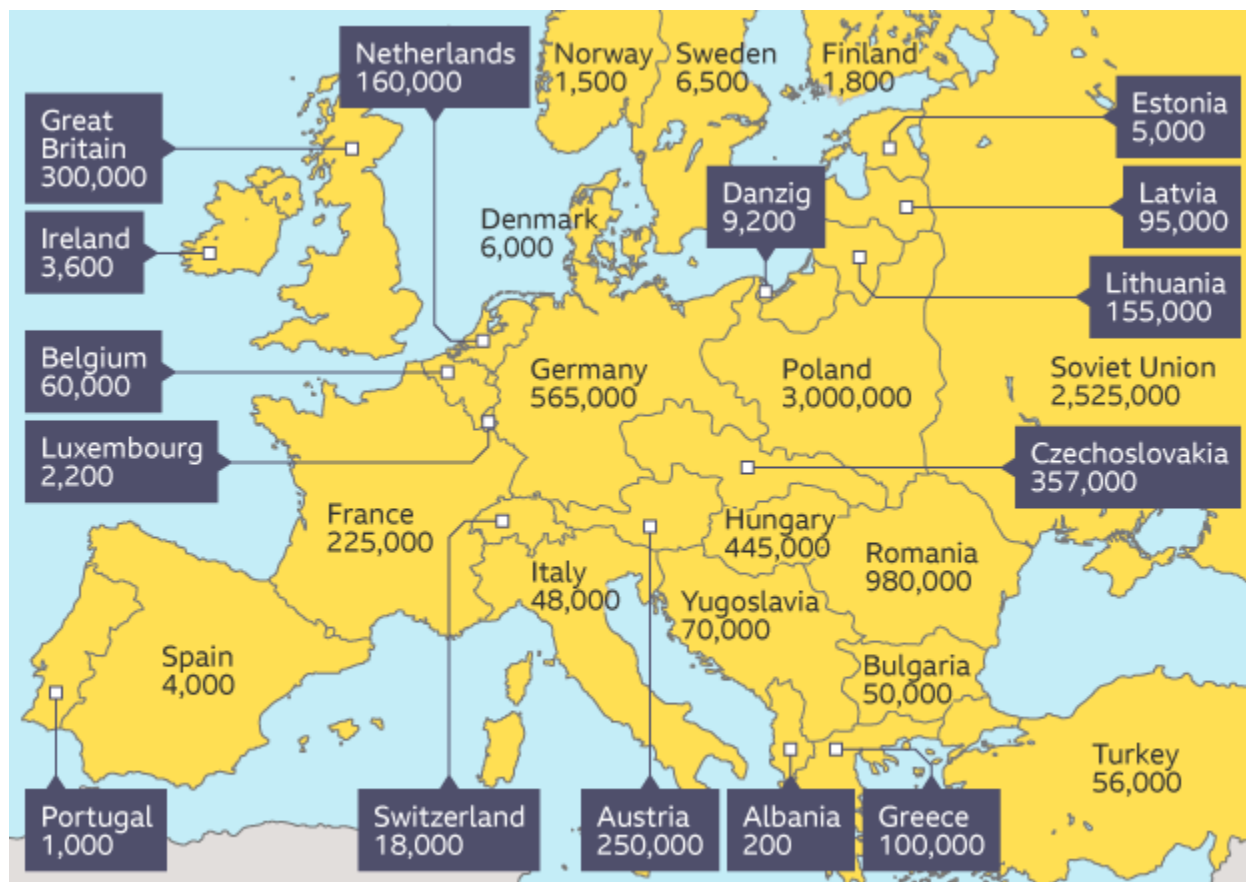


# Jewish Life Prior to WWII – Worksheet

## Jewish populations in pre-war Europe

Consider the map, below, and answer the following questions:



**In total, there were approximately 9.5 million Jewish people living in Europe in 1933**

Map taken from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zb48dp3#zqjsf82>

1. Was the Jewish population localised, or spread all across Europe?
2. Which two countries had the highest numbers of Jewish people?
3. How many Jews lived in Germany in 1933?
4. How many Jewish people lived in Europe in 1933?
5. What is one new or surprising thing you learned from this map?

