

# The Impact of Anti-Semitism

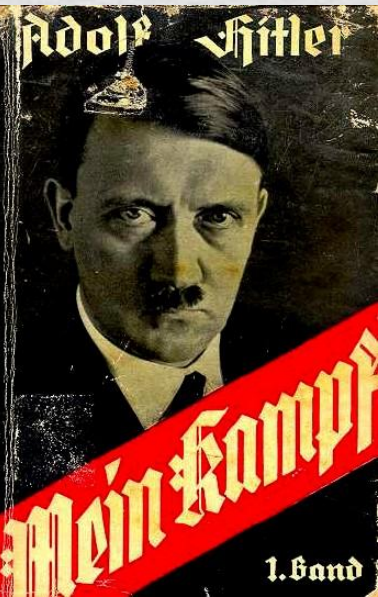


# Anti-Semitism

- Means prejudice against Jews because of economic, racial, or theological (religious) reasons



- In 1923, Adolf Hitler jailed for his part in a failed government coup
- Used prison time to write Mein Kampf (My Struggle)
- Included his creation plan of the Nazi party, world domination, belief of Aryan superiority, and fanatical anti-Semitism



**Hitler**



- After release from prison, Hitler and devoted followers preach the philosophy of Nazism
- Combination of economic depression, treachery, and inflammatory speechmaking lead to appointment as Chancellor in 1933
- Elected president in 1934 and names himself Fuhrer or supreme leader





- Once in power, Hitler turns anti-Semitism into an official government policy
- Leads to the murder of nearly 6 million European Jews as well as gypsies, intellectuals, homosexuals, Marxist, and other “enemies of the state”



A wagon piled high with corpses outside the crematorium in the newly liberated Buchenwald concentration camp



- Over 14 years of age and deemed 'fit' for work were sent to one side of the unloading ramp;
- The rest were sent to the other side.
- The elderly and women with children **condemned** to death in the gas chambers

- Items Confiscated
- Registered and undressed



- Tattooed with a registration number, shaved of all body hair, disinfected and forced through shower
- Striped pajamas, hat and a pair of wooden clogs





- Concentration, Transit, Work, and Extermination Camps
- Barracks designed to hold 250 and 400 prisoners, but they would often house 700 to 1200 prisoners.
- Electrified barbed wire fence



- Millions murdered through the use of gas chamber, firing squads, and other methods of extermination
- Hundreds of thousands of others died from disease, starvation, and slave labor.





- Dr. Josef Mengele, known as the Angel of Death, was a Nazi German SS officer and a physician in Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp.

**Dr. Josef Mengele**

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- Most of those Mengele experimented on died, either due to the experiments or later infections.
  - On several occasions, he killed subjects simply to be able to dissect them afterwards.
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- In the case of the twins, he drew sketches of each twin, for comparison.
- He also injected his victims with various substances, dripping chemicals into their eyes (apparently in an attempt to change their color).





**Auschwitz Entrance**

**Auschwitz**



**Inside**





**Gas Chamber**



**Entrance to Birkenau**

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- Spent childhood studying sacred Jewish texts
- Sent to concentration camps at Auschwitz and at Buna, both in Poland
- Wiesel was freed in April 1945, at 16 years old
- HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
- Author



# Elie Wiesel

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*Former Buchenwald prisoners – Elie Wiesel’s face is visible on the second row, seventh from the left, by the vertical wooden beam.*

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- Speaks against oppression and persecution around the world
- Feels a special obligation to speak out against injustice
- Nobel Peace Prize

*Sometimes we must interfere . . .*

*Wherever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe.*

