

Reuniting holocaust survivors ... not mission impossible

Success Stories - Nuremberg Library Restitution Holocaust Survivors Family Reunited

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At the beginning of December 2016, A MyHeritage employee received an email from the Leo Baeck Institute about restitution of Nazi looted books in the City Library of Nuremberg from Jewish families belonging to Emil Bacharach.

Research the family made us discover a very emotional story and to reunite three descendants of holocaust survivors - without knowing each other's feat!

Emil was married to Dora Höflein (daughter of the Bamberg lawyer Moses and Thekla Roßkam). His father was Isaak Bacharach, born in Seligenstadt; a brilliant mathematician and university professor in Nuremberg, Conductor of the Technical University of Nuremberg (Georg Simon Ohm College). In 1896, Isaak was appointed as the new chair of mathematics and physics at the Royal Industrial School in Nuremberg. In 1910, he was promoted to the position of Conductor of the Royal Bavarian Technical College. The Kingdom of Bavaria has distinguished him by the award of the Order of Merit from St. Michael IV Class with the Crown (1917), the King Ludwig Cross and the Luitpold Cross (1917).

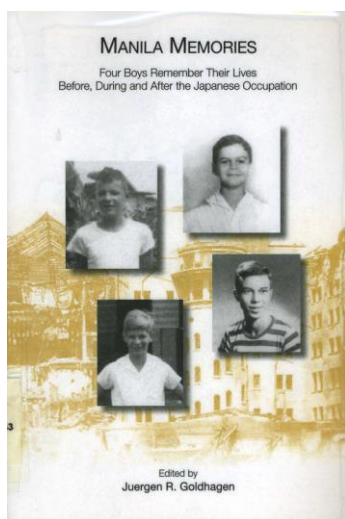
Ghetto Theresienstadt Der Zitierenrat
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 Dodatečný zápis náležící.
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1	Name (bei Frauen auch Mädchennamen) BACHARACH Dr.		Vorname ISAK	Tr. Nr. 125-16
2	Geboren am 2. XI. 1854		in Seligenstadt	
3	Stand Witwer	Beruf ohne	Relig. mos.	Geschl. männl.
4	Staatangehörigkeit D. R.		Heimatgemeinde	
5	Letzte Wohnort (Adresse) Nürnberg, Waldenstr. 6			
6	Wohlfahrt in Theresienstadt Gebäude No. E-111 Zimmer No. 280			
7	Name des Vater Samuel Bacharach		Letzter Wohnort	
8	Name der Mutter (Mädchennamen) Friedrike geb. ...		Letzter Wohnort	
9	Sterbetag 22/9/1942		Sterbestunde 17h	
10	Genauere Ortsbezeichnung (Gebäude, Zimmer) E-111 2-280			
11	Name, Tr. Nr., Verwandtschaftsgrad, Wohnadresse (B. Gattung u. Kinder auch Geburtsdatum)			
12	in Theresienstadt			
13	in Protoktorat			
14	Tag der letzt. Eheschließung 1884	Ort der letzt. Eheschließung Frankh 48	Zahl d. Kinder aus letzt. Ehe 1	
15	Art des Personalausweises Kaukasien Nürnberg A-02371		Ausgestellt von Sigmar Nürnberg 6/1.1939	
16	Behandelnder Arzt Dr. Rudolf Wohlfahrt			
17	Krankheit (in Blockschrift) ENTERITIS - DARMKATARRH			
18	Todesursache (in Blockschrift)			
19	Todesbescheinigung erteilt durch Dr. Robert Schulmann		Tag u. Stunde der Todesbescheinigung 22/9.1942 17h	
20	Ort der Beisetzung		Tag u. Stunde der Beisetzung	
21	Theresienstadt, am 22/9.1942			
22	Der Todesbescheiniger	Der Anzeiger	Der Obdient	

In November 1931, Pauline Bacharach (Emil's mother) died. Hans Rolf, Emil's son, committed suicide in 1938. Emil and Dora were deported to Riga-Jungfernhof on 29 November 1941 and die a few days' latter; and Isaak's Daughter Maria died in January 1942. In a short time, the old man had lost all his family. On 10 September 1942 at the age of 87, Isaak was deported by transport II / 25 from Nuremberg to Terezín -Theresienstadt- where he dies a few days after.

One interesting thing that has emerged from this research is that the daughter of Emil and Dora survived the Holocaust. In 1939 Hildegard Eleonora Bacharach was able to immigrate to Palestine (Israel) where she changes her name to Yehudit and took part of the local British army. She married

Walter Front and had 2 kids: Yael and Amnon that live happy with their descendants in Israel.



Another joyful episode is that Dora's Brother Justin Höflein escaped from Bamberg to Portugal with his wife Margaret and his son Hans. Latter Dora's and Justin's parents, Moses Max and Thekla, also escape over Portugal and all the family went to Manila, Philippines. Hans manage to emigrate to the United States where he graduated from MIT, married and had kids of his own, living happily in the US.

The books should be restituted to the family descendants (Yael and Amnon) and a family reunion with the unknown holocaust survivor, cousin Hans is planned for the near future.

Sites mentioned in the lecture:

- GenTeam: www.genteam.at
- Yad Vashem www.yadvashem.org
- Holocaust.cz www.holocaust.cz/en/database-of-victims/
- Hoerstolpersteine www.hoerstolpersteine.net
- MyHeritage www.myheritage.com/research
- Atlit Refugee Camp www.en.maapilim.org.il
- Israel Genealogy Research Association - IGRA genealogy.org.il
- Tracingthepast www.tracingthepast.org
- JewishGen www.jewishgen.org
- Central Zionist Archives www.zionistarchives.org.il
- Bezeq 144 (Israeli phone book) <http://www.b144.co.il>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com>
- Family History Research <http://walterfront.blogspot.co.il>
- Yael personal website <http://www.zoarc.co.il/blank-con8>
- Beit Yitzhak <http://www.beit-yitzhak.org.il>
- Billion Graves <https://billiongraves.com>
- Op-Line <https://www.op-online.de/region/seligenstadt/leben-wissenschaftler-isaak-bacharach-endet-3058451.html>
- Jewish Community in Nuremberg <http://www.ikg-nuernberg.de>