

# The Holocaust

*Remember and Never Forget*



*We remember not only to honour those who were lost, but  
to ensure the world never allows this to happen again.*

*Key Facts & Historical Memory*

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# “Ashes and Dust” - March of the living



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# What Was the Holocaust?

## Definition

The Holocaust (in Hebrew: השואה, HaShoah) was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945.

## Timeline

1933 –Hitler rises to power in Germany  
1935 –Nuremberg Laws strip Jews of citizenship  
1938 –Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass)  
1941 –Mass killings begin across Europe  
1942 –Wannsee Conference: Final Solution  
1945 –Allied liberation of concentration camps

**6,000,000**  
Jewish lives taken

**$\frac{1}{3}$**

of all Jews in the world  
were murdered

# Where Did It Happen?

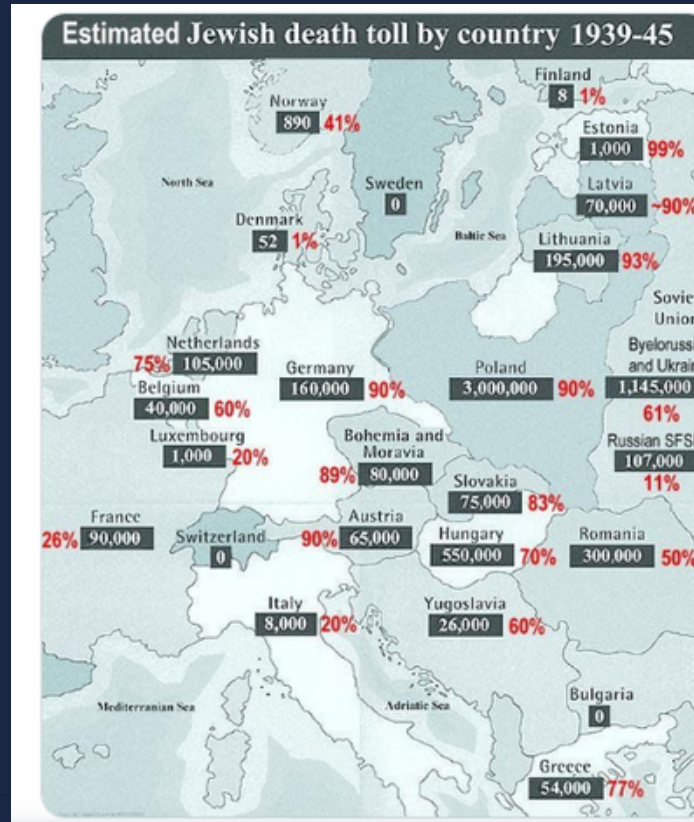
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| <b>Poland</b><br>Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibor       | ~3,000,000<br>~90% of Jews | <b>Ukraine</b><br>Mass shootings by Einsatzgruppen        | ~1,500,000<br>~60% of Jews | <b>Belarus</b><br>Mass shootings, Minsk ghetto                    | ~800,000<br>~65% of Jews |
| <b>Hungary</b><br>Deported to Auschwitz in 1944               | ~550,000<br>~70% of Jews   | <b>Romania</b><br>Pogroms, deportations, death marches    | ~280,000<br>~50% of Jews   | <b>Czechoslovakia</b><br>Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, Subcarpathia | ~260,000<br>~89% of Jews |
| <b>Germany</b><br>Origin of Nazi regime; many emigrated early | ~165,000<br>~25% of Jews   | <b>Lithuania</b><br>Ponary massacre, Vilna ghetto         | ~143,000<br>~96% of Jews   | <b>Russia</b><br>Occupied Soviet territories                      | ~107,000<br>~30% of Jews |
| <b>Netherlands</b><br>Anne Frank; Westerbork transit camp     | ~102,000<br>~75% of Jews   | <b>France</b><br>Vel d'Hiv roundup, Drancy transit camp   | ~77,000<br>~25% of Jews    | <b>Latvia</b><br>Rumbula massacre, Riga ghetto                    | ~75,000<br>~90% of Jews  |
| <b>Greece</b><br>Thessaloniki, Ioannina communities           | ~67,000<br>~87% of Jews    | <b>Austria</b><br>Annexed 1938; many sent to Auschwitz    | ~65,000<br>~27% of Jews    | <b>Yugoslavia</b><br>Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia combined             | ~60,000<br>~80% of Jews  |
| <b>Belgium</b><br>Mechelen transit camp                       | ~28,000<br>~44% of Jews    | <b>Bulgaria</b><br>Jews in occupied Thrace & Macedonia    | ~11,000<br>~20% of Jews    | <b>Italy</b><br>After German occupation in 1943                   | ~8,000<br>~20% of Jews   |
| <b>Norway</b><br>Deported on SS Gotenland & Gotenland II      | ~773<br>~42% of Jews       | <b>Denmark</b><br>Most (~7,000) rescued to Sweden in 1943 | ~60<br>~1% of Jews         |                                                                   |                          |

Also affected: Estonia (~2,000 · ~44%) · Luxembourg (~1,000 · ~55%) · Finland: Jewish community (~2,000) was protected; fewer than 10 were deported

*The Holocaust took place across more than 20 countries in Europe*

# The Holocaust Across Europe

## –Jewish Victims by Country



# The Victims –The Human Cost

**6,000,000**

**Jews were murdered**

from all across Europe

**1,500,000**

**Jewish children were killed**

~1 in 3 Jewish children in Europe

**~300,000**

**Survivors**

escaped, were hidden, or survived  
camps

*Beyond the Jewish community, the Nazis also murdered Roma, people with disabilities, political opponents, and others. The Jewish people bore the greatest loss.*

# Righteous Among the Nations

## חסידים אומות העולם – *Chasidei Umot HaOlam*

**28,000+**

Righteous recognized by Yad Vashem (as of 2024)

**51**

Countries represented among the Righteous

**Poland**

has the most—over 7,000 Righteous individuals

**Oskar Schindler**

saved 1,200 Jews—his story told in Schindler's List

**Raoul Wallenberg**

Swedish diplomat—saved tens of thousands in Hungary

**Yad Vashem**

in Jerusalem is the official institution for Holocaust memory and research

# Holocaust Survivors in Israel Today

**~111,000**

Holocaust survivors living in Israel  
(estimate, 2026)



**Their time with us is running out.**

Every year, thousands of survivors pass away.  
Their first-hand testimonies are irreplaceable.

# New Vocabulary

hide/hiding להסתתר, מסתור



hope תקווה



strong/strength חזק/חוזקה



friend/friendship חבר/חברות



safe/safety בטוח/ביטחון



# New Vocabulary

remember    לזכור



brave    אמיץ



war    מלחמה



survive/survivor    לשרוד/ניצול



together    יחד

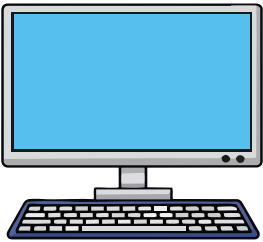


# Return to Rivne – Centropa Cinema



# Digital Activity Task

<https://bit.ly/returntorivne>



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## Return to Rivne: Interactive Holocaust Map & Learning Activity

Explore an interactive map-based learning activity about the Holocaust in Rivne (1941-1944). Complete tasks, match historical details, and engage with survivor stories from the Centropa film.

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# Never Again



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Yom HaShoah –Holocaust Remembrance Day