The Path of Remembrance through Leopoldstadt (Vienna's 2nd district)

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In memory of Jewish Life In Commemoration of the Jewish Residents

Stations 1–17

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Leopoldstadt was traditionally a district where many Viennese of Jewish origin used to live. Before the Nazis seized power in 1938 the Jewish population amounted to 40 per cent. Overnight they were deprived of their rights, their dignity and their property. Large numbers of Jewish men, women and children from other districts, Lower Austria and the Burgenland were forced to move here into one of the many 'assembly flats'. Those who were unable to flee were deported and murdered.

The 'Path of Remembrance', the first section of which was completed in November 2006, leads to many sites that were once of importance to Jewish life in Leopoldstadt, thereby revealing the history of expulsion and murder of the Jewish population. It relates to daily Jewish life and commemorates – by way

of examples – the many people who once lived here.

It is our aim to change the public space to reflect a part of Vienna's past in order to come to terms with it. Our wish is to keep alive – by means of our examples – the memory of Jewish life in Leopoldstadt as well as to give back – symbolically – a place in their home district to those Jewish residents who were expelled and murdered.

In this way we hope to contribute to the healing of a deep wound.

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The Stones of Remembrance Society Commemorating the Jewish victims of the Holocaust



MAX EDELSTEIN 15.5.1902

DEPORTIERT 1942 VON DRANCY NACH AUSCHWITZ ERMORDET AM 14.10.1942

ERNESTINE (THERES) KAHN GEB. AUFFRICHTIG 26.12.1876

DEPORTIERT 1942 THERESIENSTADT ERMORDET IN AUSCHWITZ

ANNA GEFNER

6EB. EDELSTEIN 13.12.1900

DEPORTIERT 1942 THERESIENSTADT ERMORDET IN AUSCHWITZ IM OKTOBER 1944

EGON AUFRICHTIG

ERSCHOSSEN IN ZASA VICA-SABAC AM 12.10.1941

ROSA STERN

10.1.1867

DEPORTIERT 1942 THERESIENSTADT TOD AM 1.7.1944

FRIEDA EGERT

EPORTIERT 19

DEPORTIERT 1942 MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 9.10.1942

BETTY KOHUT

DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH KIELCE

REGINA KOHUT

17.10.1907

DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH KIELCE

Station 1:

The Leopoldstadt Temple

The station is at 3–5 Tempelgasse



Max Edelstein



Anna Gefner



Ernestine (Theres) Kahn



Egon Aufrichtig

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ON BEHALF OF THE MANY WHO WERE MURDERED AND WHO NOBODY REMEMBERS

IN MEMORY OF ALL JEWISH PEOPLE FOR WHOM LEOPOLDSTADT USED TO BE HOME

IN MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO HAD TO LIVE HERE IN ASSEMBLY FLATS

THEY WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR HOMES AND OF THEIR LIVES.

30 000 OF THEM WERE DEPORTED AND MURDERED. AMONG THEM WERE MORE THAN 1600 CHILDREN.

IN MEMORY OF THE GREAT
INFLUENCE JEWISH LIFE
HAD ON LEOPOLDSTADT
AND IN MEMORY OF JEWISH
CULTURE, WHICH ENRICHED
VIENNESE
LIFE IN MANIFOLD WAYS

ZUM GEDENKEN AN ALLE JÜDISCHEN MENSCHEN, DIE IN DER LEOPOLDSTADT IHRE HEIMAT HATTEN

ZUM GEDENKEN AN ALLE, DIE HIER IN SAMMELWOHNUNGEN LEBEN MUSSTEN.

> SIE WÜRDEN AUS IHRER HEIMAT UND AUS IHREM LEBEN GERISSEN.

30 000 VON IHNEN WURDEN DEPORTIERT UND ERMORDET, DARUNTER MEHR ALS 1600 KINDER.

ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DAS JÜDISCHE LEBEN, DAS DIE LEOPOLDSTADT GEPRÄGT UND AN DIE JÜDISCHE KULTUR, DIE WIEN VIELFÄLTIG BEREICHERT HAT.

