

Why did German Jewish life change in January 1933?

Outcomes:

Identify the differences between German Jewish families.

Describe how life changed for German Jewish people.

Explain why life changed for German Jewish people in 1933.

Activities:

1. Define what is meant by German? And Jewish? What are the key elements of Judaism? How many Jewish people were identified as being Jewish in 1933? Rudi and Bernard were both German and Jewish in 1933 but why were their lives so different?
2. Survivor story: Bernard's orthodox family. Learning about Bernard's orthodox family. Listen to Bernard describe his family. Which day was special? What did the family do on this day? How important was Judaism to Bernard's family? This should show that Bernard's family was very religious.
3. Survivor story: Rudi's assimilated family. Learning about Rudi and how they identified themselves as being German. Their family was not religious. How does this compare to Bernard?
4. Survivor story: How did life change in 1933? Many German Jewish families experienced a happy life in Germany before 1933. How does Bernard describe his life before 1933? What happened in 1933 to change Bernard's life? This comes with an overview of how Hitler and Nazi party came to power in 1933.
5. Create a British newspaper article in reaction to Hitler becoming chancellor in January 1933. Including German Jewish life before his appointment as Chancellor, Bernard and Rudi's life, the problems Germany has experienced since World War I, how he is wrong to blame Jewish people for these problems.
6. Using The Journey App complete the episodes in Leo's home. Using all the different objects collected during the episodes create a fact file about Leo's identity.
7. Compare his diary entries. How does his life change in 1933? Why did German Jewish life change in 1933?

Reflections:

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Resources:

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The Journey App