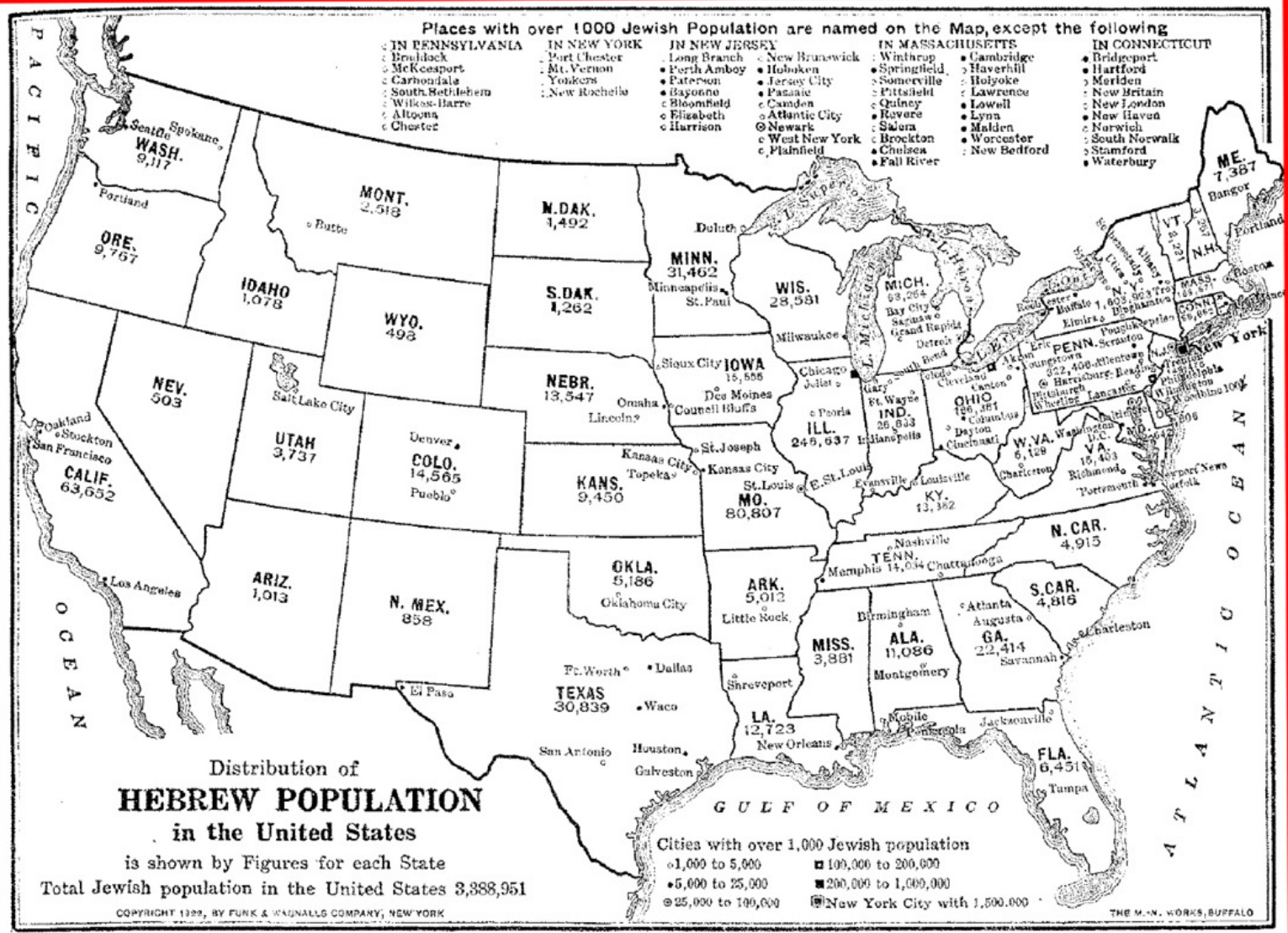


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JEWISH INCREASE IN AMERICA



POGROMS and other less violent forms of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe have resulted in a progressively large Jewish immigration to our shores, and this influx, combined with a natural increase, has brought the Jewish population in the United States up from 1,777,185 (estimated) in 1907 to 3,390,301 (estimated) in 1918, an increase of 1,613,116, or nearly double, in eleven years. The total given on the map is for continental United States only. The Jews now constitute 3.22 per cent. of the entire population of the country. Intermarrying but little with other stock, and rarely leaving the faith of their fathers, the Jews in the United States have preserved their racial homogeneity, as they have done in all countries since the great dispersion early in our era, and are found clustered mainly in the great centers of population. Approximately three-fourths of the Jews here are found in ten cities, according to the American Jewish Year Book, whose figures form the basis of this article and map, and about half of the entire number live in New York, where they constitute about 25 per cent. of the total population. The other nine cities leading in the number of Jewish inhabitants are Chicago, with 225,000; Philadelphia, 200,000; Cleveland, 100,000; Boston, 77,500; Baltimore, 60,000; St. Louis, 60,000; Pittsburgh, 60,000; Newark, 55,000, and Detroit, 50,000. It is interesting to note, however, we read in the Year Book, that while New York contains such a large quota of the Jews of the United States, it is not proportionately the most Jewish city. Chelsea, Mass., has a Jewish population of 13,000, or 28 per cent. of its general population.

While New York State contains the largest number of Jews—1,603,923—Wyoming, in continental United States, contains the smallest quota, 498, and Alaska has only two more. Looking seaward, we find that there are 150 Jews in the Hawaiian Islands; 500 in the Philippines, and 200 in Porto Rico. Pennsylvania comes second to New York in its Jewish population, with 322,406, and then, in their order among the twelve States which contain 90 per cent. of the Jews in this country, are: Illinois, 246,637; Massachusetts, 189,671; Ohio, 166,361; New Jersey, 149,476; Missouri, 80,807; Connecticut, 66,862; California, 63,652; Maryland, 62,642; Michigan, 63,254; and Indiana, 25,833.