

# Swiss Jews in Switzerland



**J**ews have lived in Switzerland since the 13th century. They frequently faced persecution and lived in the poorer sections of the main Swiss cities. They were primarily confined to working in the area of money lending, which also led to expulsion from the country at certain times. Their communities comprise ultra-Orthodox, Orthodox, Reform, and Liberal Jews. Commonly, Swiss Jews work in the textile and clock industries. In 1999, Switzerland elected Ruth Dreifuss as their first female president. She is Jewish.

## Ministry Obstacles

By keeping themselves removed from Christians for fear of oppression, Jews have cut themselves off from hearing about the salvation that Jesus offers.

## Outreach Ideas

Christians need to maintain a consistent outreach of friendship, so the Jewish people in Switzerland will open their minds, hearts, and souls to know the grace of God and his love for them.

## Prayer Focus

There are no followers of Christ among Switzerland's Jewish



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**POPULATION:** 18,000

**LANGUAGE:** German, Swiss

**RELIGION:** Ethnic Religions

**BIBLE:** New Testament

**STATUS:** Unreached

population. Pray this will soon change. Pray that God would cause the Swiss Jews to know the living Lord through being open to the witness of God's caring, patient people. Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among Swiss Jews.

**SCRIPTURE** You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. Exodus 23:25-26

**PRAY** *that many from this people group will serve the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.*

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