

A Mother's Last Wish: Stories from the Bloodlands – with Pam Zimbalist

At the time of the German invasion of the Baltic in June 1941, about 220,000 Jews lived in Lithuania. By war's end, a mere 10,000 had survived. The rest were brutally murdered. In her memoir *My Mother's Last Wish*, Hanna Gendler Rom Young tells the story of her childhood in the Jewish sector of Kovno, her years in the ghetto, and her incarceration in KZ Stutthof where she witnessed her mother succumb to starvation. For many years after, she was unable to confront the enormous losses she had endured. With the help of her own daughter Pam, Gendler was finally able to honor her mother's dying wish and to complete her book. "I love people and I treasure life," Gendler writes at the close of her memoir, "but I will always feel broken." In this talk Pam Zimbalist shares the history of her mother and discusses her own role in bearing witness



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