

In the 1930s, the Jews were increasingly persecuted by Nazi Germany. Especially after 1938, many of them managed to leave Germany and moved to other parts of Europe. Some even fled as far as to China. The articles about Jewish refugees living in Shanghai during World War Two in the Junior Secondary History e-Reading Award Scheme were indeed eye-opening, inspiring us to conduct a history project and investigate further.

In our project, we learnt that the Jews faced numerous challenges after seeking refuge in Hongkew, the designated Jewish residential area in Shanghai at that time. Yet, they exhibited perseverance in overcoming the difficult living conditions. Also, the Jews maintained a strong religious faith and continued their religious practices, finding solace and strength in the face of adversity. Also, despite differences in culture, language and customs, the Jews and the Chinese showed acceptance to each other by sharing resources and working together to overcome hardships. The friendship and solidarity between the Jews and the Chinese clearly demonstrated the importance of respect and mutual support.

Through conducting this project, we learnt the positive values of perseverance, solidarity, and resilience from the history of the Jewish refugees in Shanghai during the Second World War. This tragic episode serves as a testament to the strength of humanity, the power of unity in overcoming challenges, and the importance of cherishing peace and respect for others.