

Swedish Jews in Sweden



It was not until the 1770s that an official Jewish community was established in Sweden. Prior to this date, a small number of Jews settled in Sweden, some as traders and businessmen, and they practiced their faith secretly, not disclosing their identity. The Jewish population increased tremendously between 1850 and 1920 due to immigration from Russia and Poland. During WWII, Sweden gave asylum to Norwegian and Danish Jews. Currently, Jewish people in Sweden live mainly in Stockholm, and Swedish Jews are very involved in international Jewish welfare activities. They have built both orthodox and conservative synagogues, and most practice their faith. Anti-Semitism is increasing in Sweden, and efforts to stop the rising hatred have not diminished the attacks.

Ministry Obstacles

The increase in anti-Semitism has placed the Swedish Jewish people on guard and not open to Christians whom they wrongfully associate with anti-Semitism.

Outreach Ideas

Christians need to develop strong bonds with the Jewish community in Sweden before they can speak into their lives. This can erase the fear and



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POPULATION: 15,000

LANGUAGE: Swedish

RELIGION: Ethnic Religions

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

pain that Swedish Jews are feeling, so they might be open to Christ's promise of abundant life.

Prayer Focus

Pray that God will open the minds, hearts, and souls of the Swedish Jewish people to Jesus and his followers. Pray for workers to go.

SCRIPTURE And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

PRAY *for this people group to come to God and understand that he will reward them with his truth.*