

# Romanian Jew in Romania



Romania was called Dacia by the Romans. Since Roman times, Jews have been in Europe. During the Middle Ages, Jews went to Romania from elsewhere in Europe, and during the Renaissance, more arrived, fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. Today's Romanian Jews potentially carry Romanian, Spanish, Greek, Italian, and Middle Eastern heritage. However, until World War I, not all were Romanian citizens. During World War II, the government sought to protect them from the Nazis. Since World War II, many, especially the younger ones, have emigrated. There is a Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania, which publishes a newspaper.

## Ministry Obstacles

Reluctance to follow Christ is largely because of historic antisemitism on the part of traditional Christians. Emigration is reducing the number of Jews in Romania. The younger generation's ignorance of Judaism prevents them from having a foundation for the gospel.

## Outreach Ideas

Younger Jews may be more open to the gospel because they are more secular; therefore, coffee house evangelism may work. Literature, radio/TV broadcasts, and friendship evangelism for Jews may also be useful.



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**POPULATION:** 8,100

**LANGUAGE:** Romanian

**RELIGION:** Ethnic Religions

**BIBLE:** Complete

**STATUS:** Unreached

## Prayer Focus

Pray the church in Romania will seek to win Jews in hopes of starting a movement to Christ. Pray that the church in Romania will publicly apologize for its anti-Semitism. Pray for the Holy Spirit to create in Romanian Jews such a desire for Jesus that a people movement results.

**SCRIPTURE** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. Psalm 66:10

**PRAY** for the Lord to test and purify today's people group.