

Nuremberg Laws	<i>Kristallnacht</i> Telegram	<i>Kristallnacht</i> Meeting	Emigration Office	<i>Schnellbrief</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 15, 1935 • 3 constitutional level laws • Symbolically passed by <i>Reichstag</i> which had been defunct since Enabling Act of March 1933—giving appearance of legitimacy • Hitler speech offers first mention of legislative (legal) solution and references the potential for a final solution <p><u>Protection of German Blood & Honor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bans intermarriage and affairs between Jews and non-Jews • Jews forbidden to fly flag • Outlines punishments <p><u>Reich Citizenship Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines eligibility for citizenship • Jews are not citizens • Strips Jews of civil rights <p><u>Reich Flag Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces German flag with Nazi Party flag • Symbolically signifies a <i>new</i> Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 10, 1938, 1:20 am • Issued by Reinhard Heydrich to all state policing agencies • Only non-Jewish property to be protected • No looting allowed—lawlessness not to be tolerated • Foreigners—even Jews—are to be protected • Ordered seizure of Jewish communal records to be turned over to the local SD • Healthy (and preferably wealthy) male Jews to be arrested for transfer to concentration camps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 12, 1938 • Meeting conducted by Göring two days after <i>Kristallnacht</i> • Discussion largely between Heydrich and Göring • Heydrich proposed emigration office for Germany as is operating in Vienna • Suggests charging wealthy Jews to finance emigration of poor Jews • Discussion of how to balance Aryanization of property and wealth with necessity of leaving Jews enough money to successfully emigrate • Heydrich weighs in against German ghettos from standpoint of policing concerns • Göring expresses intention of levying fine against Jewish community (1 billion Marks) as punishment for <i>Kristallnacht</i> • References Madagascar Plan and unwillingness of other nations to accept Jewish immigrants • Extensive discussion of how to Aryanize businesses <p>Others present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walther Funk—Reich Minister of Economic Affairs • Hans Fischboeck— Minister of Finance for Austria • Johann Ludwig Von Krosigk— Minister of Finance for Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 24, 1939 • Follow up from <i>Kristallnacht</i> meeting of Nov. 12, 1938 • Signed by Göring • Create Jewish organization to help with administration • Aims to identify countries where Jews might successfully emigrate • Focus on moving poor Jews out of Germany • Focus on making necessary State paperwork accessible • To be headed by Chief of Security Police (Reinhard Heydrich) <p>Ruble Plan—December 1938: <i>Reichsbank</i> president Hjalmar Schacht traveled to London to propose to George Rublee, of the Intergovernmental Committee for Political Refugees, an extortionate scheme: German Jews could emigrate if they put up cash assets that would be transferred to the Reich upon emigration. This Schacht-Ruble plan was abandoned in January 1939, when Schacht was dismissed by Hitler after Schacht objected to the high cost of Germany's rearmament.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 21, 1939 • Issued by Heydrich • Final aim [<i>Endziel</i>] to require significant time—this is short-term solution <p>Concentration of Jews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concentrate Jews into larger cities—dissolving those of fewer than 500 persons • Areas annexed to Reich to be made <i>Judenrein</i> • Concentration areas to be near rail junctions <p>Establishment of <i>Judenrate</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Judenrat</i> to be established • Responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementing directives • conducting census • Overseeing “evacuation of Jews from the countryside” • Providing housing <p>Preservation of Economics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic considerations of occupied areas to be considered—preserve Jewish business where necessary, but move to Aryanize <p>Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Einsatzgruppen chiefs to report to Heydrich <p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full cooperation of SD and Security Police expected
<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to further separate German Jews and non-Jews—legitimizes persecution and disenfranchisement 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrorize community to encourage emigration • Secure records from which to identify members of the Jewish community • Seize wealth for the state 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase emigration • Aryanization of property and wealth 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase emigration • Streamline procedures to ensure successful emigration • Office will focus on preparation for emigration, prioritization of the process and provision of documentation 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration and expropriation • Functionally sets up ghettos

Kommissar Order	Höss Testimony	Authorization Letter	Ban on Emigration	Wannsee Protocol
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 6, 1941 (before invasion) • Order given in writing to the Commanders in Chief but only verbally to junior commanders • Assumption that enemy will not abide by international law • Calls for execution of prisoners and explicitly ignoring international law • Order applies to all who “oppose our troops” in the “Barbarossa” area • Commissars to be segregated from soldiers and not to be recognized as soldiers—no POW status • “personal impression...of commissar’s outlook ...should be of greater importance than the facts of the case which may not be decisive” • Combat troops to refrain from round ups and cleansing operations • Commissars to be handed over to <i>Einsatzgruppen</i> • 21 copies distributed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 1941 • Ordered to report to Himmler’s office and received without his adjutant present • References “Führer order” and notes that SS to be responsible for solving the Jewish question • Auschwitz being designated as a killing center • Details to be relayed by Eichmann • Order to be kept secret—even from his superiors • Plans largely left to be determined on the ground by Höss and Eichmann then reported back to Himmler • Auschwitz designated for murdering Jews of western Europe • Using gas rather than shooting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessary because of numbers to be killed • Necessary because of psychological impact on perpetrators • Gas vans and carbon monoxide ruled out as inefficient for numbers • Exact plan for gas left unresolved at time—Eichmann to look into solution • Decided Birkenau would be location for death camp • Sent report to Himmler in Berlin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 31, 1941 • Order from Göring to Heydrich • Reference to Jan. 24, 1939 order to establish emigration office • New order references final solution • Entrusts Heydrich with organization—including all financial considerations—for execution of the Final Solution • Authorizes Heydrich to involve other agencies of the Reich as necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct. 23, 1941 • Notice regarding emigration of Jews (from Belgium and France) • Himmler decreed emigration to be prevented • Exceptions made only for individuals in the event of genuine interest of the Reich • Special permission must be obtained from the RSHA (Reich Security Main Office) for exemptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1942 • Heydrich entrusted by Himmler to handle Final Solution without regard to geographic borders • Other agencies represented to clarify their roles and report to be submitted to Himmler • Emigration as a policy solution was pursued but became unworkable • “evacuation to the east” as a provisional policy took the place of emigration • Estimate 11 million Jews to be included in Final Solution • Jews to be utilized for “appropriate labor” in the East—many expected to be “eliminated by natural causes” - those who survive labor to be killed • Discussion of country-by-country issues which includes perspective of Foreign Office representative • Nuremberg Laws to provide guidance in execution of Final Solution—treatment of <i>Mischlinge</i> • Concern for elimination of Jews carrying out vital war industry jobs discussed • Request presented to begin Final Solution with Jews in the General Government • Heydrich concludes by asking for “appropriate support”
<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish code of conduct for the war against the Soviet Union • Functionally established role of <i>Einsatzgruppen</i> 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish death camp at Auschwitz • Implement efficient and effective gas murder 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Envision and execute a “final solution” to the Jewish problem • Functionally places Jewish policy solely in the sphere of the SS 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of emigration as a policy—now explicitly forbidden • All Jews to be dealt with through the “final solution” 	<p>GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline chain of command for implementation of Final Solution • Ratification of the plan by affected agencies