

Holocaust Timeline

- 1925 There are 548,749 registered radio sets in Germany
- 1933 **Hitler** becomes Chancellor.
Dachau, the first concentration camp, established.
Enabling Act which suspends civil liberties.
First anti-Jewish decrees.
Burning of books written by Jews and anti-Nazis.
Jewish professors expelled from universities; artists prohibited from practicing as artists.
- 1935 **Nuremberg Laws**: Jews could not be German citizens, marry "Aryans," fly German flag, hire German maids under forty-five.
- 1936 Jewish doctors barred from practicing medicine in government institutions.
- 1937 **Buchenwald** concentration camp opens
- 1938 **Anschluss**: Annexation of Austria by Germany.
Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass).
Decree forcing all Jews to transfer businesses to Aryan hands. All Jewish pupils expelled from German Schools.
- 1939 Germany invades Poland.
Jews in German occupied Poland forced to wear distinguishing badge.
- 1940 **Lodz Ghetto** established.
Germany invades Holland, Belgium, France.
Auschwitz concentration camp established.
Warsaw Ghetto established.
- 1941 Germany invades the Soviet Union.
Nazi **Einsatzgruppen**, special mobile killing squads, carry out mass murder of Jews in German-occupied areas of Soviet Union.
Jews in **Third Reich** must wear yellow **Star of David**.
Japanese attack Pearl Harbor; America enters the war.
- 1942 **Wannasee** Conference: **Heydrich** reveals official plan to murder all Jews on European continent.
Jewish underground organizations established in **Vilna** and **Kovno Ghettos**. Fighting organizations established in **Warsaw Ghetto**.
Extermination by gas begins in **Sobibor** extermination camp.
Deportation of Jews to extermination camps from Holland, Poland, France, Belgium, Croatia, Norway, Germany, and Greece.
Treblinka extermination camp begins operation.
- 1943 Liquidation of **Krakow Ghetto**.
Warsaw Ghetto revolt.
Liquidation of **ghettos** in **Minsk, Vilna, and Riga**.
- 1944 Germany occupies Hungary and begins deportation of Hungarian Jews.
Red Army repels Nazi forces.
Allied invasion of Normandy.
Liquidation of **ghettos** in **Kovno, Shavli, and Lodz**.
Revolt by **Auschwitz** inmates.
- 1945 Beginning of **Death Marches**.
Germany surrenders.
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