

The Holocaust

The Holocaust was a huge campaign of discrimination and murder carried out by the Nazis during World War II. The Nazis were anti-Semitic (hated Jewish people) and decided to kill all the Jews in the areas of Europe they occupied. They called this the Final Solution. Jews were forced to live in ghettos, which were parts of towns that were sealed off without enough food and medical help. Millions of people, including Jews, Roma (travelers), gay people, and political prisoners were also taken to concentration camps. These were work camps where healthy adults were made to work extremely hard, although this only saved their lives temporarily. Many workers died of starvation and illness, or were sent to the gas chambers to be killed. Those who could not work were killed immediately by being shot or gassed. Around 6 million Jews were murdered during the Holocaust.



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