



Familiengeschichte und Einsamkeit (Family and Loneliness)

Exhibit at the Jewish Museum Vienna
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The Jewish Museum Vienna presents the exhibition *The Third Generation. The Holocaust in family memories*. Why were the affected people so little present in public over decades? They were busy with their parents, grandparents and with research on family history. In cooperation with the Jewish museums Vienna and Munich, artworks by children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors will now be shown. The American artist Dwora Fried builds her family's history in wooden boxes from the flea market. A black box is called *Sigmundur* (2023) - next to the costume doll hangs a photo of the artist as a girl with her parents in the Vienna ice skating club. «My mother couldn't feed me as a baby», Dwora Fried tells with a stone face, «because she couldn't stand it when babies scream at night. This reminded her of the nazis who throw babies out the window. » Her mother was only talking to the grandchildren about Auschwitz: «I always thought she would fall dead if I asked her something. » In the catalog there are many voices of affected people who have not yet «created» a translation of their lives into art forms.

The third generation. The Holocaust in family memory.
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