


1939–1945: 7 Years of Holocaust

Badge	Who	Killed
	Jewish	6m
N/A	Soviet POW	2m – 3m
	non-Jewish Polish	1.8m – 2m
	Romani, Sinti	220k – 800k
N/A	Balkans	300k – 550k
	Disabled, mentally ill	270k
	Cultists	80k – 205k
	political prisoner	77k
N/A	persons of color	up to 25k
	Homosexual	5k – 15k
	mixing of races	unknown
	Criminals	unknown

Where	Killed
Auschwitz –Birkenau	1m
Belzec	600k
Buchenwald, Bergen-Belsen, Dachau	135k
Chełmno	320k
Jasenovac, Maly Trostinets	160k
Majdanek	360k
Sobibór	250k
Treblinka	870k
1200 more concentration camps	1.0m
Ghettos	800k
Open air shootings, gas wagons	1.6m
ath marches	250k

Holocaust survey of US young adults:

- 66% not heard of the “Final Solution”
- 45% don’t know which war it was in
- 49% cannot name 1 camp or ghetto
- 17% know even one country where it occurred
- 40% fewer than 2m people killed
- 17% caused by Jews or state of Israel
- 12% caused by the US
- 41% there is too much talk about this
- 70% people care about this less

Jews From	Killed	% pop
Poland	3m	90
Baltics	228k	90
Germany-Austria	210k	90
Czechoslovakia	155k	86
Greece	54k	77
Netherlands	105k	75
Hungary	450k	70
Byelorussia	245k	65
Ukraine	900k	60
Yugoslavia	26k	60
Belgium, Luxembourg	41k	52
Romania	300k	50
Norway	1k	41
France	90k	26
Bulgaria	14k	22
Russia, SFSR	207k	21
Italy	8k	20
Total	6m	68

When	Jews killed
1933-1938	100k+
1939–1940	100k
1941	1,100k
1942	2,700k
1943	500k
1944	600k
1945	100k

The Final Solution was the plan to eliminate ‘unfit’ people in all German-occupied areas:

- ¾ Jewish heritage
- Any Gypsy heritage
- ¼ Jewish, if married to Jewish, or in a Jewish congregation
- Deemed undesirable or unproductive
- In utero in the ghetto (mass abortions/infanticide)



Yom HaZikaron L'Shoah V'lagevurah (Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and Heroism) recalls the 6m Jewish and 5m more lives deemed unfit to live. It is observed on the date of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Jews were blamed for Germany’s economic depression and its defeat in WWI. Many Jews, clinging to hope, refused to believe what they heard about mass killings. Most victims were not from Germany but Eastern Europe

When Nazis came to power in 1933, Jewish people made up less than 1% of the German population. The Reich first tried to drive out the ‘undesirables;’ this changed when there was nowhere for Jews to go. Chaim Weizmann noted: *The world seemed to be divided into two parts – those places where the Jews could not live and those where they could not enter.*

During 1933-1945, US took in 132k Jews: 10% of what the US quota allowed

Timeline: How Holocaust comes about

Jul18, 1925 Hitler spells out his plans in *Mein Kampf*

Jul4, 1926 *Hitler Youth* program grooms young masses in class/race ideology, undermines other social/religious youth activities, undercuts parental influence

1926–1930 High inflation/unemployment: search for a scapegoat and a savior

July 1932 *Ministry of Propaganda & Public Enlightenment* controls press, film, education, music, radio, theatre, textbooks, children’s books. It targets young people; cultivates emotionally radicalized culture; no room for differing ideas

Jul9, 1932 US and Europe cancel WWI war debt that Germany owes them

Jan30, 1933 Amid **Nazi-directed riots** and fearful of Communist takeover, the republic **appeases Nazis** by appointing Adolf Hitler chancellor of Germany

Feb3, 1933 Hitler and top military: how to illegally reclaim lost land and rearm

Feb4, 1933 Political meetings and marches are banned

Feb 1933 Stormtroopers attack homes/offices of 12 of the other 13 parties

Feb29, 1933 Planned riots. *Decree for the Protection of People and Reich* halts civil liberties, freedom of speech, due process of law. Police power expanded. Police chiefs appointed by Nazi party. State and local government overruled

Mar5, 1933 Election: Nazi-DNVP coalition wins slim majority.

Mar5, 1933 Radio purged of “unGerman” influences; broadcasters must be Nazi

Mar14, 1933 FDR receives proposal to take in more Jewish refugees. No action

Mar22, 1933 Dachau built to imprison political enemies without trial

Mar23, 1933 *Law to Remedy the Distress of the People and the Reich* enables Hitler to make laws at will. Parliament is dissolved; republic is over.

