

Fritz Mainzer



In 1930 **Fritz Mainzer** moved from Heppenheim to Frankfurt to begin studies in Law.

In 1935 he left Europe in the direction of South Africa on a refugee ship and found work in Durban.

There he married Ruth Franken and in 1941 son

Frank William (Bill) was born.

Because of the insecure political situation the family left South Africa in 1963 and re-located to New York. In the continued search for a new home, the family lived temporarily in Montreal, Canada and Cincinnati, Ohio. When their son Bill moved to California the parents moved to join him.

On 21st November 2001 Fritz died in San Francisco; his wife Ruth on 15th September 2005.

Jakob Mainzer's children: Wilhelm (second from the left), Hildegard (fifth from the left) and Fritz (sitting, far right), with the Heppenheim Wander-vogel ramble in 1926:



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

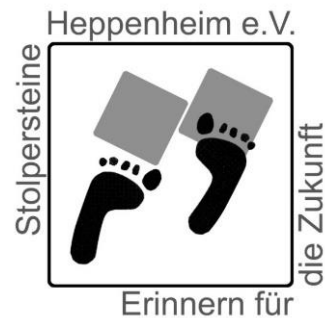
Berthold
Mainzer

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.



Jakob Mainzer,
Merchant



Berta Mainzer
née Morgenthau

Jakob Mainzer (*1874) **married** Berta Morgenthau (*1882) in 1906 and they had four children: Richard (*1907), Hildegard (*1908), Wilhelm (*1909) und Fritz (*1912).

In 1935 the married couple moved to Hildegard in Berlin and emigrated in 1937 to Richard in Holland.

Jakob and Berta were interned at the Westerbork camp in 1942 and then deported to Auschwitz.

Jakob was murdered on 15th October 1942 and Berta on 14th January 1943.



Berta Mainzer with her children, from the left: Hildegard, Fritz, Richard and Wilhelm

Richard Mainzer studied Law, worked as a solicitor, lost his licence to practise in 1933 and followed his doctoral supervisor, Hugo Sinzheimer, to Holland. In 1936 he married Sinzheimer's daughter Gertrud.

After his arrest in Holland and imprisonment in Hamburg he was able to escape to Cuba in 1941.

Gertrud and the children, Gabriela (*1937) and Frank (*1939), were interned in 1943/1944 at the camp in Westerbork and then deported in 1944 to the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

They were liberated and the family re-united in 1946 in Cuba. In 1947 Susanne was born. Then in 1949 the family moved to New York, where Richard worked until his death on 20th April 1966 in the firm of solicitors Garfield, Salomon & Mainzer.

Richard Mainzer



Hildegard Graff née Mainzer



Hildegard Graff née Mainzer studied Medicine after her schooling and worked as a doctor in a Berlin hospital.

After her politically-motivated dismissal from the hospital she set up a pediatric practice. In 1936 she emigrated and found work in the Jewish hospital of Amsterdam.

In 1938 Hildegard fled to the USA and became a doctor in New York.

She married the attorney Dr. Wilhelm Graff from Berlin in 1947, a widower with two children. They spent their retirement in Hawaii Her husband died in April 1976.

When Hildegard fell ill, she returned to her family in the USA and died there on 5th January 2000.

Wilhelm Mainzer studied Medicine and took national exams in 1933. He couldn't find work as a physician and therefore accepted a position in the Ukraine in 1935. His Dutch fiancée went with him and they got married. Karin was born in 1937. Later he was arrested and expelled from the country. His wife and daughter had already left the country. They divorced.

Wilhelm left Holland and went as a doctor to China. In 1943 he married the nurse Siling Li. In 1945 Chava was born, and in 1947 Miriam.

When the state of Israel was created in the spring of 1948, Siling immediately said, **"We must go there! That's our country and it means a future for our children!"**

They arrived in Israel in 1949. He found a job as a panel doctor, and in 1950 Israel Jakob was born. Wilhelm retired in 1974 and died on 25th July 1984. His wife followed on 14th April.2005.

Wilhelm und seine 2. Frau Siling Li

