

Fay Rosenberg



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Life Before The War

- ❖ Fay was born in Poland
- ❖ There were four kids
- ❖ She lived with her parents
- ❖ Her father had a business

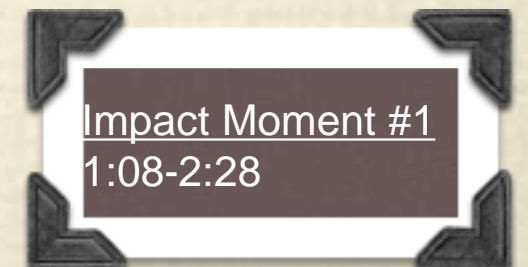


Anti-Semitism

- ❖ She grew up in a very anti-semitic country
- ❖ It was very hard for jews to live
- ❖ Fay was about nine years old when WW2 started
- ❖ Fay didn't understand why people where saying anti-semitic things
- ❖ She knew she was different
- ❖ Her friend told her jews have no heart, she said this really got to her
- ❖ Before the war she remembered two weddings, her aunts got married



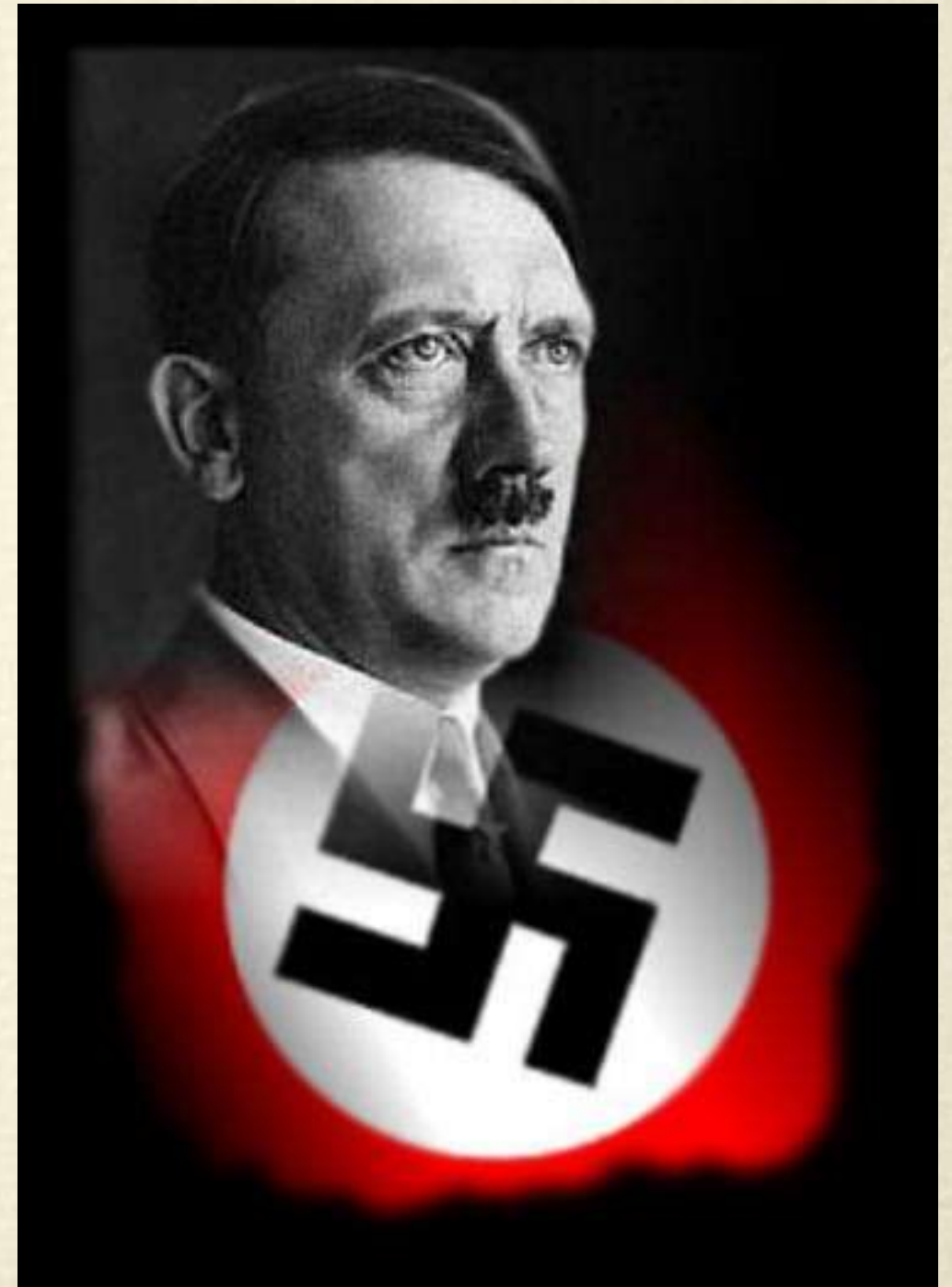
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Hitler's Rise To Power

