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Leopold Zunz, Alexander von Humboldt, and the *Names of the Jews*.

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In 1837, Leopold Zunz published his book *Names of the Jews*. It is a study of first names given by Jews since ancient times, and in different countries. Zunz uses historical sources and the new science of statistics to draw a complex picture of diaspora Jews and their relationship to their non-Jewish surrounding over time. The present paper discusses Zunz' scholarly argument as well as its political impact, and Zunz' use of the book to establish a relationship with the influential scientist Alexander von Humboldt.