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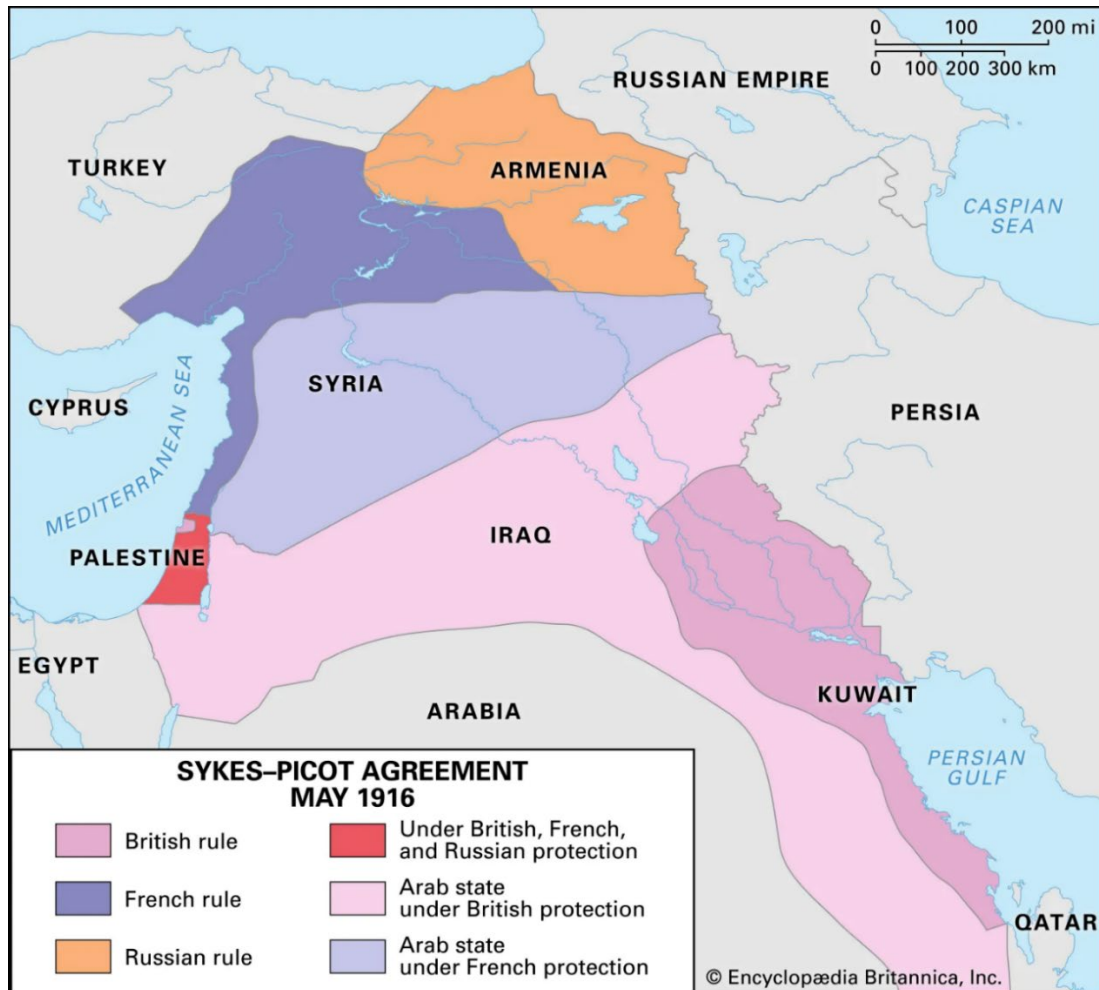
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The Jewish World in the First Half of the 20th Century

Year	Russian Empire/ USSR	Poland	Western & Central Europe (Originally France, Germany, & Austria-Hungary)	North America	Palestine (Old Yishuv+ 1 st -4 th Aliyahs)
1900	7 million		2 million	1.5 million	Under 20,000
1914	5.7 million		2 million	Under 2.5 million	40,000
1917	2.7 million	3 million	2 million	Over 3 million	83,700
1935	3 million	3.3 million	Approximately 2 million	4.5 million	175,000
1945	5.25			4.8 million	553,600

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Immigration Waves to Pre-State Palestine—1882-1948

First Aliyah (1882-1903)

Between 1882 and 1903, approximately 35,000 Jews immigrated to the southwestern area of Syria, then a province of the Ottoman Empire. The majority, belonging to the Hovevei Zion and Bilu movements, came from the Russian Empire with a smaller number arriving from Yemen. Many established agricultural communities. Among the towns that these individuals established are Petah Tikva, Rishon LeZion, Rosh Pinna, and Zikhron Ya'akov. In 1882 the Yemenite Jews settled in the Arab village of Silwan located southeast of the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem on the slopes of the Mount of Olives.

