

# Holocaust Remembrance Day 2016

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- *“The holocaust was the systematic murder of Europe’s Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators during the second world war. For the first time in history, industrial methods were used for the mass extermination of a whole people.”*
- Imperial War Museum

# Statistics

- Although many groups of people were targeted and killed by the Nazis, including disabled people and homosexuals, the holocaust is a Hebrew term used for the extermination of 6 million Jews between 1941-45 by the Nazis.
- The acts of the Nazis were so powerful that it resulted in the death of 91% of Polish Jews.
- Further, in the town of Auschwitz, Oświęcim, following the events of the Holocaust only 1 Jewish man survived.

# Individuals

- However, the greatest lesson we learned on the trip to Auschwitz was not the facts and figures of the Holocaust but rather the realisation that every person involved was a unique individual.
- This was a hard lesson to understand but it resulted in viewing the Holocaust as the mass extermination of 6 million innocent individuals compared to the mass killing of a specific group.

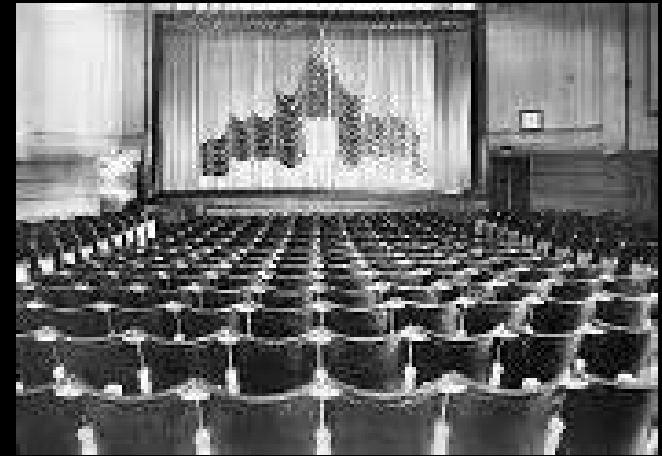
# Anka and Eva Clarke



In the late 1930s, Anka Clarke was a law student living in the Czech capital of Prague.



Anka thought that Prague was a safe distance from Hitler and says:  
“I didn’t know Hitler was coming, but I filled my time only with cinemas theaters and concerts and parties.”



It was at a nightclub when Anka met her husband, Bernd - also a Jew who fled to Prague to be safe from Hitler.



Anka, Bernd and their entire family were sent to Terezin.

Despite the gender segregated barracks, Anka became pregnant while there. “And she (Anka’s mother) looked at me: “How? And where?” She laughed actually – because in all that misery there – she had a sense of humor.”





Bernd was then sent to Auschwitz, without Anka. It wasn't until she has left Terzin, to follow him, when she realised that she was pregnant again.

Anka worked while there for 6 month before the Nazis tried to get rid of all witnesses towards the end of the war.







This is where Eva's story began -  
Mauthausen.

