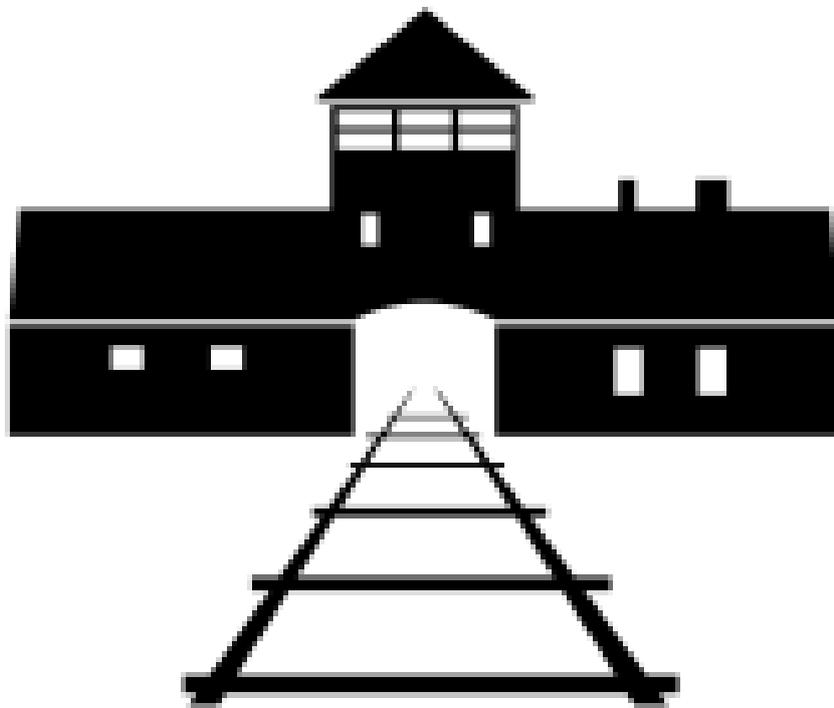


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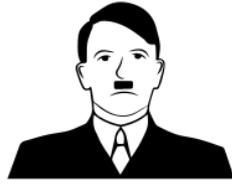


Key Dates & Events -

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WWII

January
1933



April 1st
1933



April 7th
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May 1935



September
15th 1935



April 26th
1938



November
9th/10th
1938



December
1938



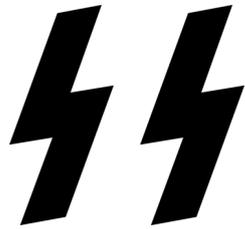
WWII

- January 1933 • Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi party becomes chancellor of Germany. By March he has taken over the country and is a dictator. The Nazis are openly anti-Semitic and blame Jewish people for Germany's problems.
- April 1st 1933 • The Nazis organise a boycott of Jewish businesses in Germany. Nazi Stormtroopers stand outside Jewish owned shops holding up signs telling people not to shop there. Although most of the German people ignore the boycott it is the first open act against Jewish people.
- April 7th 1933 • The Nazis pass the 'Law for the restoration of the professional civil service'. Jews are forbidden from working for the government and limited in universities. Over the coming years the Nazis pass several more laws limiting where Jews can work.
- May 1935 • Jewish med are banned from serving n the German military.
- September 15th 1935 • Nuremberg Laws are passed. Jews in German lose their citizenship. In addition, marriage and sexual relation between Jews and Germans are banned. These laws show that the Nazis viewed being Jewish as more than a religion or culture, it was something racial, hered-
- April 26th 1938 • Jews in Germany are forced to register all of their wealth and property .This SS now knew which Jewish families were wealthy and therefore which ones they should target.
- November 9th/10th 1938 • Kristallnacht– Night of Broken Glass. Goebbels and the SS encourage public violence against Jewish property and synagogues. Homes and businesses are destroyed and over 90 Jews are murdered, thousands more are sent to concentration camps.
- December 1938 • The first Kindertransport (child transport) trains leave Germany for the UK. Over 10,000 children will escape Germany as a result of organised transports from December 1938-September 1939.

September
1st 1939



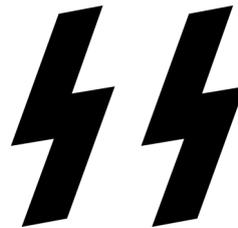
September
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January
1940



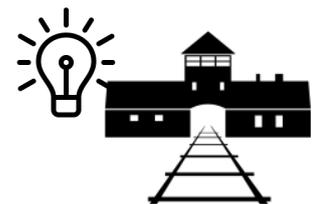
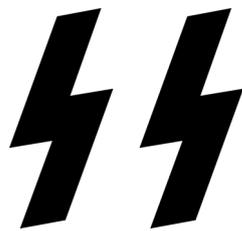
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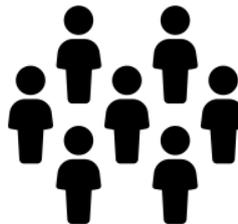
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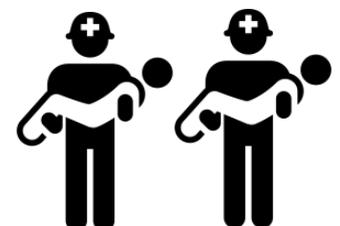
January
20th 1942



May 1944



January
27th 1945



- September •
1st 1939

Germany invades Poland and triggers World War II. The German advance into Poland and later the USSR will bring million of Jews under their control. The fate of Europe's Jews is linked to the success of the German war effort.
- September •
21st 1939

The SS sends special units called Einsatzgruppen to round up the Jews in Poland. The Jews are sent to Ghettos in major towns and cities. The conditions are cramped and there is little food. In addition, Jewish people have to work as slaves for the Nazis.
- January •
1940

Nazis choose Auschwitz near the Polish town of Krakow as the sight for a new concentration camp. Initially the camp is built for Polish and soviet prisoners of war. The inmates were made to work as slave labour for the Nazis.
- June 1941 •

Germany invades the USSR. Over 3 million Jews come under Germany control. The SS order the Einsatzgruppen to round up and murder all Jews they could find. Over 1 million Jewish men, women and children are shot as the Germans advance.
- December •
1941

The first purpose built Death camp is opened at Chelmno in Poland. Jewish people are taken to the camp and gassed in vans with exhaust fumes. The Nazis will build 5 more death camps: Belzec, Sobibor, Majdanek, Treblinka and Auschwitz-Birkenau.
- January •
20th 1942

Wannsee Conference. Senior SS leaders under the command of Reinhard Heydrich meet at Wannsee in Berlin to plan and implement the 'Final Solution' to the Jewish problem. Due to the 'success' of camps such as Chelmno they decide to use similar camps.
- May 1944 •

Auschwitz has been expanded to be the largest and most efficient death camp. In May 1944 Jews from Hungary arrive. In 6 weeks over 400,000 Jews are murdered in the gas chambers.
- January •
27th 1944

Auschwitz is liberated by Russian soldiers. January 27th is known as Holocaust Memorial Day as a result. Over 6 million Jewish people were murdered in the death camps and by the Einsatzgruppen during WWII.

Using This Guide

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