

Shadows of Shoah

A UNIQUE MULTIDISCIPLINARY HOLOCAUST EXHIBITION

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Born 15 August 1922, Wilno, Poland

I was deported to Kivoli camp in Estonia.

Once while we were out working there was a severe storm.

I escaped and found my way to a house on the outskirts of a village.

The woman at the house could see where I was from.

She took me in and fed me.

Later that night I decided to return to the camp.

I told the SS officer at the gate I had been lost but came back like a loyal prisoner.

I told him the woman had said "If you are hungry come to my house. I will feed you."

To my disbelief, the German said "I stand guard every Thursday between 8 and 10..."

"...if you promise to come back, I'll let you out."

After the war my sister and I tried to find our father.

Eventually we found someone who had witnessed my father's death.

At Klooga the Germans forced Jewish prisoners to lie on the ground.

They then put a layer of logs on the prisoners and then more prisoners.

They built a pyre of logs and Jews...

...and set it alight.

Just one day before Soviet troops arrived.

*"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