

USC Shoah Foundation



Volume 01: Rise of Nazism and Racism

Clip Biographies and Related IWitness Activities

H. Henry Sinason

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Margaret Lambert

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Related IWitness activity (for “Anti-Semitism”): [1936 Olympics: Race, Politics, and Civil Rights](#)

In this IWitness Video Editing Activity, students will examine how racism played a role during the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Students will be introduced to the racial policies in place in Germany under the Nazis, as well as the personal stories of athletes who were affected by them, including African American Olympian and track star Jesse Owens, whose civil rights were violated in the United States while the civil rights of Jewish athletes were being violated in Germany.

Alfred Gottschalk

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Lea Shabinski-Faranof

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Esther Clifford

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Judith Becker

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Herman Cohn

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Peter Braunfeld

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Dina Gottliebova-Babbitt

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Norbert Bikales

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Julia Lentini

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Benjamin Bender

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Fred Katz

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Eva Abraham-Podietz

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Herbert Karliner

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