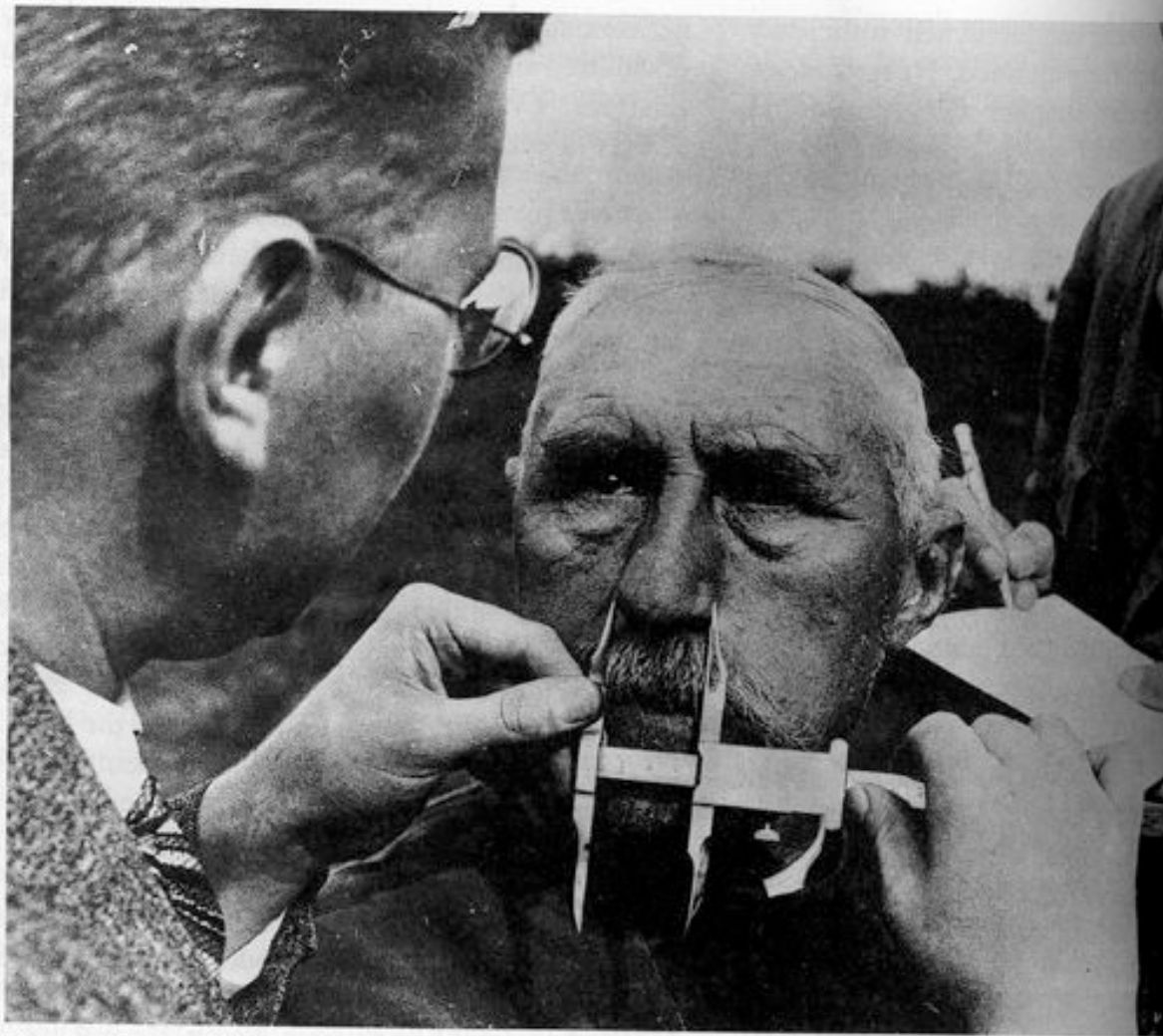


Nuremberg Laws and *Kristallnacht*

Gleichschaltung (literally "synchronizing") is a Nazi term for the process by which the Nazi regime successively established a system of totalitarian control over the individual, and tight coordination over all aspects of society and commerce.

