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– Jewish Responses to Persecution: The Case of France
Translation: D01 Decree on the law of Jews statues in France

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LAW ON THE STATUS OF JEWS

ARTICLE 1.- For the purposes of this law, the following people are to be considered Jewish: any person with either three grandparents of the Jewish race or two grandparents of the same race, if that person's spouse is also Jewish.

ARTICLE 2.- The access to and execution of the following government functions and offices are prohibited for Jews:

Head of State, Members of the Cabinet,
Council of State, Council of the Legion of Honor, - Court of Cassation, -
Court of Auditors. Mines Inspectorate, - Corps of Bridges, Waters and Forests,
Inspectorate General of Finances, Courts of Appeal, - Courts of First
Instance and all professional jurisdictions. ***Justice of the Peace Court.***
Elected assemblies.

Agents

Officials in

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~~Jews cannot be~~ officials in the Département des Affaires Étrangères
[*Department of Foreign Affairs*], Secretaries-General of ministerial departments;
Directors-General, Directors of ministry headquarters; Prefects, Sub-prefects,
Secretaries-General of prefectures; government employees of any rank in the police
force;

Residents-General, Governors-General, - Governors or Secretaries-
General of the colonies; ***Inspections des colonies [Missions of Colony Inspection]***

X Rectors, Inspectors-General of Education, Regional Directors of Education, Headmasters or Directors of secondary or primary education establishments; **Staff members, teachers.**

Officers in the army, navy or air force.

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ARTICLE 3.- Jews cannot hold the position of Director, Chief Executive Officer or Executive Vice-President in companies that receive concessions or grants from government bodies; they cannot hold government-appointed positions in public-interest organizations.

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ARTICLE 4.- The access to and execution of all government functions other than those outlined in articles 2 and 3 are only permitted for Jews if they can claim one of the following conditions:

- a) ~~descended from Jews born French or naturalized before 1860;~~
- b) cited in the 1914-1918 campaign or at least in possession of a 1914-1918 veteran's card.
- c) mentioned in dispatches of the 1939-1940 campaign.
- d) received the Legion of Honor for military service or the Military Medal.

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ARTICLE 5.- The access to and execution of liberal professions, independent professions and functions assigned to law officials and officers of the court are permitted for Jews in set proportions, **if appropriate**, for each category, *unless* [sic] **unless regulations have [illegible]** by government regulations.

With regards to the above-listed professions, special regulations will set the conditions for the elimination of surplus Jews.

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ARTICLE-6.- Jews may not, under any circumstances, practice any of the following professions:

Director, manager or editor of a newspaper, review or periodical, with the exception of publications that are purely scientific in nature;

Director, administrator or manager of a company intended to manufacture, print, distribute or present motion pictures; director or director of photography; screenwriter; director, administrator or manager of a theater or motion picture theater, entertainment promoter; director, administrator or manager of any company involved in radio broadcasting.

For each category, government regulations will set the conditions under which government officials will be able to ensure that the concerned parties comply with the bans outlined in Article 6.

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ARTICLE-7.- Under no circumstances will Jews be allowed to be members of the organizations tasked with representing or monitoring the professions described in articles ~~5 4~~ and ~~6 5~~ of this legislation.

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ARTICLE-8.- The Jewish government employees described in articles 2 ~~and~~

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~~4~~-will cease to execute their functions within two months of the enactment of this law. They will be eligible to claim their pension rights if they meet the conditions for length of service; the pension will be prorated if they have served for a minimum of fifteen years; those who do not meet any of these conditions will receive their compensation for a length of time that will be set for each category by government regulations. ~~Under no circumstances will this length of time exceed fifteen years.~~

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ARTICLE 9.- By individual decree issued and duly substantiated by the Council of State, Jews who have rendered outstanding service to the French State in the literary, scientific or artistic fields may be exempted from the bans outlined in this law.

These decrees will be published in the official gazette. *and the reasons justifying them.*

9 *decree*

ARTICLE 10.- This law is applicable in Algeria and in the

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colonies, protectorates and territories under mandate ./.

Signed in VICHY, on

By the Marshal of France, Head of State,

Vice-President
of the Council

Minister of Justice
Minister Secretary of State
for Justice

Minister Secretary
of State for the Interior

Minister Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs

Minister Secretary
of State for War

Minister Secretary
of State for Finance

Minister Secretary
of State for the Navy

Minister Secretary
of State for Industry
and Labor

Minister Secretary of State
for Agriculture and Provisions

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