SCHLOIME **SCHECHNER**

25.12.1882

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 6.6.1942

DEBORAH SCHECHNER

13.10.1888

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 6.6.1942

SIGFRIED MAYER

8.1.1871

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH THERESIENSTADT TOD AM 22.6.1943

GISELA **BIRNBAUM**

19.2.1875

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH THERESIENSTADT TOD AM 5.2.1943

JULIE SINGER

26.10.1859

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH THERESIENSTADT TOD AM 3.11.1942

MARTHA WAHRINGER

19.7.1879

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 18.9.1942

VALERIE POLLITZER

26.7.1882

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH THERESIENSTADT DEPORTIERT NACH AUSCHWITZ ERMORDET 1944

LEOPOLD POLLITZER

11.6.1873

DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH LAGOW-OPATOW **ERMORDET 1942** IN TREBLINKA



Leopoldstadt Temple: After a drawing by Rudolf von Alt

The **Leopoldstadt Temple** was Vienna's largest synagogue and could accommodate a congregation of over 3500. This synagogue, with its impressive and richly decorated façade, once gave expression to a newly emerging and self-confident Viennese Jewry. In contrast to the Municipal Temple this synagogue was not concealed behind a tenement block frontage but stood out clearly and noticeably as a Jewish house of God. Until the November Pogrom in 1938 Leopoldstadt boasted almost fifty synagogues and places of worship. The National Socialists devastated and destroyed them in their entirety.





Station 2:

Jewish Performing Art at the Reklame Theatre (Nestroyhof)

This station is situated at 36 Praterstraße, next to the dry cleaners.

Benzion Sigall, Rahel Weissberg, Alice Koch and Hermann Weinberg were actors.

Hermann Weinberg

was born in the Ukraine on 4 July 1863. Very early on he developed an interest in the Yiddish theatre and by 1886 had already earned the right to lead his own ensemble.

From 1901 onwards he worked in Vienna. In 1905 he became the director of his own company and later worked as an actor at various Yiddish theatres; between 1936 and 1937 he performed at the Reklame Theatre. Hermann Weinberg was regarded as an initiator of the first Jewish theatre in Vienna (Voice, 26 January 1928).

He was married to the actress Salcia Weinberg with whom he had eight children. Their last place of residence was at 33/4 Zirkusgasse in the 2nd district in Vienna. Hermann Weinberg was deported to Theresienstadt and murdered in Auschwitz.

Source: Brigitte Dallinger, Verloschene Sterne, Picus Verlag, 1998.



Praterstraße formed the centre of Jewish theatrical life. Nutouring merous companies performed Yiddish drama here. Revue ensembles such as the Budapest Orpheum launched their careers in Leopoldstadt and appealed not only to a Jewish audience but became all-Viennese institutions. The Reklame Theatre and the Roland Theatre were the best-known companies. A large number of theatres closed their doors in the early 1930s. Jewish actors and review artists were persecuted and murdered by the National Socialists or forced into exile.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE JEWISH ACTORS AND ACTRESSES OF PRATERSTRASSE'S POPULAR JEWISH THEATRES AND CABARETS





Station 3: Coffee Houses

This station is at 33 Praterstraße (the square by the Galaxie-Haus), next to one of the columns in the square.

Salomon and Dora Hindler lived with their children Otto and Erna at 16 Zirkusgasse.

Salomon was a soldier in World War I. He returned from the war with frostbite to his fingers and was unable to continue with his job as a plumber. He therefore had to make a living for his family as a peddler. 'Schloime' was often in the claque at the Carl Theatre, which used to be at the site of Station 3. The claque occupied the standing room where at premiers people were paid 30 Groschen to clap vigorously as soon as the general applause showed signs of subsiding.

Praterstraße used to be one of the focal points of Jewish life in Vienna. There were numerous associations: religious societies, Zionist groups, sports clubs and cultural societies. Beyond that there was a multitude of coffee houses in Praterstraße, e.g. the Reklame Café or the Dogenhof Café, that were frequented by many Jews.

In those days the coffee house played a significant role. People could read every newspaper there, play chess or cards and meet friends.

"Here a newcomer could find out where his relatives were staying and where a hot meal could be had. Here people closed deals, exchanged news and scrounged a few pennies off others. Some coffee houses offered shelter from the cold or were reading rooms for those who lived in hovels, some were like living rooms where one could lose oneself in tarot cards for a few hours instead of being numbed by alcohol."

