

This Week in Holocaust History 19-25 July

1938

July 23, 1938

Jews in Germany were ordered to report to police by December 31, 1938 to receive special identification cards that would be required for all dealings with government officials.

1942

July 19, 1942

Heinrich Himmler issued an order that all Jews within the General Government be "resettled" to camps by December 31.

July 22, 1942

Grossaktion Warsaw: During the *Grossaktion* Jews were terrorized in daily round-ups, marched through the ghetto, and assembled at the *Umschlagplatz* station square for what was called in the Nazi euphemistic jargon "resettlement to the East". From there, they were sent aboard overcrowded Holocaust trains to the newly-operational killing center at Treblinka



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1943

July 19, 1943

The Warsaw concentration camp, referred to as *KL (Konzentrationslager) Warschau* was opened with barbed wire surrounding the ruins of the former Warsaw Ghetto, with a few hundred Polish prisoners and foreign Jews being put to work in destroying the remaining buildings, salvaging valuable property that may have been left in the ruins, and attempting to persuade Warsaw's remaining Jews to come out of hiding.

1944

July 22, 1944

Majdanek concentration camp was liberated by the Red Army, the first concentration camp to be liberated by Allied forces. The Soviet advance was so rapid that the SS fled before evidence of what went on in the camp could be destroyed. When Soviet officials invited journalists to the site, the full extent of Nazi atrocities began to be known to the world.