Guide to The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust, 1933-1945 Posters

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** *The courage to remember: the Holocaust, 1933-1945* : posters, 1988 / Simon Wiesenthal Center  
**Collection number:** MS-M022  
**Creator:** Simon Wiesenthal Center  
**Extent:** 1.2 linear feet (40 oversize posters)  
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**Abstract:** This collection comprises 40 posters containing images and textual information concerning the persecution and extermination of European Jews by Nazi Germany during the period 1933-1945. The posters are based on a Simon Wiesenthal Center traveling exhibition, *The Courage to Remember*, which debuted in Vienna, Austria, at the Palais Palffy in 1988. Poster topics include four major themes: Nazi Germany, 1933-1938; Moving Toward the "Final Solution", 1939-1941; Annihilation in Nazi-occupied Europe, 1941-1945; and Liberation - Building New Lives.

**Language:** English.

**Access**

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**Acquisition Information**

**Processing History**

**Organizational History**
The Simon Wiesenthal Center was established in 1977 as an international Jewish human rights organization. Its primary goal is to preserve the memory of the Holocaust by encouraging tolerance and understanding through community involvement, educational outreach, and social action. Other issues that the Center focuses on are Middle East affairs, prosecution of Nazi war criminals, extremist groups, neo-Nazism, and hate on the Internet. The center is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, and maintains offices in several other countries.

The Center's traveling poster exhibit on the Holocaust, *The Courage to Remember* (on which this collection is based) opened in Vienna, Austria in 1988. It has since traveled throughout North America and to fifteen other countries. As of August 2001, a resource guide to the exhibit and poster images may be viewed on the Internet at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance Web site.

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Poster images consist of nearly 200 photographs, both black and white and color, with color backgrounds and narrative text. Dimensions of the posters are approximately 26 x 42 inches. Each poster is individually numbered 1-40 and posters are arranged numerically within the collection. The container listing includes the primary headings printed on the top of each poster.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
Simon Wiesenthal Center--Poster collections.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Posters.
World War, 1939-1945--Concentration camps--Posters.
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Posters.
Jews--Germany--History--1933-1945--Posters.
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--Posters.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
Posters.

| Box XOS 1 | 1. The courage to remember: the Holocaust 1933-1945 |
| Box XOS 1 | 2. Why the Jews?: the patterns of persecution |
| Box XOS 1 | 3. 1933: German Jewish life before the Nazis |
| Box XOS 1 | 4. The "Jewish question": Nazi policy 1933-1939 |
| Box XOS 1 | 5. The nightmare begins: Hitler and the Nazis |
| Box XOS 1 | 6. Nazi propaganda: slogans, myths, and images |
| Box XOS 1 | 7. Nazi policy: racism and terror |
| Box XOS 1 | 8. Concentration camps: 1933-1938 |
| Box XOS 1 | 9. In flight: 1933-1938 |
| Box XOS 1 | 10. 1938: the Reich expands |
| Box XOS 2 | 11. Kristallnacht: the night of broken glass |
| Box XOS 2 | 12. Flight without escape: the Jewish homeless |
| Box XOS 2 | 13. The deadly philosophy: racial purity |
| Box XOS 2 | 14. All necessary preparations: 1939-1941 |
Box XOS 2 15. Eastern Europe: the arena for mass murder
Box XOS 2 16. Isolate and destroy: the Jewish question in occupied territory
Box XOS 2 17. Days of nightmare: the Lodz ghetto
Box XOS 2 18. The world turned upside down: the Warsaw ghetto
Box XOS 2 19. Blitzkrieg: the invasion and occupation of the West
Box XOS 2 20. No escape: Greece and Yugoslavia fall
Box XOS 3 21. Whatever can be saved: daily life in the ghettos
Box XOS 3 22. The "final solution": 1941-1945
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Box XOS 3 29. Like dying candles: concentration camp routine
Box XOS 3 30. The enduring spirit: art of the Holocaust
Box XOS 4 31. Auschwitz-Birkenau: the death factory
Box XOS 4 32. Auschwitz-Birkenau: half hell, half lunatic asylum
Box XOS 4 33. The last agony at Auschwitz: liberation, January 1945
Box XOS 4 34. A righteous few: survival in hiding and rescue
Box XOS 4 35. Liberation: the unmasked terror
Box XOS 4 36. Bitterness and hope: the legacy of the Holocaust
Box XOS 4 37. Crimes against humanity: Nazis on trial
Box XOS 4 38. Where now? Where to?: The displaced
Box XOS 4 39. Revival: building new lives
Box XOS 4 40. Remembrance and vigilance