

Digital Holocaust Resources

The following links are for digital collections, publications and exhibitions related to the Holocaust and Nazi era arranged alphabetically by country, with an 'International' section at the end. Also included are digital collections of eyewitness testimonies and union catalogues that allow for searching across multiple collections across different organisations.

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Czech Republic

Database of Digitised Documents (holocaust.cz)

The website contains a database of digitised documents and a database of victims which can be searched by name, birth place or date and address. Information about the history of the Holocaust and the sources of the database are also available online.

Estonia

Estonian Historical Archives

The digitised records available online contain records of the National Archives and the Tallinn City Archives. Along with digital images, film recordings, maps, seals and parchments are available to search online.

Germany

The Lost Art Internet Database (Koordinierungsstelle Magdeburg)

The database provides information on cultural objects removed or relocated due to Nazi persecution or the Second World War. It is divided into search requests, where cultural objects that were lost can be registered to request a world-wide search, and found-object reports, where found objects can be registered.

Memorial Archives

This freely accessible "virtual reading room" contains a growing number of digital files from the Flossenbürg Concentration Camp Memorial and more than 30 other institutions and private collections focusing on Nazi era victim data.

The Database of Jewish Businesses in Berlin 1930-1945

An online, abridged version of the database created as part of a Humboldt University research project. It contains key information on more than 8,000 companies that were regarded as Jewish and therefore persecuted from 1933 on, as well as the raw data of another 44,000 companies that could not be identified as Jewish.

Closed Borders: The International Conference on Refugees in Evian 1938

Created by the Center for Research on Antisemitism at the Technische Universität Berlin and the *Gedenkstätte Deutscher Widerstand* (German Resistance Memorial Center), this resource provides context about 1938 Evian conference, its relevance today, and videos with refugees recounting their experiences during Kristallnacht.

Israel

The Wiener Collection, Tel Aviv University

Partially on microfilm, the Tel Aviv Wiener Library's resources can be searched in their online database. The collection includes documents (including the Nuremberg Trials documents), press cuttings, testimonies and files on various persons and subjects.

Yad Vashem – World Center for Holocaust Research

Next to various online resources including lectures, podcasts and video testimonies, the Shoah Names Database, an online film database, the photo and documents archive, Yad Vashem's website provides multiple online exhibitions that deal with life during and after the war and the Holocaust.

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Latvia

In Their Shoes (Ghetto and Latvian Holocaust Museum)

The website provides a virtual guided tour that allows users to walk through the present day streets of the former ghetto and listen to stories about the events that occurred in the area during the Second World War. Interactive features allow users to unlock new stories while virtually walking through the streets of the ghetto.

The Netherlands

Camps in the Netherlands (Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD))

The website provides a database of the German camps that existed in the Netherlands during the Second World War. It also features information about the archival material within the camps and includes photographs and drawings.

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Poland

"The SS KL Auschwitz Garrison" database project (*site in Polish, German and English*)

This database contains the names and personal details of 8,502 staff members from Auschwitz and is based on data from archives in Poland, Germany, Austria, the US and, to a limited extent, Russia. Personal details includes first name and surname, date and place of birth, nationality, education background, and occupation (when known) and includes both browsing and search functions.

Memory of Treblinka - "Book of Names" project (*site in Polish and English*)

The Memory of Treblinka Foundation uses information from Yad Vashem's databases, the reports collected at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, memoirs and other pre- and post-war sources to collate a "Book of Names" relating to those murdered at Treblinka. Although incomplete the database currently includes over 25,000 names and strives to include other information such as occupation, place of birth and details of family members where possible.

Portugal

Museu Virtual Aristides de Sousa Mendes

The museum's website includes a virtual exhibition that provides an interactive experience of the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes with audio-visual features.

United Kingdom

BBC History: World War Two

BBC History's online resource explores the causes, events and consequences of the Second World War. It includes in-depth texts, photographs, audio recordings, animated maps, and videos.

The Nazi Concentration Camps: A teaching and learning resource

This website, developed and written by Birkbeck Professor Dr Nikolaus Wachsmann provides a detailed overview of the vast Nazi concentration camp system, including a number of resources for teachers. Included in the website are testimonies and photographs from The Wiener Library's Collections.