Another possible translation is "making equal." The historian Richard Evans offered "coordination" in his most recent work on Nazi Germany. One goal of this policy was to eliminate individualism by forcing everybody to adhere to a specific doctrine and way of thinking.

~Nuremberg Laws ~ the Nazification of Germany



Eugenics Rampant. A German has his credentials as an Aryan measured by calliper rule.

**Law for the Protection of Hereditary Health:
The Attempt to Improve the German Aryan Breed,
July 14, 1933**



**Books by Jewish authors and Communists are
burned, 1933.**



Only “Germans” could be Reich citizens. German Jews lost their political rights through this law.

Marriages between Jews and Germans were legally forbidden.



The signs read: "Germans, defend yourselves against the Jewish atrocity propaganda, buy only at German shops!" and "Germans, defend yourselves, buy only at German shops!"

April 1, 1933



Nazis force three Jewish businessmen to march down Bruehl Strasse, one of the main commercial streets in central Leipzig.

They carry signs that read: "Don't buy from Jews; Shop in German businesses!"

April 1, 1933



Identification of Jews and others...



The **yellow** Star of David was a label Jews were forced to wear in Nazi Germany to **identify, shame and separate** them from other people.

Most countries controlled by Germany gradually forced their Jews to wear a "Jewish badge."

Sept 1, 1941

**As part of the
Nuremberg Laws,
German Jews
ordered to wear
yellow stars.**



A Jewish man wearing the yellow star walks along a street in Germany.

The branding of Jews with a special sign in Nazi Germany and the occupied countries was designed to enable them to be distinguished from the general population, and consequently isolated from it and degraded in its eyes.

The Jews themselves were required to manufacture the badges and distribute them.



Reinhard Heydrich recommended that the Jews be forced to wear badges following the Kristallnacht pogrom in November 1938.

The German government first introduced mandatory badges in Poland in November 1939. Jews who failed to wear them risked death



On July 26, 1941, the Judenrat (Jewish Community Council) of Bialystak announced that

"the authorities have warned that severe punishment--up to, and including death by shooting--is in store for Jews who do not wear the yellow badge on back and front."

Yellow Star of David outlined in black. The German word for "Jew" is written in Hebraic style.

