

## BERLIN-MARZAHN

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While spectators from all over the world were gathering in Berlin for the 1936 Olympic Games, the Sinti and Roma living in the German capital were forced to move to Marzahn “Gypsy” Camp. They were only allowed to leave the camp to go to work. In 1939 many were taken to Sachsenhausen concentration camp as slave labour. The remaining Sinti and Roma were deported to Auschwitz in 1943, where most of them were killed.

### Did you know

... that even today there are cities in the Ukraine, Bulgaria and Italy with “Gypsy” camps to which the local Roma have to return in the evening before the gates are locked for the night?

... that the Sinto boxer Jakob Bamberger qualified to compete in the 1936 Olympic Games but, for racist reasons, was prevented by the Nazis from doing so?

### For you to do

What impression of Berlin did the Nazis wish to create? Why? Where have similar things happened in recent times?

### The photo

Families cooking in the “Gypsy” camp at Marzahn on the outskirts of Berlin in 1939. German Federal Archives, Koblenz, Germany.