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 **Jews in the second world war**
« on: September 08, 2021, 09:29:41 PM »

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how did the Nazi's not get him?

Nearly nobody in Amsterdam survived the deportations


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 **Re: Jews in the second world war**
« Reply #1 on: September 08, 2021, 09:48:39 PM »

He never told me, but from what he did tell me, I deducted he was in the centre of Amsterdam.

Peter

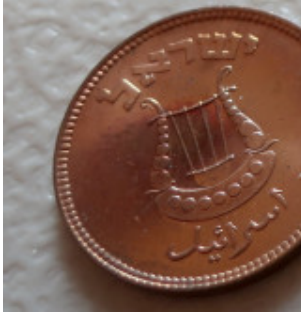
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Re: Jews in the second world war

« **Reply #2 on:** September 08, 2021,

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<<I deduced he was in the centre of Amsterdam.>>

Anything is possible but for anyone who has studied the history of the Holocaust in Amsterdam, that is not likely. The genocide was nearly complete, and the locals, especially after Rotterdam was raised, and the result of the strike, were terrified.

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Re: Jews in the second world war

« **Reply #3 on:** September 08, 2021,

11:25:28 PM »

Sorry, you have no idea what is likely in those times. Reality is much more complicated. People think in cartoons served up by TV. For one thing, the jewish quarter in Amsterdam was isolated, depopulated and neglected, but its destruction is due to the post-war city government. For another, many people hid in the centre of Amsterdam. One of the reasons was the Chinese quarter. It had housed people without papers for very long and the facilities for them were generously shared with those on the run in war-time. Post-war, the heroes became illegal aliens again.

The persecution of jews was of course real, but only part of the picture. Most victims were not jewish. There were good Germans, bad Americans, and ugly jews as well as the opposite and too few had reasons to be proud of their conduct. Good and bad motives were befuddled. Resistance fighter sometimes killed the wrong people or botched important jobs. Germans would release resistance fighters for silly reasons. Allied bombing did more material damage than German bombing (remember that the occupation of the Netherlands took 5 days, its liberation took 5 years.) Much of the above is understandable, whether you approve or not, once you dig into the situation, but you have to let go of all the clichés first.

Peter

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Re: Jews in the second world war

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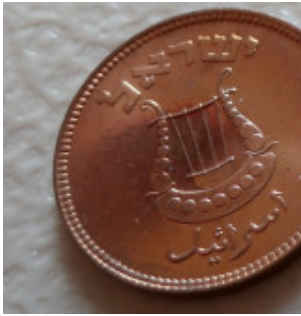
<<Sorry, you have no idea what is likely in those times. Reality is much more complicated.>>

No it wasn't. This is not cartoons but real living history that was burned on the flesh of my family. Every member of my family in Europe was killed leaving only the NY branch left alive. The Ensogna has a handful of people left in an ediface designed for hundreds of daily

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participant, and the Ashkenazi shule is a museum. The Jewish imprint on the city is all over, from the Pathe theaters to the arts, to the Walloon etc etc .

Outside of a small community in the Zuid, it is all GONE.

When you GO to the Ensonga on Shabbat, there are hundreds of hats that was left behind by the victims.

And that is Amsterdam. The Hague is worst.

Quote

140,000 Jews were living in the Netherlands when the country was invaded by Germany in May 1940. Around 15,000 of them were Jews who had fled from Germany and who were once again under Nazi domination. Soon after the occupation, anti-Jewish decrees were enacted: Jewish civil servants were fired, Jewish businesses and then the Jews themselves had to be registered. Within two years, in summer 1942, the deportation to the death camps began. Transports regularly left the transit camps of Westerbork and Vught – mostly for Auschwitz and Sobibor. By the summer of 1943 most of the Jews in the Netherlands had been deported. By the time the last transport left in September 1944 a total of 107,000 Jews had been deported to the extermination camps. Only 5,000 of them returned after the war. More than 75% of Dutch Jews perished in the Holocaust.

<https://www.yadvashem.org/righteous/stories/netherlands-historical-background.html>

<https://www.annefrank.org/en/anne-frank/go-in-depth/netherlands-greatest-number-jewish-victims-western-europe/>

<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/amsterdam>

Quote

The Germans occupied the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, and established a civilian administration dominated by the SS (the elite guard of the Nazi state). Amsterdam, the country's largest city, had a Jewish population of about 75,000, which increased to over 79,000 in 1941. Jews represented less than 10 percent of the city's total population. More than 10,000 of these were foreign Jews who had found refuge in Amsterdam in the 1930s.

