



AN EXERCISE TOWARDS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
HOLOCAUST AND THE FORMING OF AN ATTITUDE TO IT.

The activity is a simulation game creating in the student the feelings of the gentiles in Germany regarding the plight of the Jews in Germany at the beginning of the Nazi regime (1933-1937).



Instructor's Sheet - Part A

The whole group is seated in a circle, and the instructor reads and explains the following steps to be taken, requesting the students to imagine that they are English gentiles living in a big town in England. Some of them are conservatives, some liberals, and some socialists; important and ordinary inhabitants of the town, in which a well established and thriving Jewish community exists. Amongst them: Town-Council members, people holding major positions in industry and commerce - people well known to all and also ordinary folks.

The situation is as follows:

1. A sharp economic regression, as a result of a massive inflation, created by an oil crisis, hit the United States, England and most west European countries.
2. The parliament decided on early elections as a result of wide disturbances by workers and because of massive unemployment.
3. A new government is formed consisting of the right wing of the Conservative Party and The National Front (a British Fascist movement, under Sir Oswald Mosley).
4. A group of Jewish members of the Labour Party are arrested with the charge of selling state secrets.
5. The President of the United States declares a radical change in the relations between the United States and Israel.
6. Antisemitic persecutions become a daily occurrence, and the police shows complete indifference.