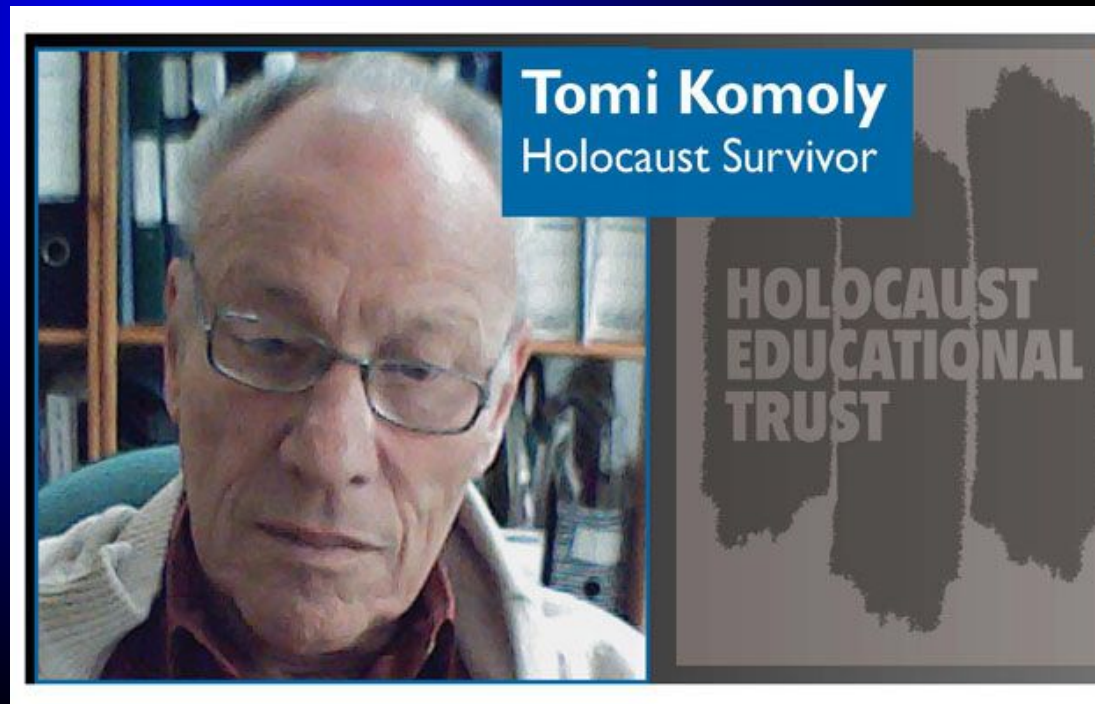


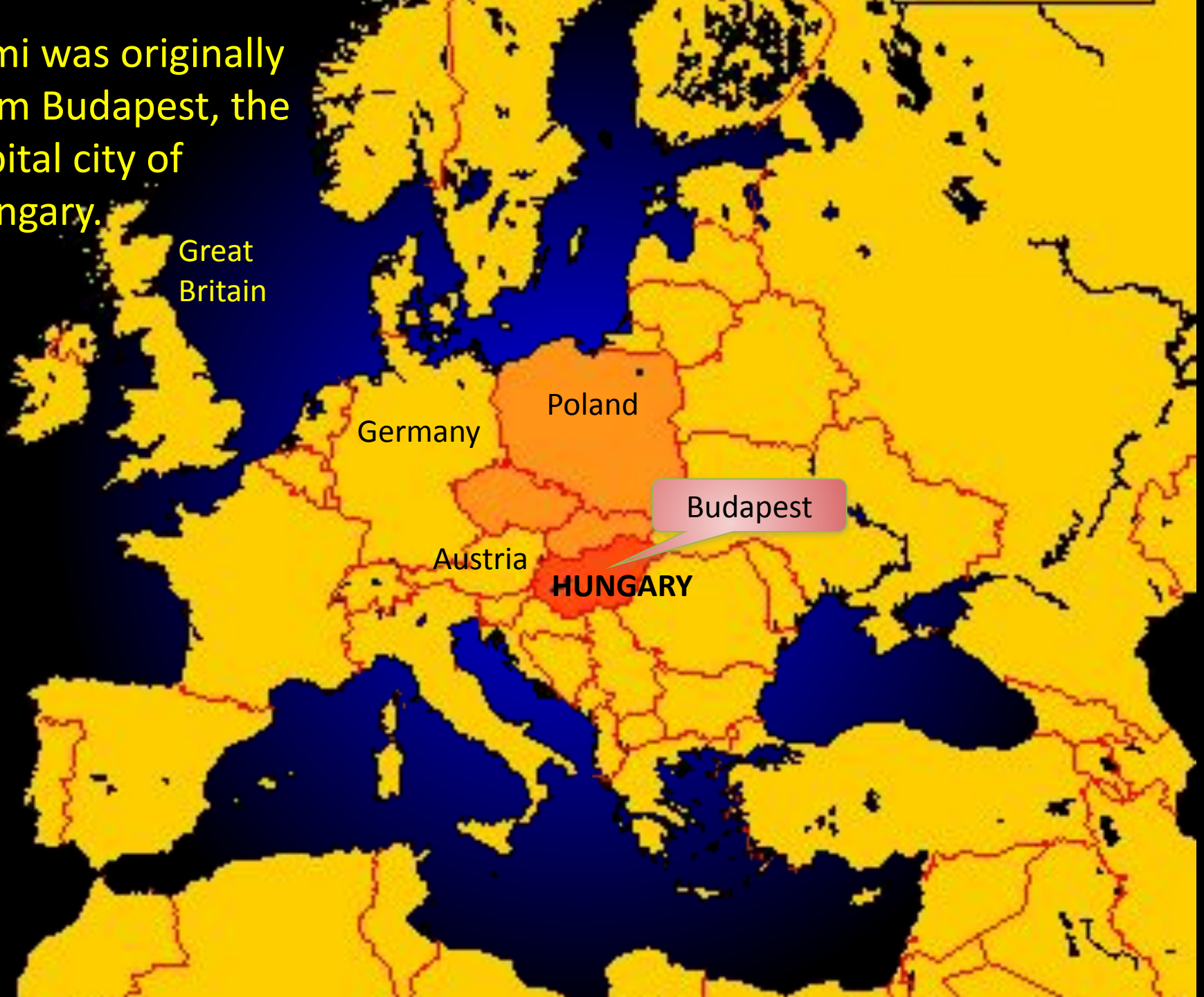
# HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## YEAR 9

