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79th Anniversary of the Liberation of Prisoners from the Neuengamme Concentration Camp 2024

Events organized by the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Learning Centres Commemorating the Victims of Nazi Crimes

Sponsored by the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future



May 2, 2024, 10 a.m.

Public Conversations with One Survivor of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and Two Relatives of Victims of Nazi Persecution for School Classes

Antje Kosemund's (Hamburg) leftist father was imprisoned by the Gestapo and lost his job. Her sister Irma was committed to the mental hospital "Alsterdorfer Anstalten" due to supposed "feeble-mindedness" and later murdered. Antje Kosemund researched her story and published it under the name "My sister Irma. A victim of children's euthanasia."

Helga Melmed (Venice, Florida) was deported from Berlin to the ghetto Litzmannstadt/Lodz at the age of 13. Her parents died there of hunger and diseases. Helga Melmed survived the Auschwitz concentration camp, several satellite camps of Neuengamme as well as the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Today, she is living in the United States. The conversation with Helga Melmed will take place in English without translation.

Michael Raveh (Kiryat Tivon, Israel) continues his mother Karla Raveh's (1927–2017) fight for remembrance. Karla Raveh was the only survivor of her Jewish family. She was deported from her hometown of Lemgo via the ghetto Theresienstadt and the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps to the Neuengamme satellite camp of Salzwedel, where she was liberated.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Centre for Historical Studies (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

For more information and to register (required!) please contact Ulrike Jensen (E-Mail: ulrike.jensen@gedenkstaetten.hamburg.de, Tel.: +49 (0)40) 428 131 519).

May 2, 2024

A Space to Remember, Connect and Support

2 p.m.–5 p.m. Open Printing Workshop for Relatives

5 p.m.–6 p.m. Public Poster Presentation

At the Space to Remember, relatives can create individual posters to pay tribute to former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp from all over the world. Using the printing technique that

was employed in the resistance against National Socialism, relatives can print their poster designs in the printing workshop at the Space to Remember.

Following the open workshop, relatives will tell their family stories, present their posters, and put them up in memory of their family members. The speakers will be:

Sandra Polom, granddaughter of a female Polish concentration camp prisoner: Poster for Genowefa Banasiak

Henk Vlieger, nephew of four Dutch concentration camp prisoners: posters for Beert, Hendrik, Teunis, and Willem Vlieger from Doornspijk

Musical accompaniment: **Hans-Jürgen Buhl**

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, Plattenhaus (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Mahnmal")

Public event, no registration required.

Further information: ort-der-verbundenheit.org

In cooperation with the AG Ort der Verbundenheit, the Freundeskreis der KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Neuengamme (AGN) and the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

Events to Mark the 79th Anniversary of the Bombing of Prisoner Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

May 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Reading and Panel Discussion with the Dutch Children's Book Author Martine Letterie

The award-winning Dutch author for children's books Martine Letterie will read from her book "Children with a Star". The author based the short stories about Jewish children in the Netherlands during the German occupation on interviews with people who were in the transit camp Westerbork as children.

Afterwards, Martine Letterie works with the children to make a monument to Leo Meijer, one of the six main characters in the book. He only lived to the age of nine. During the crafting session, Martine Letterie talks to the primary school children about what they have just heard. The event is aimed at elementary school children from Neustadt and interested visitors.

Venue: Market square, Am Markt, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited and reserved for school children.

Event by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in cooperation with the Town of Neustadt in Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt as well as all the schools in Neustadt. As part of these events, the *#Stolen Memories* exhibition by the Arolsen Archives will be on display all day on the market square in Neustadt.

May 2, 2024, 1 p.m.

Tape Art Workshop with Students and Participants from Neustadt

In public Tape-Art-Workshops, participants will work creatively on the topic of the Cap Arcona. At the same time, three different pictures (1.5m x 1m) will be taped under the guidance of competent artists. Directly afterwards, the pictures will be presented to the public. In the long run, these pictures will be included in the Cap Arcona Documentation Centre.

Venue: Market square, Am Markt, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited.

Event by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in cooperation with the Town of Neustadt in Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt as well as all the schools in Neustadt

May 3, 2024, 07:45 a.m.