The Holocaust: Key Documents from The National Archives

This classroom resources highlights a number of key documents from The National Archives regarding the Allied response to the question of saving the Jews during the Second World War. The documents, ranging the confession of Rudolf Höss to a plan of Treblinka, are arranged together according to theme and have been selected in connection to the UK curriculum.

Frank Falla Archive

This website contains the stories of all Channel Islanders deported to Nazi prisons, labour and concentration camps, as well as the profiles of those institutions, and searchable maps of Europe and the Channel Islands.

United States of America

DigiBaeck - Leo Baeck Institute (LBI)

The LBI's collections document the heritage of German-speaking Jewry in the modern era and are featured digitally in DigiBaeck. The website provides access to materials from the 16th century onward, including memoirs, manuscripts, objects, books, photographs and audio recordings.

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The Nuremberg Trials Collection (Yale Law School)

The Nuremberg Trials Collection is part of The Avalon Project of Yale Law School, a collection of documents in law, history and diplomacy. Users can browse the full trial transcripts which are sorted into sets.

Nuremberg Trials Project (Harvard Law School)

This open-access initiative aims to create and present digitized images or full-text versions of the Library's Nuremberg documents alongside descriptions and general information about the trials. As an ongoing project only select material is available at present.

The Holocaust Encyclopaedia (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The online encyclopaedia contains thousand of entries detailing the events surrounding the Holocaust. It is published in different languages and features images, maps, historical film footage, personal histories and photographs.

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Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933—1945

The first two volumes of the Mandel Center's comprehensive encyclopedia are available online through an agreement with Indiana University Press. After completing a short online form, users can download and search nearly 4,000 pages of PDF files describing over 2,200 sites of detention, torture, and murder.

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The Roma/Gypsies of Europe (Institute for Jewish Policy Research)

The publication deals with the history of persecution of the Roma in Europe up to the present and draws parallels between anti-Gypsyism and antisemitism. The 58 pages provide an extensive overview of the Roma's subjection to enslavement, expulsion and genocide during the Second World War.

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Online Exhibits (USC Shoah Foundation)

USC Shoah Foundation's website features a collection of online exhibitions in various languages. The exhibition's topics are the Holocaust and other genocides and include testimonies and videos.

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Holocaust Denial on Trial (Emory University)

This website was created by Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt and colleagues to preserve and provide access to material from the David Irving v. Penguin Books U.K. and Deborah Lipstadt trial and to refute the misleading claims of Holocaust deniers with historical evidence.

Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation

This website features a selection of educational materials aimed at highlighting the experiences of the 20-30,000 Jews who fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators as Jewish partisans.

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International

Women under Nazi persecution: a primary source supplement based on documents from the International Tracing Service

This digital teaching supplement is the first in a series jointly produced by The Wiener Library, USHMM and ITS and can be downloaded free of charge. This edition focuses on the particular forms of exploitation and persecution of women by the National Socialists and includes a number of relevant ITS documents alongside explanations and questions for university-level study.

Killing Sites - Research and Remembrance (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance)

The publication incorporates the conference papers of the IHRA conference in 2014, which was attended by experts in the field. It forms an up-to-date anthology that reflects the research on killing sites. Users can download the publication's PDF and E-publication version for free.

EHRI Document Blog

This blog is curated by members of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) and functions as a space to share ideas about Holocaust-related archival documents, and their presentation and interpretation using digital tools such as timelines and maps. EHRI partners (including The Wiener Library) and fellows document their activities and experiment with different ways to explain and show digital archival content.

UNESCO Clearinghouse on Global Citizenship Education

A vast database of resources on the Holocaust, in various languages hosted by the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding. Resources include teaching and learning materials, articles and other research publications on education about the Holocaust and other genocides. The link above is filtered for the theme: "Human rights/ human dignity/ Genocide".

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United Nations War Crimes Commission (UNWCC)

This online version from the contains nearly 400 publically accessible digital files from the UNWCC, which is available to view in full at The Wiener Library by appointment. The full archive includes lists of alleged war criminals, files of charges brought against them, minutes of meetings, reports, correspondence, trial transcripts, and related documentation about the activities of the United Nations War Crimes Commission (UNWCC), its committees, and individuals identified as alleged war criminals, including evidence compiled against them and records related to their prosecution by national tribunals.

