



**NOVEMBER 1938**

**“The Night of Broken Glass”  
a pogrom of hate and violence**

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### Mein Kampf

Das Buch "Mein Kampf" ist ein autobiographisches Werk Adolf Hitlers, das in zwei Bänden erschienen ist. Es enthält seine politischen Ansichten und seine Visionen für die Zukunft Deutschlands. Das Buch ist ein zentrales Dokument des Nationalsozialismus und hat die Weltgeschichte maßgeblich beeinflusst.

Das Buch ist in zwei Bänden unterteilt. Der erste Band enthält die Grundlagen der nationalsozialistischen Weltanschauung, während der zweite Band die Details der politischen Forderungen darstellt. Die Veröffentlichung des Buches im Jahr 1925 war ein entscheidendes Ereignis für die NSDAP.



Adolf Hitler, Führer der NSDAP, 1930er Jahre

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## NAZIS SMASH, LOOT AND BURN JEWISH SHOPS AND TEMPLES UNTIL GOEBBELS CALLS HALT

### All Vienna's Synagogues Attacked; Fires and Bombs Wreck 18 of 21

### Jews Are Beaten, Furniture and Goods Flung From Homes and Shops — 15,000 Are Jailed During Day—20 Are Suicides

Written to The New York Times.

VIENNA, Nov. 10.—In a surge of revenge for the murder of a German diplomat in Paris by a young Polish Jew, all Vienna's twenty-one synagogues were attacked today and eighteen were wholly or partly destroyed by fires and bomb explosions.

Anti-Jewish activities under the direction of Storm Troopers and Nazi party members in uniform began early this morning. In the earlier stages Jews were attacked and beaten. Many Jews awaiting admission to the British Consulate-General were arrested, and according to reliable reports others who stood in line before the United States Consulate were severely beaten and also arrested.

Apartments were raided and searched and gradually some 15,000 arrested Jews were assembled at police stations. Some were released during the day. Tonight arrests were continuing.

Many of those arrested were sent to prisons or concentration camps in buses. Mobs of raiders penetrated Jewish residences and shops, flinging furniture and mer-

chandise reported to have attempted suicide; about twenty succeeded.

Scores of homes were placed in synagogues, blowing out windows and in many cases damaging walls. Floors that had been soaked with kerosene readily caught fire.

Fire brigades were summoned to fight fires in eighteen synagogues, and the fire engines remained in their neighborhood all day. Two of the synagogues were not being used for religious purposes.

Those wholly or partly destroyed were the synagogues in Schiffmattgasse, Steingasse, Muellegasse, Neus Welt-Gasse, Tempelgasse, Franz Hochedlinger-Gasse, Spumpergasse, Unter Viadukt-Gasse, Hubergasse, Schmalzhofigasse, Siedenbrunnengasse, Kluckergasse, Turnergasse, Neudeggergasse, Palnauingergasse, Schmelzgasse, Schopenhauerstrasse and Humboldtplatz.

At 9 A. M. the first fires broke out in the Herndlner and Hietzinger synagogues. The Hietzinger synagogue, which was in Moorish style and was the largest and finest synagogue in Vienna, was gutted.

At 11:30 A. M. a second explosion

### BANDS ROVE CITIES

### Thousands Arrested for 'Protection' as Gangs Avenge Paris Death

### EXPULSIONS ARE IN VIEW

### Plunderers Trail Wreckers in Berlin—Police Stand Idle —Two Deaths Reported

By OTTO B. TOLTSCHUP

Written to The New York Times.

BERLIN, Nov. 10.—A wave of destruction, looting and incendiarism unparalleled in Germany since the Thirty Years War and in Europe generally since the Bolshevik revolution, swept over Great Germany today as National Socialist cohorts look vengeance on Jewish shops, offices and synagogues for the murder by a young Polish Jew of Ernst vom Rath, third secretary of the German Embassy in Paris.

Beginning systematically in the early morning hours in almost every town and city in the country, the wrecking, looting and burning continued all day. Huge but mostly silent crowds looked on and the police confined themselves to ver-



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## Kristallnacht November 9 and 10 1938

- Legalized racial polices under Hitler and the Nuremberg Laws make this anti-Jewish pogrom possible
- October 1938 the German government deported 14,000 Polish Jews living in Germany
- 17 year old Herschel Grynszpan's parents and sister were among them
- He was a student in Paris at the time



- Outraged by how his family and all Jews were being treated, he went to the German embassy in France and shot a German official
- Goebbels and Nazi authorities used this Jewish crime against a German citizen as an excuse to retaliate violently against Jews in Germany
- The violence that followed was said to be the response of Germans to Grynszpan's crime



- In reality, Kristallnacht had been carefully planned over long period of time.
- Nazi authorities gave permission and instructions to the Stormtroopers and other Nazi activists to:
  - Burn synagogues
  - Destroy holy objects used in Jewish religious rituals, like the Torah scrolls
- Other fanatics joined in the violence
  - Smashed windows of Jewish owned businesses
  - Looted
  - Vandalized and stole Jewish property
  - Robbed Jewish homes
  - Beat and raped and demolished everything they found
- Reports vary on the numbers of synagogues destroyed
  - Some say 250 others say 1000
  - About 100 (97?) Jews were killed outright
  - 26,000 to 30,000 Jewish men were captured and sent to concentrations camps: The first arrested for just being Jewish





- The German public's response to Kristallnacht was less enthusiastic than the Nazis had hoped
- Much of the dislike was for the mess and disorder it caused
- For the most part non-Jews simply turned their backs on the violence
- Nonetheless, Nazi authorities chose to conduct future violence against Jews away from the public eye to avoid criticism
- Jews were desperate to leave Germany after Kristallnacht
  - Non-Jews made a lot of money taking their property as they left – and became participants in the Nazi atrocities and evil
- After Kristallnacht the German government held the Jewish community responsible for all the damage
  - They took \$400 million from the Jews for the killing of the official
  - \$100 million for damages to property
- Focused the public on the belief that the Jews had huge amounts of wealth they did not deserve