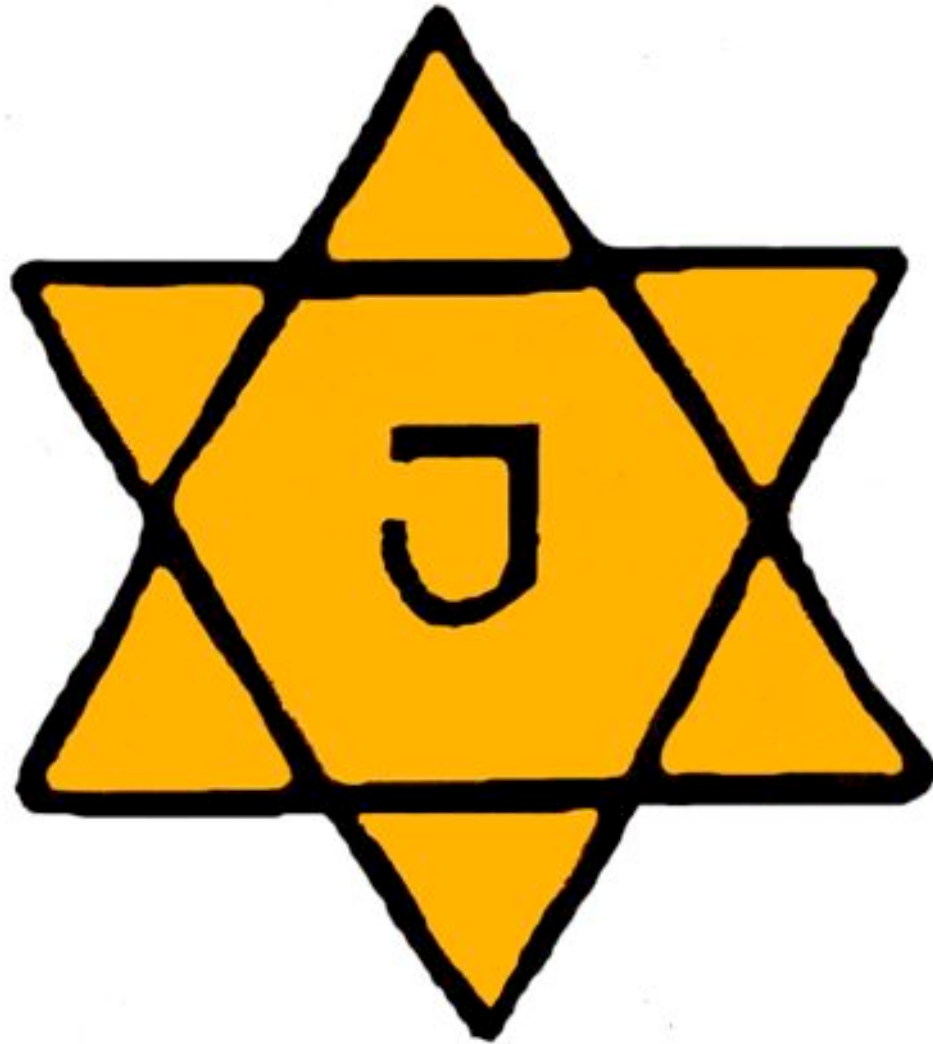


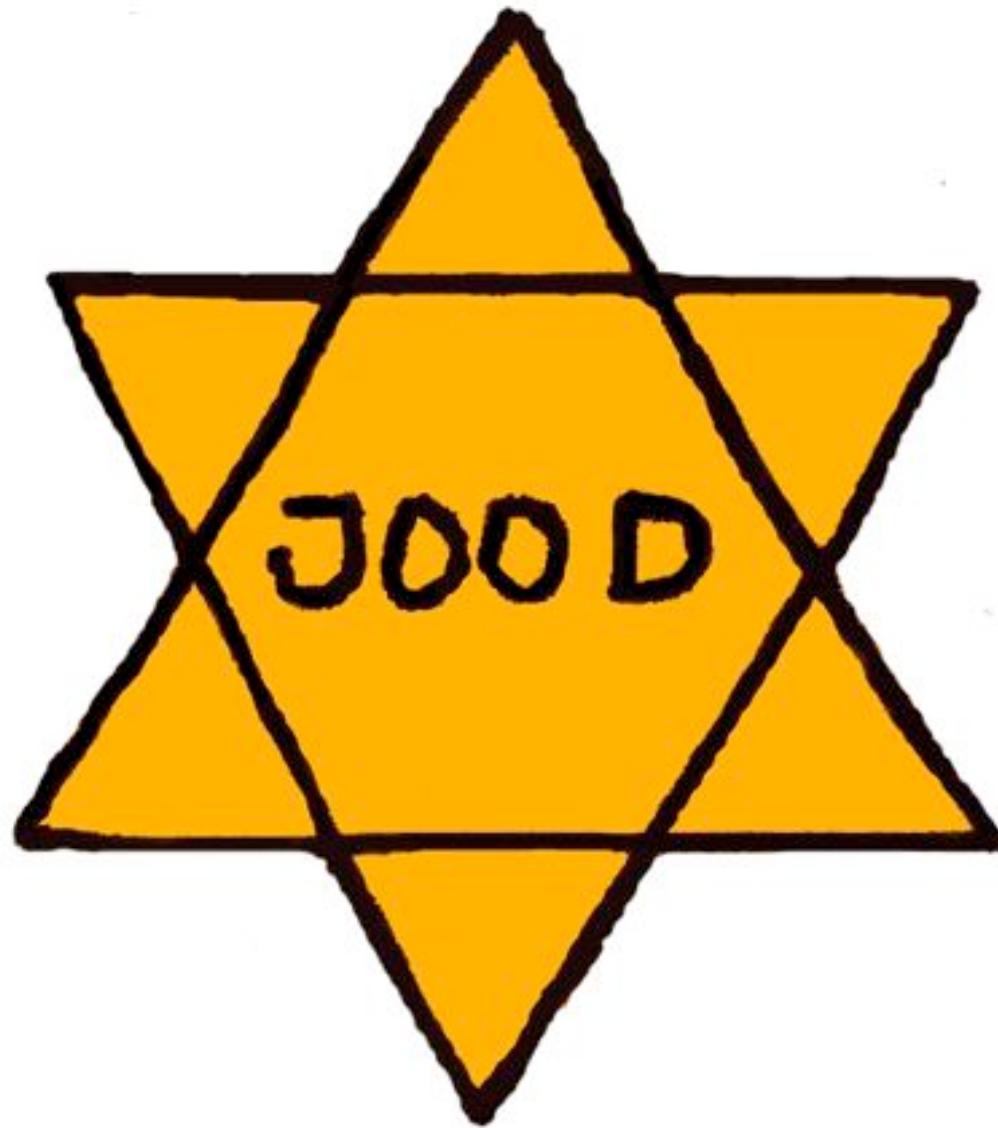
In France –

Yellow Star of David outlined in black. The French word for "Jew" is written in Hebraic style