On February 22, 1941, the Germans arrested several hundred Jews and deported them from Amsterdam first to the Buchenwald concentration camp and then to the Mauthausen concentration camp. Almost all of them were murdered in Mauthausen. The arrests and the brutal treatment shocked the population of Amsterdam. In response, Communist activists organized a general strike on February 25, and were joined by many other worker organizations. Major factories, the transportation system, and most public services came to a standstill. The Germans brutally suppressed the strike after three days, crippling Dutch resistance organizations in the process.

German police round up Jews in the Jewish quarter of Amsterdam, blockaded following anti-Nazi violence.

In January 1942, the Germans began the relocation of provincial Jews to Amsterdam. Within Amsterdam, Jews were restricted to certain sections of the city. Foreign and stateless Jews were sent directly to the Westerbork transit camp. In July 1942, the Germans began mass deportations of Jews to killing centers in occupied Poland, primarily to Auschwitz but also to Sobibor. The city administration, the Dutch municipal police, and Dutch railway workers all cooperated in the deportations, as did the Dutch Nazi party (NSB). German and Dutch Nazi authorities arrested Jews in the streets of Amsterdam and took them to the assembly point for deportations—the municipal theater building. When several hundred people were assembled in the building and in the back courtyard, they were transferred to Westerbork. In October 1942, the Germans sent all Jews in forced-labor camps and their families to Westerbork. All were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau within a few weeks.

In May 1943, German authorities ordered 7,000 Jews, including employees of the Jewish council in Amsterdam, to assemble in an Amsterdam city square for deportation. Only 500 people complied. The Germans responded by sealing the Jewish quarter and rounding up Jews. From May through September 1943, the Germans launched raids to seize Jews in the city.

The Germans confiscated the property left behind by deported Jews. In 1942 alone the contents of nearly 10,000 apartments in Amsterdam were expropriated by the Germans and shipped to Germany. Some 25,000 Jews, including at least 4,500 children, went into hiding to evade deportation. About one-third of those in hiding were discovered, arrested, and deported. In all, at least 80 percent of the prewar Dutch Jewish

community perished.

<https://observer.com/2021/08/amsterdam-kandinsky-holocaust-heirs/>

<https://www.worldjewishcongress.org/en/about/communities/NL>

Quote

Between 1939-1940 34,000 Jewish refugees fled to the Netherlands, which had an open-door immigration policy, and by the time of the German invasion in May of 1940, there some 140,000 Jews were living in Holland. Anti-Semitic laws requiring Jews to register themselves and banning them from the professions were passed almost immediately after the occupation. 159,806 Jews registered, including 19,561 persons born of mixed marriages. In February 1941, a Jewish council was established. Many Dutch objected to the new rules and workers went on strike to protest the arrest of several hundred Jews who had been sent to Buchenwald and Mauthausen.

The Nazis and their Dutch collaborators afterward separated Jews from the rest of the population and imprisoned 15,000 Jews in forced-labor camps. In late 1941, a deportation plan was ratified providing for the removal of the Jews from all the provinces, with Dutch nationals ordered to move to Amsterdam, while those who were stateless were sent to the Westerbork and Vught camps. By the end of April 1942, Jews were forced to wear a yellow Star of David. It was exceedingly difficult, bordering on the impossible, for Jews to escape from the country, and many went into hiding or lived on forged documents with the help of non-Jews. The most famous of Jews who went into hiding in the Netherlands were the Otto Frank, his wife, and their two daughters, Margot and Anne. They were hidden for several years in an Amsterdam building, before being betrayed and taken prisoner on August 4, 1944. The diary kept by Anne Frank during that period has become the most universally-read memoir of the Shoah. Anne and her sister Margot were deported first to Auschwitz-Birkenau and from there to Bergen-Belsen where they died shortly before the liberation of the camp in April 1945.

An estimated 30,000 Jews remained in the Netherlands during World War II. Many of them were aided by the Dutch underground. Approximately two-thirds of this group survived the war. Not all the Dutch were so righteous. In fact, many betrayed Jews for money. An Amsterdam group called the Henneicke Column received 7.5 Guildens for every Jew delivered to the Germans, a reward that was later raised to 40 Guildens. As many as 9,000 Jews may have been killed as a result of being betrayed. On October 2, 1942, the Nazis deported 12,296 Jews. In May 1943, the rate of deportations was accelerated. The last train left Westerbork for Auschwitz on September 3, 1944. During these two years, 107,000 Jews were deported from Holland, mostly to Auschwitz and Sobibor. Only 5,200 survived, less than 25 percent of the Dutch Jewish population before the war.

