

Notes: November 11, 2023

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Remembering Kristallnacht

First [they came for the Communists](#)

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a [Communist](#)

Then they came for the Socialists

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists

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Then they came for the Jews

And I did not speak out

Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me

And there was no one left

To speak out for me

This is the poetic form of a 1946 [post-war](#) confessional [prose](#) by the German [Lutheran](#) pastor [Martin Niemöller](#) (1892–1984). It is about the [silence](#) of German [intellectuals](#) and clergy — including, by his own admission, Niemöller himself—following the [Nazis' rise to power](#) and subsequent incremental [purging](#) of their chosen targets, group after group. Many variations and adaptations in the spirit of the original have been published in the English language. It deals with themes of [persecution](#), [guilt](#), [repentance](#), and [personal responsibility](#).

There were warning signs long before as the Nazi regime was enacting their plan for establishing an arian race of people who were "pure" It was in this quest that we witness the atrocities. Fueled by propoganda, the rise of anti-semitism in the 1930s was reignited once again, this time to a scorching level. Anti semitism has been around for centuries and its source is the Adversary for which I have talked about previously.

Yet yesterday marked the 85 anniversary of Kristallnacht – The night of broken glass that occurred throughout Germany and Austria. We were unable to do our annual Yom Hashoah service this year whereby we bring to memory the past and the Holocaust with the intention to Never Forget and that so long as we continue to remember we proclaim – Never Again.

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How did Kristallnacht come to be?

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Goebbels' words appear to have been taken as a command for unleashing the violence. After his speech, the assembled regional Party leaders issued instructions to their local offices. Violence began to erupt in various parts of the Reich throughout the late evening and early morning hours of November 9–10. At 1:20 a.m. on November 10, Reinhard Heydrich, in his capacity as head of the Security Police (Sicherheitspolizei) sent an urgent telegram to headquarters and stations of the State Police and to SA leaders in their various districts, which contained directives regarding the riots. SA and Hitler Youth units throughout Germany and its annexed territories engaged in the destruction of Jewish-owned homes and businesses. Members of many units wore civilian clothes to support the fiction that the disturbances were expressions of 'outraged public reaction.'

Despite the outward appearance of spontaneous violence, and the local cast which the pogrom View This Term in the Glossary took on in various regions throughout the Reich, the central orders Heydrich relayed gave specific instructions: the "spontaneous" rioters were to take no measures endangering non-Jewish German life or property; they were not to subject foreigners (even Jewish foreigners) to violence; and they were to remove all synagogue archives prior to vandalizing synagogues and other properties of the Jewish communities, and to transfer that archival material to the Security Service (Sicherheitsdienst, or SD). The orders also indicated that police officials should arrest as many Jews as local jails could hold, preferably young, healthy men.

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The rioters destroyed hundreds of synagogues and Jewish institutions throughout Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland. View This Term in the Glossary Many synagogues burned throughout the night in full view of the public and of local firefighters, who had received orders to intervene only to prevent flames from spreading to nearby buildings. SA and Hitler Youth members across the country shattered the shop windows of an estimated 7,500 Jewish-owned commercial establishments and looted their wares. Jewish cemeteries became a particular object of desecration in many regions.

The pogrom View This Term in the Glossary proved especially destructive in Berlin and Vienna, home to the two largest Jewish communities in the German Reich. Mobs of SA men roamed the streets, attacking Jews in their houses and forcing Jews they encountered to perform acts of public humiliation. Although murder did not figure in the central directives, Kristallnacht claimed many Jewish lives between 9 and 10 November. The official figure for Jewish deaths, released by German officials in the aftermath of Kristallnacht, was 91, but recent scholarship suggests that there were hundreds of deaths, especially if one counts those who died of their injuries in the days and weeks that followed the pogrom. Police records of the period also document a high number of rapes and of suicides in the aftermath of the violence.

Show pictures of broken glass and synagogues burning...