May17, 1933 Hitler vows peace and safety: no new wars. “Germany will choose no path other than that recognized by treaties as just”

Apr7, 1933 Trade unions banned; workers forced into Nazi German Labor Front

Apr26, 1933 Gestapo has power to shadow, arrest, interrogate, intern "enemies"

April 1933 Labor camps to “reeducate” the asocial, criminal, subversive, lazy

May10, 1933 Censorship of speech: book burnings of “un-German” materials

July 1933 Concentration camps hold 27k in “protective custody”

Jul14, 1933 *Citizenship and Denaturalization Law* removes citizenship of ‘unfit’

Jul14, 1933 Based on social Darwinism, euthanasia legalized for ‘unfit’ children. Involuntary sterilization of Germans with physical and mental disabilities

Jul14, 1933 *Law against Founding of New Parties* bans all other political parties

Sep29, 1933 Jews banned from farm ownership (no escape to the country)

Oct4, 1933 *The Law on Editors* mandates Aryan blood for press editors

Oct13, 1933 *Law for the Guarantee of Peace Based on Law* sets up People’s Court operating outside the judicial system, with no defendant rights

1933 Judges ordered to decide cases on “healthy folk sense”, not the law which has been corrupted by ‘Jewish influence’ (the rule of law disappears)

Jan26, 1934 A 10 year German-Poland non-aggression pact signed

Feb28, 1934 Civilians disarmed: Wehrmacht (military) sole bearer of arms

Jul2, 1934 *Night of Long Knives* Hitler assassinates his rivals

Jul20, 1934 The SS placed above the law, reporting to Hitler only

Jul25, 1934 Hitler sponsors coup in Austria, assassinating their Chancellor

Aug19, 1934 Hitler appoints himself Führer, without limits to his authority

1934 Jews banned as: judges, lawyers, doctors, dentists, pharmacists

1934 *Reich Church* rids “jewish influence” (drops OT from Bible); “The eternal God created for our nation a law that is peculiar to its own kind. It took shape in the Leader Adolf Hitler... One Nation! One God! One Reich! One Church”

1942 German policy of Vernichtung Durch Arbeit (extermination by labor)

1942 Deportation to death camps: France, Netherlands, Belgium, Croatia, Poland, Germany, Greece, Norway, all the Roma-Sinti

Feb17, 1942 Jews may not buy newspapers or magazines

Jul22, 1942 Deported 250k from Warsaw ghetto to Treblinka

Sep5, 1942 Death penalty for anyone aiding the Jews

Nov24, 1942 Pres. AJC publicizes *Riegner Telegram on Final Solution*

Dec10, 1942 UN report: *Mass Extermination of Jews in German Occupied Poland*. No action

Apr19-30, 1943 Bermuda conference (incl.US): 5m Jews trapped. No action.

Apr19, 1943 **Warsaw Ghetto Uprising** holds off their “liquidation” for 24 days

Jun-Aug, 1943 Ghettos in occupied Soviet Union are “liquidated”

Nov3, 1943 *Operation Harvest Festival* (‘liquidation’ of 43k in labor camps)

