

THE CHILDREN

Marek James

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Marek James was born on 17 March 1939 in Poland. He lived with his parents Adam and Zela James at 52 Traugutta Street in Radom. Following the occupation of the city by the German Wehrmacht, the family was forced to live in one of the two Radom ghettos. In 1943, the three members of the James family were deported to the Pionki labour camp near Radom, which belonged to a gunpowder factory. From there, they were transferred to Auschwitz in the summer of 1944, where Marek was given the prisoner number B 1159.

Marek's father Adam James was taken to a satellite camp of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. In the autumn of 1944, Zela James and her son were also separated when Zela was taken to a satellite camp of the Groß-Rosen concentration camp. Marek James was taken to the Neuengamme concentration camp on 28 November 1944 and murdered here on Bullenhuser Damm on 20 April 1945 aged 6.

Marek James's parents survived the camps. After WWII, they lived in southern Germany, where they had another son in 1947. In 1949, the family emigrated to the United States, where their younger son still lives. Rose Grumelin-Witońska recognised Marek James as well as other children from Radom in the photographs from Heißmeyer's experiments which journalist Günther Schwarberg showed her. In 1993, Günther Schwarberg also tried to contact Zela James, but she did not wish to speak to him. In January 2010, Marek James's brother Mark James first got in touch with the Children of Bullenhuser Damm association.

A street in the Hamburg district of Burgwedel is named after Marek James.

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Marek James with his father Adam James in 1940.

The picture was taken in Radom in 1940. Alfred Lipson, who edited the *Voice of Radom* periodical published in the US and Canada, had this picture at home. Lipson had been a neighbour of the James family in Radom and had stayed in touch with Marek's parents in the USA.

Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial, 2001-1810



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Lab results from the Hohenlychen sanatorium's pathology department, 15 March 1945

On 9 March 1945, SS doctors at the Neuengamme camp removed the lymph node from under Marek James's left armpit. Dr Kurt Heißmeyer, who led the experiments on the children, had the lymph nodes sent to the Hohnelychen sanatorium to be tested for TB antibodies. The tests were negative. Marek James's name is misspelled on this document.

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Heilanstalten vom Roten Kreuz

— Hohenlychen —

fernruuf: Lychen 12 und 23 — Postcheckkonto: Berlin Nr. 245 36
Bankverbindungen: Meckl. Kredit- und Hypothekenbank, Bank-
stelle Lychen - Sparkasse des Kreises Templin, Zweigstelle Lychen



NATIONALSOZIALISTISCHES
DOKUMENT

Pathologisches Institut

Mareck, Jomes
Lymphknoten
OA. Heißmeier

Ihre Zeichen

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Unser Zeichen

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[2] Hohenlychen,
Kreis Templin (Uckermark)

15.3.45.

Nur im Randsinus Follikel, ohne Schwellung,
ohne Keimzentren; zentral keine Reaktion. Keine
Tuberkulose.

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Search request for Marek James, undated.
 Eleonora and Roman's mother Rucza Witońska filed search requests with the ITS for all children she knew from the Radom ghetto, including Marek James.

ITS, Bad Arolsen, 25597158

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Name: JAMES Marek No: C.12195

Nee: _____ Nat: Polish

B. D: 7 yrs. X Ref: _____

B. P: ?

Address: Birkenau Auschwitz Nr. B 1159

Occupation: _____

Last news: Transferred from the above CC

Date: Dec. 1944

Enquirer's name: Witonska Rucza

Address: c/o Weber Jean, 184 Avenue du Maine Paris 14e

Relation: On behalf of the parents. France.

(FRANCE.)

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Letter from Alfred Lipson to Mark James dated 3 April 1982.

Marek James's brother Mark James was born in 1947 in the Bavarian city of Regensburg. In December 1949 the James family emigrated to the USA. In America, they received support from the mother's cousin and her husband, Alfred Lipson, who were also from Radom. In 1982, Marc-Alain Grumelin, Eleonoara and Roman Witoński's brother, contacted Alfred Lipson and published an article about the Bullenhuser Damm murders in the *Voice of Radom* periodical. Alfred Lipson wrote to Mark James and attached the article to inform him about his brother's murder. Mark James is married, lives in San Diego and has two sons and two grandchildren.

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Memo From

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ALFRED LIPSON

4/3/82

Dear Mark,

It is with great apprehension that I mail you this story, but I felt that you're big boy now and you can cope with the horror of it.

In case you want to get in touch with Marc Grumelin in Paris, here is his address. He is the same age as you, and of a similar background.

Love to Sandy and the children.

Yours
AL

MARC A. GRUMELIN
159, rue de Charonne
75011 PARIS, FRANCE

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Relatives of Marek James at the memorial's rose garden on 20 April 2011.

On 20 April 2011, relatives of Marek James from the US and Israel met for the first time. They had come to Hamburg for the commemorative event held on the anniversary of the murders. From left: Helena Ben David and her daughter Shelly, Mark James and his wife Sandi, Guy Shahr Yames with his family.

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