## Photograph Analysis



The Dutch Olympic women's gymnastics team at the Amsterdam Olympics, 1928. The team won the gold medal. The coach was Jewish, as were five of the team members. Jewish team members standing in the first row, from left: Helena Nordheim (second), Anna Polak (third), Estella Agsteribbe (fourth), Judik Simons (last). In the second row: Elka de Levie (first from right).

Photograph and text taken from: <https://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/exhibitions/sport/gymnastics.asp>

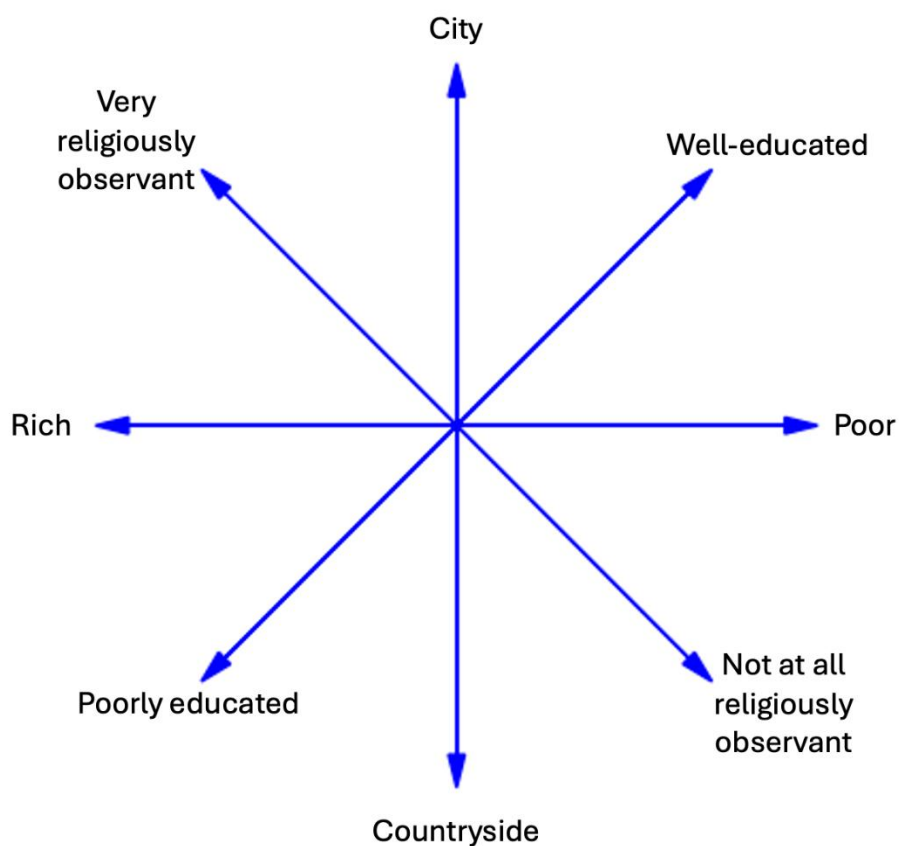
Think, pair, share activity: What does this photograph suggest about Jewish life in pre-war Europe?

## Video Activity

Watch a random selection of videos from [this compilation](#). Watch for 15 minutes.

As you are watching, highlight any of the words below which you see reflected in the scenes of pre-war Jewish life.

After viewing the videos for 15 minutes, answer the questions below.



1. What evidence did you see that Jewish people came from different walks of life?
2. What different places did the videos come from?
3. Being Jewish was about more than just religious observance. Discuss with reference to the videos.

Extension question: Consider who made these videos. How does this change what may or may not be represented in the films?

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