Source: Ruth Beckermann, Die Mazzesinsel; Löcker Verlag, Wien 1984.

ZUR ERINNERUNG
AN DIE
ZAHLREICHEN
KAFFEEHÄUSER
DER PRATERSTRASSE.
DIE FÜR VIELE
JÜDISCHE MENSCHEN
EINE ZWEITE
HEIMSTATT WAREN.

IN MEMORY OF PRATERSTRASSE'S NUMEROUS COFFEE HOUSES THAT PROVIDED A SECOND HOME TO MANY JEWISH PEOPLE.



Station 4: The Turkish Temple

This station is at 22 Zirkusgasse.

From a report by Rita Koch:

"I lived in Zirkusgasse, diagonally across from the Turkish Temple. It was set on fire. And directly across from my place there used to be a Zionist reading room where they threw the books out of the windows and burnt them. A week later Christians came by and took the remnants of the prayer books with them as lucky charms."

Source: Erzählte Geschichte, Band 3. Jüdische Schicksale. Publisher: Dokumentationsarchiv des österreichischen Widerstandes. The Sephardic Jews in Vienna were known as the 'Turkish Community'. Their religious rites and traditions were derived from the Spanish Jewry. In Vienna members of this community used to be under the protection of the Ottoman Empire. This protection gave them more freedom at a time when the Ashkenazim (as Austrian citizens) were still suffering harsh discrimination. Even under National Socialism Sephardic Jews frequently benefited from their foreign citizenship. It is no longer possible to establish just how many of them were able to escape to Turkey, Romania or Bulgaria.

Their synagogue, the centre of Sephardic life in Vienna, was a splendid Middle Eastern style building where every year the birthdays of both the Ottoman sultan and the Austrian emperor used to be celebrated on the same day.



IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE
EXPELLED AND
MURDERED
MEMBERS OF THE
SEPHARDIC COMMUNITY

Station 5: Assembly Flats

This station is at 9 Schmelzgasse.



Immediately following the annexation of Austria into the German Reich the aryanisation of dwellings began. In part this process was organised, in part it took place as 'wild' actions, which meant nothing other than that Jewish tenants and owners were driven from their homes by their neighbours. The annexation precipitated the permanent expulsion and 'relocation' of Viennese Jews within the city. After being forced from their own homes, they were then moved from one assembly flat to another, where they had to share the most cramped of conditions with other people.

IN DIESEM HAUS WURDEN
143 MENSCHEN IN
SAMMELWOHNUNGEN
GEPFERCHT,
EHE DIE NAZIS SIE
DEPORTIERTEN.
NUR 10 VON IHNEN
HABEN ÜBERLEBT

IN THIS BUILDING
143 HUMAN BEINGS
WERE CRAMMED INTO
ASSEMBLY FLATS BEFORE
THE NAZIS DEPORTED
THEM

ONLY TEN OF THEM SURVIVED.

Within the context of the 1998 exhibition 'Destroyed Culture' the artist Hannes Turbo covered several paving stones from here with brass and engraved them with the names of five former residents of this building.





Station 6: Judaicum

This station is on Taborstraße in the square bordering the Carmelite Church.

"Having disappeared without trace and not even remembered by plagues is the enormous number of social, cultural and political institutions in Vienna before the annexation. They included libraries, public kitchens, homes for children and apprentices, charitable trusts (even for 'impoverished Jews with hearing defects'), orphanages, professional associations, actors' unions, women's groups, schools, Zionist societies, as well as the 'First Austrian Peddlers Protection Society' and a 'Jewish Workers Self-Help Organisation'.

Source: Erika Wantoch 'Was war und nie mehr sein wird', Profil 1988 ZUR ERINNERUNG AN
DIE RUND 160
SOZIALEN,
PÄDAGOGISCHEN,
KULTURELLEN,
POLITISCHEN UND
RELIGIÖSEN JÜDISCHEN
EINRICHTUNGEN DES
KARMELITERVIERTELS

IN MEMORY OF THE
APPROXIMATELY
160 SOCIAL,
EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL,
POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS
JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN
THE CARMELITE QUARTER.





