

THE CHILDREN

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Mania Altman was born on 7 April 1938 in Radom, Poland, to shoemaker Shir Altman and his wife Pola. The Altmans had a large extended family in Radom, which included Shir Altman's six siblings with their families.

In the spring of 1941, the German occupiers established two ghettos in Radom, where the Jewish population had to live. The Altman family was later deported from the Radom ghetto to the Pionki labour camp which belonged to a gunpowder factory, and from there on to Auschwitz in the summer of 1944. Mania's father was taken to the Mauthausen concentration camp, where he was murdered during the last weeks of the war.

Pola Altman and her daughter Mania were separated in Auschwitz. Pola was taken to a satellite camp of Groß-Rosen in October 1944, where she was liberated in May 1945. In 1951 she emigrated to the USA with her brother-in-law, Chaim Altman. Mania Altman was taken to the Neuengamme concentration camp on 28 November 1944 and murdered here on Bullenhuser Damm on 20 April 1945 aged 7.

Pola Altman never learned of her daughter's fate. She died in 1971 in Chicago. Mania's uncle Chaim Altman, who lived in New York, learned of the murders on Bullenhuser Damm and his niece's fate through an article by Marc-Alain Grumelin, the brother of Eleonora and Roman Witoński, in the newspaper *Voice of Radom* in 1982.

In 1992 a street in the Hamburg district of Burgwedel was named in her honour.

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Mania Altman circa 1941.

*Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial,
1995-1115*



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Pola Altman and her brother-in-law,
Chaim Altman, undated.

*Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial,
Günther Schwarberg collection, 2001-3704*



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DP registration record for Pola Altman issued in 1949.

This index card, issued by the American Expeditionary Forces, classifies Pola Altman as a Displaced Person. At the time, she was living in Stuttgart in the south of Germany and was planning to emigrate to the US. The diagonal stamp on the card states that she left Germany for the US on 1 February 1951.

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Chaim Altman at the International Tribunal on the Bullenhuser Damm murders on 19 April 1986.

In 1986, Mania Altman's uncle Chaim Altman travelled to Hamburg from New York to attend the tribunal on the Bullenhuser Damm murders. The photograph shows him with an interpreter.

*Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial,
Günther Schwarberg collection, 2001-3702*



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Chaim Altman at the Bullenhuser Damm
memorial's rose garden, 20 April 1986

*Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial,
Günther Schwarberg collection, 2001-3711*



