

## PREFACE

to 10,000 population. In addition to determining the general or crude density that the Jews constitute in the various classes of places, an attempt was made to determine by class of place the percentage of the Jews to the total population of the places in which Jews reside, or the specific density of the Jews. Thus it was found that while the crude or general density of the Jews in the rural incorporated villages was but 0.48 of the total population of that class of place, the Jewish density in those villages where Jews actually live was 1.37% of the total population. The study of the density of the Jews brought out the fact that with the exception of the large cities the density of the Jews is extremely light.

The study was made under the auspices of the American Jewish Committee, aided financially by two Jewish foundations. The work of the census began in the summer of 1925 and ended in the winter of 1928, though the actual work of collecting the data was done during the latter part of 1927. The study called forth the cooperation of the national federations of congregations and over one hundred other Jewish national organizations in the country, of the city-wide federations of congregations and the federations of charity, and of great numbers of other Jewish organizations; and the writer had the cooperation, through correspondence, of over 4,000 persons: rabbis, heads of Jewish organizations, and leading men in the various communities including a great number of non-Jews. Doctor Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and of the Dropsie College who, as is well known, was closely identified with every decennial census of the Jews in the country since 1907, assisted the writer through every stage of the work. Mr. Harry Schneiderman, editor of the American Jewish Year Book, has cooperated with the writer and helped him in numerous ways; his assistance in the preparation of the manuscript was invaluable. The United States Bureau of the Census and the United States Chief Geographer have assisted the writer to clear up matters that would otherwise have remained obscure. The writer takes the opportunity here to express his deep-felt gratitude for every act of helpfulness which was rendered to him and for the fine spirit in which it was given.

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