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Nationality of Jews	As a student until march 31 1899		As a priest and secretary of the Sacred Congregation of extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs from April 1 1899 until May 12 1917		As papal nuncio to Germany from may 17 1917 until December 12 1929		As Secretary of State and Cardinal from december 16 1929 until March 1 1939		First year of war From september 1 1939 Until August 31 1940		Second year of war From september 1 1940 Until August 31 1941		Third Year of war From september 1 1941 31-08- 1942		Fourth year of war From september 1 1942 Until August 31 1943		Fifth year of war From september 1 1943 Until August 31 1944		Sixth year of war From september 1 1944 Until August 31 1945		Six years of war From september 1 1939 Until May 8 1945		Total From 1894 Until 1945	
	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence against deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence against deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence against deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence against deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation	Defence Of the Dignity of Hebrews	Defence Against Deportation
Jews in general	0	0	1	0	10	1	10	0	44	0	24	4	14	0	201	170	0	1	5	0	463 (= 288 + 175)	483 (= 307 + 176)		
Italian	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	9	0	4	0	6	6	3	1	5	2	36 (= 27 + 9)	39 (= 30 + 9)		
Romanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	31	9	57	57	20	4	0	0	186 (= 116 + 70)	196 (= 126 + 70)		
Hungarian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	9	3	2	2	27	40	4	27	121 (= 49 + 72)	121 (= 49 + 72)		
Austrian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	12 (= 7 + 5)	12 (= 7 + 5)		
German	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	8	19	10	10	0	1	0	0	48 (= 18 + 30)	55 (= 25 + 30)		
Lithuanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2 (= 1 + 1)	2 (= 1 + 1)		
Slovak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	40	72	72	1	1	1	12	311 (= 186 + 125)	311 (= 186 + 125)		
Polish	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	9	9	2	1	4	1	36 (= 20 + 16)	39 (= 21 + 18)		
Czech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 (= 5 + 5)	10 (= 5 + 5)		
French	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6	13	13	0	2	0	0	46 (= 25 + 21)	46 (= 25 + 21)		
Croatian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	11	28	28	0	0	0	0	85 (= 46 + 39)	85 (= 46 + 39)		
Ukrainian	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3 (= 2 + 1)	5 (= 3 + 2)		
Roman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (= 2 + 0)	2 (= 2 + 0)		
Serbian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (= 1 + 0)	1 (= 1 + 0)		
Yugoslav	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	8 (= 5 + 3)	8 (= 5 + 3)		
Belarusian	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (= 1 + 0)	4 (= 2 + 2)		
Dutch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5 (= 3 + 2)	5 (= 3 + 2)		
Spanish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3 (= 0 + 3)	3 (= 0 + 3)		
American US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4 (= 1 + 3)	4 (= 1 + 3)		
Greek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	7 (= 3 + 4)	7 (= 3 + 4)		
Turkish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1 (= 1 + 0)	1 (= 1 + 0)		
Salvadorian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 (= 0 + 1)	1 (= 0 + 1)		
Paraguayan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 (= 0 + 1)	1 (= 0 + 1)		
Bulgarian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	16 (= 8 + 8)	16 (= 8 + 8)		
Moldovan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2 (= 1 + 1)	2 (= 1 + 1)		
Norwegian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4 (= 2 + 2)	4 (= 2 + 2)		
Slovenian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2 (= 1 + 1)	2 (= 1 + 1)		
Total	1 (= 1 + 0)		7 (= 4 + 3)		15 (= 12 + 3)		27 (= 27 + 0)		44 (= 44 + 0)		54 (= 50 + 4)		333 (= 230 + 103)		809 (= 420 + 389)		109 (= 55 + 54)		68 (= 20 + 48)		1.417 (= 819 + 598)		1.465 (= 863 + 602)	

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### 3.14.5.2.(E).1: Some remarks:

**3.14.5.2.(E).1.1** As a student (1894) at the Liceo Classico Ennio Quirino Visconti, Eugenio Pacelli was a friend of Jewish Guido Mendez, a classmate. Eugenio invited Guido to his home and was invited by Guido to participate in the Mendes family's Shabbat and Pessach celebrations. Eugenio Pacelli studied the works of Jewish scholars and promised one day to learn Hebrew in order to understand its deeper meaning<sup>1</sup>.