In Belgium –

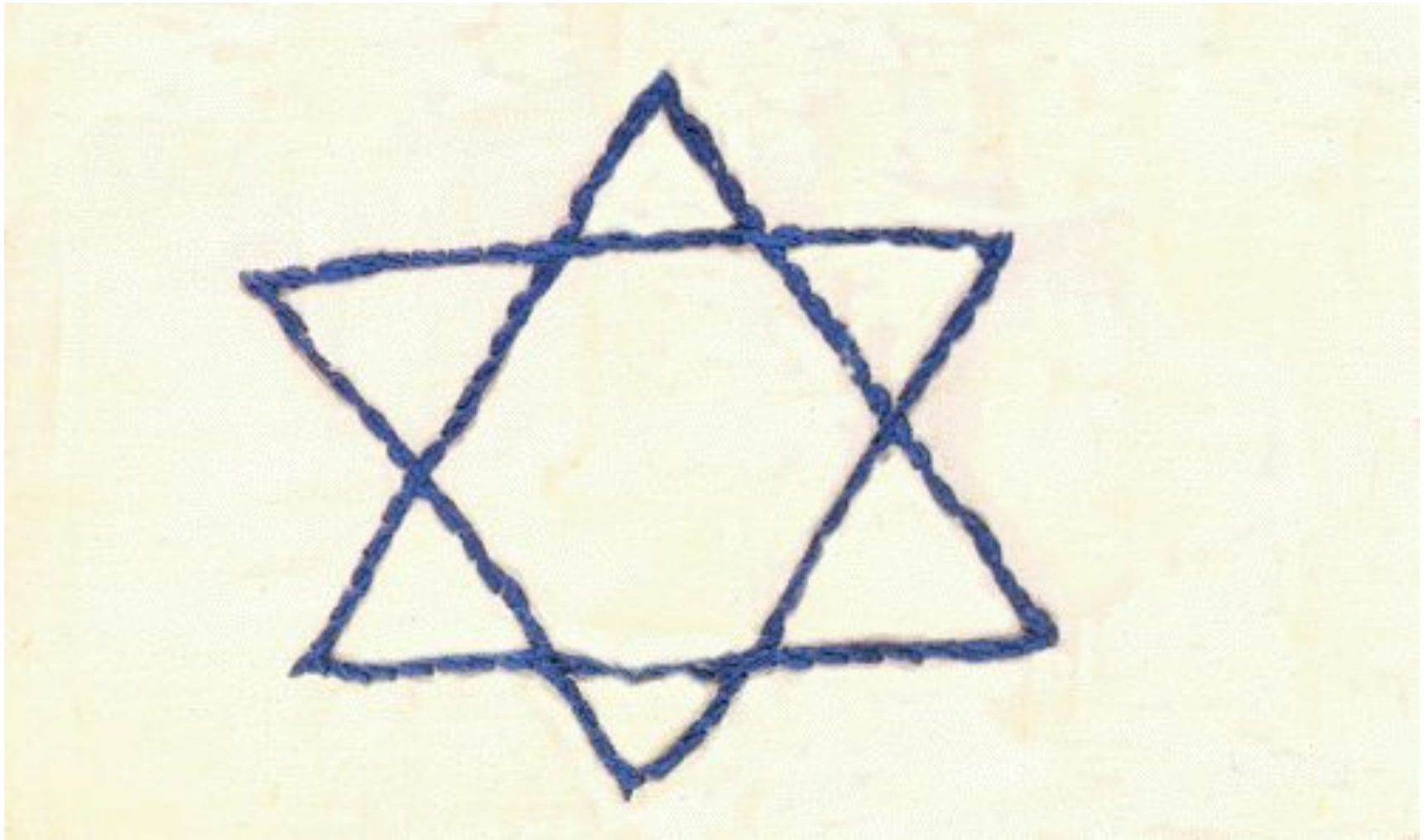
Yellow Star of David outlined in black. The Hebraic letter is an abbreviation of the word "Jew."





