

## **INTRODUCTORY TIMELINE FOR USE WITH PROGRAM.**

This is based partly on the timeline of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. For more detail turn to that timeline at

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007653> or the Yad VaShem timeline at <http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/holocaust/timeline/index.asp#> .

**1819: A series of anti-Jewish riots in Germany that spread to several neighboring countries.**

**1878: Adolf Stoecker, German anti-Semitic preacher and politician, founds the Christian Social Party, which marks the beginning of the political anti-Semitic movement in Germany.**

**1879: Wilhelm Marr coins the term anti-Semitism to distinguish himself from religious Anti-Judaism.**

**1882: First International Anti-Jewish Congress convenes at Dresden, Germany.**

**1899: Houston Stewart Chamberlain, racist and anti-Semitic author, publishes his “Foundations of the 19th Century” which later became a basis of National-Socialist ideology.**

**1903: The Kishinev pogrom: 49 Jews murdered.**

**1925: Adolf Hitler publishes Mein Kampf.**

**January 30, 1933: President Hindenburg appoints Adolf Hitler Chancellor of Germany.**

**March 9: Outbreak of Nazi units rioting against German Jews.**

**March 20, 1933: SS opens the Dachau concentration camp outside of Munich.**

**April 1, 1933: Boycott of Jewish-owned shops and businesses in Germany.**

**April 7, 1933: Law for the Reestablishment of the Professional Civil Service.**

**May 10, 1933: Public burning of books by Jews and opponents of Nazism.**

**July 14, 1933: Nazi party legally proclaimed the only legal political party in Germany.**

**September 15, 1935: Anti-Jewish racist laws passed at Nuremberg.**

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**March 16, 1935: Germany introduces military conscription .**

**March 7, 1936: German troops march unopposed into the Rhineland.**

**July 16 1937: Opening of Buchenwald concentration camp.**

**November 25 1937: Germany and Japan sign military and political alliance.**

**March 11-13, 1938: Germany incorporates Austria in the Anschluss (Union).**

**September 29, 1938: Munich Agreement: Britain and France agree to German occupation of part of Czechoslovakia.**

**October 28, 1938: Germany expels 17,000 Polish Jews to Zbaszyn on German/Polish border.**

**November 6, 1938: Assassination of German diplomat in Paris by Herschel Grynszpan, son of Zbaszyn refugees.**

**November 9/10, 1938: Kristallnacht (nationwide pogrom in Germany).**

**March 15, 1939: German occupation of Czechoslovakia.**

**April 18, 1939: Racist laws passed in Slovakia.**

**May 13, 1939: The St. Louis sails from Hamburg, Germany.**

**August 23, 1939: Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Agreement.**

**September 1, 1939: Germany invades Poland, starting World War II in Europe.**

**September 3, 1939: Britain and France declare war on Germany.**

**September 17, 1939: The Soviet Union occupies Poland from the east.**

**September 21, 1939: Order to establish Ghettos in occupied Poland under a Judenrat or Jewish Council.**

**October 28, 1939: Germans establish first Polish ghetto in Piotrków Trybunalski, Poland.**

**November 23, 1939: Command for all Jews in Central Poland to wear distinctive armband.**

**January, February, 1940: First underground activities of youth movements in Poland.**

**February 8, 1940: Setting up of second Polish ghetto in Lodz.**

**April 9, 1940: Germany invades Denmark and Norway.**

**May 10, 1940: Germany attacks western Europe (France and the Low Countries) invading Holland, Belgium and France.**

**June 22, 1940: Surrender of French army. Petain signs armistice with Germany.**

**July 10, 1940: Battle of Britain begins as German planes attack England.**

**September 27, 1940: Berlin, Rome Tokyo Axis alliance established.**

**November 15, 1940: Establishment of closed Warsaw ghetto.**

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**November 20-24, 1940 Hungary, Slovakia and Rumania join Axis.**

**December 1940: Establishment of “Oneg Shabbat” secret Jewish archives in Warsaw.**

**June 22, 1941: Germany invades the Soviet Union.**

**July 6, 1941: Einsatzgruppen (mobile killing units) shoot nearly 3,000 Jews at the Seventh Fort, one of the 19th- century fortifications surrounding Kovno.**