Mar19, 1944 Hungary keeps sovereignty by deporting 440k Jews to Auschwitz

Feb16, 1945 Evidence of anti-Semitic activities ordered to be destroyed

Jan-Apr 1945 Defeat obvious, some camps send prisoners onto death marches

Apr29, 1945 Evidence of Holocaust is public as Buchenwald-Dachau liberated

May8, 1945 Germany surrenders to the Allies



Early 1939 Seizure of Jewish patent rights, and precious metals and stones
Mar8, 1939 Each day, 100 Jews given 2 weeks to sell their jewelry to the state, and pay their Kristallnacht fine, taxes, capital flight tax, and fee to support aged Jews, "Dire penalties" for those who don't
Mar15, 1939 Germany invades Czechoslovakia despite Sep30 concessions
Mar25, 1939 *Youth Service Regulation*: Hitler Youth mandatory for ages 10-18
May23, 1939 UK curtails Jews immigrating to British Mandate Palestine
Aug23, 1939 German-Soviet nonaggression pact
May31, 1939 German-Denmark nonaggression pact
Sep1, 1939 Germany invades Poland. **World War II begins**
Sep2, 1939 German-Norway neutrality agreement
Sep, 1939 Aktion T4 expands 'euthanasia' to anyone "unworthy of life"
Sep23, 1939 *Ordinance on Extraordinary Radio Measures* bans foreign radio stations. Jews must surrender their radios to local authorities.
1933–1945 12k names of German-Jewish WWI war dead removed from public monuments (revising of history)
Jan3, 1940 Jews cannot buy shoes
May 1940 All German radio stations must air only the single Reich broadcast
Spring 1940 Occupation: Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Paris
Jul29, 1940 Telephone lines to Jewish homes are cut
Aug8, 1940 Jews must get permission to access their money in the bank
Oct12-Nov15, 1940 Warsaw ghetto set up, and sealed (~450k)
1940-1941 US greatly restricts immigration with new unattainable requirements
1941 Medical experiments begin in the camps: transplants, freezing, poisons, high altitude, blood coagulation, burns, diseases, sterilizations, sea water
1941 *Sippenhaftung*: families of resistors are killed (both Jewish and nonJewish)
Apr-Jun, 1941 Germany occupies Greece, Yugoslavia, Lithuania
Jun4, 1941 *Guidelines for the Behaviour of the Troops in Russia* authorizes actions against civilians
Jun22, 1941 Germany breaks treaty: attacks Soviet Union
July 1941 US consulates in Nazi areas close (preventing visa application)
Jul31, 1941 SS prepares plan for the Final Solution.
Sep, 1941 SS begins gassing victims, to lower 'euthanasia' costs, and reduce the stress on troops caused by mass shootings of women and children
Oct23, 1941 Jewish emigration from Greater Reich is banned
Sep-Dec, 1941 Massacres: Babi Yar, Odessa, Bogdanovka
Oct-Dec, 1941 Auschwitz-Birkenau and Chelmno extermination camps open
Nov25, 1941 *Eleventh Executive Order* confiscates pensions and assets of Jews who "transfer their residence abroad" (i.e. are deported to the camps)
Dec3, 1941 Jews must pay cost of their own deportation (25% of assets)
Dec7, 1941 *Night and Fog Decree* enables 'enemies' to 'disappear'
Dec21, 1941 Jews may not use public telephones

May21, 1935 Jews expelled from military officer positions
May21, 1935 Hitler vows no annexation of or interference in Austria
May21, 1935 Hitler upholds Locarno treaty (guanteeing his western border)
Sep15, 1935 *Nuremburg laws*: German Jews lose citizenship, right to vote, ability to get a passport; new restrictions on marriage and employment. *Law for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor* outlaws mixed relationships
Nov26, 1935 *Nuremburg Laws* expanded to cover Romani and Sinti
Mar3, 1936 Treaties of Versailles and Locarno broken: invades Rhineland DMZ
Mar7, 1936 *Office for Suppression of the Gypsy Nuisance*. Romani and Sinti rounded up into ghettos, for "crime prevention".
March 1936 Nazi Germany: "voice of the people" is "the voice of God"
1936 President of the AJC, meets FDR, who feels sympathy. No action
Oct15, 1936 Jews banned as teachers or tutors
Dec1, 1936 *Law Concerning Hitler Youth* dissolves all other youth groups
Dec14, 1937 *Decree on Preventive Suppression of Crime* allows police to detain indefinitely anyone who may endanger society with asocial behavior
Jan5-Aug17, 1938 *Executive Order on the Law on the Alteration of Family and Personal Names* ensures Jews are identifiable by 'jewish' names
Mar13, 1938 *Anschluß Österreichs*: Germany annexes Austria
Apr 1938 Gallup poll: 65% US think Jews at partly responsible for their condition
Apr26, 1938 Decree requiring Jews to register all their property and assets
Jul6, 1938 Evian conference (incl.US): plan for Jews seeking escape. No action
Jul17, 1938 Streets with Jewish names must be renamed (revising of history)
Sep30, 1938 Edges of Czeckslovakia seized, where ethnic Germans live. European countries abandon their Czech allies in return for "*Peace for our time*"
Oct5, 1938 Passports surrendered, and replaced by ones marked with "J". Jews may not immigrate to Switzerland
Nov 1938 Jews may not keep or use carrier pigeons (no communication)
Nov9-10, 1938 *Kristallnacht*: led by SS and HitlerYouth, 300 synagogues and 7k Jewish firms destroyed. Jewish homes ransacked; beatings; rapes. Police told to arrest Jews "for their own protection." Göring angry that so many assets were destroyed. Riots declared 'spontaneous'. Jews held responsible for riots: fined \$400m "atonement tax". 30k sent to camps. *Weapons confiscated from Jews*.
Nov11, 1938 *Decree on Weapons in the Possession of Jews* disarms Jews
Nov12, 1938: *Decree on Exclusion of Jews from Economic Life* bans Jewish business ownership and trade. *Decree on Restoration of Streets Near Jewish Businesses* compels Jews to repair all damages inflicted on them in Kristallnacht
Nov12, 1938 All Jewish insurance accounts are seized
Nov15, 1938 All Jewish pupils expelled from German schools
Nov15, 1938 Gallup poll: 94% disapprove of recent German treatment of Jews, yet 71% Americans oppose increased immigration of Jews
Dec3, 1938 *Decree on Reparations Payments* seizes capital, stocks, promissory notes owned by Jews. Jewish drivers licenses and auto registrations voided

