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Nazi Persecution 1933 – 1945

The Nazis attempted to destroy any person or community that did not fit their narrow idea of what was 'normal'. During the same time period as the Holocaust and in addition to the murder of six million Jews, the Nazis excluded, persecuted, imprisoned and murdered many others. Approximately five million people were murdered including the mentally and physically disabled, the Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), trade unionists, Gay men and Lesbians, Jehovah's Witnesses, Black people, Freemasons, and those considered 'asocial' such as Non-Jewish Poles and Slavs, prisoners and political opponents. Many of those who were victims of Nazi hatred did not have their experiences recognised until many years after liberation.

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'I had to bear witness, tell everything, demand restitution for my past, a past I shared with so many others, with people who had been buried and forgotten in Europe's darkest hours. I had to bear witness in order to protect the future.'

*Pierre Seel,
Gay survivor of the Nazi regime*