

This Week in Holocaust History - July 5th to July 11th

1938

July 6, 1938

The international conference opened in Évian-les-Bains on the Jewish refugee situation in Europe.

July 9, 1938

A decree in Nazi Germany banned Jews from working in a number of professions, including private detective, real estate broker and tourist guide.

July 10, 1938

Hitler opened the Great Exhibition of German Art in Munich with a speech attacking the London exhibition of banned German art, calling modern artists "cultural Neanderthals" and "lamentable unfortunates who plainly suffer from defective sight."

July 11, 1938

Nazi Germany banned Jews from health spas.

1942

July 7, 1942

Heinrich Himmler authorized sterilization experiments to take place at Auschwitz concentration camp.

1944

July 6, 1944

Hungarian Regent Miklós Horthy ordered a halt to the deportation of Hungarian Jews. Even so, the Nazis declared all of Hungary except for Budapest free of Jews.

July 8, 1944

With the Red Army approaching, SS authorities began liquidating the Kovno Ghetto. About 8,000 Jews would be transferred to Stutthof and Dachau.