Station 7:

The Belcz Prayer house

Station 7a is situated on the corner of Kleine Sperlgasse and Lilienbrunnengasse.
Station 7 is at 18 Lilienbrunnengasse.*

* Source of this address and many other addresses of the 'Path of Remembrance' can be found in:

Patricia Steines: Addresses from the 2. District (unpublished manuscript), 1990–2005

Jewish Charity

Jewish religious tradition calls for charity in the original meaning of 'justice' in terms of social harmony. No member of the community is left outside the safety net of social benefits. The poor are entitled to support and need not regard themselves as mere receivers of alms. In this context it was always ensured that those concerned were provided with help for self-help – for example, by granting them loans.

For many of the refugees from Galicia at the beginning of the 20th century the networks of charity – the various organisations – were their first new home abroad.

During the Nazi era these networks continued to exist, supporting those who were already being exposed to severe persecution.



IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE BELCZ "SCHUL";
THE PRAYER HOUSE
OF THE RELIEF
ORGANISATION
CALLED
"GEMILATH CHESSED"



Station 8:

Pupils

This station is in front of the grammar school at 2c Kleine Sperlgasse.

The **siblings Fleischmann and Lauber** belonged to a group of children and youngsters who last lived in assembly flats at 10 Haasgasse, before being deported without their parents and then murdered.

The **ousting** of Jews from schools was a prime aim of the Nazis. Those not considered Aryan according to the National Socialist racial laws were expelled as early as April 1938 and taught in a small number of segregated schools. This campaign affected 20 per cent of Vienna's pupils. Within a very short period of time Austrian schools were declared 'free of Jews'. A 1938 decree issued by Vienna's Board of Education stated: "Jewish pupils at Vienna's private grammar schools are to be separated according to achievement. Until a final ruling on the matter of Jewish pupils at Vienna's middle schools is made, it will be the onerous duty of Aryan teachers to do their jobs at the specified Jewish schools."



IN COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE JEWISH
CHILDREN AND
ADOLESCENTS
WHO WERE MOCKED AND
EXPELLED BY TEACHERS,
AS WELL AS BEATEN AND
SPAT UPON
BY CLASSMATES





Station 9: Assembly Camps

This station is in the courtyard in front of the wall of the school at 2a Kleine Sperlgasse.

The first 'stone' bears the names of four children, aged 8, 11, 12 and 16, who were deported without their parents and murdered.

Assembly Camps

Those selected for deportation were only permitted to take hand luggage to the assembly camp where, under conditions of extremely poor hygiene, they often had to wait several days for the departure of the next transport – a transport that mostly led to their deaths.

From a report by Franzi Löw, a Jewish Community Center welfare worker:

"The Sperlgasse used to be a school, all three camps were formerly schools. The classrooms had been emptied and people lay on mattresses, one placed next to the other, each person's space to move being the size of their mattress. They weren't given anything to cover themselves up with. In winter it was dreadful, there was no heating and people froze. But they didn't stay in these camps for long, the transports were destined for Theresienstadt or Poland or some other unknown destination. The *latter meaning a camp where the* people were sent to the gas chambers on arrival."

Source: Doew

ZUM GEDENKEN AN DIE RUND 45.000
JÜDISCHEN MENSCHEN,
DIE DIE LETZTEN TAGE
VOR IHRER DEPORTATION
UNTER FÜRCHTERLICHEN
BEDINGUNGEN
IN DIESEM SAMMELLAGER
VERBRACHTEN.

IN COMMEMORATION OF APPROXIMATELY 45 000 JEWISH PEOPLE WHO SPENT THE LAST DAYS BEFORE THEIR DEPORTATION IN APPALLING CONDITIONS IN THIS ASSEMBLY CAMP.

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Station 10: Soup Kitchen

This station is situated at 8 Krummbaumgasse.

Soup Kitchen

Especially with regard to matters of nutrition, religious Jews were dependent on mutual help and support. Jewish migration from the east had increased steadily since World War I. A large number of war refugees were pious Jews and therefore dependent on kosher food. The soup kitchen in Krummbaumgasse offered meals with ritually prepared food.

