

From the J-Vault: Responding to an Earthquake

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This week from the J-Vault: [Report Concerning Suffering Jews in San Francisco Earthquake and Fire](#) (1907)

Jewish communities around the world paid special attention to Jews affected by the tragic earthquake a few weeks ago in New Zealand. (See [this JTA News Bulletin](#).) Likewise, in 1906, Jews from all over the United States were specially concerned for their Jewish brethren in San Francisco. In this 1907 report from a committee sent to San Francisco by the National Conference of Jewish Charities, the authors estimate that over 10,000 Jews had been made homeless by the disaster. [Read more...](#)

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