

Holocaust Day

By Emily B

Why Should We Remember The holocaust?

- The Holocaust was a very significant time period in History that was due to Hitler wanting to "eliminate" the Jews. Under his command six million Jews were killed and they had no civil rights and no one to call out to. During the Second World War the Nazis tried to murder the entire Jewish population of Europe and to destroy its culture. In 1941 there were about 11 million Jews living in Europe; by May 1945 the Nazis had murdered six million of them. One-and-a-half million of these were children.

Why Should we Remember The Holocaust?

- The Holocaust caused millions to suffer and needs not to happen again, this should never happen again. We need to:
- Honour the victims and keep their memory alive through stories of their lives.
- To be aware.
- To learn about our history...where we've been influences where we are today and where we are headed.
- To keep such a thing from happening again. When we learn about it, we learn about the problem of intolerance.

What living conditions were like?

- When they went to the Ghetto's they could take with them only those possessions they were able to carry. Living conditions were extremely bad; often there were several families living where before there had been one. They were extremely over crowded.
- Initially many ghettos were open, but very soon barbed wire fences or walls were built around them. Jews were then not allowed to leave or have any contact with the outside world. Food rations were at starvation level and disease was rife though lack of clean water and sanitation. Hundreds of thousands of people died in the ghettos.

Survival Stories

- Here are some survival video's:
- <http://www.theholocaustexplained.org/our-stories/>

The Ghetto's

The Ghetto Theresienstadt, the Red Cross made a visit to the camp and in preparation playground and a shower block and fake money, trees, flower beds and café and shops were built so the Red cross approved. The Jews were also forced to but on football matches and concerts and were then deported. One Jew was forced to film their visit and was deported after. The showers have never been used, neither has anything else, the fake café didn't even have real coffee in, it was only a brown substance. Later on the Red Cross made a surprise visit and found everyone living in these terrible conditions and thankfully took over. Saving many Jews and six orphans, one called Joanna Millan.

Nobody Cared

- Millions had to live in these terrible conditions and innocent people had their rights taken away from them and we left with nothing. No family, no toys, nothing.

This is why we should care, millions of normal people with family and friends were killed. They were killed because everyone else didn't care and didn't stand up for what was right.