



The Nuremberg-Fürth Hall of Fame

Motto: *Germany's loss has become the free world's gain*



The aim of this project, initiated by the late Frank A. Harris in 2015, is a Who-Is-Who of people who originated from Nuremberg-Fürth families and have contributed in an important way to make it a better and more tolerant world, supposed to honor their personality, career or special achievements. To this purpose we ask everyone to send in proposals of professionals or recognized individuals for the following 15 categories:

Architecture - Economy - Engineering - Film - Fine Arts - Internet - Journalists - Medics - Music - Philanthropists - Religion - Scholars - Special people for the Nuremberg-Fürth community - Sports - Writers

The results are published online here.

Any application is required to contain a minimum of information:

- ☛ First & last name (& maiden name)
- ☛ Born where & when, in case deceased where & when
- ☛ If the individual was not born in Nuremberg or Fürth, his / her relation must be given, e.g. *X., grandson of Y., from Fürth.*
- ☛ At least one complete sentence formulating the achievement or professional career.

A digital *portrait photo* of the person would be most welcome in order to illustrate the entry.

For practical reasons the range of applicants has to be limited to people born in Nuremberg or Fürth, their children and grandchildren (1st, 2nd and 3rd generationers), because to a certain extent those entered and what they do must have stood the test of time already.

Also it seems advisable to ask people for their consent to be included before proposing them.

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Leo H. Bendit

born December 15, 1899 Fürth

died December 25, 1984 Boston (MA)

Leo H. Bendit and his mother Emily Bendit were the last owners of *S. Bendit & Söhne* which produced plate glass and mirrors in Fürth since 1798. Driven out of their home in Fürth the family sought refuge in the United States. Here Leo advanced through several careers: factory worker, creator of an import-export business and finally philanthropist. In Fürth it had been customary for successful Jews to establish hospitals, orphanages and libraries to aid their

fellow citizens. Leo and his collaborators decided upon the creation of a nursing home to benefit, especially elderly, survivors of the Holocaust. Due to Leo's extraordinary effort as President of the New York Foundation for Nursing Homes, Inc. and with funds contributed by his mother's estate, this goal was realized through the construction of the nursing home. A plaque on the Founder's Wall testifies to Leo's role: *This Nursing Center owes its existence to the foresight and generosity of its Founder Leo Bendit and to its many supporters.*

(Text & photo: Margot Bendit, April 2015)



Kenneth D. Bloch, M.D.

born May 17, 1956 New York City

died September 13, 2014 Boston (MA)

Son of Margot Bloch (Fürth) and Kurt Bloch, M.D.

Kenneth Bloch was a cardiologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and an investigator for the cardiovascular research center of MGH. In his research Kenneth characterized the atrial natriuretic peptide and endothelial nitric oxide synthase genes and functions. In recent years he studied the role of bone morphogenetic



proteins in relation to cardiovascular disease and the anemia of chronic inflammation. He held more than 25 patents for his discoveries. Kenneth became professor of medicine, cardiology and the first William T.G. Morton Professor of Anesthesia, both at Harvard Medical School and the MGH. Kenneth was a gifted molecular biologist and cardiologist and taught over the years many physicians / scientists from all over the world. His extraordinary ability to guide the careers of his students led to several awards for mentorship. He also played a vital role in the governance and

leadership of the American Heart Association (AHA) over a number of years. He received the AHA's 2013 Meritorious Achievement Award.

(Text & photo: Susan Menitoff, April 2015)

Julius Rubin Blum

Son of Max and Toni Blum, born February 1, 1922 in Nuremberg, died April 13, 1982. Known as a child who dreamed of numbers, Dr. Blum earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley after arriving in the U.S. in 1937, and went on to have a distinguished academic career in research and education.

Mark Alan Blum

Son of Julius and Rhoda Blum, born January 20, 1951 in Oakland (CA), married to Israeli sculptress Shoshana Blum, resides in New Jersey where he works as a cardiologist in Morristown (NJ) and is the proud father of four children and two grandchildren.

Robin Rivka Blum

Granddaughter of Julius and daughter of Mark, is a dermatologist in Manhattan in her own practice and mother to Matthew, age 8, and Lily age 6.

Elan Julius Blum

Grandson of Julius and son of Mark, is an attorney working in real estate management and development in New York.

Raia Antonia Blum

Granddaughter of Julius and daughter of Mark, is a social worker and premedical student in New York.

Oritt Adee Blum

Granddaughter of Julius and daughter of Mark, is an agent of sports reporters in New York.

