Walter Jungleib was born on 12 August 1932 to a Jewish family in Hlohovec in Slovakia. His father, Arnold Jungleib, was a goldsmith and watchmaker. The family owned a jewellery business, where Malvina Jungleib, Walter's mother, also worked. Walter and his sister Grete, who was two years older, attended the local Jewish school. Walter was an avid stamp collector.

In 1942, life changed overnight for the Jungleib family, and they were forced to move several times. In 1944, Arnold, Malvina, Grete and Walter Jungleib were arrested and taken to the Sered transit camp in western Slovakia. Between 1941 and March 1945, 13,500 Jews were taken to Auschwitz on deportation transports from Sered. The members of the Jungleib family were deported there in late October 1944. After a week in Auschwitz, the SS separated the women from the men and children. Along with 300 other women, Malvina and Grete Jungleib were taken to a women's satellite camp of Buchenwald in the town of Lippstadt in Westphalia, where they had to perform slave labour for Lippstädter Eisen- und Metallwerke GmbH (Lippstadt Iron and Metalworks). Arnold Jungleib was transferred to the Mauthausen concentration camp and from there to the Gusen satellite camp. Walter stayed behind in Auschwitz. Arnold Jungleib did not survive his imprisonment. Malvina and Grete Jungleib were liberated by US troops in early April 1945.

The family's search for Walter Jungleib in the immediate aftermath of the war yielded no results. The family therefore assumed he had died during an evacuation march from Auschwitz. For years, the only information people in Hamburg had was that one of the Bullenhuser Damm victims was a twelve-year-old boy by the name of "W. Junglieb" and that he was from Yugoslavia. In 2015, Bella Reichenbaum, the wife of Yitzhak Reichenbaum, whose brother was also murdered on Bullenhuser Damm, was going over some papers on the family's history. Among these papers, she found a transport list for the prisoner transport from Auschwitz to Lippstadt, and on this list she found the names of women whose children were murdered on Bullenhuser Damm as well as two women named Jungleib. Reichenbaum managed to get in touch with the Jungleib family through the website of the Yad Vashem Memorial in Israel, and it soon became clear that Walter Jungleib was in fact "W. Junglieb", whose full identity had been unclear for all those years.

Grete Hamburg, née Jungleib, did not learn of her brother Walter's fate until the year 2015.

Walter Jungleib with his mother and his sister Grete in 1934.

From a private collection; copy at Neuengamme Memorial, F 2015-348



Walter with his scooter in 1935.

From a private collection; copy at Neuengamme Memorial, F 2015-350



Walter with his father Arnold, his mother Malvina and his sister Grete in 1939.

From a private collection; copy at Neuengamme Memorial, F 2015-346



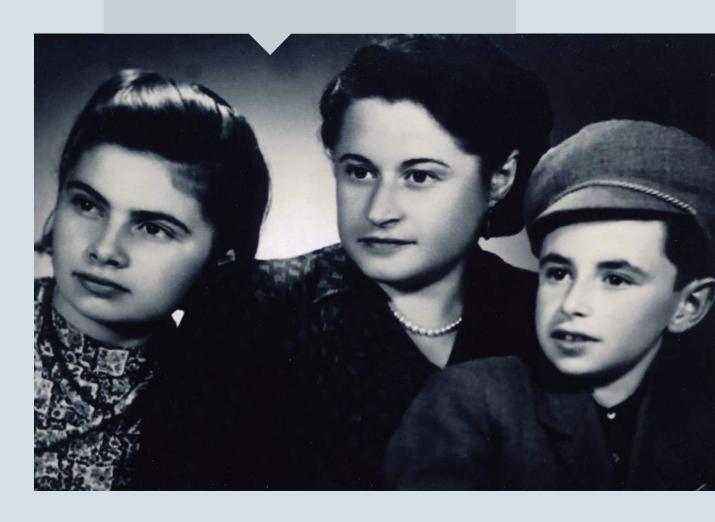
Walter and Grete Jungleib, 1939.