- ❖ Fay says she was not aware of Hitler's rise to power
- ❖ She explained that she heard her family talking about what was happening in Germany
- ❖ Her family didn't believe that something like the holocaust could happen
- ❖ She spoke about a jewish man that came to the house and said that he would prefer the Germans to the Russians because they could speak to them, later on she found out that actually, it was the other way around



<http://www.topnews.in/people/adolfo-hitler>

Who Is Adolf Hitler?

- ◆ Adolf Hitler was born on April 20th, 1889 in the small town named Braunau
- ◆ Left school at the age of sixteen with dreams of becoming a painter
- ◆ Left home to Vienna where he was rejected by the Viennese Academy Of Fine Arts
- ◆ In WW1 Hitler was serving as a despatch runner
- ◆ He received an Iron Cross, for bravery
- ◆ The Reichswehr assigned him to spy on political parties
- ◆ He spied on the German Workers' Party
- ◆ On September 16, 1919 he entered the party
- ◆ The party soon changed its name to the National Socialist German Workers' Party



<http://schoolworkhelper.net/2011/05/adolf-hitler-world-wars-nazi-party-legacy/>

Who Is Adolf Hitler? (Cont.)

- ❖ He gave the new party a symbol, a swastika
- ❖ By November 1921 he was recognized as Fuhrer of a movement which had 3,000 members
- ❖ He organized strong-arm squads to keep order at his meetings
- ❖ Hitler's black-shirted personal bodyguard, the [Schutzstaffel](#) (SS) started to appear
- ❖ Then soon later was arrested
- ❖ He wrote the book Mein Kampf while in prison
- ❖ Hindenburg made Hitler Reich Chancellor
- ❖ On April 30th, 1945 he committed suicide



<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/hitler.html>

The Invasion Of Poland

- ❖ When the Germans invaded, it was the day of the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah
- ❖ Everyone was in the synagogue and the children were playing outside when they came in
- ❖ Germans were coming in on motorcycles
- ❖ Children were scared because they saw their parents scared too



<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005070>

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About The The Invasion Of Poland

- ❖ On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland.
- ❖ Britain and France, had declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939.
- ❖ More than 2,000 tanks and over 1,000 planes, broke through Polish defenses along the border and advanced on Warsaw
- ❖ The Soviet Union invaded eastern Poland on September 17, 1939.
- ❖ Warsaw surrendered to the Germans on September 27, 1939



http://germanhistorydocs.ghi-dc.org/sub_imglist.cfm?startrow=21&sub_id=196§ion_id=13

