



Polish refugees play ball. Kingston, Jamaica, ca. 1942. JDC covered the transportation and support of around 200 Polish Jewish refugees who were evacuated from Lisbon to Gibraltar Camp II in British-controlled Jamaica in 1942. By 1944, most would immigrate to Cuba, Canada, the U.S., and other countries. [View more photos](#).



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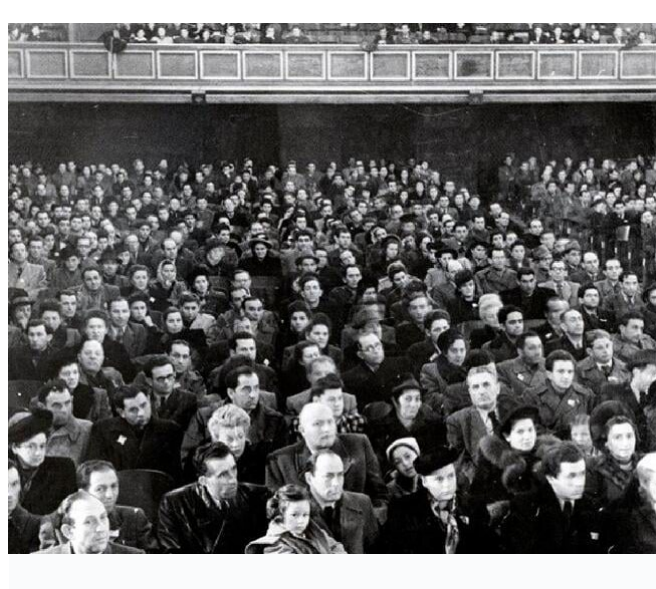
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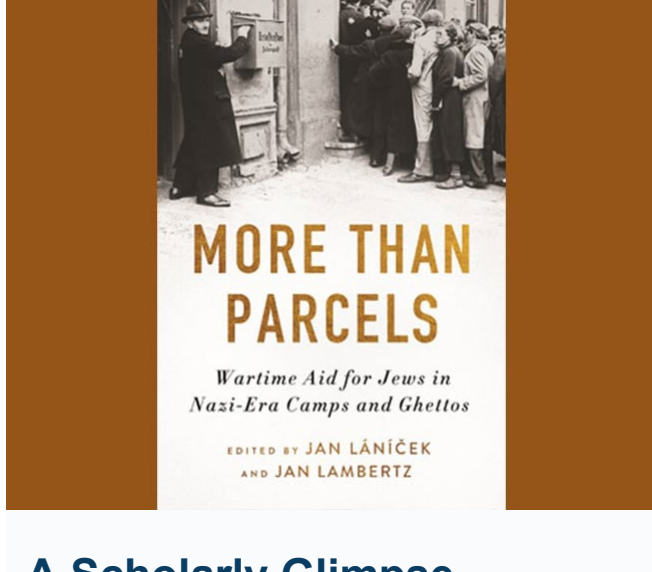
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