

Generation talk

"There was just no way of expressing it"

Concentration camp survivor Helga Melmed and members of her family talk about the transmission of memory



Date	September 22, 2021
Place	Freie Akademie der Künste Klosterwall 23 · 20095 Hamburg
Time	6 p.m.

Due to the Corona pandemic, the number of participants is limited.

Registration is mandatory.

All participants must wear a medical mouth-nose protection during the event, keep at least 1.5 meters distance from each other, and provide their complete contact details. They must also provide proof that they have been fully vaccinated, are recovered, or currently tested negative. The test must not be older than 24 hours (Antigen) or 48 hours (PCR).

At the age of 13, Helga Melmed, née Arndtheim, the only child of a Jewish family in Berlin Wilmersdorf, was deported to the Lodz ghetto together with her parents Frieda and Georg in 1941. Both her parents died in the ghetto. Helga was sent to the Auschwitz extermination camp in 1943 and in 1944 selected for forced labour in several satellite camps of the Neuengamme concentration camp in Hamburg. From there, she was deported to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where she was liberated on April 15, 1945.

Helga was sent to Sweden for recuperation, and stayed there for several years. Then she emigrated to the USA, became a nurse, married and raised a family. She still lives in the US today.

Helga Melmed will tell us about her life before World War II and the time she had to spend in ghettos and concentration camps, among them Hamburg-Sasel. Together with members of her family, we will also talk about the influence of her persecution and the killing of her family of origin on her own family life until today.

Moderation: Ulrike Jensen, Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial

The event will be held in English only.

Please register here: <https://www.kz-gedenkstaette-neuengamme.de/veranstaltungskalender/>