

Holocaust Memorial Day

The Holocaust (השואה) began in 1933 when Adolf Hitler came to power (עלה) (לשלטון) in Germany. It ended in 1945 when the Nazis were defeated (הובסו). Unfortunately, only 20% of the Nazi war criminals were ever put on trial (נשפטו).

What happened during the Holocaust?

1. Jews were not allowed to work in any public (ציבורי) place and had to wear a yellow Star of David (מגן דוד).
2. With the Nuremberg Laws (חוקי נירנברג) in 1935 German Jews lost their citizenship (אזרחות) and their right to marry Germans.
3. Jews were forced (הוכרחו) to live in ghettos and later brought by train to concentration camps (מחנות ריכוז) or death camps.
4. Six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust just because they were Jewish. Two out of three of all the Jews in Europe were murdered.

Other people who were killed in the Holocaust:

1. Christians and anyone who opposed (התנגדו) Hitler.
2. 1.5 million children
3. 250,000 disabled (נכים) and mentally ill (חולי נפש) people
4. 200,000 Gypsies (צוענים)
5. 70,000 criminals

How can humanity (אנושות) make sure something like The Holocaust never happens again?

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