

An Interdisciplinary Perspective on THE MEMORIAL TO THE MURDERED JEWS OF EUROPE



Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe,
Berlin – WordAtlas



Holocaust Memorial View
in Berlin, Germany – Adobe Stock

Historical Context

- Purpose: The memorial serves as Germany's central Holocaust remembrance site, honoring up to six million Jewish victims. (Stiftung Denkmal, 2025)
- Inception: Officially opened on May 10, 2005, in Berlin. (Stiftung Denkmal, 2025)

Architectural Design

- Designer: American architect Peter Eisenman
- Structure: Features 2,711 concrete slabs (stelae) arranged in a grid pattern over 19,000 square meters.
- Experience: The varying heights and undulating ground create a sense of disorientation and unease, symbolizing the chaotic history of the Holocaust. (Stiftung Denkmal, 2025)

Psychological Impact

- Visitor Experience: A quote from Peter Eisenmann: Unlike a cemetery, the memorial, he insists, is not a sacred space. Nor is the memorial intended as a sentimental place. The abstract nature of the work, moreover, does not offer resolution to the horrors of the past; rather, it facilitates reflection on those events.” (Saltzman, 2019)
- Emotional Response: The maze-like structure evokes feelings of confusion and isolation, mirroring the experiences of Holocaust victims. (Saltzman, 2019)

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