This is the story of  
Tomi Komoly...



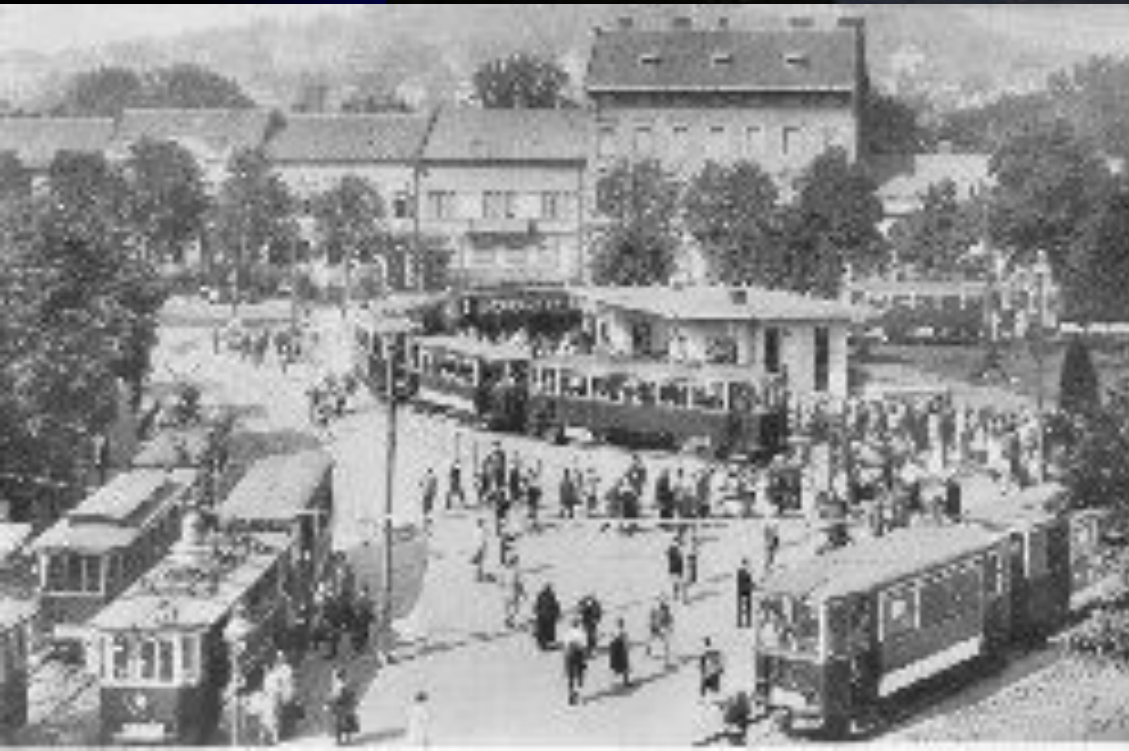
Tomi was originally from Budapest, the capital city of Hungary.



