

DP-Camp Tempelhof-Bialek Bus Shelter Berlin-Tempelhof – Eisenacher Strasse

The Jewish Displaced Persons Camp Berlin-Mariendorf (1946 - 1948)



The *United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA)* opened a Jewish DP-camp in the apartment block between Eisenacher Strasse, Rixdorfer Strasse, Dirschelweg and Aeneas Strasse in August 1946.

Owing to economic problems and the outbreak of anti-Semitic pogroms in Poland, a large number of Jewish survivors of the Shoah began arriving in Berlin in the autumn of 1945. Three camps were opened in the western sectors of Berlin in 1946 to offer the refugees a preliminary home. They were on the Eichborndamm in Wittenau, on the Potsdamer Chaussee in Duppel und here on the Eisenacherstraße in Mariendorf



Separated from its German neighbours by a barbed wire fence, a self-run '*Jewish Township*' with its own police force, its own court system, multiple cultural institutions, synagogues and a school and kindergarten existed over a period of two years.

With the beginning of the Soviet blockade of the Western Sectors of Berlin on June 24th 1948, the western allies decided to close all three DP-camps. The inhabitants were flown out to western Germany in the planes of the Berlin Airlift.

Thus the brief history of the little '*Jewish Township*' in Berlin-Mariendorf came to an end.

Photographs:

Above: The entrance to the DP-Camp on Eisenacher Strasse. (Jewish Museum Berlin)

Below: Chuma Rendler and her friend playing on a motorbike on Aeneasstrasse (USHMM)



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