In April 2005, Holland's prime minister, Jan Peter Balkenende, apologized for his country's collaboration with the Nazis. Marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Westerbork transit camp, Balkenende said that the Dutch wartime collaborationist government "worked on the horrible process whereby Jews were stripped of their rights

All I asked was how he survived. Some of his family was killed in the genocide. Your response is frankly devastating. It is not even insulting but depressing.

You just few off the cuff and said some pretty absurd things. You owe me an apology.

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Member



Re: Jews in the second world war

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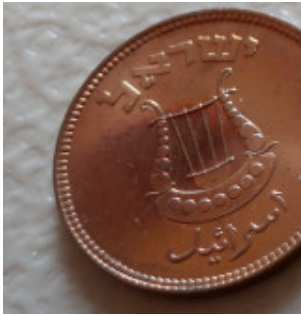
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<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/amsterdam-general-strike-february-1941>

Quote

A nationwide uprising appeared imminent. The Germans were caught completely unprepared.



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For all their success, the strikers faced immediate pressure to end their action from two very different sources. According to historian Jacob Presser, members of the Jewish Council pleaded with the organizers to stop, worried that the SS would carry out more deportations. On the streets, Rauter's security forces acted savagely. Where rifles did not suffice, hand grenades were used. Nine participants in the strike died in this violence and dozens were injured. The strike ended two days later on February 27. In early March, the occupation authorities prevented a follow-up action and arrested and executed 18 protesters.

The reprisals did not cease with the strike's end. The Germans sacked the entire city council. Sybren Tulp, who had served in the colonial army in the Dutch East Indies, assumed control of Amsterdam's police force. He proved a most dependable collaborator after Hitler made the decision for systematic, continent-wide genocide in late 1941. In April 1942, Jews were ordered to wear the Star of David. Three months later, deportations to the extermination camps began, mainly to Auschwitz-Birkenau and Sobibor, where Jews were murdered upon arrival. Most of the deported passed through the notorious transit camp at Westerbork on their way east. By September 1943, Amsterdam, the German authorities boasted, was Judenfrei (free of Jews). Rivalry between Seyss-Inquart and Rauter did not affect the inhuman efficiency of Nazi killing. More than three quarters of the Jewish community who resided in the Netherlands in May 1940 perished during the Holocaust.

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 **Re: Jews in the second world war**
« **Reply #6 on:** September 09, 2021,
04:31:07 AM »

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<http://www.holocaustresearchproject.org/nazioccupation/holland/netherdeports.html>

Quote

On the night of 9-10 May 1940, German troops invaded the Netherlands. Following the barbaric aerial bombardment of Rotterdam, and fearing a similar fate for other of the country's cities, the Dutch army capitulated on 14 May 1940. Panic stricken Jews attempted to escape from the country. Some made their way southward through France, to eventually find sanctuary in Spain, Portugal or Switzerland. Several hundreds, including 80 children were evacuated to Britain. Some 150 committed suicide, young children having been killed by their parents first.

A German civil administration was installed under SS supervision. At its head was Reichskommissar (Reich Commissioner) Dr Arthur Seyss-Inquart, with 5 commissioners-general serving under him. Among them were Friedrich Wimmer (administration and justice) and Hanns Albin Rauter (commissioner-general for public safety and HSSPF). These men were to be among the principal perpetrators of the annihilation of Dutch Jewry.

Jews Forbidden

Although the Dutch government had fled to Britain, they left behind an efficiently functioning civil service, which initially operated side by side with the German administration. However, Seyss-Inquart enjoyed absolute power. He acted, not upon instructions from Berlin, but on his own initiative. He soon made his intentions clear. As he later wrote, "The Jews for us are not Dutchmen. They are those enemies with whom we can come neither to an armistice nor to a peace." It did not take long for anti-Jewish legislation to be enacted. On 31 July 1940, "shechita" (the ritual slaughtering of animals) was abolished. A decree of 20 October 1940 required the registration of businesses operated by Jews, or in which Jews had financial interests. On 21 November 1940, all Jewish civil servants were effectively dismissed. Another decree issued on 10 January 1941 required all Jews to register with local branches of the census office. A Jew was defined as any person with two Jewish grandparents. The census revealed a total of 159,806 persons considered to be Jewish, of whom 19,561 were the offspring of mixed marriages.


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 **Re: Jews in the second world war**
« **Reply #7 on:** September 09, 2021,
08:58:50 AM »

Nothing you quoted contradicts anything in my post.



