

# Shadows of Shoah

A UNIQUE MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOLOCAUST EXHIBITION

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Born 1935, Eschwege, Germany

My birth coincided with the passing of the Nuremberg Laws.

The Nuremberg Laws were a milestone in the isolation and persecution of the Jews.

Within a year my father lost his job as a teacher.

Life became increasingly difficult.

From 1941, German Jews were forced to wear a yellow star.

Those failing to do so were sometimes shot.

In 1942 my family was deported to Theresienstadt, a camp in Czechoslovakia.

One of my grandmothers died within a few days.

Soon after my father became ill and died.

Theresienstadt was a transit camp.

Jews were gathered there and then shipped to Auschwitz for extermination.

There were 40,000 Jews in a town designated for 3,000 persons.

In 1944 Theresienstadt was used for propaganda to dispel rumours about the murder of Jews.

Areas of Theresienstadt were beautified for a Red Cross visit.

After the Red Cross visit conditions reverted.

The transports to the death camps continued.

Three months before the war ended the Nazis called for volunteers to go to Switzerland.

Luckily for me it was not just another Nazi ruse.

Fifteen thousand children passed through Theresienstadt.

About ninety percent perished.

*"I encourage you to take some time  
to view this exhibition."*

Rt Hon John Key, Prime Minister of NZ

*"...compelling and powerful exhibition..."*

Shemi Tzur,

Former Israeli Ambassador to NZ

*"His curation of the images as well as his  
photography created a very profound exhibition."*

Marti Friedlander CNZM