

Jukiel

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Prewar euphemism for “penis,” meaning a stupid, inexperienced man; in the ghetto became synonymous with silly, naive, and guileless Germans (an overall term for all re-settlers from the Old Reich, Austria, Luxembourg, and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia) who were unable to communicate with old, local Jews and therefore often got angry without reason.

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Jukiel is one of the diminutive forms of the Jewish name Jankiew (Jacob), similar to Jake, Jackie.

Resources

Encyclopedia, p. 104.

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