First Encounter With The Nazi's

- ◆ Her family was with the Nazi's for about 2 months, until the Nazi's threw them out
- ◆ They came in and said the Jews have to leave
- ◆ They crossed the border to Russia
- ◆ Left her home, with no belongings
- ◆ When they came over, after a few months a law was passed that people who came from the other side, should get a Russian citizenship
- ◆ Her father refused
- ◆ They took them to Siberia because they thought her family were spies
- ◆ Her father didn't take the citizenship, because of that he saves the lives of her mother and siblings



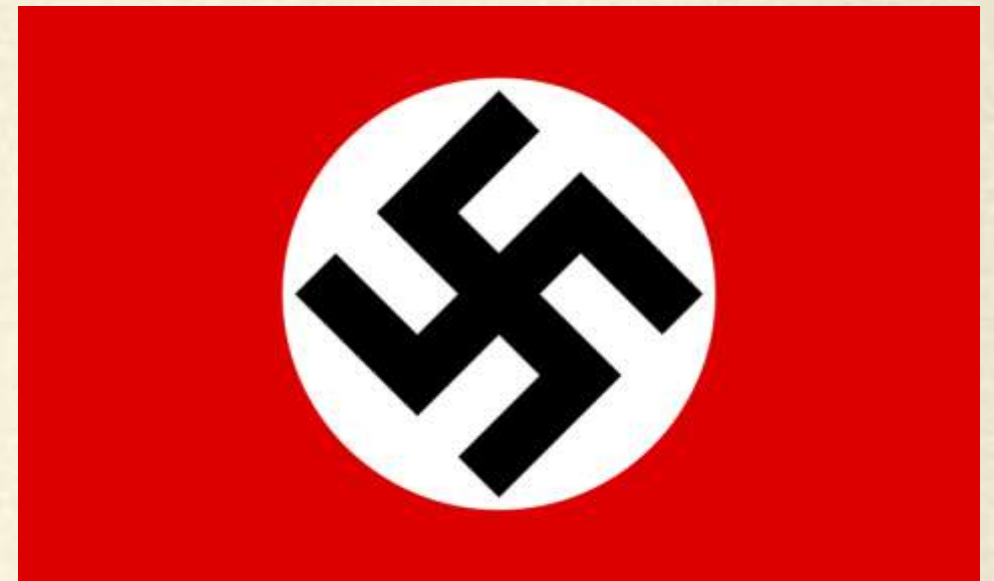
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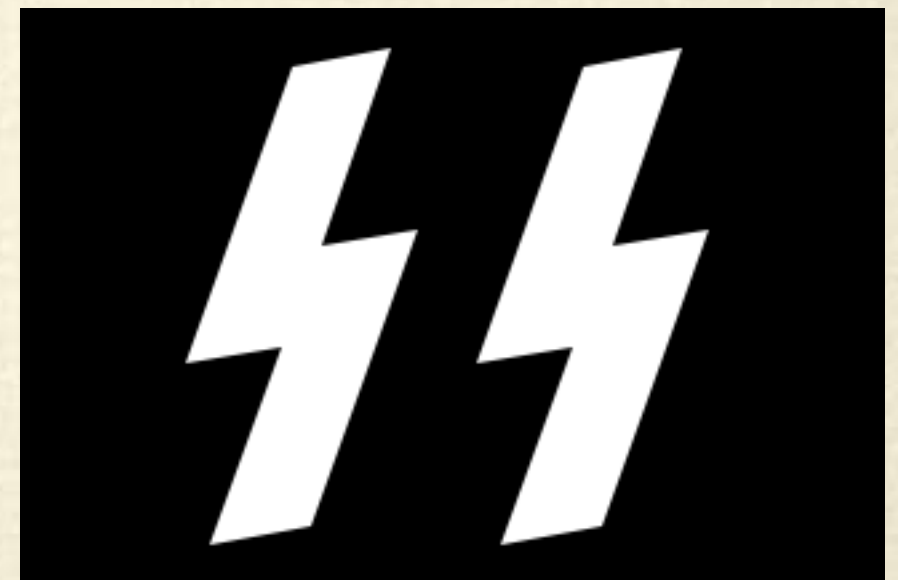
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National Socialism (Nazism)