As the pogrom View This Term in the Glossary spread, units of the SS and Gestapo (Secret State Police), following Heydrich's instructions, arrested up to 30,000 Jewish males, and transferred most of them from local prisons to Dachau, Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and other concentration camps.

Significantly, Kristallnacht marks the first instance in which the Nazi regime incarcerated Jews on a massive scale simply on the basis of their ethnicity. Hundreds died in the camps as a result of the brutal treatment they endured. Most did obtain release over the next three months on the condition that they begin the process of emigration from Germany. Indeed, the effects of Kristallnacht would serve as a spur to the emigration of Jews from Germany in



n the immediate aftermath of the pogrom, many German leaders, like Hermann Göring, criticized the extensive material losses produced by the antisemitic riots, pointing out that if nothing were done to intervene, German insurance companies—not Jewish-owned businesses—would have to bear the costs of the damages. Nevertheless, Göring and other top party leaders decided to use the opportunity to introduce measures to eliminate Jews and perceived Jewish influence from the German economic sphere.

The German government made an immediate pronouncement that “the Jews” themselves were to blame for the pogrom and imposed a fine of one billion Reichsmark (some 400 million US dollars at 1938 rates) on the German Jewish community. The Reich government confiscated all insurance payouts to Jews whose businesses and homes were looted or destroyed, leaving the Jewish owners personally responsible for the cost of all repairs.

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American newspapers across the country covered the Nazi assault on Jews in front-page, banner headlines, and articles about the events continued to appear for several weeks. No other story about the persecution of the Jews received such widespread and sustained attention from the American press at any other time during the Nazi era.

German censors sought to block images of Kristallnacht from reaching newspapers in the United States. However, Life magazine was able to publish some images in its November 28, 1938, issue.

Show newspaper headlines...propoganda, then reporting...



**Nazis Warn  
Jews in U. S.  
To 'Shut Up'**

Don't Overplay Hand,  
Says Goebbels as  
He Alibis Riots

By PIERRE J. HUSS  
International News Service

The Philadelphia Inquirer R-2643  
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**JEWES NOW FINED FOR NAZI RIOTS**

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The New York Times  
NEW YORK, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1938

**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  
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Arms Plans. Giving Employment to Millions

Los Angeles Examiner

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Perhaps no headline so aptly summarized the danger for the Jews under the Nazi regime than that published on the front page of the Los Angeles Examiner on November 23, 1938: "Nazis Warn World Jews Will Be Wiped Out Unless Evacuated By Democracies."

The events of Kristallnacht represented one of the most important turning points in National Socialist antisemitic policy. Historians have noted that after the pogrom, anti-Jewish policy was concentrated more and more concretely into the hands of the SS. Moreover, the passivity with which most German civilians responded to the violence signaled to the Nazi regime that the German public was prepared for more radical measures. Appeasement and apathy of the public lead to greater measures imposed on a single people.

The Nazi regime expanded and radicalized measures aimed at removing Jews entirely from German economic and social life in the forthcoming years. The regime moved eventually toward policies of forced emigration, and finally toward the realization of a Germany "free of Jews" (judenrein) by deportation of the Jewish population "to the East."

Thus, Kristallnacht figures as an essential turning point in Nazi Germany's persecution of Jews, which culminated in the attempt to annihilate the European Jews.

As a result of events of Kristallnacht, the intentions of the Nazi regime would intensify and thus come to develop a response to the "Jewish Question" known as "The Final Solution" I have included a link providing greater understanding to this purely evil plan against Adonai's people of the Covenant.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Final\\_Solution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Final_Solution)

Italized sections taken from The Holocaust Encyclopedia -  
<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/kristallnacht>

1938 Timeline - <https://325473983337898660.weebly.com/1938.html>

The impact experienced by the Jewish community within the borders of Germany and Austria...



This is what systemic racism looks like and it has a name – anti-semitism.

Every aspect of government focused solely on one people, one religion, one race.

