

THE CHILDREN

Lea Klygerman



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Lea (also Lola) Klygerman was born on 28 April 1937 in Ostrowiec, 60 kilometres south of Radom. In early August 1944, Lea, her mother Ester and her sister Rifka, who was two years younger than Lea, were transferred from the Ostrowiec labour camp to Auschwitz. They arrived there on 3 August, and Lea was tattooed with the number A16959. Her father, Berek Klygerman, was taken to Auschwitz from the Bliżyn labour camp south of Radom. From Auschwitz, he was transferred to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in October 1944 and then to the Buchenwald concentration camp, where he died in February 1945. Lea Klygerman was taken to the Neuengamme concentration camp on 28 November 1944 and murdered here on Bullenhuser Damm on 20 April 1945 aged 7.

Ester Klygerman survived the camps and returned to Poland. Her search for her daughters Lea and Rifka was unsuccessful. In the 1970s, she emigrated to Israel, where she remarried and had another daughter, Amalia.

Amalia learned of her older sister Lea's fate through the relative of another one of the murdered children. In order to protect her mother, she decided not to tell her about it.

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Cover sheet of Lola Kligerman's case file with the ITS, 27 July 1949

The cover sheet for Lola Kligerman's case file with the International Tracing Service lists all the steps that were taken to find her.

Lea's (or Lola's) year of birth is listed as 1934. In fact she was born on 28 April 1937. Under Nazi persecution, many parents tried to pass off their children as older than they actually were to save them from being murdered.

*ITS, Bad Arolsen, Kligerman file*

I. T. S.

CHILD SEARCH

CASE COVER SHEET



Surname

KLINGERMAN.

Given or christian names

Lola

Other names used

Klingermann, Lota

Missing child

Located child

Registered child

Relatives located

Nationality

Polish

Birthdate

1934

Birthplace

Lists on which name appears

9/6/89;  
9/6/161; 9/6/151;

Checked with children's index

yes

Card entered into index

yes

Date case received

27.7.49

Action of Correspondence unit

Date sent out

Initials

Documents intelligence:

Date case closed

Basis for closing

Authority

Statistically Recorded

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The youth centre in Hamburg-Burgwedel, opened in 1997, was named after Lea Klygerman. Every year, the Lea Klygerman House runs a project week that deals with issues of racism and the history of the Bullenhuser Damm murders. On 20 April 1998, a commemorative plaque for Lea Klygerman was mounted on the building's wall.

*From a private collection*





**Helft mit!  
Stoppt Kriege!  
Gewalt hat keine Chance!  
Für mehr Toleranz!  
Gegen Fremdenfeindlichkeit!  
(schreibt uns, wenn ihr den Ballon  
gefunden habt)!**

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Hello,

Yesterday (16/4-08) we found your balloon in my garden in Trollhättan Sweden.  
From Hamburg to Trollhättan it is about 650km.

I will spread your message to my friends and colleges.

Keep up with your good work for a better world.  
When did you send the balloon?

Best Regards  
Hans Emilsson