Following the Nazi invasion the expulsion of the Jewish population from business life led to increased impoverishment, so that more and more people became reliant upon the social services. Between 1938 and 1943 the soup kitchens served approximately one million free meals.

Source: Jewish Community Center (IKG)

ZUR ERINNERUNG
AN EINE
DER VIELEN
SUPPENKÜCHEN
IN DENEN DIE
JÜDISCHE GEMEINDE
IHRE BEDÜRFTIGEN
MITGLIEDER VERSORGTE.

IN MEMORY OF THE NUMEROUS SOUP KITCHENS WHERE THE JEWISH COMMUNITY PROVIDED FOR THEIR NEEDY MEMBERS.



Station 11: Schiffschul

This station is at 8 Große Schiffgasse.

Schiffschul: Source: Dr. Pierre Genée 'Wiener Syngagogen 1825–1936'

The **Schiffschul** was the name given to the synagogue in Große Schiffgasse. It used to be one of the most important houses of God of the Viennese orthodox Jewry. This synagogue was laid to waste during the pogrom in 1938 (the so-called 'Pogromnacht') with the active support of the Viennese population; the cult objects were desecrated and destroyed during that night.

ZUM GEDENKEN AN DIE MITGLIEDER DER BEDEUTENDEN ORTHODOXEN JÜDISCHEN GEMEINDE. EIN GROSSTEIL VON IHNEN WURDE DEPORTIERT UND ERMORDET.

From a report by Benno Kern:

'The street was black, completely black, full of SA and SS and the rabble crowding around them. They made a big bonfire in the large square with all the wood they could find and burnt the entire contents of the 'Schiffschul'.

They carried out the Tora scrolls, all the prayer books and anything else that could possibly be burnt – and dragged them onto the bonfire. The flames were blazing four, five meters high. Then they unrolled the scrolls while the screaming rabble danced around on them.'

Source: Doew

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PROMINENT ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITY, THE MAJORITY OF THEM WERE DEPORTED AND MURDERED.

THERESE RUDOLF SONNENSCHEIN SONNENSCHEIN 24.12.1890 25.5.1889 **DEPORTIERT 1943 DEPORTIERT 1939 NACH AUSCHWITZ NACH NISKO ERMORDET 1943** RICHARD MATHILDE WEIHS WEIHS 13.12.1892 20.1.1895 **DEPORTIERT 1943 DEPORTIERT 1943 NACH AUSCHWITZ** NACH AUSCHWITZ **ERMORDET 1943 ERMORDET 1943**

Station 12:

The Carmelite Market

This station is within market area along the Leopoldsgasse.

Leopold (Schani) Sonnenschein, father of Rudolf, was a co-founder of the Carmelite Market. He brought watermelons by horse drawn cart from Hungary. (If Leopold fell asleep, the horse would even find its own way.) **Rudolf Sonnenschein** took over the market stall. He was the first to introduce bananas to Vienna and therefore was known as the 'Banana King'. He preserved the fruits in specially tempered containers. Therese Sonnenschein helped her brother with the work.

Two-thirds of the stalls of the **Carmelite Market** were run by Jewish traders. That number was reflected in a customer base that in this area consisted largely of Jews. The theft of the stalls - and with it the source of the victims' livelihoods – took place at an incredibly rapid pace: by the summer of 1938 the commissioner in charge was able to announce that the marketplace was 'free of Jews'.

ZUM GEDENKEN AN
DIE 74 JÜDISCHEN
STANDLER.
DIE 1938 IHRER
MARKTSTÄNDE
BERAUBT WURDEN.

NUR WENIGE VON IHNEN
KONNTEN SICH
DURCH FLUCHT RETTEN.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 74 JEWISH MARKET VENDORS, WHO WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR STALLS IN 1938. ONLY A FEW OF THEM MANAGED TO ESCAPE.

SZMUL SURA MAYER CYGLER

AUS CZESTOCHOWA POLEN

ERMORDET 1942 IN TREBLINKA

JAKOB GROSSMANN 15.10.1879

DEPORTIERT 1939 NACH BUCHENWALD NACH NISKO DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH OPOLE

MARTHA BAUMFELD

26.6.1926

DEPORTIERT 1942 MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 18.9.1942

ERNA GROSSMANN

28.5.1885

DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH OPOLE

Station 13:

The Polish Schul

This station is situated at 29 Leopoldsgasse.

