions

Most heavy Jewish representation in medicine, law and accounting. Karpf's tendencies are revealed in the following statement: "...wisdom dictates a better distribution in these fields." The question that arises is whether such Jews as Karpf desire the establishment of a "quota" self-imposed.

The profession of teaching grows more and more restricted for Jews. Especially in colleges. There is an absolute ban on Jews in the group of subjects called the "humanities" but a lesser restriction in science and mathematics. But even here Jews are limited to assistant instructorships and similar positions.

### Jewish-Non-Jewish Relationships

"Best safeguard against anti-Semitism is cooperation between religious groups."

### Survival of the Jewish Community

Karpf distinguished three schools of thought on this subject: the "Religionists"; the "Culturists"; the "assimilationists".

#### Religionists

Those who regard the Hebrew faith as the basis of the Jewish community, and the temple or synagogue as the best kind of community center.

#### Culturists

These are made up of a heterogeneous group. Zionists rub shoulders with non-nationalists and anti-nationalists, Hebraists with "Yiddishists."



Pious people and atheists are also found together in this camp. They are made up chiefly of the Jewish working class. The basis of this group is the belief that not religion but the body of historical Jewish culture is the cement that holds the community together.

✓ Assimilationists

These believe the Jewish community is doomed to extinction; that assimilation is not only inevitable but desirable. They are to be found mainly among workers in Jewish communal agencies and institutions! There is a great contradiction here - their work is to build the Jewish community, yet they tend toward assimilation. A highly interesting field for examination.

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Organizations for Religious Activities,  
Education & Civic Protection

✓ Religion

- 1) Reform Jews
- 2) Conservative group - midway - emotional - "folkways and mores."
- 3) Orthodox

✓ Education

The Jewish population of American universities is 9.1% although the Jewish population of the country is only 3.6%. It is estimated that between 20 and 40% of all Jewish children receive a Jewish education.

✓ Civic Protection

These organizations are largely concerned with protecting the community against anti-Semitism in whatever form, at least in purpose they are. The following are the most influential of such organizations, having a national structure:

- 1) American Jewish Committee - the oldest in the U.S. and made up of the wealthiest of American Jews.
- 2) American Jewish Congress - made up of the middle class Jews mainly.



- 3) Bnai Brith - made up of professional and similar middle class elements.
- 4) Jewish Labor Committee - labor groups and middle class - conservative
- 5) Jewish Peoples Committee - labor and middle classes - anti-fascist, pro-Roosevelt, pro-trade union, anti-Wall Street.

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✓ Organizations for Care of Sick,  
Needy, Dependent, Children and Aged.

There are 4,000 communal agencies in the U.S. which annually spend fifty million dollars.

Poverty and Dependency - service in these fields guided by Moses Maimonides' 8 degrees of charity, the highest of which ~~is~~ enables the needy to become self-supporting. Infact, guided by this precept, the word 'charities' has been stricken from the name of charity organizations. In Newark, it is called the United Jewish Appeal of Essex County.

Crime

There is no reliable information on the number of Jewish criminals. Yet it is possible to get these figures with fair reliability through the use of samplings taken over a period of years.