

Encyclopedia Judaica:

Nearly 3 Million Polish Jews murdered during the war.

Only 369,000, 11% of the Prewar population survived.

The latter figure includes:

1,000 posed as gentiles (½ of those who tried).

13,000 joined the Polish Army

250,000 fled and ended up in the Soviet Union (40% never made it back to Poland).

Making Relocation Decisions

Which countries were the most hospitable? Costa Rica was, but it would mean learning Spanish and it establishing Jewish synagogues, etc.

Between 1946-1950 European Jews emigrated to:

1,000 Great Britain

4,745 Australia

19,697 Canada

105,000 United States

748,540 Israel

The United States 1920's system favored people from Northern and Western Europe. If you were born in Germany the quota was four times higher than if you were born in Poland.

President Truman worked steadily to change the biased system. When he finally got the Displaced Persons Acts of 1948 and 1950 passed, 100,000 Jews entered the United States.

World War II The Worst War in the History of the World

The 6 million Jews Hitler killed were members of a much larger group of human beings who in other ways and for other reasons lost their lives. A total of 57 million persons were killed including:

40 million Europeans

21.3 million inhabitants of the Soviet Union

More than 7 million Germans

Nearly 7 million Poles

1.5 million Yugoslavs

1 million Romanians

more than three-quarters-of-a-million France

three-quarters-of-a-million Hungarians

More than half-a-million Austrians

About half-a-million Greek men, women, and Children

Nearly 400,000 Great Britain

295,000 United States

Reference Book:

Outflanking the Nazis-A Family Survives Told by Peter, Fred, and Harry Rzepka

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