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On the eve of the second world war, there were estimated to be 140 000 jews in the Netherlands. That amounts to about 1.5% of the population. The most common estimate for their number at the end of that war is 40 000, mostly in Amsterdam, so you can see that Amsterdam was a highly likely place to hide for the Schulman family. That 40 000 is 28.6% of the jewish population and a horrible loss, but it doesn't amount to near annihilation. The loss of 100 000 is about 1.1% of the population. The loss of life in the total population was around 280 000, showing that jews were vastly over-represented, but still a minority in the total. It's hard to argue with statistics.

Peter

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Re: Jews in the second world war

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Quote from: Fingleaf on September 09, 2021, 08:58:50 AM

but it doesn't amount to near annihilation.

Yes it was

Quote

It's hard to argue with statistics.



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But it is easy to manipulate them to make false comparisons. Your denying that the Jews in the Netherlands were anilated, and elimited is a denial of the final solution. It is disgraceful. The compaision the the loss of life for the general populations is flat out manipulative. You are excusing the execution of the Final Solution because others died during the war, and that the ethnic mionority total deaths didn't rise about the general populations.

In a two year period two, 107,000 Jews were deported from Holland, mostly to Auschwitz and Sobibor. Only 5,200 survived, less than 25 percent of the Dutch Jewish population before the war. Reinhard Heydrich set up a Central Office for Jewish Emigration in the Netherlands in 1941. Did they set one up for the rest of the population? That is what you imply with your false comparison. The Germans then concentrated all the Jews in Amsterdam. April 1942, Jews were forced to wear a yellow Star of David. Whose else suffered this?

Meanwhile, by 1942, Jews were being mass deported to the death camps.

By April 1943 Jews were restricted to I Amsterdam, in the VUGHTand Westerbork camps. Did the general population live is such a camp?

At this time, 30,000 that remained after the deportation RAN AWAY FOR THEIR LIVES, and about 1/3 of those were found by the Dutch and Germans Nazi's and killed which left less that 20,000 survives of the oroiginal population... all starving, with their busineses and cultural institutions destroyed, as refugees.

If they didn't go into hiding and ran away, do you think they wouldn't had been killed, to the last man?

The deportation and murder rate for Jews under the Final Solution was higher in the Netherlands than any of the adjoining nations that were occupied. That is a fact. It is not as if

the Dutch resistance didn't try. They did try to save Jews, but your odds in Amsterdam was terrible. Jews was targeted by a political program for extermination and annihilation, and YES that is what happened. They were annihilated, hunted down, tagged, and corralled like chickens in a poultry slaughter house. They went door to door, looking for Jews. Sybren Tulp personally went on raid after raid, eventually dying while on the job October 22nd of 1942 after relentlessly raiding homes, looking for and deporting Jews,

The question that was posed was legitimate. I wasn't asking for you to give me a lecture on the Holocaust. All of my family members left in Europe died in the Holocaust and I live in a community of Holocaust survivors here in Brooklyn. You are positively unqualified to lecture to anyone on this topic. If he was hiding in Amsterdam, he was extremely lucky to have survived, and his brother was killed.

I don't know why I am surprised about this. When I was in Amsterdam, I saw Nazi graffiti written in a number of locations, most prominently Herengracht 458, which I visited just to see it and get a feel for Jacques Goudstikker's galleries. Go and look, maybe it is still there.

When I asked how did Schulman, I was legitimately interested in his personal story of survival. It should be documented so that folks like you can't blow smoke at the specificity and depth of the genocide that were perpetrated by the Nazi's and large number of their collaborators in Europe. If he is still alive, maybe you should ask him, and he can set you straight. On July 2, 1943, Morits Schulman was killed by the Nazis. So they didn't seem to be so safe.

<https://academic.oup.com/hgs/article-abstract/20/3/474/750934>

Quote

One central question in Dutch historiography is why such a high percentage of Jews from the Netherlands died in the Holocaust. In this article, a recent dissertation on the rate of survival of Jews in the Netherlands is mobilized to shed light on the discussion of the low survival rate there. Wide variations in survival rates throughout the country call into question easy explanations for the overall (low) rate. In particular, the greater success of the Sicherheitspolizei in hunting down hidden Jews in certain parts of the country calls for more attention.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1023/A:1015631508788>

That is for the stats. It will help you get past your misconception

Quote

Abstract

Compared to other countries that have suffered from the Nazi occupation, the destructive impact of the Holocaust on the Jewish population has been particularly strong in the Netherlands. This paper gives a demographic reconstruction of the Jewish population in the Netherlands by the end of the war (1945), disaggregated by age and sex. The reconstruction is based on two approaches: a forward projection 1941–1945, starting from registration data supplemented by information on Holocaust losses; and a backward projection 1966–1945, starting from an enumeration of Halachic Jews carried out in 1966. The two approaches yield two estimates that are comfortably similar.