Conversation and Walk with Descendants of Cap Arcona Victims for Students

The commemorative event will start early in the morning with conversations between students and descendants of Cap Arcona victims followed by a transfer to the Küstengymnasium. From there, students and descendants will walk together to the Cap Arcona Cemetery in Neustadt.

Venue: Schools in Neustadt

Event for students from schools in Neustadt

Event by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in cooperation with the Town of Neustadt in Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt as well as all the schools in Neustadt

May 3, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 79th Anniversary of the Bombing of Prisoner Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

International commemorative event with descendants of victims of the bombings

Venue: Cap Arcona Memorial, Neustadt in Holstein, Stutthofweg

Public event, no registration required. Seating is limited.

Event by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in cooperation with the Town of Neustadt in Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in as well as all the schools in Neustadt

On this occasion, the Museum zeiTtor in Neustadt will be opened outside of their regular times from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It features, among other things, a temporary exhibition on prisoners persecuted as "homosexuals" from the Stutthof concentration camp.

May 3, 2024, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Boat Trip to the Site of the Sinking of the Prisoner Ships for Interested Visitors

Venue: Harbor Neustadt in Holstein, meeting point: boat dock in front of Klüver's Brauhaus

For further information and registration please contact Danny Seidel (E-Mail: dseidel@stadt-neustadt.de).

Event by the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt

May 3, 2024, 12 a.m.

Boat Trip to the Site of the Sinking of the Prisoner Ships for Descendants of Former Prisoners of Neuengamme

Venue: Harbor Neustadt in Holstein, meeting point: boat dock in front of Klüver's Brauhaus

Closed event. For further information and registration please contact Sophia Annweiler (sophia.annweiler@gedenkstaetten.hamburg.de).

Event by the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in cooperation with the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

May 3, 2024, 1 p.m./2 p.m./3 p.m.

Public Guided Tours (German/English)

Visitors will get a brief introduction to the history of the Neuengamme concentration camp and its satellite camps.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, meet at the Service Point (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Participation is free of charge. No registration required.

May 3, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 79th Anniversary of the End of the War and the Liberation of Concentration Camps

International ceremony with survivors and the relatives of former prisoners of the Neuengamme concentration camp from all over the world.

The event will start with a commemorative ceremony in the former workshops of the Walther factory followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the former detention bunker (both are located near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Program:

Opening remarks: **Prof. Dr. Oliver von Wrochem**, Director of the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Learning Centres

Welcome: **Carola Veit**, President of the Hamburg Parliament

Welcome: **Anja Hajduk**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection

Conversation: **Dita Kraus**, survivor of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp, talks with young people

Speech: **Jan van den Hoorn**, Charmain of Stichting Oktober 44 (Putten, the Netherlands)

Musical accompaniment: **Förderverein Jugend musiziert, Nikolas Oberländer**

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, former Walther factory workshops (near the bus stop "KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellung")

Public event, no registration required.

In cooperation with the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

May 3, 2024, 8 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

Venue: H4-Hotel Hamburg-Bergedorf

By invitation only

May 4, 2024, 5 p.m.

"The Events of the War are With Me All the Time"
Generation Talk with Survivor Barbara Piotrowska and Her Daughter

79 years after the end of the Second World War, concentration camp survivor **Barbara Piotrowska** talks about her imprisonment as a child, her survival strategies, and, together with her daughter **Katarzyna Piotrowska-Cholewińska**, about passing on the memory within their family.

Moderation: **Ulrike Jensen** (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

Venue: Freie Akademie der Künste (Klosterwall 23, 20095 Hamburg)

Please note: The event will be held in English only.

Registration at hamburg@fes.de is required.

A cooperation of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

May 5, 2024, 3 p.m.

Conversation Café with Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and its Satellite Camps

Four survivors – **Livia Fränkel**, **Dita Kraus**, **Helga Melmed**, and **Barbara Piotrowska** – will travel to Hamburg from different countries to commemorate their liberation 79 years ago with their families. What have their lives been like since the liberation? What is their message to younger generations? At the conversation café, you can personally ask them these and many other questions. Young people from Hamburg prepared the project and will moderate the conversations.

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