

Timeline of Events

- 1929** *June 12:* Anne Frank born in Frankfurt, Germany, to Otto and Edith Frank. She was the younger sister to Margot (born 1926)
- 1933** *January 30:* Hitler appointed chancellor of Germany
March 23: Nazi Party took full political control of parliament and government
Later that year, the Nazis began restrictions against Jews
April: Jewish businesses were boycotted
- 1934** The Frank family moved to Amsterdam in the Netherlands; Anne's grandmother remained in Germany
Otto began work as the director of a Dutch subsidiary of Opekta, a company that sold pectin and spices. The family found an apartment in Merwedeplein, in the south of Amsterdam
August 2: On the death of President Hindenburg, Hitler became *Führer*, the leader and dictator, of Germany
- 1935** *September 15:* the Nazis approved the Nuremberg Laws, which deprived German Jews of their citizenship, businesses, and a right to education
- 1938** *November 9/10:* the *Kristallnacht* ("the Night of Broken Glass") resulted in the Nazis burning and smashing 7,000 businesses, homes, and Jewish synagogues. Over 30,000 people were sent to concentration camps
- 1939** *September 1:* Germany invaded Poland
September 3: Britain and France declared war on Germany; later to be joined by Russia
- 1940** *May 10:* the Germans invaded the Netherlands and established laws against the Jewish population. Anne and Margot now had to attend a Jewish school
- 1941** *January 8:* Dutch Jews were forbidden to visit theatres, Anne's favourite pastime. They are also prohibited from using public transport
April: the Nazis stated that all Dutch Jews had to wear yellow stars
December 11: USA declared war on Germany. The Allied states fighting the Germans now included Britain, France, Russia, and the USA
- 1942** *June 12:* Anne received a diary for her thirteenth birthday present
July 5: Margot received orders to be deported to a labour camp. The concentration camps in the Netherlands were at Amersfoort, Ommen, Vught and Westerbork
July 6: the Franks decided to hide in the secret annex to the rear of Otto's office building
- 1943** *February:* the Germany Army suffered a major defeat at the Battle of Stalingrad and the war began to turn in favour of the Allies
- 1944** *August 1:* Anne wrote in her diary for the final time
August 4: the inhabitants of the secret annex were betrayed, arrested, and taken to Westerbork camp
September 3: the Franks were transported in freight trains to the concentration camp of Auschwitz in Poland
October 28: Anne and Margot were taken to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany
- 1945** *January 6:* Anne's mother, Edith, died of starvation in Auschwitz
January 27: Auschwitz was liberated by Russian forces. Otto was the sole survivor from the secret annex
March: Margot died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen
April 15: Anne died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen, just days before the camp was liberated by the British Army
April 30: Hitler killed himself rather than risk being captured
May 8: Germany surrendered and the war in Europe ended
June 3: Otto Frank returned to Amsterdam
October 24: Otto received news of the death of his daughters. The faithful Miep Gies gave him Anne's diary that she found in the annex after the family's capture
- 1952** *June 16:* Anne's diary was published in English as *The Diary of a Young Girl*

For more information about Anne and the secret annex, visit www.annefrank.org