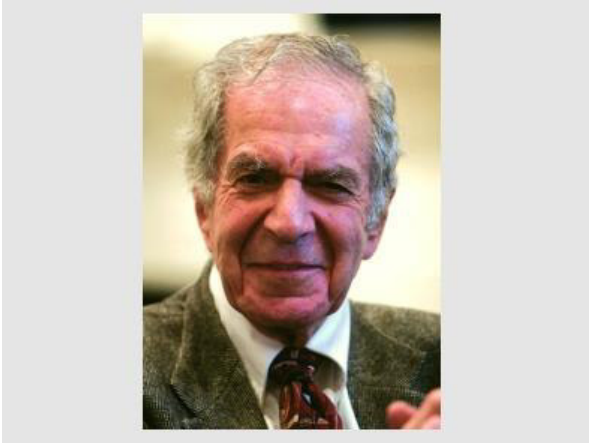
(Texts: Mark Blum, April 2015)

Gert Caspary

Born January 10, 1929, son of Sophie Krautheimer from Fürth and Ernst Caspary. The parents and Gert fled to Paris from where the parents were deported to Auschwitz and never returned. Gert Caspary survived the war in hiding in France and later emigrated to the U.S. where he became a renowned academic and eminent scholar in the fields of Early Christian Philosophy and Medieval History at the University of Berkeley, California. He died April 6, 2008 in Berkeley.

(Text: Ulla Landmann Schneider, April 2015)

Claude Frank



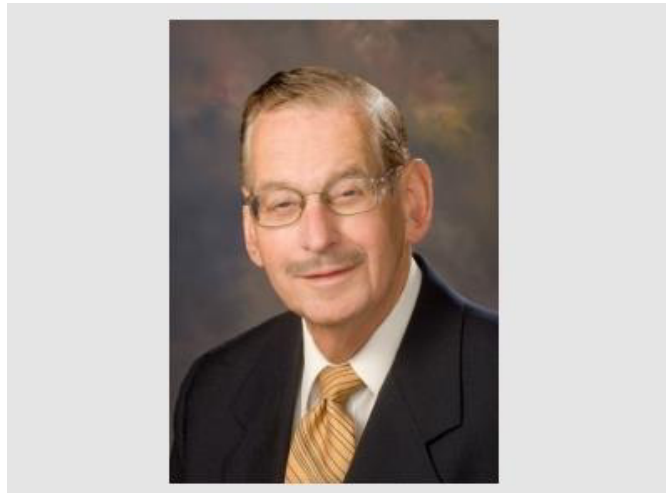
Claude (Klaus) Frank was born on December 24, 1925 in Nuremberg and died on December 27, 2014 in New York City. He left Germany in late 1938. When Germany invaded France, he escaped via Portugal and Spain for the United States. He studied in New York with Schnabel and Serkin and taught music in Vermont while giving concerts including chamber music. He married the equally renowned pianist Lilian Kallir at Marlboro (VT), the famous music festival run by Rudolph Serkin. Claude and Lilian had one daughter Pamela who in her

own right has become a renowned violinist. Claude became a most accomplished pianist performing the world over at times with his wife Lilian and also with Pamela. He performed at many of the 5 Generation Nuremberg-Fürth Reunions and is remembered not only for his superior musical talents but for his intelligence and humanity.

(Text: Frank Harris, April 2015, Andrew Thurnauer, July 2015 - Photo: Lore Strauss)

Dr. William C. Freund

I was born in Nürnberg as Kurt Wilhelm Freund on September 4, 1926. My father was arrested and badly beaten by the Nazis in 1937 whereupon we emigrated to America. We settled in New York City and at the start of WWII my parents baked (Paula's) *Nürnberger Lebkuchen* with considerable success. I attended Stuyvesant High School, The City College of New York, and Columbia University where I earned a Ph.D. in economics and finance. I became a professor at New York University and later Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of



the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) where I served for 18 years. In my retirement from the stock exchange, I was NYSE Professor of Economics at Pace University's Graduate School. I changed my name on becoming a U.S. citizen when it became unfashionable to carry such a German designation. I wrote several books and many articles, including a publication of the U.S. Congress. Most recently, I published two illustrated children's books (available on Amazon) describing true family experiences in Germany and beyond.

