DP-Camp Duppel Bus Shelter

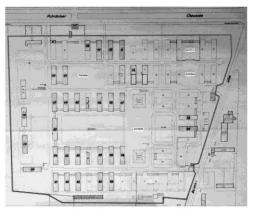
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The Jewish Displaced Persons Camp Berlin-Duppel (1946 - 1948)



The *United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration* (UNRRA) ran a Jewish DP-camp on Potsdamer Chaussee 87/91 between January 1946 and August 1948.

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 Eisenacher Straße in Mariendorf and here on the Potsdamer Chaussee in Duppel.



Separated from its German neighbours by a guarded perimeter 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 for 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-Duppel came to an end.

Photographs:

Above: A map of the camp on Potsdamer Chaussee

Below: Day-to-day life in the camp (Wiener Library London)



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