

Who were the six million?

Exploring Jewish life before the Holocaust

Glossary

Antisemitism	Hostility to or prejudice against Jews.
Ashkenazi	A Jewish person of central or Eastern European descent.
Assimilated	When someone becomes part of the wider society or culture.
Black Death	Medieval plague pandemic.
Citizenship	The status of being a citizen of a country, having certain rights.
Discrimination	Unfairly treating an individual or a group differently from others.
Expulsion	Forcing someone to leave a place.
Hapsburg Empire	Central European monarchy that ruled over a collection of lands from the 13th century until the end of the First World War in 1918.
Immigration	The action of moving to live in another country. This might be voluntary or forced upon someone by war or persecution.
Massacres	The deliberate and brutal killing of many people.
Medieval / Middle Ages	Period of European history from approximately 5th century until the late 15th century.
Ottoman Empire	Turkish monarchy that ruled over parts of Asia, Africa and South-eastern Europe from the 13th century until the end of the First World War in 1918.
Pale of Settlement	A geographical area in the western parts of the Russian Empire where Jewish people were forced to live and where they faced many restrictions. In existence from 1791 until 1917.
Persecution	Being treated badly, usually because of 'race', religious or political beliefs.
Refugees	People who have been forced out of their country and cannot return home safely.
Roman	Roman Empire or Roman period, land and people controlled by Ancient Rome from 27 B.C. until the 5th century.
Romaniote	The oldest Jewish community in Europe, an ethnic Jewish community native to the Eastern Mediterranean.
Sephardic	An ethnic Jewish community native to the area of present-day Spain and Portugal.
Shtetls	Towns or villages with a large Jewish population.
Zionism	A Jewish movement with the goal of the creation of a Jewish homeland in the area known as Palestine, today Israel. The movement became popular amongst Jews living in Eastern and Central Europe in the late 19th century.