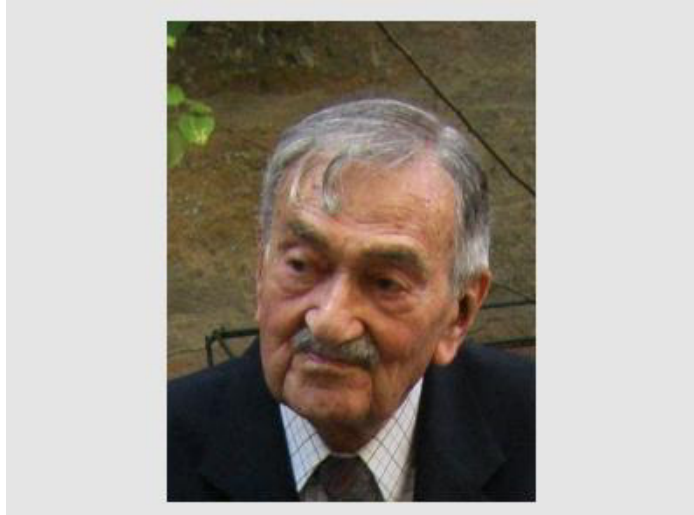
(Text & photo: Dr. William C. Freund, April 2015)

Prof. Arnold Friedmann

born May 12, 1925 Nuremberg

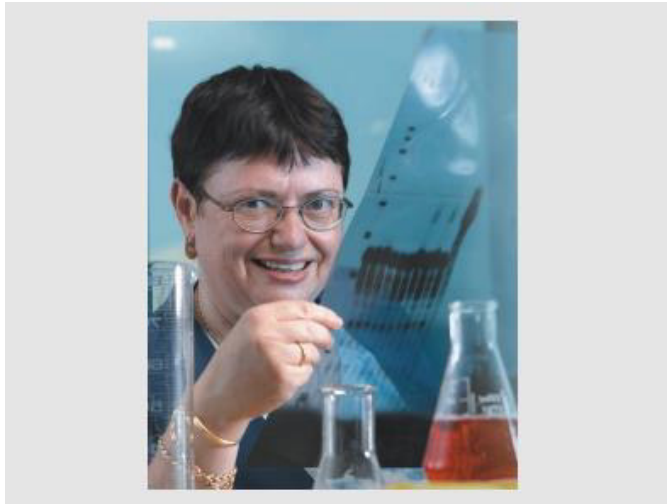
died February 16, 2017 Amherst (MA)

Designer, author, Professor of Design, Department of Architecture and Design, University of Massachusetts. Formerly Professor at Pratt Institute, New York, also Associate Dean, Humanities and Fine Arts, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Honorary member American Institute of Architects, recipient of many awards, grants, and writer of over 60 articles and four books on design.



(Text: Prof. Arnold Friedmann, April 2015 / Gerhard Jochem, October 2021 - Photo: Susanne Rieger)

Prof. Shulamit Goldberg Michaeli



I am the daughter of the late Willy Michelson that was a student in the Fürth Hebrew school. In Israel he was called Michael Michaeli. I am the Dean of Life Sciences at Bar-Ilan University, and the head of Life Science and Medicine at the Israel Science Foundation. I was for ten years an International Scholar in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). I am a professor in micro- and nano-biology.

(Text & Photo: Prof. Shulamit Goldberg Michaeli, April 2015)

Frank A. Harris

Frank A. Harris (nee Franz Siegmund Hess) was born December 7, 1922 in Fürth and left after *Kristallnacht* on a *Kindertransport* for Holland. Via the U.K. he arrived in the U.S. October 2, 1940, joined the U.S. Army, became a U.S. citizen and served in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He was discharged December 1945 and worked his way up from Cook at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to Chef at Mertryknoll Seminary to Officer's Club Bethesda (MD) to Manager at Sperry Gyroscope to Food Service Director for Norwalk's (CT) 21 schools for 39 plus years.



Frank retired in 2006 at age 84 but remains active to date as the country's leading advocate for universal free meals for all students in the United States. Since 1977 he is publishing the Nuremberg-Fürth Newsletter and has organized ten Nuremberg-Fürth Reunions in the U.S., two Mini-Reunions in the U.K. and one in Israel since 1978. In recognition of his multiple contributions to the betterment of all child nutrition programs he was awarded the Tom O'Hearn National Legislative Award 1990 and twice the New England Regional Director of the Year Award (1987/88 & 2003/04). The U.S. flag was flown in his honor over the Capitol in 2002 and Norwalk's Central Kitchen renamed Frank. A. Harris Nutrition Center. Frank also was honored by the Blue Card Foundation in 2005 for his lifelong contribution to this organization of Holocaust survivors as its Vice President to date. Recently he received the Gertrude Applebaum Lifetime Achievement Award and the Goldene Kleeblatt der Stadt Fürth.

