

Not all your family died in the Holocaust

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!

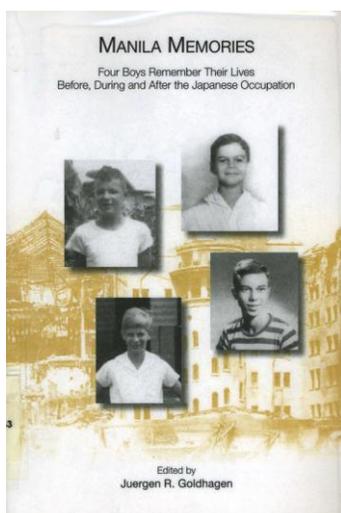
Emil was married to Dora Höflein (daughter of the Bamberg lawyer Moses and Thekla Roßkam). His father was Isaak Bacharach, born in Seligenstadt; a brilliant mathematician and university professor in Nuremberg, Conductor of the Technical University of Nuremberg (Georg Simon Ohm College). In 1896, Isaak 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 Amtsrat		Dodatečný zápis mŕtveho	
TODESFALLANZEIGE		Datum: 11.12.1942	Podpis: [Signature]
Name (bei Frauen auch Mädchennam.)		Vorname	Tr. Nr.
BACHARACH Dr.		ISAH	125-16
Geboren am	1854	in Seligenstadt	Bauort
Stand	Witwer	Beruf	ohne
Staatsangehörigkeit	D. R.	Relig.	mos.
Letzter Wohnort (Adresse)		Heimatgemeinde	
Nürnberg, Wilsdrufferstr. 6		E. R. T. Zimmer No. 280	
Name des Vaters		Name der Mutter (Mädchennam.)	
Samuel Bacharach		Friedrike geb. ...	
Sterbestunde		Sterbort: Theresienstadt	
22/9.1942		E. R. T. 2.280	
Genauere Ortsbezeichnung (Gebäude, Zimmer)			
E. R. T. 2.280			
Verwandtschaft			
Name, Tr. Nr., Verwandtschaftsgrad, Wohnadresse (B. Gassen u. Kinder auch Geburtsdaten)			
in Theresienstadt			
im Protektorat			
Tag der Letzt. Eheschließung			
1884			
Ort der Letzt. Eheschließung			
G. R. T. 48			
Zahl d. Kinder aus Letzt. Ehe			
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Art des Personals			
Krankhe. Nürnberg No. A-02372			
Ausgestellt von: [Signature] 5/11.1939			
Behandelnder Arzt			
Dr. Rudolf Wohlmüt			
Krankheit (in Blockschrift)			
ENTERITIS - DARMKATARRH			
Todesursache (in Blockschrift)			
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Todesbescheinigung			
Wurde durch Dr. Robert Schumann		Tag u. Stunde der Todesbescheinigung	
22/9.1942		22/9.1942	
Ort der Beisetzung			
Theresienstadt, am 22/9.1942			
Der Todesbescheiniger		Der Arzt	
[Signature]		[Signature]	
Der Cplazant		[Signature]	

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 were 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>
- 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>
- Auschwitz prisoners Database <http://auschwitz.org/en/museum/auschwitz-prisoners/>