

77th Anniversary of the Liberation of Prisoners from the Neuengamme Concentration Camp 2022

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

28 April 2022, 7 pm to 8.30 pm (no break)

‘Giving the Nazis a Resounding Slap in the Face’ Chamber Music with Literature: A Programme on Resistance

As a prelude to the commemorative events marking the liberation of the Neuengamme concentration camp 77 years ago, the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial is presenting a literary chamber concert. The evening is dedicated to the courageous people who protested against the Nazi terror to the very end. The actor Roman Knížka and the Ensemble OPUS 45 wind quintet will perform texts by Paul Celan, Kurt Tucholsky, Mascha Kaléko and others as well as musical pieces by Paul Hindemith, Pavel Haas and György Ligeti. The concert gives the stage to important artists who fell victim to the Holocaust or were suppressed under the national socialist dictatorship.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, former Walther factory (near the bus stop ‘KZ-Gedenkstätte – Ausstellungen’)

Please register at: www.kz-gedenkstaette-neuengamme.de/veranstaltungskalender

Tickets: 12 EUR (6 EUR concession).

1 May 2022, 4 pm

Remembrance Ceremony for Spanish Prisoners of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp

In 2020, relatives of Spanish former prisoners of Neuengamme founded the Amical de Neuengamme. On the initiative of the Amical, a memorial designed by sculptor and family member Serge Castillo will be established in the memorial grove. During this remembrance ceremony for Spanish concentration camp prisoners a bronze relief and memorial plaque will be unveiled. Both plaques were financed by the Spanish Embassy.

Opening words: **Dr Oliver von Wrochem**, *Director of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial*

Welcome: **Pedro Villena**, *Consul General of Spain in Hamburg*

Welcome: **Dr Martine Letterie**, *President of the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme*

Speech: **Balbina Rebollar**, *President of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme*

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, memorial grove (near the bus stop ‘KZ-Gedenkstätte – Mahnmahl’)

Public event, no advance registration required

In co-operation with the Amical de Neuengamme from Spain and the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

2 May 2022, 10 am

Public Talks with Formerly Persecuted and Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and Its Satellite Camps for School Classes

77 years after the war survivors from different countries will talk to schoolchildren about their imprisonment, their survival strategies and their commitment to remembrance after 1945.

As the daughter of a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother, Marianne Wilke was considered a 'half-Jew' in the racist ideology of National Socialism. Her family was subjected to restrictions and prohibitions. Her mother refused to end her 'privileged mixed marriage', however, which meant that her father was deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto much later and was therefore able to survive.

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

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

2 May 2022

A Space to Remember, Connect and Support

10 am to 3 pm Open Printing Workshop

3 pm to 4 pm Public Poster Presentation

For the Space to Remember, family members design individual posters in memory of former prisoners of Neuengamme from around the world. In the poster workshop, they can print these posters using the same techniques employed by the resistance against National Socialism.

After the open printing workshop, family members will speak to visitors in the Space to Remember about their family histories, and they will present and explain their posters and hang them up in memory of their relatives. The speakers will be:

Balbina Rebollar, *President of the Spanish Amical de Neuengamme*: Poster for her father Evaristo Rebollar

Yvonne Cossu, *Honorary President of the French Amicale de Neuengamme et de ses Kommandos*: Poster for all French former concentration camp prisoners who have no descendants to honour their memory

Karin van Steeg, *Relative of 14 Dutch concentration camp prisoners*: Posters for former concentration camp prisoners from Putten

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

Public event, no advance registration required

For more information visit: <https://ort-der-verbundenheit.org/>

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

2 May 2022, 7 pm

Conversation with Women Who Survived the Camps

Livia Fränkel (Stockholm) und Dita Kraus (Prague/Netanya) share a similar fate. As young girls, both were deported with their Jewish families from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, respectively, and they survived various ghettos, the Auschwitz concentration camp, and women's satellite camps of Neuengamme in Hamburg before finally being liberated in Bergen-Belsen. Their parents did not survive. We will talk with the women about their persecution, their lives after survival,

how they have passed on their memories in their families, and their ongoing efforts against forgetting.

This event will be held in German.

Moderator: Ulrike Jensen (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

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

Registration at hamburg@fes.de is required.

In co-operation with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

2 May 2022

Events to Mark the 77th Anniversary of the Bombing of Concentration Camp Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

2 May 2022, 4 pm

Kick-Off Event on the Neustadt Market Square

Opening of the accompanying programme of events to mark the 77th anniversary of the bombing of concentration camp ships in the Bay of Neustadt.

An event organized by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) and the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein (sponsored by the 'Demokratie leben' programme of the federal government) in co-operation with the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial.

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

Public event, no advance registration required, seating is limited.

2 May 2022, 5 pm

Panel Discussion on the Neustadt Market Square

The descendants of victims of the bombing of the concentration camp ships, civic representatives of the town of Neustadt, historians and politicians will discuss the contemporary relevance of commemorating the bombing victims.

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

Public event, no advance registration required, seating is limited.

2 May 2022, 8 pm

Open-Air Screening of the Film 'Deutschstunde'

Shortly after the Second World War, Siggi Jepsen wrote down the memories of his father Ole Jepsen. As a policeman in a small village under the National Socialists, Ole Jepsen had been tasked with strictly enforcing a professional ban placed on his own childhood friend, the Expressionist painter Max Ludwig Nansen.

