# Images of Life in the Displaced Persons Camps

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Report card issued to Cilia Rudashevsky by the Hebrew school in the Leipheim displaced persons camp.



Children learn a religious text from an Orthodox Jewish teacher. Landsberg displaced persons camp, Germany, 1946-1947.



Lyrics to the Jewish national anthem and portraits of Zionist leaders hang in a classroom. Feldafing displaced persons camp, Germany, after April 1945.



Jewish displaced persons study watchmaking in the Foehrenwald Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) school. Foehrenwald was the final displaced persons camp to close, functioning until 1957 as a home for Jews who had no place to go. Foehrenwald, Germany, 1953.

School children in the Santa Cesarea displaced persons' camp.



Jewish youth attend a class on transplanting seedlings, part of a general course in farming sponsored by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp. Germany, August 1, 1946.



A math lesson at the elementary school in the Zeilsheim displaced persons' camp.



A lesson on the geography of Palestine at the high school in the Zeilsheim displaced persons' camp.



ORT (Organization for Reconstruction and Training) certificate issued to Jewish DP Klara Schoenthal for completing a dressmaking course in the Neu Freimann displaced persons camp.



Under the guidance of an ORT instructor, Jewish DPs learn bricklaying by constructing a small brick building at a Jewish displaced persons camp in Linz.



Assorted election signs are posted on the outside wall of a barracks in the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp.



Campaign poster at the Zeilsheim displaced persons' camp for the Labor Zionists.

The text reads: Block 1 is not Ben Gurion. It is Ratner and Shlomowicz who do not represent the masses.

Vote for Block 5 -- the workers for the Land of Israel."



Jewish police supervise the voting during elections in the Zeilsheim displaced persons' camp.



Jewish displaced persons put up signs demanding open immigration into Palestine. Feldafing displaced persons camp, Germany, after May 1945.



Jewish survivors in a displaced persons camp post signs calling for Great Britain to open the gates of Palestine to the Jews. Germany, after May 1945.



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Front page of a newspaper from Landsberg displaced persons camp. Germany, November 15, 1945.

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Yiddish language election poster issued by the Zionist Ichud party in the Landsberg displaced persons camp.

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Jewish refugees protest British immigration policy in Palestine. Zeilsheim displaced persons camp, Germany, between 1945 and 1948.



A group of young displaced persons (many wearing Zionist uniforms) stand in formation at the Eschwege displaced persons' camp.



Election committee members distribute campaign posters in the Zeilsheim displaced persons' camp.



A large crowd gathers for a Zionist political meeting in Zeilsheim displaced person's camp.



Group portrait of the Jewish police in the Bindermichl displaced persons camp.



DPs of many nationalities take part in a flag ceremony at the Hagenow displaced persons camp.



Jewish displaced persons receive bread rations at the Bindermichl displaced persons' camp in Linz.



Letters pour into "Missing Persons" bureau in Frankfurt as UNRRA tries to bring together war-separated families.



Halina Bryks holds a name card intended to help any of her surviving family members locate her at the Kloster Indersdorf DP camp. This photograph was published in newspapers to facilitate reuniting the family. Exhibition sponsored by the World Jewish Congress on efforts to trace survivors of the Holocaust and reunite families.





Bela Milstein and Jacob Gutman stand under a chuppa [wedding canopy] during their marriage ceremony in the Mittenwald displaced persons' camp.



Portrait of a Jewish couple and their baby son in the Deggendorf displaced persons' camp.