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NEW TEMPORARY EXHIBITION
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FREE ADMISSION

During the German occupation of the Channel Islands 1940–1945, many thousands of people were persecuted, including slave labourers, political prisoners and Jews. Their story has been largely omitted from a British narrative of 'standing alone' against Nazism, and from celebrations of British victory over Germany.

This exhibition tells the stories of the persecuted, drawing upon The Wiener Library's rich archival collections, files recently released by The National Archives, and items belonging to the victims of Nazi persecution themselves.

From the experiences of a young Jewish woman living quietly on a farm on Jersey and later deported to Auschwitz, to those of a Spanish forced labourer on Alderney, and the story of a man from Guernsey whose death in a German prison camp remained unknown to his family for over 70 years, this exhibition highlights the lives of the persecuted, and the post-war struggle to obtain recognition of their suffering.

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