Second Aliyah (1904-1914)

Between 1904 and 1914, 40,000 Jews immigrated mainly from Russia to southwestern Syria following pogroms and outbreaks of anti-Semitism in that country. This group, greatly influenced by socialist ideals, established the first kibbutz, Degania, in 1909 and formed self-defense organizations, such as Hashomer, to counter increasing Arab hostility and to help Jews to protect their communities from Arab marauders. Ahuzat Bayit, a new suburb of Jaffa established in 1906, eventually grew to become the city of Tel Aviv. During this period, some of the underpinnings of an independent nation-state arose. Hebrew, the ancient national language, was revived as a spoken language, newspapers and literature written in Hebrew were published, political parties and workers organizations were established. The First World War effectively ended the period of the Second Aliyah.

Third Aliyah (1919-1923)

Between 1919 and 1923, 40,000 Jews mainly from Eastern Europe arrived in the wake of

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World War I. The British occupation of Palestine and the establishment of the British Mandate created the conditions for the implementation of the promises contained in the Balfour Declaration of 1917. Many of the Jewish immigrants were ideologically driven pioneers, known as *halutzim*, trained in agriculture and capable of establishing self-sustaining economies. In spite of immigration quotas established by the British administration, the Jewish population reached 90,000 by the end of this period. The Jezreel Valley and the Hefer Plain marshes were drained and converted to agricultural use. Additional national institutions arose such as the Histadrut (General Labor Federation), an elected assembly, national council, and the Haganah, the forerunner of the Israel Defense Forces.

Fourth Aliyah (1924-1929)

Between 1924 and 1929, 82,000 Jews arrived, many as a result of anti-Semitism in Poland and Hungary. The immigration quotas of the United States kept Jews out. This group contained many middle-class families that moved to the growing towns, establishing small businesses and light industry. Of these, approximately 23,000 left the country.

Fifth Aliyah (1929-1939)

Between 1929 and 1939, with the rise of Nazism in Germany, a new wave of 250,000 immigrants arrived. The majority of these, 174,000, arrived between 1933 and 1936, after which increasing restrictions on immigration by the British made immigration clandestine and illegal (see Aliyah Bet, the Sixth Aliyah). The Fifth Aliyah was again driven mostly from Eastern Europe but contained a large numbers of professionals, doctors, lawyers, and professors from Germany. Refugee architects introduced the Bauhaus style—the White City of Tel Aviv has the highest concentration of International Style architecture in the

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world with a strong element of Bauhaus—and founded the Palestine Philharmonic Orchestra. With the completion of the port at Haifa and its oil refineries, significant industry was added to the predominantly agricultural economy. The Jewish population reached 450,000 by 1940.

Sixth Aliyah (*Aliyah Bet*: Illegal immigration) (1933-1948)

The British government limited Jewish immigration to Mandatory Palestine with quotas, and following the rise of Nazism to power in Germany, illegal immigration to Mandatory Palestine commenced. The illegal immigration was known as Aliyah Bet ("secondary immigration"), or Ha'apalah, and was organized by the Mossad Le'aliyah Bet, as well as by the Irgun. Immigration was done mainly by sea, and to a lesser extent overland through Iraq and Syria. During World War II and the years that followed until independence, Aliyah Bet became the main form of Jewish immigration to Mandatory Palestine.

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Major Events of 1492—January–December

1. January 2 – Boabdil, the last Moorish Emir of Granada, surrenders his city to the army of Ferdinand and Isabella after a lengthy siege, ending the 10-year Granada War and the centuries-long *Reconquista* which brought an end to 780 years of Muslim control in Al-Andalus. Christopher Columbus is in Alhambra, and sees the Moorish king come out of the city gates and kiss the hands of the Spanish king, queen and prince.
2. January 6 – Ferdinand and Isabella enter into Granada.
3. January 23 – The *Pentateuch* is first printed.
4. March 31 – Ferdinand and Isabella sign the Alhambra decree, expelling all Jews from Spain unless they convert to Roman Catholicism.
5. April 17 – The Capitulations of Santa Fe were signed.
6. July 31 – The Jews are expelled from Spain; 130,000–800,000 leave. Sultan Bayezid II of the Ottoman Empire, learning about the expulsion of Jews from Spain, dispatches the Ottoman Navy to bring the Jews safely to Ottoman lands, mainly to the cities of Thessaloniki (currently in Greece), İzmir (currently in Turkey), Zagreb, and other parts of North Africa, Western Europe, and the Middle East.
7. August 3 – Christopher Columbus sails on his first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, intending to reach Asia.
8. August 11 – Pope Alexander VI succeeds Pope Innocent VIII as the 214th pope, after the 1492 papal conclave, the first held in the Sistine Chapel.
9. October – English army besieges Boulogne-sur-Mer.
10. October 12 – Christopher Columbus' expedition makes landfall in the Caribbean and lands on Guanahani, but he believes he has reached the East Indies.
11. October 28 – Christopher Columbus lands in Cuba.
12. November 3 – Peace of Etaples signed between England and France, ending French support for the pretender to the English throne Perkin Warbeck. All English-held territory in France with the exception of Calais is returned to France.
13. December 5 – Christopher Columbus becomes the first known European to set foot on the island of Hispaniola.
14. December 31 – About 100,000 Jews are expelled from Sicily.