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Music and the Holocaust

This website is about the role of music in the Holocaust and describes in detail a wide range of musical activities that took place in camps and ghettos across Nazi-occupied Europe, both by professional musicians and composers and by 'ordinary' people in response to their experiences of internment. It includes videos, lyrics and background information about the origin of select songs and text is provided in English, Spanish, and Russian.

Testimonies

Chronicles of Terror (Witold Pilecki Center for Totalitarian Studies)

The online database features one of the largest collections of civilian testimonies from occupied Europe, reflecting the personal experiences of thousands of Polish victims of totalitarian crimes, as well as those of their families and loved ones. The testimonies are available in both Polish and English, and browsable by location, crime, subject, witness, victims, perpetrators and more.

Witnessing Genocide (The Polish Research Institute, Lund, Sweden)

The website contains unique source material documenting the experiences of approximately 20,000 survivors from Ravensbrück and other Nazi concentration camps who were evacuated to Sweden, including testimonies, drawings, photos, transport lists, layouts of camps, and teaching materials.

National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism

The online collections contains 50 life stories which include photographic material and documents. Some are video testimonies or essays written by the eyewitnesses.

USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive (VHA)

VHA Online allows users to browse through 52,000 video testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, the 1937 Nanjing Massacre in China, and the Rwandan Genocide. The website also includes a detailed description of the testimony project as well as links to related articles.

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Learning: Voices of the Holocaust (The British Library)

The website contains oral history testimonies from Jewish refugees that came to Britain during or after the Second World War. Information cards about historical background as well as other resources including maps, statistics and teachers' pages are also available.

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International Database of Oral History Testimonies (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

The database contains links to over 125 collections of interviews and Holocaust testimonies gathered by different institutions. It features names, addresses and contact information for each organisation as well as information about the content of the collections.

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Oral History: Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust (The British Library)

The resource includes over 1800 recordings of personal accounts of the Holocaust from Jewish survivors living in Britain. It brings together two oral history projects and can be sorted by interview, subject and location.

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Gathering the Voices

The website contains testimonies from refugees that escaped Nazi-dominated Europe by emigrating to Scotland. The stories are divided into sections and can be viewed in different orders.

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70 Voices: Victims, Perpetrators, Bystanders (Holocaust Educational Trust)

The commemorative project explores the history of the Holocaust through 70 sources created by different witnesses, including victims, survivors and perpetrators. The sources include diaries, letters, testimonies and poems.

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Voices of the Holocaust (The Galvin Library)

The website features the testimonies collected by Dr. David P. Boder in 1946 during his visit to refugee camps in France, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany. He recorded 90 hours of first-hand testimony, which represent the earliest known oral histories of the Holocaust and are available through the online archive.

Forced Labour 1939-1945: Memory and History (Freie Universität Berlin, Center for Digital Systems)

The website features a collection of audio and video interviews of 600 former forced labourers from 26 countries. It also provides background information, short films and talks about forced labour.

Holocaust Matters

The education resource is run by the family of Holocaust survivor Dr. Ernst Israel Bornstein to showcase excerpts of his memoir. Users can explore key historical topics and themes, and search by location using the interactive map covering Ernst's route through seven Nazi labour and death camps across Germany and Poland.

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Union Catalogues

EHRI Portal - European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI)

The portal is part of the EHRI project and contains information on Holocaust-related material from an extensive list of archives across Europe and beyond. Users can search the portal by keyword or using advanced search field options.

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Kalliope Union Catalogue (Berlin State Library)

The joint catalogue contains records for a collection of personal papers and manuscripts, which are dispersed across different libraries, archives and museums. Users can search by keyword or using different filters such as date, persons, organisations, locations and holding institutions.

GeoBib

The geographical search of GeoBib enables users to search the online bibliography for criteria such as birth places, settings, and other locational data. The bibliography is restricted to texts about the Holocaust and concentration camps.

German National Library

The library's search engine includes the German National Library's holdings since 1913 as well as the catalogue of the German Music Archive, the German Museum of Books and Writing, the German Exile Archive, the Anne Frank Shoah Library and the German Union Catalogue of Serials.

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