

**“Mummy, when they kill us, will it hurt?”**

**“No my darling it will not, it will only take a minute”**

Galicia Jewish Museum, Krakow

It may have taken only a minute – but it is enough to keep us awake till the end of time.



# Auschwitz: Extermination Camp



Journeys to Auschwitz-Birkenau were often lengthy. They were also typically characterised by lack of food, water and sanitation. Arrival at the camp was thus often seen as a relief.





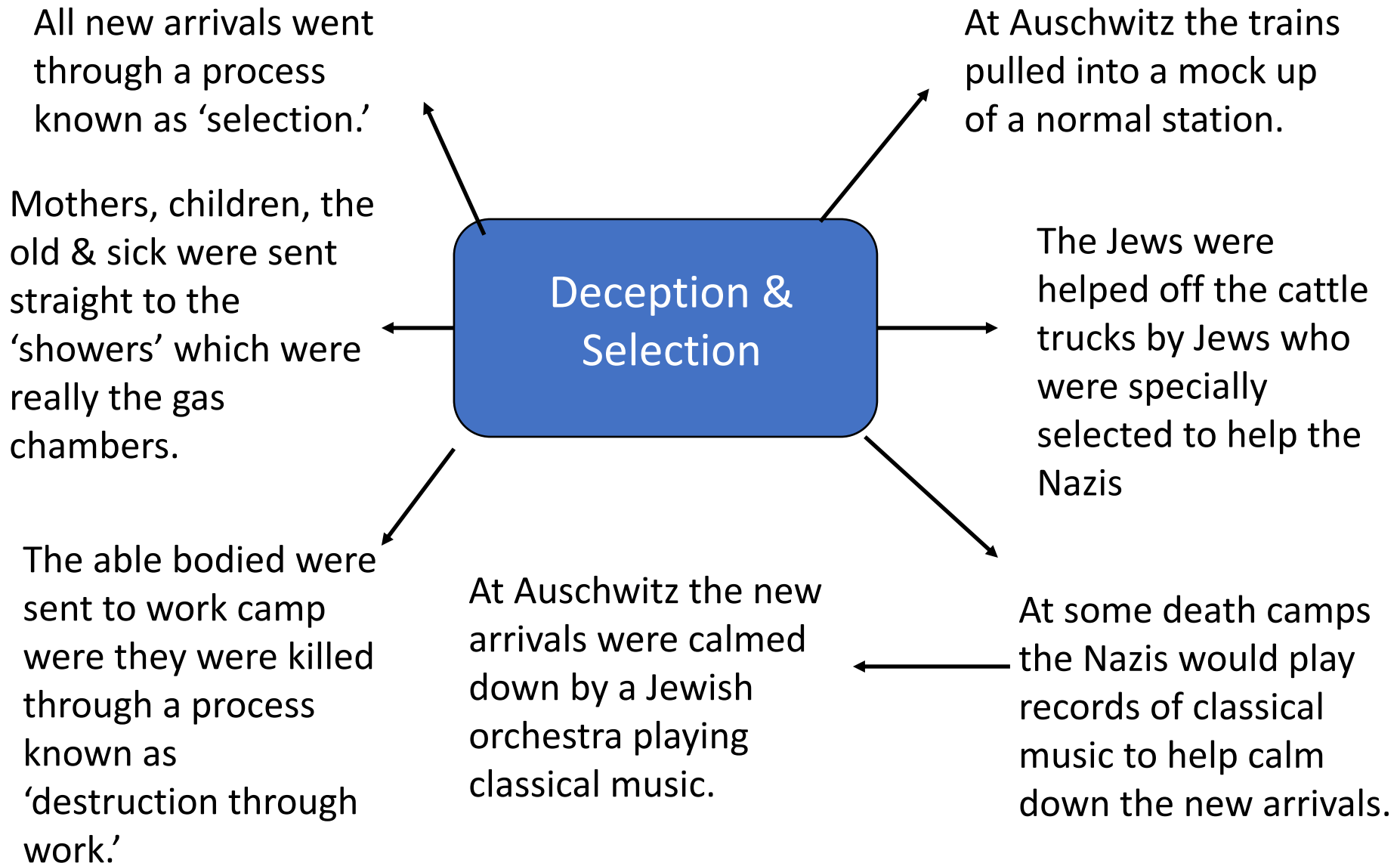
Separation of the sexes . This was a procedure repeated at other extermination camps.



Selection. This was the decisive moment at which the fate of the majority of deportees was sealed. In Birkenau, selections were conducted by SS doctors (the man facing the prisoner at the front of the line and largely obscured by the guard).



# What happened to new arrivals?





The march to the gas chambers. These people had no idea they were walking to their immediate deaths. They were told they were going for a shower and some dinner!



















Notice how it looks like a railway... why?