Jakob Grossmann was one of those subjected to 'anthropological examinations' in the stadium.

The National Socialists were obsessed with the idea that Jews had 'racial' characteristics that distinguished them from other people. In 1939, in order to support this conviction, over 400 people were forced to undergo a pseudo-scientific check-up in Vienna's Prater Stadium.

Those concerned had their biographical data recorded, samples of their hair were taken, impressions of their faces were made and their physics were measured. Once the National Socialists had completed their research work the victims of persecution were transported from the Prater Stadium to the concentration camp at Buchenwald.

The **Polish Schul** was a synagogue that, just as the Schiffschul, appealed predominantly to orthodox Jews. Middle Eastern in appearance, the building provided facilities for the ritual needs of orthodox Jews. The Polish Schul was able to accommodate more than 500 visitors.

ZUM GEDENKEN AN DIE VIELEN JÜDISCHEN FAMILIEN. DIE AUS POLEN (GALIZIEN) NACH WIEN FLÜCHTETEN. IN DER HOFFNUNG, HIER EINE NEUE HEIMAT ZU FINDEN.

IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE MANY
JEWISH FAMILIES
WHO FLED FROM
POLAND (GALICIA)
TO VIENNA, IN THE HOPE
OF FINDING A NEW HOME
HERE.

MICHAEL FEIGE **FROMMER** UNSCHULD 16.12.1849 30.5.1878 1942 DEPORTIERT 1941 DEPORTIERT THERESIENSTADT NACH LODZ TOD AM 15.9.1942 WANDA SONJA BERGMANN BERGMANN 24.11.1929 13.1.1932 1942 DEPORTIERT 1942 DEPORTIERT MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 18.9.1942 AM 18.9.1942

Station 14: The 'Beth Jakob' School Association

This station is at 26 Leopoldsgasse. The school association **'Beth Jakob'** was founded in 1928. Its main aim was to promote Jewish education. The girls' organisation 'Beth Jakob' supported orthodox educational establishments for girls, whereas the society called 'Keren Ha Tora' contributed to the maintenance and support of institutions for boys on the basis of orthodox Judaism.

ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DEN SCHULVEREIN BETH JAKOB. DER SICH DER FÖRDERUNG ORTHODOXER JÜDISCHER SCHULEN WIDMETE.

IN MEMORY OF THE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 'BETH JAKOB', THAT WAS DEVOTED TO THE SUPPORT OF ORTHODOX JEWISH SCHOOLS

TINI KLEINMANN

2.1.1893

HERTA KLEINMANN 7.4.1922

DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MINSK DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MINSK

OSKAR HIRSCH

BERTHOLD SCHWARZTUCH

22.11.1903

9.5.1852

DEPORTIERT 1939 NACH NISKO DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH MODLIBORZYCE

SURE MEHLER-BERGMANN 1.10.1883

OSKAR HOJTASCH 6.12.1889

VERHAFTET 17.2.1943 DEPORTIERT 3.3.1943 NACH AUSCHWITZ VERHAFTET 28.11.1944 DEPORTIERT 1944 NACH MAUTHAUSEN TOD AM 12.3.1945 IN SOLVAY. TSCHECHOSLOWAKEI

JOSEF HERZFELD

ROSA NEUMANN 22.3.1898

VERHAFTET 21.5.1943 DEPORTIERT 25.5.1943 NACH THERESIENSTADT ERMORDET AM 18.5.1944 IN AUSCHWITZ

VERHAFTET 27.1.1941 DEPORTIERT 1941 NACH RAVENSBRÜCK TOD IM APRIL 1942

Station 15:

The Righteous and Those in Hiding (the so-called 'submarines')

This station is situated at the corner of Leopoldsgasse and Im Werd.

Tini and Herta Kleinmann

The Kleinmann family lived at 11 Im Werd, where the parents ran a decorators' shop.