- ❖ A unique variety of fascism that incorporates biological racism and anti-semitism
- ❖ Nazism claimed the Aryan race was the superior race
- ❖ It also claimed the biggest threat to Aryans were jews
- ❖ They considered jews a parasitic race that attached itself to various ideologies and movements to secure its self-preservation
- ❖ To keep the “Aryan race” pure the Nazi’s intended to exterminate jews, homosexuals, disabled people and others
- ❖ The Nazi Party had their own defence known as the Schutzstaffel (SS)



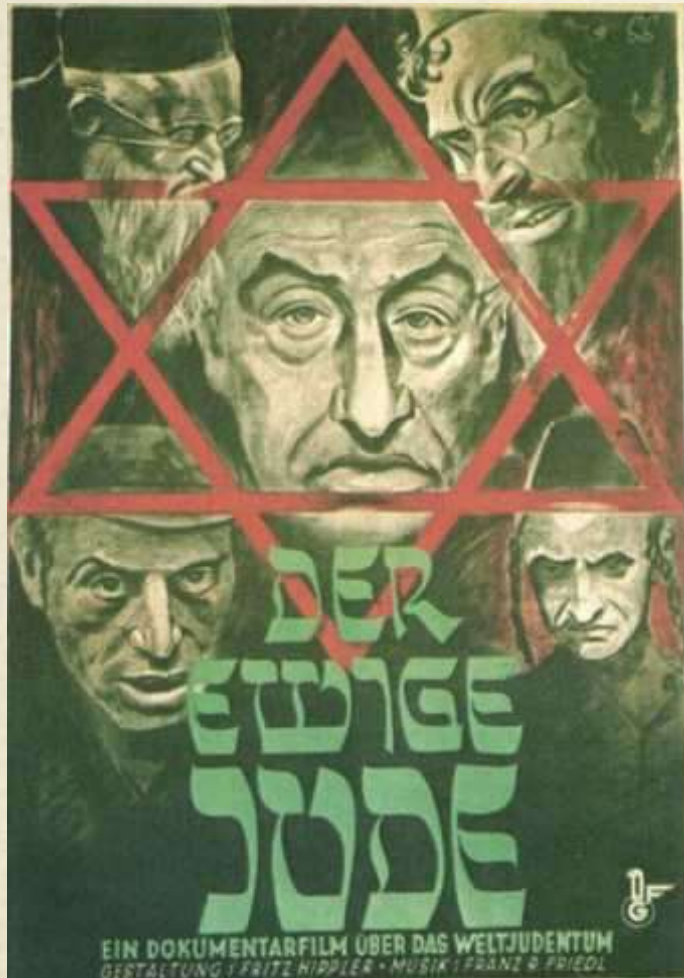
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Flag_Schutzstaffel.svg

Anti-Semitic Propaganda

"Propaganda tries to force a doctrine on the whole people... Propaganda works on the general public from the standpoint of an idea and makes them ripe for the victory of this idea." These were the words of Adolf Hitler in the book *Mein Kampf* in which he first promoted the use of propaganda to spread the ideals of National Socialism, among them were [racism](#), [antisemitism](#), and anti-Bolshevism.



<http://library.thinkquest.org/C0111500/ww2/german/naziprop.htm>

The poster on the left advertises the Nazi film "The Eternal Jew," served to dehumanize the German Jews. The film "The Eternal Jew" compares Jewish people to rats. By dehumanizing Jews, the Nazi party began to prepare for Hitler's "Final Solution."

The Nazi party knew that when the deportations began it would be much easier for the German people to watch friends and neighbours be shipped away if they associated them with rats or with age-old stereotypes about cheating with money.