In Holland –

Yellow Star of David outlined in black. The Dutch word for "Jew" is written in Hebraic style.



**In parts of Poland, East and Upper Silesia –
Blue Star of David on a white armband.**

Assignment

- What were the Nuremberg Laws?
- How did these laws give Hitler more power?
- Why would it be instrumental for Hitler to “scapegoat” the Jews in this way?

Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass



**During Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, a
synagogue burns in Siegen, Germany.
November 10, 1938.**



(Photo credit: The Pictorial History of the Holocaust, Yitzhak Arad, Ed., Macmillan Publishing Co., NY, 1990, p. 58, courtesy of Shamash: The Jewish Internet Consortium.)

**German children watch
as a synagogue in
Kuppenheim, Baden
Germany, burns during
Kristallnacht,
the Night of Broken
Glass.**

November 10, 1938.





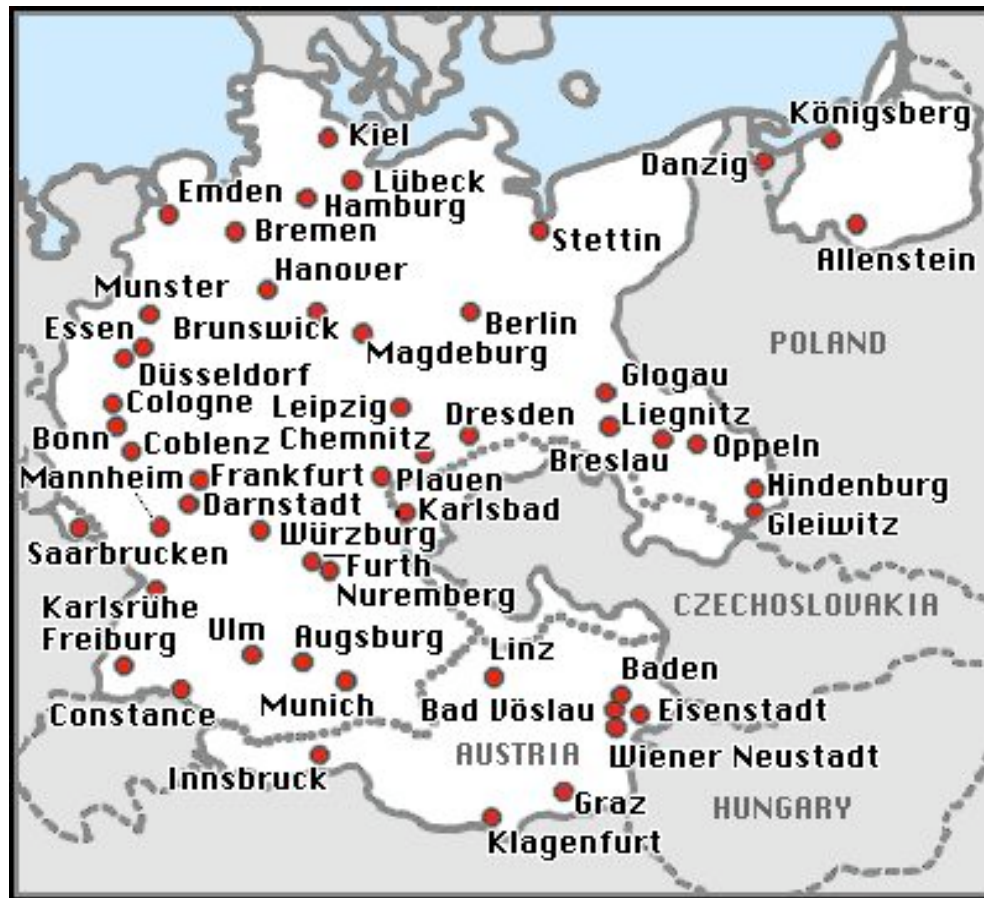
**A synagogue burns in
Ober Ramstadt during
Kristallnacht.**

