

The entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest of the Nazi killing camps.

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The Holocaust 1933-1945

The Nazis were single-minded in their attempt to destroy European Jewry. They murdered six million men, women and children in an industrialised massacre which we now refer to as the Holocaust. From the moment they came to power, the Nazis introduced legislation and propaganda which removed the rights of Jews. Over a number of years, Jews were forbidden to marry non-Jews, their businesses were boycotted, their homes were taken and they were forced into ghettos across Europe. When the Nazis liquidated ghettos they deported Jews to concentration camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau where they were either murdered in gas chambers or put to forced labour. Today, many survivors of the Holocaust share their stories in order that their experiences may never be forgotten, nor repeated.

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'Auschwitz was really a factory for killing, and human beings were used as fuel. I survived and promised myself, I will tell the world what happened.'

Lily Ebert, Holocaust survivor