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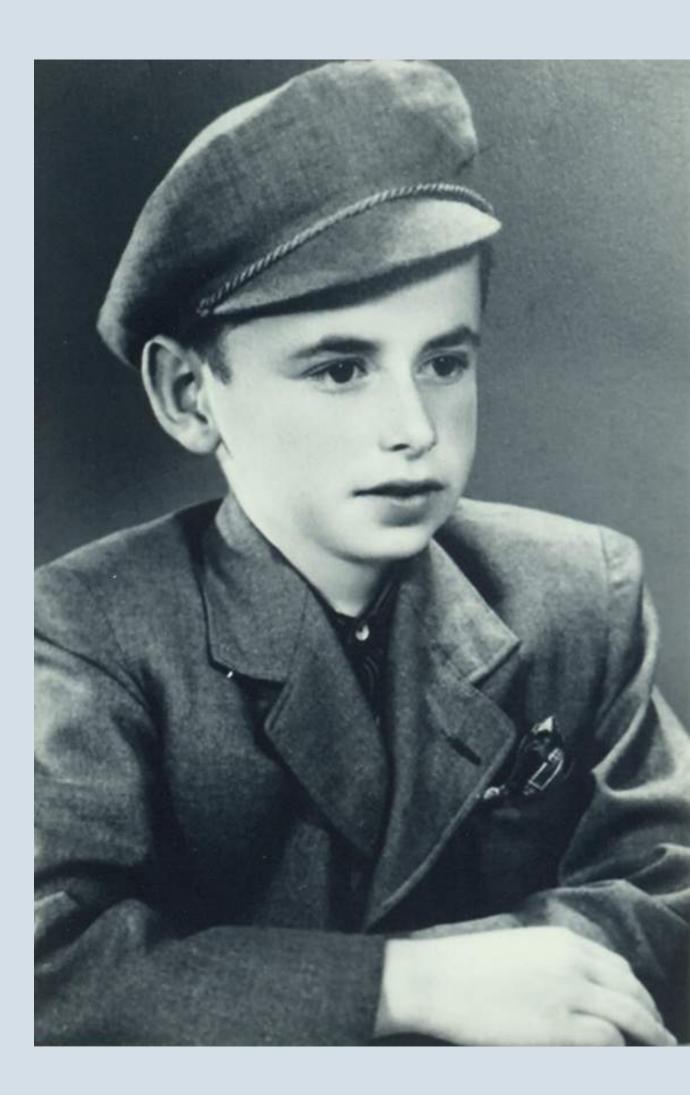
Grete, Malvina and Walter Jungleib in 1942.

From a private collection; copy at Neuengamme Memorial, F 2015-347



The last photograph of Walter Jungleib, 1942.

From a private collection; copy at Neuengamme Memorial, F 2015-344



Transport list for a prisoner transport from Auschwitz to Lippstadt dated 23 November 1944.

On this list Bella Reichenbaum found the names of women whose children were murdered on Bullenhuser Damm as well as two women named Jungleib.

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Prisoner index card for Malvina Jungleib.

Malvina Jungleib and her daughter Grete were registered in the Buchenwald concentration camp's prisoner index. Shortly after their arrival in Buchenwald, they were taken to the satellite camp in Lippstadt.

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When Walter's sister Grete filled in this Page of Testimony at the Yad Vashem Memorial in Israel, she still thought her brother had died during the final months of the war.

Yad Vashem, Page of Testimony, 8 March 2009

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"...ונתתי להם בביתי ובחומותי יד ושם..אשר לא יכרת". ישעיהו נוה

"...even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name...that shall not be cut off." isaiah, Ivi,5

Excerpts from a letter dated 20 July 2015 from Grete Hamburg (née Jungleib) to the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial.

In this letter, Walter Jungleib's sister describes her memories of her brother and her family. She also expresses how deeply moved she was by learning of her brother's fate.

Dear [...]

I am writing to you to share my thoughts about my brother Walter's tragic fate. My name is Grete Hamburg, née Jungleib, and Walter is my brother, born on 12 August 1932 in Slovakia. [...]

My father, my mother and myself were deported to Auschwitz in late October 1944. For one week, we were held in the family camp, all together. Then the men and the children were separated from us women. Walter left his cap behind and came back to get it. After that, he was the last in line, turned around, waved and smiled. That was the last time my mother and myself saw Walter. [...] My mother and I were transported to Lippstadt and my father to Mauthausen, where he died.

After we were liberated, [...] weeks went by without any sign from Walter. We therefore assumed that Walter had been evacuated from Auschwitz on 18 January and had died on the way. However, all my life I never stopped hoping that he might have survived and we would be reunited at some point. A few weeks ago, I had a phone call from Mrs Bella Reichenbaum, who told me about the children and asked whether Walter might be my brother!? I was and still am deeply shocked and stunned. I cannot describe how I feel. Day and night, my thoughts are with Walter and the other children. It feels to me like this terrible tragedy happened only recently. I am grateful to Bella for telling me about Walter. This means he is no longer an unknown child and he has his family back. [...]

All the very best,

Grete Hamburg

Grete and Yitzhak Hamburg surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in 2015.

From a private collection

