

Germany's First Female Professor: Rahel Hirsch at Her Desk (1913)

Abstract

The high number of Jewish Germans at universities made clear that they viewed education [*Bildung*] as critically important and central to German culture. Jewish women also attended universities in disproportionately high numbers. In 1910-11, Jewish women accounted for 8.6% of humanities students and 28% of medical students in Germany. Rahel Hirsch (1870–1953) the granddaughter of Orthodox rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, finished her medical studies in 1904. In 1913, on the strength of her research, she became the first woman in Germany to be given the title professor.

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