

My name is Uta Lang, we live just around the corner here. I found this picture in a book two years ago. The residents are celebrating the removal of the Jewish residents and house owners Anna and Friedrich Monath with the white flag.

And I was surprised, the house was right around here, started researching and, with the help of the Steine der Erinnerung association, planned this present-day stone setting!

In my family of origin, there was never any mention of the local Jewish families, nor of the six million Jewish people who were murdered - it was the stories of the nights of bombing in Germany.

It was only through research that I learned that my grandfather, as a lieutenant in the Wehrmacht navy, was involved in the conquest of many countries: Poland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway..., - in most cases, the Jewish people were shot by the navy immediately after the invasion.

My father proudly told us that his father came on leave in parade uniform and that he could take a sparrow from the sky with one shot - but he hadn't shot sparrows. He had murdered people ... and spilled innocent blood.

And we kept silent about it for a long time.

Until the capitulation, until the last day, he fought in Holland against the Allies, - many ships, also with refugees, were sunk by mines or direct fire.

And no negotiation slowed them down.

I am deeply sorry for the suffering our / my ancestors did to you... .

I stand here today on behalf of my grandfather...,

I have understood the pride with which the Germans marched into Austria and many other countries at that time, and how much of that pride was in me, the thought of being better ..., and I am deeply sorry.

Today I would like to say thank you,

for the opportunity to use this stone as a sign of remembrance and to encourage us all not to remain silent, where anti-Semitism and hatred reappear or still reappear today in our thinking, our silence, our speeches, our jokes or even political demands, sometimes quietly, sometimes very clearly.

STANDING UP AGAINST ANTISEMITISM- begins by HONOURING ANNA AND FRIEDRICH MONATH and with them Jewish Life Today.

Anna MONATH,

born in Slovakia on 27 December 1870, was 72 years old when she and her 75-year-old husband Friedrich were deported from Zilina, Slovakia, to the Sobibor extermination camp on 14 June 1942.

With the exception of a few craftsmen, all the others on this transport were suffocated and murdered in gas chambers immediately after arrival.

LETTER TO ANNA MONATH written by teenager of the school there

**Viktor DRAB, born 3.08.1898 lives at Top 10,**

he was a stoker and was transported together with his siblings and his mother Theresia on the first transport from Vienna to Opole in 1941 and dies there.

His mother dies in Theresienstadt.

**Poem by Pavel Friedmann: "The Schmett"**

The last, the very last

so strong, bright, shimmering yellow,

as if the tears of the sun

settle on a white stone.

Such a deep, deep yellow

it rises very slightly to the top.

He disappeared because, I think,

because he wanted to kiss the world

a farewell kiss to the world.

For seven weeks I have lived here.

Crammed into the ghetto.

But I have found my friends here.

The dandelions call to me

and the white candles of the chestnuts in the courtyard.

But I have never

seen another butterfly.

This butterfly was the last of its kind.

Butterflies don't live here,

in the ghetto.

**Pharmacy at Parhamerplatz**

With the Anschluss in 1938, Jews were no longer allowed to run a pharmacy in Austria either. Ignaz Großberg was the sole owner until 1938. The pharmacy was aryanised to the exclusion of Mr. Großberg and a purchase contract was made in favour of Mr. Clemens, the new owner. Mag. Großberg fled to Tel. Aviv - on his application for restitution in 1947 he received a payment equivalent to 4500€ as compensation and today the pharmacy has recently been rebuilt and is bright and friendly run by Mrs. Mag.a Weinörl, who is happy to be with us today!

**We have no contact with the family or friends of Mr. Grossberg at the moment - but you came especially - THANK YOU SO MUCH EVEN THAT YOU ARE HERE NOW HONORS US VERY MUCH -**

For Anna and Friedrich Monath and Victor Drapp the stone is the only place of remembrance, there is no grave -

I have asked the Chief Rabbi Jaron Engelmayer to say the prayer of remembrance - thank you for coming

**- Closing prayer from Chief Rabbi El Male Rachamim**

"God of mercy, who dwells in the heights, grant perfect rest, together with the pure and holy, like the splendour of heaven, to the soul of ANNA AND FRIEDRICH MONATH AND VICTOR DRAPP departed. For I pledge alms for a charitable purpose to the merit of their souls, which may find their rest in the Garden of Eden. May the merciful God take them under his wing forever, and bind them to everlasting life, as his inheritance, and may they rest in peace. To this let us say: Amen".

THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE TODAY - there is another stone that will be opened today in Hernalser Hauptstraße - cordial invitation to join us.

For all those who stay there will be the opportunity for conversation and exchange -