Tomi was born in Budapest in 1936



**Budapest,  
Capital of  
Hungary**



**Budapest in the 1930s  
The junction of Retek Utca and  
Krisztina Körút**

# Budapest in the 1930s

Buda Castle



Elisabeth Bridge



## Hungarian Jewish Families

Jewish people  
had settled in  
Hungary for over  
1,000 years

# Celebrated Hungarian Jews of the 1930s and 1940s



**Hajos Alfred**  
Olympic and World  
Champion swimmer



**Laszlo Biro**  
Inventor of the Ballpoint Pen



**Chana Senesh**  
Poet and Special Operations  
soldier in WW2

Tomi was 8 years old when the Nazis took over Hungary in 1944.





**Nazi Persecution starts...**

**Stage 1 Persecution – Make everyone think the Jews are different**



At school, Jewish children were forced to sit at separate desks, then moved to separate schools and by 1942 most had no chance of education at all.



Jews were forced to wear Yellow badges to make them different from everyone else



# The Persecution continues...

## Stage 2 – Legally remove the Civil Rights of Jews

“Segregation”- the separation of Jews from normal society saw them banned from jobs, swimming pools, and even sitting on certain park benches!



Mixed marriages and relationships were banned. Any one caught faced violence and imprisonment

**The Persecution gets worse...**

**Stage 3 – Forcibly remove the Jews from Society.**

Jewish families are forced out of their homes and made to live together in the separate areas of towns and cities.

Other Hungarians look on as their neighbours are escorted through the streets to their new address.

These areas became known as “Ghettos”.



# The Ghetto



A Hungarian Ghetto in Sighet, Hungary.  
Ghettos were usually in the worst parts of towns, surrounded by barbed wire and soldiers.  
Many died from starvation or from disease in the filthy conditions.

Eventually the Nazis called for the roundup and deportation of the Jews who lived in Hungary.

Budapest, October 1944. The expulsion of Jews begins.



Jews all over Hungary are taken to train stations...



They are sorted before setting off.

They will be travelling in train carriages normally used for animals.

It was at this point of the story that Tomi's experience was different to thousand of others.

Whilst in the queue waiting to board the train, he and his mother escape and run!





For the next 2 years,  
Tomi & his mother  
would hide from the  
Nazis.

If they or their  
protectors were ever  
discovered they could  
be instantly shot.

Millions of others were  
not so fortunate...



Most Hungarian Jews found themselves being sent to  
Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland



The Gates of Auschwitz  
“Arbeit Macht Frei” promised  
“Work makes you free”

Over 1 Million People died there.

These Jews were from Koszeg, Hungary. They were sent to Auschwitz in June 1944.