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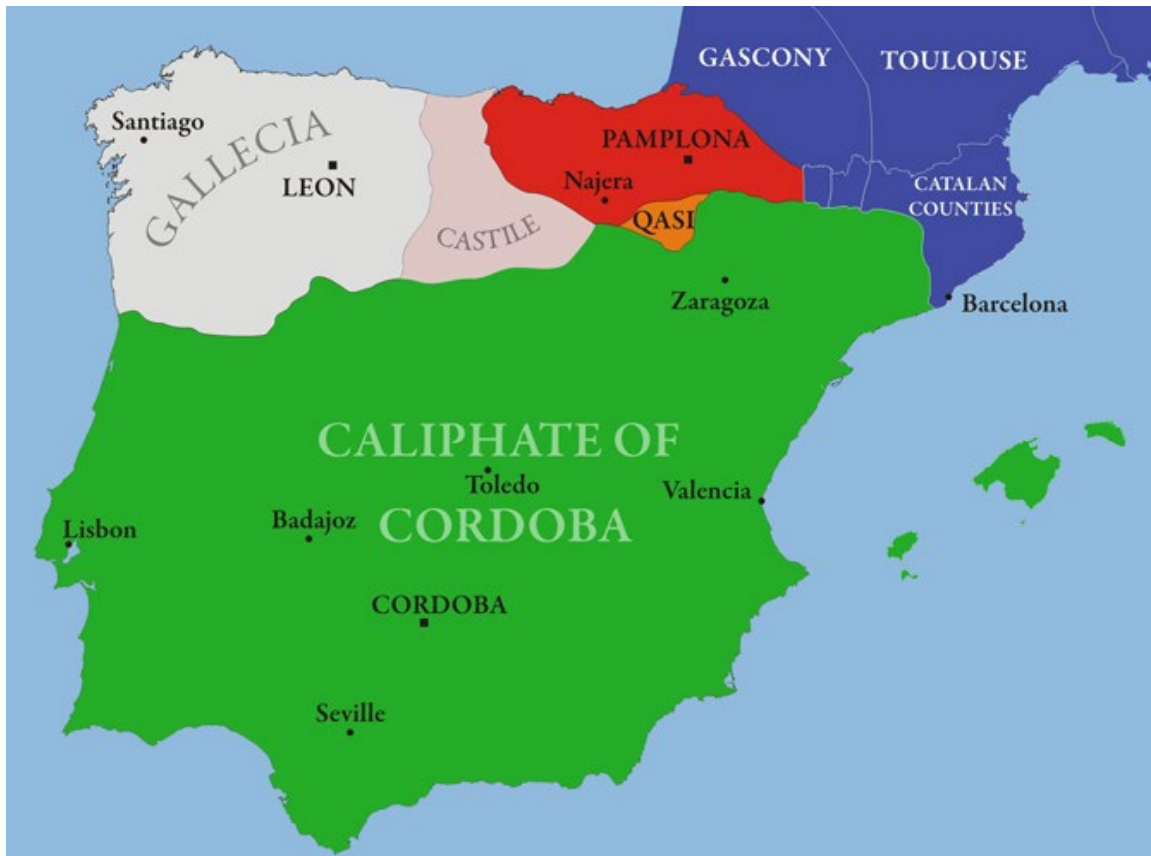
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Isidore Loeb's Estimate of Jewish Immigration from Spain

I. Ottoman Empire:

Turkey and the Middle East	90,000
Morocco	20,000
Algeria	10,000
Egypt and Tripoli	2,000

II. Portugal 120,000

III. Other Destinations:

Americas	5,000
France	3,000
Holland, England, Scandinavia and Hamburg	25,000
Italy	9,000
Elsewhere	1,000
Total emigrated	285,000
Baptized	50,000
Died en route	20,000

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