Fritz Kleinmann, who survived the holocaust, reported the following in an interview:

"During the November Pogrom one of my sisters was forced into street scrubbing by friends from her youth who had become staunch SA members. She and other Jews had to clean the streets with toothbrushes. This was sheer while harassment bystanders looked on, spitting at them and beating them. This was quite normal back then. My sister emigrated to England in 1939 after signing a contract to work as a domestic servant. My mother sent my eleven-year-old brother to strangers

in America. On 6 June 1942, while my father and I were already in the concentration camp, my mother and my second sister were taken from their flat and deported to the east. Both of them were shot to death in Minsk." Source: Rosa Antifa

The 'righteous among the nations' denotes people who protected and supported Jewish men and women while putting their own lives at risk. In Yad Vashem (Israel) a tree is planted for each righteous person among the nations. Some of these trees are in memory of Austrian citizens.

Those described as 'submarines' were the persecuted who were able to hide with the help of friends, acquaintances and 'righteous people' or by means of fake documents. Where Austria is concerned, 1500 people who lived in hiding for extended periods of time have been identified by name. One third of them, however, did not survive the times due to carelessness, betrayal or other tragic circumstances. (Abridged version of Brigitte Ungar-Klein's text)

ZUM GEDENKEN AN DIE
ZAHLREICHEN JUDEN UND
JÜDINNEN, DIE
VERSUCHT HABEN, DEM
NAZITERROR DURCH EIN
LEBEN IM VERBORGENEN
ZU ENTKOMMEN.

NUR WENIGE VON IHNEN HABEN ÜBERLEBT.

IN COMMEMORATION
OF THE MANY JEWISH
MEN AND WOMEN WHO
ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE
THE NAZI TERROR BY
GOING INTO HIDING.

ONLY A FEW OF THEM SURVIVED.

MARGARETHE NEUMANN

GEB. HERZL 20.5.1893

1941 STEINHOF DEPORTIERT 1942 THERESIENSTADT

LIESELOTTE WEICHSELBAUM

DEPORTIERT 1942 MALY TROSTINEC ERMORDET AM 18.9.1942

FANNI FISCHER 7.4.1850

DEPORTIERT 1942 THERESIENSTADT ERMORDET 1942 IN TREBLINKA

OLGA HOROWITZ

27.4.1928 DEPORTIERT 1942 NACH RIGA

IN MEMORY OF THE
JEWISH GIRLS' SCHOOL
OF THE TALMUD-TORA
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION,
THE WOMEN'S TRADE
SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE
DR KRÜGER HOME FOR
GIRLS.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN, FOR WHOM AN ASSEMBLY CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED HERE IN THE HOME FOR GIRLS.

Station 16:

The Girls' School of the Talmud-Tora Educational Society / Assembly Camp for the Sick and Elderly

This station is at the corner of Leopoldsgasse and Malzgasse.

Margarethe Neumann

"Margarethe Neumann, born on 20 May 1893, daughter of Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism, was – in the course of the general relocation of Jewish patients – taken from the Purkersdorf sanatorium to the institution at Steinhof on 21 March 1943. On 31 August 1942 she was transferred to the headquarters for Jewish emigration and, along with her husband, deported to Theresienstadt on 10 September 1942. The date and place of their deaths are unknown ..."

Source: Wolfgang Neugebauer, The Jewish Victims of Euthanasia in Austria, a lecture, 1999. The so-called **Dr Krüger Home** was the location of the girls' school of the Talmud-Tora School Association. There, daughters of orthodox parents received instruction in home economics, sewing and dressmaking, as well as in languages, music and activities focusing on arts and crafts. The school was closed in 1938.

From 1940 to 1942 the former boarding school for girls was used as a home for the sick and the elderly.

"... all the other old people's homes were closed down virtually overnight in the summer of 1942 in the course of the first wave of deportations and the residents were transferred to the 'emigration camp' at 2a Kleine Sperlgasse. There, Dr. Max Birnbaum's only remaining task was to ensure that each of those destined for deportation received a blanket and – since there were no suitcases – some string in order to tie up the few remaining belongings which they were allowed to take with them."

Source: Historians' Commission

ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DIE JÜDISCHE MÄDCHENSCHULE DES TALMUD-TORA SCHULVEREINS, AN DIE FRAUENGEWERBESCHULE UND AN DAS DR. KRÜGER-MÄDCHENHEIM

ZUM GEDENKEN AN DIE ALTEN UND KRANKEN JÜDISCHEN MÄNNER UND FRAUEN. FÜR DIE HIER IM MÄDCHENHEIM EIN SAMMELLAGER ERRICHTET WURDE.

