



**Lotte Gernsheimer, née. Mainzer, and her husband Sol (Sally) Gernsheimer**

**Lotte Gernsheimer** née Mainzer, was a nursery nurse. In 1933 she travelled from Heppenheim to Strasbourg, France and reached New York, USA in 1937.

She married Sol Gernsheimer, who had emigrated together with his mother from Viernheim to the USA in 1939. Lotte died on 21.03.1995 and was buried next to her husband in the cemetery Cedar Park in Paramus, New Jersey, USA.

**Rudolf Mainzer** left Heppenheim in 1933 and studied Law and Economics in France, Belgium and Holland. He emigrated to Sao Paolo, Brazil.



When his mother Johanna moved in with Georg and Lore in Paraguay, Rudolf joined them.

At the beginning of the 1950s, he married the ballet dancer Dorothea Jankilovici. In 1952 Claudia Patricia was born and in 1956 Virginia Carolina. Rudolf died on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1971 and was buried in the Jewish cemetery Tablada in Buenos Aires.

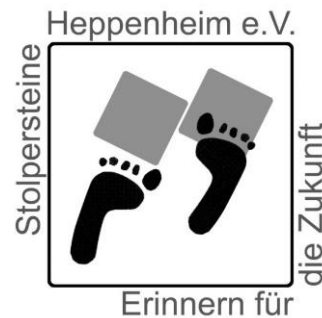
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<http://www.stolpersteine-heppenheim.de/>



## Laying of stumbling stones for the Family of Berthold Mainzer on Tuesday, 26th March, 2019 at 9 a.m., in front of the Stadthaus Mainzer

Berthold  
Mainzer

Johanna  
Mainzer,  
geb. Mayer

Georg  
Mainzer

Lotte  
Gernsheimer,  
geb. Mainzer

Rudolf  
Mainzer

In the art project Stolpersteine by Gunter Demnig the families of victims and survivors of the Nazi regime are brought together.

Hence also the surviving family members, such as the three children of Johanna and Berthold Mainzer, are included and receive a stone.



**Berthold Mainzer,**  
Textiles dealer



**Johanna Mainzer**  
née Mayer

**Berthold Mainzer** (\*1877) ran his father's business after 1906 with his brother Jakob. In 1910 he married Johanna Mayer (\*1887) and they had three children: Georg (\*1911) and the twins Lotte and Rudolf (\*1913).



**Johanna Mainzer with  
her children Rudolf,  
Lotte and Georg.**

**Georg, Rudolf,  
Lotte**



After a short internment in the Osthofen concentration camp in 1933, Berthold was sent to the concentration camp at Buchenwald in November 1938. The same year there were plans to emigrate via an inventory of land in Paraguay.

In 1940 he and his wife were taken into "protective custody". **Berthold died on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1940.**

***"in 1940 he was again arrested and sent to prison in Darmstadt, where he then died. I had always admired how quickly he ran up stairs despite him being, at least in my eyes, an elderly man. He was physically top fit. When I heard that he had died in prison I knew he had been killed.***  
***(Quote: Peter Metzendorf)***

Johanna was interned in old people's home for a while. In 1940 she was able to flee via Japan to Argentina and then on to Paraguay to her son Georg.



Johanna died on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1977 in Buenos Aires und was buried in the Jewish cemetery Tablada.

**Georg Mainzer**, active member of the Social Democratic Party, was humiliated and persecuted on the day of the March election (5<sup>th</sup> March 1933)

because of his public opposition to National Socialism:

**SA Men force him to wash off the three arrows symbol of social democratic organizations.**



In 1935 he fled to Paraguay and married Lore Kahn in 1936. Their daughter Eva was born in 1937. Later the family moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Georg (Jorge) died on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1968 and was buried in the Jewish cemetery Tablada in Buenos Aires.

**Source: "Der Volksgenosse",  
No. 178 from 2nd August 1933:**

## Georg Mainzer in Straßburg

In Heppenheim wurde das Gerücht verbreitet, Georg Mainzer sei Knecht in Südfrankreich. Stimmt aber nicht! Georg Mainzer wurde dieser Tage quieschvergnügt in den Straßen Straßburgs von einem Heppheimer gesehen, aber nicht auf einem Heuwagen!!

Will er sich wirklich in Deutschland unmöglich machen? Er hat in Frankreich sehr wahrscheinlich das richtige Arbeitsfeld gefunden. Wir sind im Bilde!