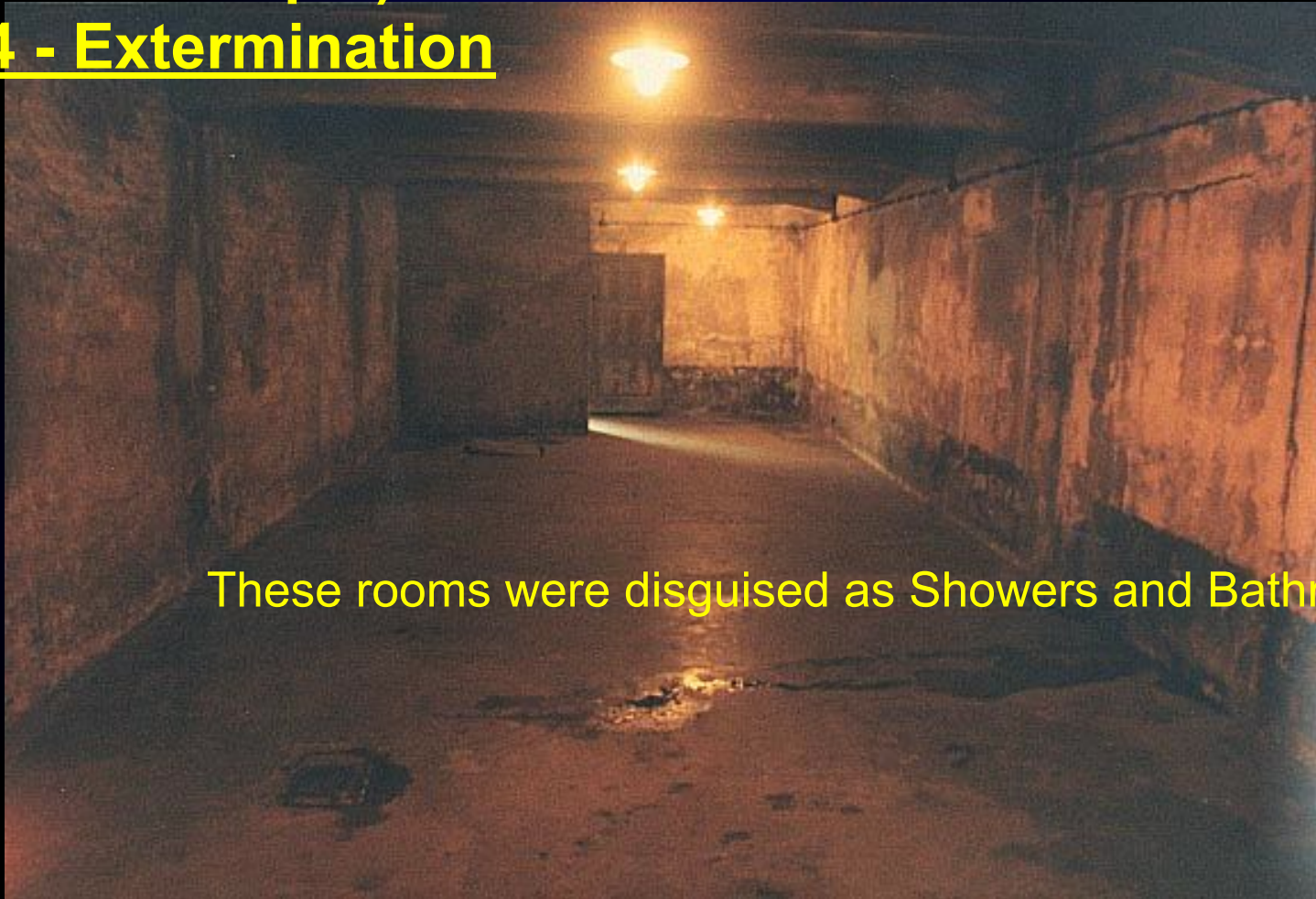


Every woman and child on that train was sent to the gas chambers as soon as they arrived. This photo was probably taken just minutes before they died.



# Nazi Persecution becomes “Genocide” (The murder of a Race of People)...

## Stage 4 - Extermination



These rooms were disguised as Showers and Bathrooms...

Poison gas was poured through the “water” pipe. The whole thing took about 15 minutes.

Between April-July 1944, 20,000 people a day were being killed this way.

## A Crematorium at Auschwitz



The “Final Solution” for the bodies of those killed



The sleeping bunks  
in Auschwitz



The “Striped Pyjama”  
uniform of prisoners

## The faces of those who suffered at Auschwitz



**“Over an acre of land lay dead and dying people...  
That day at Belsen was the most horrible day of my  
life.”  
A British journalist described the moment he walked  
into Belsen with British soldiers for the first time.**



# Tomi's Story

- Tomi's story is different to many Hungarian Jews.
- He **survived** the World War and the Nazi Persecution.
- **200,000 Hungarian Jews died** during this time.
- (about 50% of the Hungarian Jewish population before the War)
- His **father was taken away** but he and his mother survived.
- He was **never** sent to a Concentration Camp.
- He and his mother managed to **hide** for the whole of this period.
- Friday morning you will hear the extraordinary story of how **he managed to survive**.





# Ask Tomi...

- On Friday morning, you will have a chance to hear the story of a survivor.
- They are the last generation who can tell you what they saw, experienced and felt.
- Come up with a list of questions that you could ask Tomi at the end of his presentation.

# Ask Tomi...

- What makes a GOOD QUESTION?
- Appropriate and relevant
- Reflective (about his story)
- Asks for Tomi's opinions and perspective
- Looks beyond the events of the war