

# Inspector Rex's History Snippet #21

**Why didn't Jews organize and rebel against the Nazi rule?**



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Why didn't Jews organize and rebel against the Nazi rule?

We did, when we could. In the Warsaw ghetto, in Passover 1943, 700 Jewish fighters held back two SS battalions for six weeks,




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 When we are faced by an  
 arch-foe, whose  
 unparalleled ruthlessness  
 and program of total  
 annihilation know no  
 bounds, the Halakha  
 demands that we fight and  
 resist to the very end...  
 ”

*Rabbi Menachem Ziemba  
 Warsaw, January 14, 1943*

*Photo: Jewish fighters  
 in the Warsaw ghetto*

Earning the grudging respect of SS Brigadfuhrer Juergen von Stroop:

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Es gibt keinen  
jüdischen Wohnbezirk  
in Warschau mehr !



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The Stroop Report, titled, The Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw is No More! You can buy it in an English and a German edition online, with many famous photos included. [The Stroop Report: The German Account of the Destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto: Stroop, Jürgen: 9780464998990: Amazon.com: Books](#)

That didn't stop Stroop from sending the survivors to the death camp at Treblinka, where Warsaw ghetto fighters sent there organized the camp and burned it down.



Treblinka burning

When the survivors of Treblinka were sent to the death camp at Sobibor, they gave it the same treatment.



Antifa at Sobibor



**MILITARY FUNERAL FOR THE NAZIS KILLED IN THE SOBIBOR REVOLT**  
*Chełm, Poland, October 17, 1943*

Good riddance.

So the Jews destroyed two out of five of the Nazi death camps. Not too shabby for untrained civilians.

We revolted at every camp, including, most famously, at Auschwitz Birkenau, where In the Sonderkommando revolt of 1944, we attacked SS guards with smuggled weapons, blew up one of the four crematoriums, reducing the killing capacity of Auschwitz Birkenau by a quarter, and saving hundreds of thousands of lives, and also threw a particularly sadistic SS Guard into the ovens to burn alive at another.



Krematorium IV burning in the Sonderkommando revolt of 1944

Don't ever let anyone tell you we went like sheep. We fought like hell. But untrained and disorganized civilians, including children and old people, with little if any weapons of their own can't do much against a modern army devoted to their destruction. We did what we could.

The partisans and Resistance fighters memories' are eternal. May they be inscribed in the book of life.



Peter Webb

I was a 14 year old Australian boy, living in the outback, going to a one teacher school by day, kangaroo shooting by night, had barely even heard of Judaism.

The one day my mother gave me a book that she had just read. It was Mila-18.

Faaaark. I cried. I sobbed my eyes out. My world had gotten a 1000 times bigger, I saw evil and courage on a scale I couldn't have imagined before. It changed me.

May the survivors of Mila 18 always have a homeland where they can live in peace.