

Michael

During the course of the month of October 1944, more than 20,000 people were sent from the Theresienstadt Ghetto to Poland. Only later did we know that they were sent to Auschwitz. The Ghetto was emptied – everything changed.

Grandmother was no longer with us in Theresienstadt. Mother and Karmela transferred from block Q 308 to Block L 514. One evening, when I went to visit them, I saw a woman sitting on a large stone in front of Block L 414; beside her was a baby carriage, manufactured in Theresienstadt from a wooden crate and wooden handmade wheels. I could not restrain myself and despite my shyness I approached her in order to see the baby. The woman said to me: 'I am Grete Wiener. My child was born after his father was sent on a transport to Poland'. – Many years went by, and this baby, Dr. Michael Wiener, became the chief medical officer of the Israel Defense Forces.