JEDIDA	ROSA
GLÄSER	GLÄSER
28.6.1841	6.3.1906
DEPORTIERT 1942	DEPORTIERT 1942
NACH IZBICA	NACH IZBICA
JOSEF	ARTHUR
GLÄSER	ÖSTERREICHER
3.1.1926	29.5.1904
DEPORTIERT 1942	TOD IN DACHAU
NACH IZBICA	AM 16.5.1939

Station 17:

The Boys' School and the Museum.

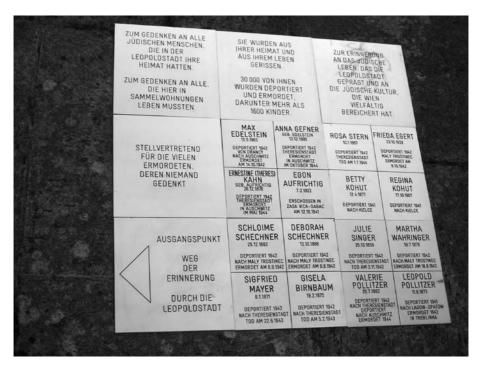
This station is situated at 16 Malzgasse.

From 1850 the Talmud-Tora school association had run a school that offered education and training for children of orthodox parents. On 10 November 1938 the school and the prayer house were destroyed. The headmaster and the teachers of the school were severely maltreated.

Also located here was the first Jewish museum in Vienna – claimed by many to have been the first Jewish museum worldwide. The museum's collection was stolen in 1938 and taken to other museums in Vienna. Since the opening of the new Jewish museum those parts of the holdings restored to the Jewish community have been on display there.

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SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AS
WELL AS IN MEMORY OF
THE MOST IMPORTANT
COLLECTION OF JEWISH
ART IN VIENNA.



Station 1

Places of deportation

All information can be obtained from the Austrian Resistance Movement Archive under www.doew.at

Izbica, Modliborzyce, Opole and Wlodawa

In the Lublin District in Poland.

Kielce, Lagow-Opatow

In the Cracow (Kraków) district in Poland.

Ghettos were established by the National Socialists in all of these locations, where a large proportion of the inhabitants were Jewish. In the years 1941 and 1942 Jewish men, women and children from Austria and the so-called 'Altreich' were sent to these ghettos. In the course of 'Operation Reinhard' the ghettos were liquidated and everybody from the Lublin District was murdered in the extermination camps in Sobibor, Belcez and Majdanek. The Jews from the Cracow District were murdered in Treblinka.

Kowno / Kaunas

In Lithuania. All deportees sent there were executed immediately upon arrival.

Lodz / Litzmannstadt

The ghetto of Lodz was one of the largest in Poland. In autumn 1941 5000 Austrian Jews were deported to Lodz. A great number of people died as a consequence of the unbearable living conditions. In 1942 most of the survivors died in the gas chambers of Chelmno.

Majdanek

Concentration / Extermination camp in Poland.

Maly Trostinec

Estate near Minsk. It was there that most Austrian Jews were murdered. On arrival the deportees were shot to death in pits. From 1942 onwards gas vans were used as well.

Minsk

The capital of Belarus where a ghetto was established. Mass executions began in 1941.

Nisko

The men deported to Nisko in 1939 were hounded across the German-Soviet border by warning shots. There, most were put in labour camps.

Riga

The capital of Latvia where a ghetto was established. Most of the Austrian deportees lost their lives in mass executions or due to the appalling living conditions.

Theresienstadt

A ghetto from which most people were sent to extermination camps.

Auschwitz, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka

Extermination camps in Poland.

Drancy

A camp near Paris from where the refugees were deported to Auschwitz in 40 transports.



Westerbork

Jewish transit camp in the Netherlands. From there Jews were deported to Auschwitz, Sobibor or Theresienstadt.

Dachau, Buchenwald, Ravensbrück, Stutthof

Concentration camps in Germany.

Mauthausen

Concentration camp in Austria.

Sabac

In Serbia. In the course of reprisals 2100 men were shot to death there.

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