

The Holocaust is the event in which 11 million people were killed, 6 million were Jews. The beginning roots of the Holocaust start at the beginning of World War I. World War I started when Archduke Frang Ferdinand was assassinated and then Austria Hungary blamed Serbia for the assassination. Serbia asked Germany for help then it began World War I. The Allies won and blamed Germany for starting WWI. As a punishment for starting WWI the Allies made Germany sign the Treaty of Versailles. The Treaty of Versailles decreased Germany's land by 13% and forced Germany to pay war reparations of 23 billion marks. The Great Depression was so bad that 8 out of 10 people lost their jobs and one American dollar was worth 4,000,000,000,000 marks. Inflation skyrocketed and one loaf of bread was worth 4,600,000,000,000 marks! Money was so worthless that children used it as building blocks. Hitler fought in WWI and after WWI he heard voices telling him to do terrible things. In order to do these things Hitler needed power so, he started to speak about his promises. (cite: Steele 17)

Hitler rose to power mostly because of the promises he made. Hitler promised that he would make Germany great again or to restore law and order but did not mentioned he was going to try to kill all Jews. When Hitler became

powerful, he started rebuilding roads and opening parks and offering more jobs. This made Germany more powerful. Eventually when Germany was powerful enough, they took over Poland then Denmark and so on. Hitler used propaganda to grow hatred in people. The Nazis hung posters saying Jews were secretly demons. Posters depicted Jews as big ugly monsters. He also ordered the Nazis to make posters of Hitler as Germany's hero. Hitler also staged rallies to show people his army, to make people afraid of the Nazis, and to show Germans how powerful their country became under his rule. (Mura).

The Third Reich is the name of Hitler's government; the Nazi party is also known as Hitler's army (ushmm.org). Hitler's "First Solution" to rid Europe of Jews was to make laws against the Jews. Jews were no longer German citizens, Jewish children were not allowed to attend public schools, Jewish business were closed, and Jews were stripped of all their rights and possessions. The "Second Solution" was to relocate Jews to ghettos. Ghettos were built at the edge of the city surrounded or cut off by walls; Jews were not allowed to leave the ghetto unless they were going to work. The "Third Solution" was extermination camps, in these camps Jews would be gassed to death or the Nazis would work the Jews to death. (Mura).

The author of my book is Noemi Ban, and this is her story. Noemi was about twelve and lived in Hungary with her baby brother, her little sister, her mom and dad and her grandma when the Nazis took over. First, they went to a ghetto, then into a cattle car to a concentration camp called Auschwitz. When Noemi arrived at Auschwitz, they arrived at Auschwitz there was a very long line and at the end of the line there was an SS soldier who decided if people were going to the left where they would be gassed and die or to the right where they would work till, they die. When Noemi and her family reached the end of the line the SS soldier sent Noemi's family to the left and Noemi to the right. Auschwitz was a very terrible place where 100 people had to fit into one room. And they had to work from morning to night and Noemi only got about two slices of bread and a sip of dirty soup each day. on time Noemi was working with the other prisoners and the Nazis brought out water for the prisoners to have. When the prisoners saw that they instantly rushed to the water and pushed each other over. One day a person came to Auschwitz searching for people to transport to another work camp and Noemi was one of the people that the guy chose. At the new camp there was a girl that worked in the kitchen. She saw Noemi and her friends take the potato skins that were left outside as garbage. Noemi ate the potato skins. The next day the girl in the kitchen left more potato on the potato skin and then more the next day. What the prisoners did for work at this new camp was to make bombs for the war. But sometimes Neomi and her friends

sabotaged the bombs on purpose. Once the Americans started winning the war the Nazis tried to walk the Jews to death. If a Jew fainted, they would be shot so Noemi and her friends escaped to a shack where an American soldier saved them. (Ban).

Ms. Ban always inspired

As Germany began to lose the war, the Nazi officers tried to cover up all the evidence by burning records, trying to destroy gas chambers and moving prisoners on the death march. In the death march Nazis would try walk people to death and if somebody fainted the Nazis would shoot them. The Nazis would also take off their uniforms and put on civilized clothes. During the Nuremberg Trials, the Allies met in London and signed an agreement to prosecute Nazi war criminals. They set up a court called the International Military Tribunal (Merti 195). “From November 1945 to October 1946 twenty-one of the twenty-four Nazi leaders stood trial for participating in conspiracy to wage war, crimes against peace, or waging war, war crimes, or breaking international laws of war such as mistreating war prisoners and submitting captives to forced labor, crimes against humanity, or genocide, deportations and other atrocities”. (Merti 195). Of the twenty-one Nazi war criminals, three were let go, seven were sentenced to prison, and the rest were hanged. (Merti 195). At the end of the war the British took all of Palestine and split it in half one side for the Muslims and one for the Jews. Now any Jew has

automatic citizen ship to Israel. What I've learned about hatred that it can cause a lot of pain physically and mentally and that it happens a lot.

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