The Holocaust

Nazi uses of learning

- Book Burning, May 1933
  - Jewish author
  - Describe war as being bad
- Nov. 1938—Jewish students expelled from public schools
- Transform through learning
  - Teaching hate & exclusion
  - Ex.
    - “The Poisonous Mushroom”—elementary school text
    - PE—Throwing grenade
    - German Classroom—written on the bird: “All things unholy stem from the Jews.”
    - Word problem: A plane flying 240km distant, spends 7.5 minutes dropping bombs and returns. How long was the flight?
    - The Jews are aliens in Germany—in 1933 there were 66,060,000 inhabitants in the Reich, of whom 499,682 were Jews. What is the percent of aliens? —Only 0.756%
  - “All education must have the sole object of stamping in the conviction into the child that his own race is superior of all others.” —Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf

- Primary resources
  - Kids
    - Hanna Sztarkman, 9 yrs old
    - Yitskhok Rudashevski, 14 yrs old
    - Tamarah Lazerson, 13 yrs old
    - Janina Bauman, 14 yrs old
    - David Graber, 19 yrs old, Warsaw Ghetto
  - Resistance through documentation
    - Oneg Shabbat