**3.14.5.2.(E).1.2** Eugenio Pacelli served as a priest in the Vatican and from February 1, 1914 was secretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Affairs of the Church<sup>2</sup>.

On February 6, 1916, a document prepared by Eugenio Pacelli in defense of the Jews of Eastern Europe against the extermination of large groups of Polish, Ukrainian, and Russian Jews was published<sup>3</sup>.

Prior to May 12, 1917, as Secretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs Eugenio Pacelli received Zionist leader Nahum Sokolov and arranged for Sokolov an audience with Pope Benedict XV on June 7, 1917<sup>4</sup>.

**3.14.5.2.(E).1.3** Nuncio Pacelli arranged for the Jewish community in Germany to receive palm branches from Como - Italy on September 4, 1917 so that they could celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles<sup>5</sup>.

When in 1917 the Jewish settlers in Palestine were threatened with extermination by the Turks, following the same pattern of the Armenian genocide (conspiracy with the enemy, expulsion from their homes, massacre of the men, death marches to concentration camps in the Syrian desert, etc.), the Zionist committees asked

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<sup>1</sup> Ramat Gan, *Ramat Gan Physician Recalls Schooldays with Pius XII*, in: Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem, 10.10.1958; Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5> : “...the Visconti High School, where his best friend became a young Jew, Guido Mendez, of a family of famous Jewish physicians. He invited him in his parent's home and was invited to join the Mendes family shabbat and Pessach celebrations. He studied the works of Jewish scholars and promised to learn Hebrew one day to understand their deeper meaning”.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Gumpel S.I., *Beatificationis et canonizationis Servi Dei Pii XII (Eugenii Pacelli) Summi Pontificis (1876 – 1958), Positio super vita, virtutibus et fama sanctitatis. Vol. I Pars I, Congregatio de causis sanctorum Prot. N. 1088 Romana.*, Romae, 2004, p. 46; Johan Ickx, *Le précédent de 1916. Des pogroms sont perpétrés en Europe de l'Est. Le pape Benoît XV en est informé. De même que son secrétaire Eugenio Pacelli, le futur pape XII ...*, in, *Historia* n°894, Juin 2021, p. 44 – 45.

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<sup>4</sup> Nahum Sokolov, *Sokolow relates former Pope's view on Palestine Question*, in: *Jewish Daily Bulletin* 6.2.1925; AA.EE.SS., *Turchia, 1921-1936*, pos. 7, fasc. 23, p. 28; Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5> : As secretary of the congregation for the extraordinary affairs of the Church, Eugenio Pacelli “received Zionist leader Nahum Sokolov in 1917 and made him meet Pope Benedict XV” NB: Poiché Eugenio Pacelli partì per Berlino subito dopo la sua consacrazione arcivescovile il 13 maggio 1917, l'appuntamento per l'udienza deve essere stato fatto prima che Pacelli fosse consacrato vescovo.; <https://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/index.php/articles/pope-voices-sympathy-for-jewish-state-in-palestine>: “Rome, 8 June 1917 - Pope Benedict XV met Nahum Sokolow, a member of the Zionist Executive Committee, for 45 minutes yesterday in Rome. The Pope stated that he saw no obstacle to the establishment of a national home in Palestine for Jewish people and was concerned only with the holy places, which, he trusted, would be properly safeguarded by special arrangement. Mr Sokolow gave the assurance that the Jewish people would most carefully respect Christian religious properties and Christian sentiments. Ultimately, the Pope declared that Jewish efforts to establish a national home in Palestine were viewed by him sympathetically and he expressed his best wishes for the realization of the Zionist program. [Editor's note: This is an article from Century Ireland, a fortnightly online newspaper, written from the perspective of a journalist 100 years ago, based on news reports of the time.]”

<sup>5</sup> Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5>; AA.EE.SS., *Germania 1917*, pos. 1619-1622, fasc. 852, p. 2-6; *Jewish Daily Bulletin*, 16.2.1925, Arch. Nunz. Berlino 93, fasc.4, p. 136.

