Holocaust Chronology
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Six Stages of the Holocaust
by Michael Berenbaum and Raul Hilberg

1. Definition: defining Jews as biologically different race; Nuremberg Laws (Race Law and Citizenship Law)

2. Expropriation: stripping Jews of all civil rights, the right to hold most jobs, the right to own property, and ultimately seizing all possessions.

3. Concentration: moving Jews to ghettos; away from non-Jews

4. Deportation: sending Jews to Eastern Europe to larger ghettos in territory seized from Poland, concentration camps, and ultimately death centers

5. Mobile Killing Units: Einsatzgruppen; following the 1941 invasion of Russia, these mobile killing units were sent to round up Jews and murder them in former Polish and Russian territory (Babi Yar outside Kiev – 33,000 murdered in 2 days)

6. Death Centers: mechanized assembly line killing

Four Phases of the Holocaust
By Doris Bergen

1. 1933 – 1939
   Planning and Propaganda/ The German Phase
2. September 1939 – June 1941
   Expansion and Violence
3. June 1941
   Operation Barbarossa/German Invasion of the Soviet Union
4. 1941 – 1944
   Dedication to Mass Killing
Combined Scholarship

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  • Definition
  • Expropriation

*September 1939 – June 1941: Expansion and Violence
  • Concentration
  • Deportation

*June 1941: Operation Barbarossa/ German Invasion of the Soviet Union
  • Mobile Killing Units/ Einsatzgruppen

*1941-1944: Dedication to Mass Murder
  • Death Centers