

## Cyprus Internment Camps

Established in 1946 and closed in 1949. Cyprus had several holding camps for Jews caught by the British trying to enter the British Mandate Region (prior to Israel statehood in 1948). Once caught, the Jews were put in a detention camp in Atlit and then sent by ship to Cyprus. A total of 52,000 Jewish people were shipped to Cyprus. The camps were featured in the movie *Exodus*.

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