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PODOLIA:

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Government in southwestern Russia, on the Austrian frontier (Galicia). It is a center of many important events in the history of the Russian Jews. Polish and Russian documents of 1550 mention Jewish communities in Podolia, but from tombstones discovered in some towns of the government it is evident that Jews had lived there much earlier. (For the earlier history see Lithuania and Russia; for the sufferings of the Jews in the middle of the seventeenth century see Cossacks' Uprising; for the revolt of the Ukrainians against the Jews of Podolia in the eighteenth century see Haidamacks.) Ruined by persecutions lasting for centuries, Podolia became the breeding-place of superstition and religious intolerance, which flourished there more than in any other place within the Pale. Owing to the extremely impoverished condition of its Jews, ShabbethaiZebi, the Frankists, and the Hasidim found in Podolia a most fertile soil for the spread of their doctrines (see Ba'al Shem-Tob; Frank, Jacob; Hasidim). Podolia was annexed to Russia at the end of the eighteenth century. The Jewish population of Podolia in 1887 was 325,907—about 12 per cent of the general population; the Jews still live mostly in small towns and villages. The capital of Podolia is Kamenetz-podolsk.

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Podolia: Population (Census of 1897).

District.	Total Population.	Jewish Population.	Percentage.
Balta	390,976	53,075	13.57
Bratzlav (Braslavi)	241,949	28,547	11.80
Gaisin	248,380	22,048	8.88
Kamenetz	266,506	37,486	14.06
Letichev	184,551	24,365	13.20
Litin	210,350	24,018	11.47
Moghilef	227,651	33,119	14.55
Ol'gopol	284,523	32,630	11.47
Prokurov	225,590	27,401	12.15
Ushitza	223,478	25,346	11.34
Vinnitza	248,344	30,670	12.35
Yampol	266,247	27,792	10.44
Total in Government.	3,018,531	306,597	10.12

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