
VEREINIGUNG KINDER VOM BULLENHUSER DAMM E.V.

COMMEMORATION 2015

70. Anniversary of the assassinations at Bullenhuser Damm 20. April 2015



We are glad to be able to welcome so many relatives at Bullenhuser Damm this year:

(left to right) Assaf und Guy Shahr James, Israel * Helena Ben David, Canada * Francoise Morgenstern and Marc-Alain Grumelin, Paris * Scott, Sandra and Mark James, USA * Geraldine Kohn, Paris * Bella and Ytzhak Reichenbaum, Israel

(Missing on this picture: Mario, Clotilde and Edoardo de Simone, Italy * Maya Ben David, Canada * Rosa Judkewitz, Hamburg)

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROJECT



50 young students from five different European countries came to Hamburg 16.-21. April 2015, to interact and to contribute to our European commemorative culture. This will encourage cultural diversity and arouse mutual understanding, respect and tolerance towards other religions and cultures.

The story of the 20 children of Bullenhuser Damm serves as the basis of this project. The students are able to learn to which results discrimination, social exclusion and persecution will lead to in society. The students from Poland, the Netherlands, France, Italy and Hamburg first researched the story of the 20 children in their home countries and prepared a short presentation about their findings. These presentations included different ways of commemoration, interviews with relatives or findings in local archives. All results are documented on Roll-ups.

During the meeting in Hamburg, all participants worked in various workshops which comprised the overall topic of remembrance and its varieties as well as the preparation of the annual ceremony. One workshop focused on dialogues with relatives.

All workshops were held by teamers of the Neuengamme Memorial and the Association Children of Bullenhuser Damm.

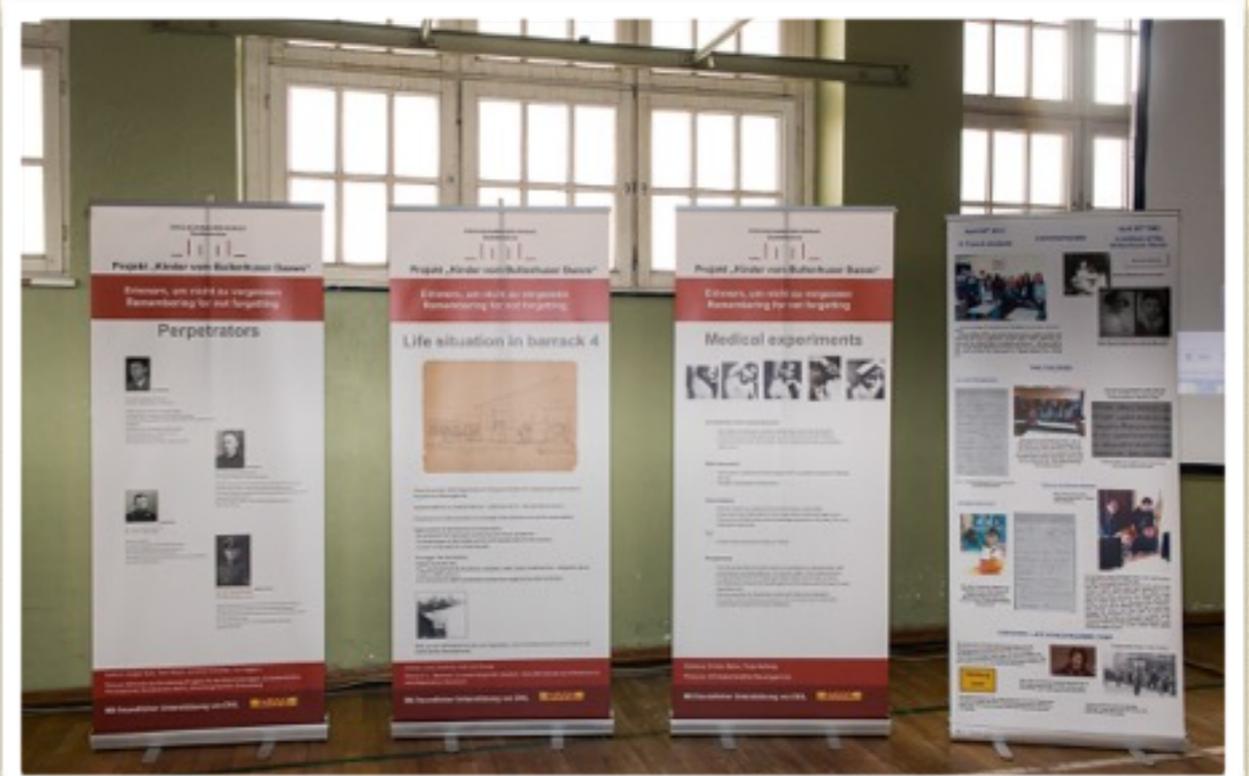
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HERENIA
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IN DE JAREN
1940-1945



Right before the ceremony at Bullenhuser Damm, the students shared their statements concerning remembrance culture which they had created in one of the workshops:

- Remembrance should be combined with the internet in the sense that more of the correct information is available to children and adults around the world.
- We think that remembrance ceremonies should be broadcasted live online but should still be held locally.
- It is important to remember the Shoah.
- Respect all People.
- I think that we should talk about history with our ancestors.
- We learn from our ancestors because they remember history and can teach us a lot.
- The places are important and have to be kept alive so that people are reminded of what has happened.
- It must not be forgotten and the same mistakes shouldn't be made again.
- We need to keep talking about it, from generation to generation.
- The way of remembrance shouldn't change a lot from the way we remember today.





At the ceremony the Senator of the interior, social and family affairs of the City of Hamburg, Detlef Scheele, welcomed all guests.

Barbara Hüsing spoke about the endless fight for the Bullenhusen Damm Memorial and its official acceptance. She also reflected on her personal efforts to sue the perpetrators.

Participants of the Youth Exchange Project talked about their experiences during their project and presented some of their poems. A movie about the youth exchange project, which was produced in one of the workshops, was shown as well. In addition, the students read the names of the 20 children in their mother tongue.

At the end of the ceremony, Rabbi Shlomo Bistrizky said the Kaddish.

More than 300 people attended the ceremony at Bullenhusen Damm this year. A lot of them went to the rose garden afterwards to plant a rose. Participants of the Youth Exchange Project sent balloons into the sky.

















On this picture you can see all students of the Youth Exchange Project and their teachers.

On the left: Wiebke Schirrow, Iris Groschek and Niels Rolla. They guided the project on behalf of the Association Children of Bullenhusen Damm and the Neuengamme Memorial.

After the ceremony had ended, all students and all relatives gathered at the gym.