Benedict XV for help and the Pope this time asked Pacelli to intervene<sup>6</sup>. The nuncio managed in fact to put their fate on the agenda of the Foreign Ministry in Berlin<sup>7</sup>. Turkey's main ally, the Reich, forced the Turks to replace their commander in charge in Syria and Palestine, Kemal Pasha, with a German general, von Falkenhayn, who stopped the massacres, protected the Jews and finally handed Jerusalem over to the British "to avoid a massacre in the holy places"<sup>8</sup>. Pacelli thus saved tens of thousands of Jews from certain genocide as early as 1917. Nuncio Eugenio Pacelli received the Zionist leader Nahum Sokolov in 1925. Pacelli gave Nahum instructions for an audience with Pius XI<sup>9</sup>.

There are also well-known interventions on behalf of the Jews by Nuncio Pacelli from 1923 to 1929<sup>10</sup>.

**3.14.5.2.(E).1.4** Cardinal Secretary of State Eugenio Pacelli never forgot his friend - when Mussolini introduced the racial laws in 1938, he helped the Mendes family to flee to Switzerland and from there to Palestine. After the war, Pius XII received Guido Mendes several times in private audience<sup>11</sup>.

In addition to the already known interventions there are those Pius XII made during the 6 years war period from September 1 1939 until May 8 1945 evidenced in the Vatican Archives now open to the public!!!!

<sup>6</sup> Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5> : “When, in 1917, the Jewish settlers in Palestine were threatened by the Turks with extermination, following the same pattern as in the Armenian genocide (claim of conspiracy with the enemy, expulsion from their homes, massacre of men, death marches to concentration camps in the Syrian desert etc.), the Zionist committees requested help from Benedict XV and the Pope, who had not been able to stop the Turks from slaughtering the Armenians, this time asked Pacelli to act”; A.S.V., Arch. Nunz. Monaco d.B. 385; Fasc. 2; Pos. XIII, Guerra Europ. Palestina # 1, Popolazione Giudaica e della Citta Santa della Palestina, p. 2-4.

<sup>7</sup> Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5> : “Indeed, the Nuncio managed to bring their fate on the agenda of the Berlin Foreign Office”; A.S.V., Arch. Nunz. Monaco d.B. 385; Fasc. 2; Pos. XIII, Guerra Europ. Palestina # 1, Popolazione Giudaica e della Citta Santa della Palestina, p. 5-6.

<sup>8</sup> Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5> : “Turkey’s most important ally, the Reich, forced the Turks to replace their responsible commander for Syria and Palestine, Cemal Pasha, by a German General, von Falkenhayn, who stopped the massacres, protected the Jews and eventually handed Jerusalem over to the British “to avoid a bloodshed at the Holy Sites”; Lenny Ben David: *Erster Weltkrieg: Verhinderte ein deutscher Offizier in Israel ein Massaker an den Juden?*, in: *Jüdische Rundschau*, 7.7.2016.

<sup>9</sup> Nahum Sokolov, *Sokolow relates former Pope’s view on Palestine Question*, in: *Jewish Daily Bulletin* 6.2.1925; AA.EE.SS., Turchia, 1921-1936, pos. 7, fasc. 23, p. 28; Michael Hesemann, *Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust – what the Archives reveal. Presentation at the UN-HQ in: Remembering the Holocaust: The Documented Efforts of the Holy See and the Catholic Church to Save Lives - 27 Jan 2020. Event organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day*, <http://webtv.un.org/search/remembering-the-holocaust-the-documented-efforts-of-the-holy-see-and-the-catholic-church-to-save-lives/6127031085001/?term=&lan=english&page=5>: “Sokolov was so enthusiastic about the warm reception he received at the Vatican that in 1925, when Pacelli was already in Berlin, he visited him again and consulted him how to proceed with the new Pope (Pius XI) in office and after the signing of the Balfour declaration. Indeed, when he was Nuncio in Munich (1917-25) and Berlin (1925-29), Pacelli always supported the Jewish and Zionist cause. He used all channels of Vatican diplomacy to help the Rabbi of Munich to get palm leaves for Sukkoth, when, during WWI, the borders to Italy were closed”; AA.EE.SS. Germania 1917, pos. 1619-1622, fasc. 852, p. 7-8.

<sup>10</sup> **Dominiek Oversteijns**: <http://www.papapioxii.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/fig.-3.14.2.-Hitler-contestato-326-volte-dal-Nunzio-Pacelli-in-Germani-dal-14-novembre-1923-fino-al-12-dicembre-1929.pdf>, p. 94.

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