**Onlookers watch as the local
fire department prevents
the fire from spreading to
nearby houses, but makes *no*
attempt to stop the
synagogue from burning.**



Nearly 200 synagogues were set afire on November 9, 1938, in an officially orchestrated evening of widespread violence and vandalism of Jewish property.

In addition to the burning of synagogues, Jewish businesses and shops were severely vandalized throughout Germany. Josef Goebbels, the propaganda minister under Adolf Hitler, masterminded this Night of Broken Glass, or *Kristallnacht*.

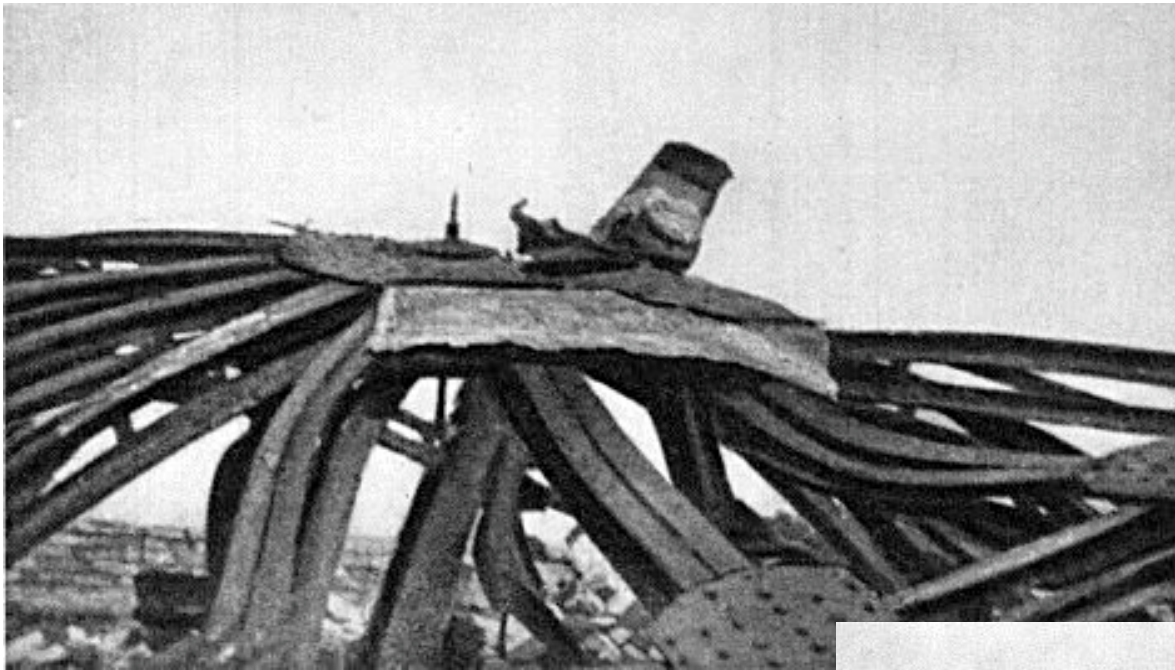


Red = Cities where synagogues were destroyed.

Germans pass by the broken shop window of a Jewish-owned business that was destroyed during *Kristallnacht* in Berlin, Germany.



The "Night of Broken Glass" was a planned series of acts of violence against Jews throughout Germany. November 10, 1938.