When you see a nation being non-responsive to the actions of the government directed towards a specific race, demographic or religion whereby the actions of the government legislators and leadership are directed towards one people solely because of who they are...this is racism. When these actions are upheld by the state or nation this is systemic.

We have seen it in our past as a nation thus leading to a Civil War. Such ideology still resides in pockets of the nation but not throughout the nation. It is accurate to say that racism still exists yet it is not accurate to say it resides throughout the nation as our definition would state...

Systemic refers to something that is spread throughout, affecting a group or system, such as a body, economy, market or society as a whole.

In order for this to never happen again to the Jewish people, or any people, we must always remember. We must share this with the next generation and thus encourage them to share these details with the generation that follows them.

The identification of a specific people, singled out because they are different is not new but has occurred even before Kristallnacht. Not just because of a people only, but also because of their laws, their way of life being different to where they will not bow to the pressure of a ruling authority, whether government or a the king. We have witnessed this defiance elsewhere...

Dan 3:8 But then some Kasdim approached and began denouncing the Jews.

Dan 3:9 They said to N'vukhadnetzar the king, "May the king live forever!

Dan 3:10 Your majesty, you have ordered that everyone who hears sound of the horn, pipe, harp, zither, lute, bagpipe and the rest of the musical instruments is to fall down and worship the gold statue;

Dan 3:11 and that whoever does not fall down and worship is to be thrown into a blazing hot furnace.

Dan 3:12 There are some Jews whom you have put in charge of the affairs of the province of Bavel, Shadrakh, Meishakh and `Aved-N'go; and these men, your majesty, have paid no attention to you. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the gold statue you set up."

We ultimately know the story of the three young men being put in the furnace to burn for their dishonor and disobedience of the king. Yet we also witness the presence of another King...

Dan 3:23 These three men, Shadrakh, Meishakh and `Aved-N'go, fell, bound, into the blazing hot furnace.

Dan 3:24 Suddenly N'vukhadnetzar sprang to his feet. Alarmed, he asked his advisers, "Didn't we throw three men, bound, into the flames?" They answered the king, "Yes, of course, your majesty."

Dan 3:25 But he exclaimed, "Look! I see four men, not tied up, walking around there in the flames, unhurt; and the fourth looks like one of the gods!"

Dan 3:26 N'vukhadnetzar approached the opening of the blazing hot furnace and said, "Shadrakh! Meishakh! `Aved- N'go! You servants of El `Elyon! Come out, and come here!" Shadrakh, Meishakh and `Aved-N'go emerged from the flames.

This King continues to reign and will ultimately come for His people and those aligned with His people.

**Rev 22:6** Then he said to me, "These words are true and trustworthy: Adonai, God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must happen soon."

**Rev 22:7** "Look! I am coming very soon. Blessed is the person who obeys the words of the prophecy written in this book!"

**Rev 22:8** Then I, Yochanan, the one hearing and seeing these things, when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel showing them to me.

**Rev 22:9** But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am only a fellow-servant with you and your brothers, the prophets and the people who obey the words in this book. Worship God!"

**Rev 22:10** Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy in this book, because the time of their fulfillment is near.

**Rev 22:11** "Whoever keeps acting wickedly, let him go on acting wickedly; whoever is filthy, let him go on being made filthy. "Also, whoever is righteous, let him go on doing what is righteous; and whoever is holy, let him go on being made holy."

**Rev 22:12** "Pay attention!" [*says Yeshua,*] "I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done.

**Rev 22:13** I am the 'A' and the 'Z,' the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

**Rev 22:14** How blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat



from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city!

**Rev 22:15** Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

**Rev 22:16** "I, Yeshua, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the Messianic communities. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star.

**Rev 22:17** The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty come—let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge."

**Rev 22:18** I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book.

**Rev 22:19** And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and the holy city, as described in this book.

**Rev 22:20** "The one who is testifying to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon!' " Amen! Come, Lord Yeshua!

**Rev 22:21** May the grace of the Lord Yeshua be with all!



