

Central Committee of German Jews for Help and Reconstruction

(Zentralausschuss der Deutschen Juden fuer Hilfe und Aufbau), center that coordinated economic and social assistance for German Jews from 1933 to 1938. The committee was created in April 1933, just three months after Hitler rose to national power, as a collaboration of various German Jewish communal, political, and social-welfare organizations. Its goal was to take care of those Jews who had lost their jobs or businesses as a result of the Nazis' anti-Jewish legislation. In addition, Jewish welfare organizations outside of Germany had requested the creation of such a committee to deal with all the monies being donated to help German Jewry.

At first, the committee concentrated on providing job training for those Jews who needed to find new professions, as they did not yet see emigration as the necessary solution to their problems. In April 1934 the committee was incorporated into the Reich Representation of German Jews. At that point, the committee became even more efficient in its welfare activities, and took responsibility for the Reich Representation's finances. In that capacity, the committee consolidated all the aid funds donated by Jewish organizations abroad, such as the Joint Distribution Committee and the Central British Fund, and continued to collect donations from German Jews.