The film is based on the novel by Siegfried Lenz. After the screening, there will be a critical discussion of the historical events depicted.

Public event, no advance registration required, seating is limited.

Venue: Market Square, Am Markt, 23730 Neustadt in Holstein.

3 May 2022, 11 am

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 77th Anniversary of the Bombing of Concentration Camp Ships in the Bay of Neustadt

International commemorative event with descendants of victims of the bombings.

Public event organized by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in co-operation with the Town of Neustadt/Holstein, the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Neuengamme and the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial.

Venue: Cap Arcona Memorial, Neustadt/Pelzerhaken, Stutthofweg

Public event, no advance registration required

The event will start at 9.30 am in front of the Küstengymnasium (high school) in Neustadt with words of welcome by schoolchildren for the descendants of former prisoners of Neuengamme. Guests will then walk together to the Cap Arcona Cemetery in Neustadt-Pelzerhaken, where the commemorative ceremony will be held at 11 am.

3 May 2022, 12.30 pm

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

An event organized by the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN) in co-operation with the Kinder- und Jugendnetzwerk Neustadt in Holstein.

Venue: Neustadt in Holstein harbour, meeting place: *HANSEAT II* boat

For more information and to register please contact Juliane Podlaha (email: juliane.podlaha@gedenkstaetten.hamburg.de, phone: +49 (0)40) 428 131 568).

3 May 2022, 1 pm/2 pm/3 pm

Public Guided Tours (German/English)

Brief introduction to the history of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and its satellite camps.

Participation is free of charge. No registration required.

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

3 May 2022, 5 pm

Commemorative Ceremony to Mark the 77th Anniversary of the End of the War and the Liberation of the Concentration Camps

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

The event will begin with a commemorative ceremony in the west wing of the former brick factory (near the bus stop 'KZ-Gedenkstätte – Klinkerwerk'), followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the international memorial (near the bus stop 'KZ-Gedenkstätte – Mahnmahl').

Programme:

Opening words: **Prof. Dr Detlef Garbe**, *Director of the Foundation of Hamburg Memorials and Learning Centres*

Welcome: **Claudia Roth**, *Minister of State for Culture and the Media*

Welcome: **Dr. Dorothee Stapelfeldt**, *Senator of the Hamburg Ministry of Urban Development and the Environment*

Speech: **Helga Melmed**, *Survivor of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp*

Contribution: Voices from **Ukrainian/Russian civil society**

Speech: **Dr Jean-Michel Clère**, *President of the Amicale de Neuengamme et de ses Kommando*

Presentation: '#WaswillstDutun?' in dialogue with Aleksandar Bančić

Closing words: **Dr Oliver von Wrochem**, *Director of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial*

Musical accompaniment: **Neuer Chor Hamburg** e.V.

Venue: Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial (near the bus stop 'KZ-Gedenkstätte – Klinkerwerk')

Public event, no advance registration required

In co-operation with the Amicale Internationale KZ Neuengamme (AIN)

3 May 2020, 7.30 pm

Ceremonial Reception and Dinner

Venue: Clausen's Vierländer Landhaus, Curslackter Heerweg 2A, 21039 Hamburg

By invitation only

4 May 2022, 10 am

Public Talks with Survivors of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp and Its Satellite Camps for School Classes

77 years after their liberation from the concentration camps, survivors from different countries will talk to schoolchildren about their imprisonment, their survival strategies and their commitment to remembrance after 1945.

Livia Fränkel (Stockholm) and her sister Hédi Fried were Jewish prisoners who survived the Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps and the women's satellite camp of Neuengamme. Their parents were murdered. After the liberation, the sisters went to Sweden to convalesce, where they both still live today.

Dita Kraus (Prague/Netanya) and her parents were deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto in 1942 and from there to Auschwitz at the end of 1943. Dita Kraus and her mother were then sent to satellite camps of Neuengamme. They were liberated on 15 April 1945 in Bergen-Belsen, where her mother died a short time later. Dita Kraus returned to Prague and then emigrated to Israel with her husband and child.

Helga Melmed (Venice, Florida) was deported at the age of 13 from Berlin to the Litzmannstadt/Lodz ghetto. Her parents died there of starvation and disease. Helga Melmed survived the Auschwitz concentration camp, several Neuengamme satellite camps and the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. She now lives in the USA. The discussion with Helga Melmed will take place in English without translation.

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4 May, 7 pm

'Das Zelig' – Film Screening and Discussion

Café Zelig is a Jewish community café in Munich where Jewish survivors of the Shoah meet regularly. They include Natan Grossmann, a former prisoner of Neuengamme. Some of these survivors, together with their children, take a journey into their past and return to their home country of Poland, showing how hard it was and is to find a way back to life. Tanja Cummings

directed this feature-length documentary about 'the Zelig'. There will be a discussion with the survivor Natan Grossmann and with the director after the screening.

Moderator: Wiebke Elias (Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial)

Venue: Abaton-Kino, Allendeplatz 3/corner of Grindelhof, 20146 Hamburg

For more information visit: <https://daszelig-film.de/>

Tickets: 7 EUR from the Abaton-Kino

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