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Re: Jews in the second world war

« **Reply #9 on:** September 09, 2021,
12:02:24 PM »

I am offended by your reference to the statistics I use. For the record: I used the population figure of the 1939 census of 8 729 000, rounded up conservatively to 8 800 000 to account for the years up to 1945. The figure of a pre-war population of 140 000 is a widely used estimate



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you have quoted yourself. The figure of 100 000 is from the Winkler Prins Encyclopedie van de Tweede Wereldoorlog part 1, ISBN 90 10 03207 08, page 324. The list of contributors is extensive and impressive. I am privileged to be one of them. The figure of 280 000 is from a recent scientific research by [Jan Jaap Harts](#), associate professor, Utrecht university, now retired.

You are apparently not at ease with my contention that not only other people than jews were victims of the nazis, but also that jews were not in the majority. The stats don't lie. Now you start comparing with global figures. Here, the conclusion is exactly the same, though. Total victims are estimated at 55 million military and civilian. Estimates for jewish deaths range from 5.1 to 6 million, which is around 10% of the total. I am not belittling any jewish death, as you seem to think, but I will not accept that you belittle the death of those who were not jewish.

Peter

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Re: Jews in the second world war

« **Reply #10 on:** September 09, 2021, 03:20:11 PM »

It seems to me that you two are stalling over the definition of the word 'annihilate'. The word comes from Latin, where 'nihil' means nothing. Now let's look at the official definitions from the Merriam-Webster dictionary:

1 a: to cause to cease to exist : to do away with entirely so that nothing remains

b: to destroy a considerable part of

"Bombs annihilated the city."

"The enemy troops were annihilated."

c: to defeat overwhelmingly : ROUT

"annihilated the visitors 56-0"

We can see that Fingleaf is using the term in the absolute literal sense: reduce to nothing. Radars is using it in the second sense, where the destruction is so overwhelming that it destroys the major part of an entity and shocks the human senses.

According to the Holocaust Encyclopedia: "Less than 25 percent of Dutch Jewry survived the Holocaust." Putting aside numbers and statistics, that is horrific, even if it does not fulfil definition [a] above - and let's be thankful it doesn't.

I have been a member of this forum since 2008. Nothing I have heard from Fingleaf suggests that he is in any way racist or anti-Semitic and certainly not in any way a Holocaust-denier. He has a Chinese wife and Kazakh in-laws. He himself was born in Amsterdam, not too long after the Second World War. And astonishingly, he personally knew Miep Gies, the woman who tried to save the Frank family. More astonishingly yet, he also knew Otto Frank, the father of Anne, after Otto had survived the concentration / extermination camps.

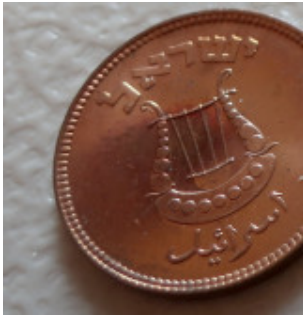
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that would have been better

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Seeing is believing sometimes





<http://genocide.leadr.msu.edu/milgram-and-the-holocaust/>

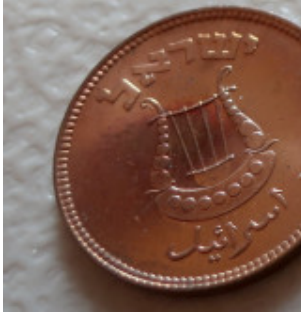
<https://www.deathcampsmemorialsite.com/en/einsatzgruppen.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGE231k62Bs>

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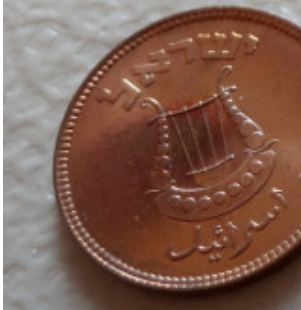
I am offended by your reference to the statistics I use.

Not nearly as much as I am at how you misused them.

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Re: Jews in the second world war

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You are apparently not at ease with my contention that not only other people than jews were victims of the nazis, but also that jews were not in the majority.

No, I am not at ease with the distortion of the fact that happen when statistics are manipulated to promote a falsehood, which is that the Final Solution was some sort of secondary event in Netherland's WWII history. The Final Solution was executed in the Netherlands with ruthlessness efficiency and its target was Jews, not the general population, and ended nearly 800 years of Jewish history in the Netherlands, most significantly the last 400 when they were integral to the birth and growth of the Dutch identity.

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