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According to a German television broadcast on April 30, 1967, entitled Die Wissenschaftler im Exil (Scientists in Exile), the percentage loss of scholars suffered by the German universities in 1933 was greatest for mathematicians. As many as 144 German-speaking mathematicians can be listed who had to leave their positions and homes after 1933. As Michael Goolomb put it, “Most of them emigrated, but some of them lost their lives.” Felix Hausdorff, credited as one of the founders of topology, is amongst these. In this talk, we will explore the life of this great mathematician, astronomer, and litterateur, who wished for his friends that they would “experience better times.” (Received September 22, 2010)