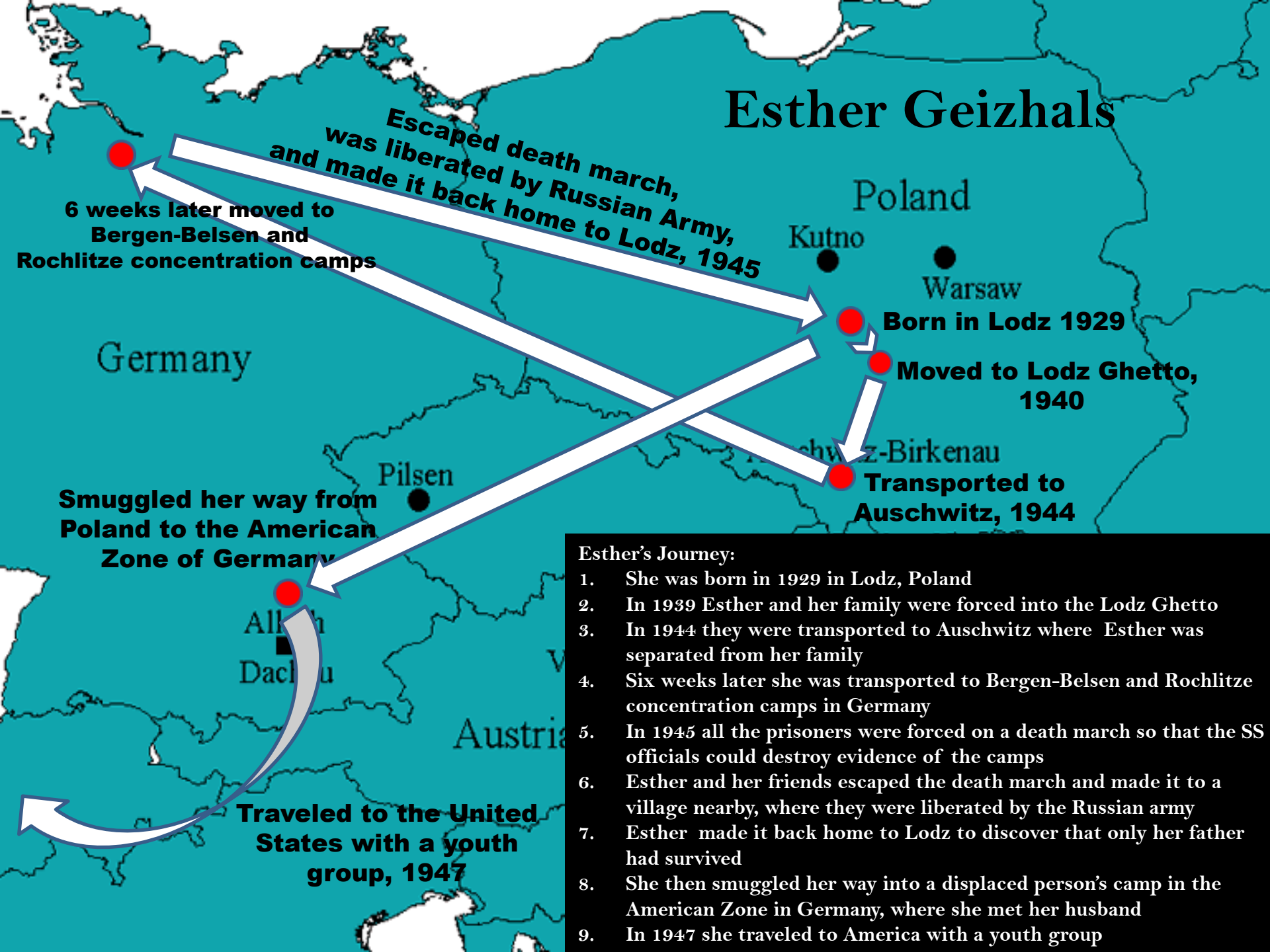


Esther Geizhals



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Moved to Lodz Ghetto, 1940

Transported to Auschwitz, 1944

Smuggled her way from Poland to the American Zone of Germany

Traveled to the United States with a youth group, 1947

Esther's Journey:

1. She was born in 1929 in Lodz, Poland
2. In 1939 Esther and her family were forced into the Lodz Ghetto
3. In 1944 they were transported to Auschwitz where Esther was separated from her family
4. Six weeks later she was transported to Bergen-Belsen and Rochlitz concentration camps in Germany
5. In 1945 all the prisoners were forced on a death march so that the SS officials could destroy evidence of the camps
6. Esther and her friends escaped the death march and made it to a village nearby, where they were liberated by the Russian army
7. Esther made it back home to Lodz to discover that only her father had survived
8. She then smuggled her way into a displaced person's camp in the American Zone in Germany, where she met her husband
9. In 1947 she traveled to America with a youth group