## The Gas Chambers

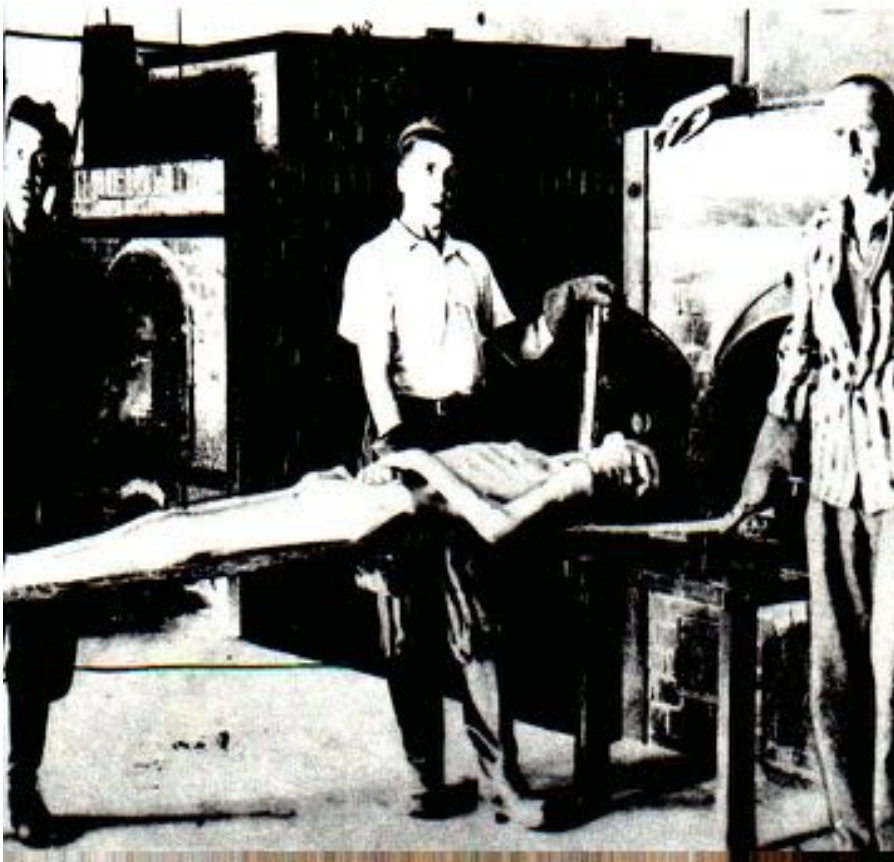
The Nazis would force large groups of prisoners into small cement rooms and drop canisters of Zyklon B, or prussic acid, in its crystal form through small holes in the roof.

These gas chambers were sometimes disguised as showers or bathing houses.

2000 people could be packed into this gas chamber.



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Specially selected Jews known as the sonderkommando were used to to remove the gold fillings and hair of people who had been gassed.

The Sonderkommando Jews were also forced to feed the dead bodies into the crematorium.





## Destruction Through Work



This photo was taken by the Nazis to show just how you could quite literally work the fat of the Jews by feeding them 200 calories a day

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Same group of Jews 6 weeks later

Jewish women, some holding infants, are forced to wait in a line before their execution by Germans and Ukrainian collaborators.



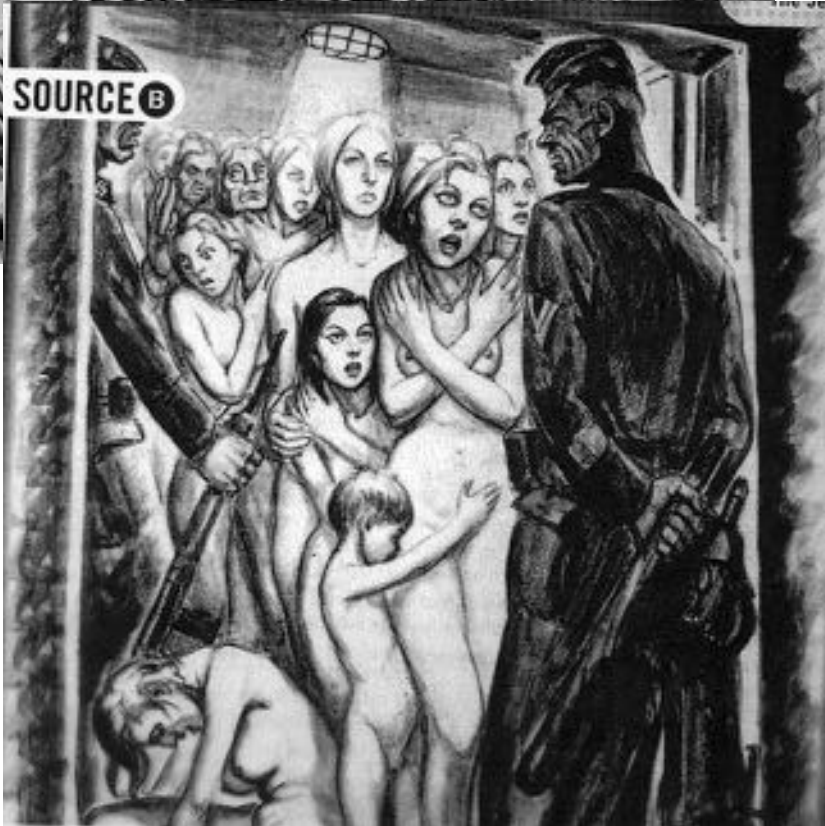


A German policeman shoots individual Jewish women who remain alive in the ravine after the mass execution.











































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**NEVER** forgotten and  
repeated!