**July 12, 1941: Military treaty signed between Britain and Soviet Union.**

**July 31, 1941: First mention of “Final Solution” in secret instruction sent by Goring, Hitler’s deputy.**

**September, October, 1941: Auschwitz turned into extermination camp. Birkenau killing centre built: First use of Zyklon gas.**

**September 28-29, 1941: Einsatzgruppen shoot about 34,000 Jews at Babi Yar, outside Kiev.**

**October 10, 1941: Establishment of Theresienstadt ghetto in Czechoslovakia.**

**November 7, 1941: Einsatzgruppen round up 13,000 Jews from the Minsk ghetto and kill them.**

**November 30, 1941: Einsatzgruppen shoot 10,000 Jews from the Riga ghetto in the Rumbula Forest.**

**December 6, 1941: Soviet winter counteroffensive.**

**December 7, 1941: Japan bombs Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declares war the next day.**

**December 8, 1941: The first killing operations begin at Chelmno extermination camp in occupied Poland.**

**December 11, 1941: Nazi Germany declares war on the United States.**

**January, February 1942: Jewish partisan groups organizing in Russian forests.**

**January 16, 1942: Germans begin the mass deportation of more than 65,000 Jews from Lodz to the Chelmno killing center.**

**January 20, 1942: Wannsee Conference held near Berlin, Germany to plan details of Final Solution.**

**January 21, 1942: Setting up of underground fighting organization in Vilna.**

**March 1, 1942, Beginning of extermination at Sobibor camp.**

**March 17, 1942: Beginning of extermination at Belzic camp.**

**March 27, 1942: Germans begin the deportation of more than 65,000 Jews from Drancy, outside Paris, to the east (primarily to Auschwitz).**

**June 1, 1942: Beginning of extermination at Treblinka.**

**June 28, 1942: Germany launches a new offensive towards the city of Stalingrad.**

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**July 1942: Underground “working group” organizing in Slovakia.**

**July 15, 1942: Germans begin mass deportations of nearly 100,000 Jews from the occupied Netherlands to the east (primarily to Auschwitz).**

**July 22, 1942: Germans begin the mass deportation of over 300,000 Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka camp.**

**August 1942: Mass deportations from Lodz ghetto.**

**August, September, 1942: Armed Jewish resistance in several ghettos.**

**September 12, 1942: Germans complete the mass deportation of about 265,000 Jews from Warsaw to Treblinka.**

**November 23, 1942: Soviet troops counterattack at Stalingrad, trapping the German Sixth Army in the city.**

**April 19, 1943: Warsaw ghetto uprising begins. Beginning of liquidation of the ghetto.**

**June, 1943: Liquidation of all Polish ghettos ordered.**

**June, 1943: Beginning of evacuation through the sewers of hundreds of Vilna underground fighters.**

**August 2, 1943: Revolt in Treblinka camp.**

**October 1, 1943: Rescue of Jews in Denmark.**

**March 19, 1944: Germans forces occupy Hungary.**

**May 15, 1944: Germans begin the mass deportation of about 440,000 Jews from Hungary.**

**June 6, 1944: D-Day: Allied forces invade Normandy, France.**

**June – August 1944: Liquidation of Lodz ghetto.**

**June 22, 1944: The Soviets launch an offensive in eastern Belorussia (Belarus).**

**July 25, 1944: Anglo-American forces break out of Normandy.**

**August 1, 1944: Warsaw Polish uprising begins.**

**August 15, 1944: Allied forces land in southern France.**

**August 25, 1944: Liberation of Paris.**

**& October, 1944: Uprising of Sonderkommandos in Auschwitz.**

**December 16, 1944: Battle of the Bulge.**

**January 12, 1945: Soviet winter offensive.**

**January 18, 1945: Death march of nearly 60,000 prisoners from the Auschwitz camp system in southern Poland.**

**January 27, 1945: Soviet troops liberate the Auschwitz camp complex.**

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**March 7, 1945: U.S. troops cross the Rhine River at Remagen.**

**April 16, 1945: The Soviets launch their final offensive, encircling Berlin.**

**April 29, 1945: American forces liberate the Dachau concentration camp .**

**April 30, 1945: Adolf Hitler commits suicide.**

**May 7, 1945: Germany surrenders to the western Allies.**

**May 9, 1945: Germany surrenders to the Soviets.**