

HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST

The Holocaust was the systematic persecution and murder of 6 million Jews, organized by the Nazi State and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945.

IN EUROPE

IN CANADA

"The only thing not forbidden was thinking."

-Zlatka Pitluk, Holocaust survivor

1929-1930's
THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Jan. 30, 1933 The Nazis rise to power in Germany

March 1933 - May 1945 Concentration camps in Germany and later in occupied countries

Sept. 15, 1935 Jews lose their German citizenship

Nov. 9, 1938 November Pogrom "Kristallnacht"

Sept. 1, 1939 Invasion of Poland
Oct. 1939 - May 1945 Ghettos

June 22, 1941 Invasion of the Soviet Union
June 1941 - January 1942 Einsatzgruppen
Sept. 1941 - 1945 Death camps and mass deportations

Jan. 20, 1942 Wannsee Conference on the Final Solution

1943 - 1945 Key uprisings in camps and ghettos

July 1944 - May 1945 Liberation of camps

1930s - 1947 Canada closes its borders. Anti-immigration and antisemitic prejudices

1929

1930

March 21, 1931 Most restrictive immigration policy in the history of the country

1931

1933

1935

1938

June 7, 1939 Canada refuses to accept the refugees aboard the MS St. Louis

1939

1940 - 1943 Jewish refugees in Canadian internment camps

1940

1941

Summer 1943 - May 1945 The Canadian army participates in the liberation of Europe

1942

1943

1944

1945

1947 Canada opens its doors to Jewish refugees

1947

SEPTEMBER 1
START OF
THE SECOND
WORLD WAR

MAY 8
END OF
THE SECOND
WORLD WAR
IN EUROPE



Canada, circa 1930.



Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at liberation. Germany, 1945.



Halifax, 1950.

DISCUSSION TOPICS / QUESTIONS

- A** Why do you think these events were selected? What events would you add?
- B** What are the key turning points in the Holocaust? Why?
- C** What were the consequences of the Nazis' rise to power for Jews? And for Europe?
- D** How did Canada react to the Holocaust?
- E** What does Zlatka's quote reveal about Jews' experiences during the Holocaust?



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