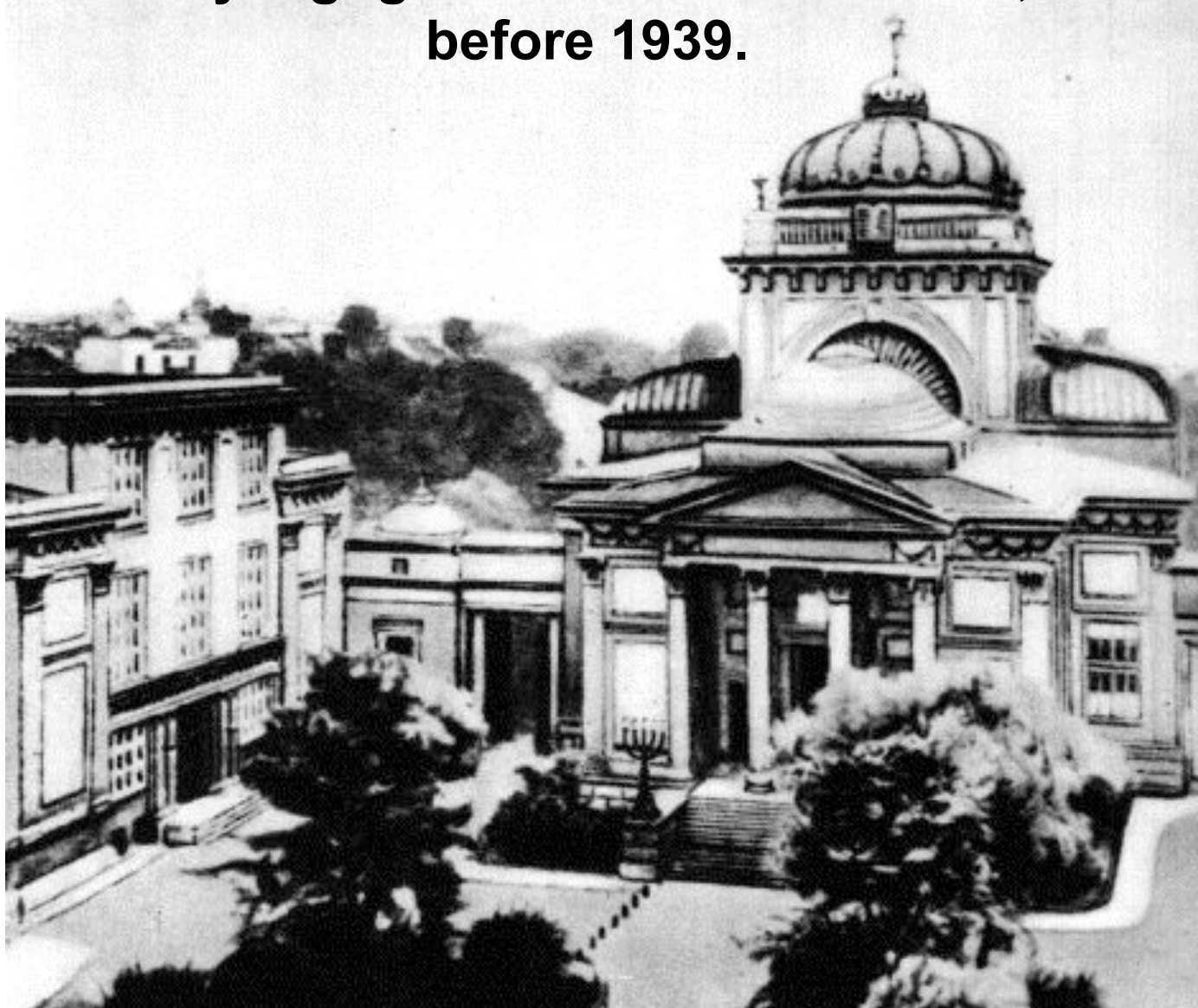
The twisted steel vault of a huge synagogue in Bialystok.

On June 27, 1941, the Nazis burned alive about 1,000 Jews in this temple.

Fragments of a destroyed synagogue in Łódź, Poland.



**The Great Synagogue on Tlomackie Street, Warsaw,
before 1939.**



The Great Synagogue on Tlomackie Street, Warsaw, destroyed. The temple was blown up by the SS and Police General, Jürgen Stroop, on April 16, 1943, as a sign of the completion of the "Great Operation" against the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.



Assignment

- What was *Kristallnacht*? Be really specific – use details as your support.
- Why would Hitler condone this type of activity? What did it succeed in doing?