<http://www.ushmm.org/propaganda/archive/polish-antisemitic-poster/>

Leaving Her Home

- ❖ She thought it would be fun to go because she was a child
- ❖ Going to Siberia
- ❖ Her parents took it hard
- ❖ Didn't know who the Nazi's were and didn't understand how dangerous they were
- ❖ Father had to run away because the Germans were taking the men to work camps
- ❖ Mother had to cross the border to visit him
- ❖ Grew up in Russia
- ❖ Went to school in Russia



Life In Siberia

- ❖ Russians fought a lot
- ❖ She wasn't afraid to go out, she said she would go out during the day and night
- ❖ Never heard “your a Jew you don't belong here”
- ❖ Starvation was common, russians were also starving
- ❖ If there was little food, it was sent to the soldiers
- ❖ Stayed in Siberia until the end of the war



<http://ww2total.com/WW2/Weapons/Infantry/Firearms/Russian/PPSh-41/PPSh.htm>

Living Conditions In Siberia

- ❖ Living conditions were very bad
- ❖ Lived in a small room with six people
- ❖ There were no stoves or electricity
- ❖ In her own words it was “very primitive”
- ❖ She said she was happy somehow
- ❖ There were no rules and nobody bothered them



<http://grossmanproject.net/pogroms.htm>

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The Holocaust

- ❖ "Holocaust" is a Greek word meaning "sacrifice by fire."

- ❖ The Nazi's believed that the Aryan race was "racially superior" and Jews were "inferior"

- ❖ 6 million Jewish people, between 2 and 3 million [Soviet prisoners of war](#) were murdered or died of starvation, disease, neglect, or maltreatment, thousands of political opponents (including Communists, Socialists, and trade unionists) and religious dissidents (such as Jehovah's Witnesses), 200,000 Roma (Gypsies), at least 200,000 mentally or physically disabled patients, died in the Holocaust

- ❖ Main extermination camps were [Auschwitz \(Auschwitz-Birkenau\)](#), [Chelmno](#), [Belzec](#), [Majdanek](#), [Sobibor](#), and [Treblinka](#)



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Birds-eye_view_of_Auschwitz-Birkenau_25_August_1944.jpg

Learning The Reality Of The Holocaust

- ❖ When in Siberia, she didn't know what was happening
- ❖ When she came back, she saw what happened
- ❖ Never came back where she lived
- ❖ She went into a kibbutz
- ❖ Met her husband and got married at sixteen
- ❖ Fay has a son that is seventeen years younger than her



<http://www.zchor.org/LINKSHOA.HTM>

Coming To Canada

- ❖ Husband had two brothers and aunt in Canada
- ❖ Her family was in Israel, her husband wanted to go to Canada
- ❖ Fay didn't want to come to Canada
- ❖ She wouldn't visit Poland or Russia again
- ❖ Fay says she travels to Israel a lot



<http://orangemaplescanada.blogspot.ca/2010/11/from-wikipedia-see-orginal-canada-north.html-canada-north.html>

Thoughts About The Holocaust

- ❖ Lives were changed, she believes people became stronger, she also believes Israel got stronger
- ❖ Fay thinks that if something like the Holocaust were to happen again, people would fight back
- ❖ Fay blames the world for the Holocaust, “everyone is to blame” she says
- ❖ She says that she blames the Americans because they knew and didn't help
- ❖ She doesn't believe that the Holocaust has to do with religion
- ❖ Fay couldn't believe when it was the end of the war



<http://brucemctague.com/tag/end-of-world-war-2>

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The Importance Of Oral History

- ❖ The Oral History Project shows the thoughts and emotions that cannot be seen while reading a textbook. History is often taught through the eyes of historians and not the actual people who experienced the events. To holocaust deniers the Oral History Project provides evidence to disprove their claims. Without the Oral History Project these survivors stories would have never been told and the memories would have been lost. If hundreds of people were interviewed there is a chance that at least one of them can add something that we never knew before about history. I would like to thank Fay Rosenberg for sharing her thoughts and memories with us.



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