

Rationalization Module

Background and Additional Information

More about the Holocaust

Watch [The Path to Nazi Genocide](#) (38 minutes)

Read [Introduction to the Holocaust](#)

Explore the [Holocaust Encyclopedia](#)

More about *Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust*

[Some Were Neighbors online exhibition](#)

[Background article](#) by Susan Bachrach, Exhibition Curator

Background on Kristallnacht

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Kristallnacht: A Nationwide Pogrom, November 9-10, 1938](#)

Background on Deportations

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Deportations to Killing Centers](#)

Background on Einsatzgruppen (Mobile Killing Units)

Holocaust Encyclopedia article: [Einsatzgruppen \(Mobile killing units\)](#)

Background on Holocaust Survivor Testimony

From [The USC Shoah Foundation: The Institute for Visual History and Education](#)

Background on Perpetrator/Eyewitness testimonies

- USHMM contracted with Nathan Beyrak to do interviews of perpetrators and bystanders
- Beyrak goes into each country and hires a project manager with knowledge of local population and language skills
- A local project manager identifies interviewees
- Topics for interviews cover a range of topics including life before, roundups, looting, mass shootings
- In Lithuania, worked with an independent filmmaker to record interviews
- Alexinas (man with beret in rationalization module) had been prosecuted and served time, so he could give interviews with impunity. He had given a number of interviews already at the time when he was approached for this project.