Frank died on February 22, 2017, in Ossining (NY).

(Text: Frank A. Harris, April 2015 / Gerhard Jochem, October 2021 - Photo: Susanne Rieger)

Prof. Michael K. Heiman

born 1949 in New York City

Son of Ruth Kitt Heiman from Nuremberg (1923 - 2012) who lost her parents, Max and Elise Heimann in the Holocaust. Michael is recently retired as Professor Emeritus in Geography and Environmental Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. With a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of California Berkeley, he has also served with the faculty at Syracuse and Cornell Universities. He lives in Harrisburg, PA with his wife Paula and has two sons, Jonathan and Eric, both of whom reside in



Pittsburgh, PA.

(Text & photo: Prof. Michael K. Heiman, April 2015)

Dr. Susan Herbst



Dr. Susan Herbst was appointed as the 15th President of the University of Connecticut by its Board of Trustees in December of 2010, and arrived on campus in June of 2011. She is the first female president of the University, which was founded in 1881.

Since that time, she has led multiple initiatives to strengthen teaching, research, and service at the University. Chief among them is her four-year plan to hire 300 new tenured or tenure-track faculty members at UConn - above and beyond filling vacancies - to significantly enhance course offerings and the University's research capability.

President Herbst has also led the implementation of two recent major state investments in UConn: Next Generation Connecticut, a more than \$1.5 billion endeavor that will expand educational opportunities, research, and innovation in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines at UConn over the next decade, as well as add new faculty in the humanities; and Bioscience Connecticut, an \$864 million initiative that is revitalizing the UConn Health enterprise, expanding enrollment in the medical and dental classes, building new business incubators, creating centers of excellence with neighboring institutions, and more.

One of President Herbst's other priorities is dramatically increasing the level of philanthropic giving to UConn through the UConn Foundation. Along with Joshua Newton, who began as president of the UConn Foundation in 2013, she has set the goal of eventually raising at least \$100 million in new gifts per year, with a long-term goal of reaching an endowment value of \$1 billion.

Prior to her appointment at UConn, President Herbst served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of the University System of Georgia, where she led 15 university presidents and oversaw the academic missions for all 35 public universities in Georgia. Before arriving in Georgia, she was provost and executive vice president at the University at Albany (SUNY) and also served as officer in charge of the university from 2006 to 2007, upon the death of Kermit L. Hall. She previously served as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University.

Herbst spent 14 years at Northwestern University, joining the faculty in 1989 and serving until her departure to Temple in 2003. At Northwestern she held a variety of positions including professor of political science and chair of the department.

She is a scholar of public opinion, media, and American politics, and is author of four books and many articles in these areas, most recently, *Rude Democracy: Civility and Incivility in American Politics* (2010). Along with Benjamin Page, Lawrence Jacobs, and Adam Berinsky, she edits the

University of Chicago Press series in American Politics. She serves on the board of directors of the American Council on Education.

Born in New York City in a family originating from Nuremberg where her father was born in 1924, and raised in Peekskill, New York, President Herbst received her B.A. in political science from Duke University in 1984, and her Ph.D. in communication theory and research from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in 1989.

(Text & photo: Dr. Susan Herbst, April 2015)

Sophie Heymann



I was born in Nuremberg, in 1928, and after a temporary stay in Dijon, France, arrived in the U.S. in 1938. I graduated from Hunter High School in 1945, from Hunter College in 1948, and received my MBA from NYU in 1949, one of the first women ever to achieve that. I was married to Lee Heymann from Munich in 1951 and soon moved to Closter, NJ. My husband established the meat products manufacturing concern Abeles and Heymann in 1954. I worked there in many capacities for the next 40 years,

while also serving as a buyer for Alexanders' department stores, and working for the election division of the ABC network as well as raising four wonderful children. My entree into government began with my appointment (by three different governors over 22 years) to the NJ Board of Pharmacy. Concurrently I was given various municipal appointments which culminated in my election as Closter's mayor. After eight years, I retired this past January. I serve now on the

Palisades Interstate Park Commission (NY and NJ) appointed by the NJ Governor and the NJ Senate. I am also a vice-president or board member of several non-profits and still serve Closter on its Planning, Environmental and Historic Commissions.

(Text & photo: Sophie Heymann, April 2015)

Ludwig Hopf



Ludwig Hopf (1884 in Nuremberg, Germany - December 21, 1939 in Dublin, Ireland) was a notable physicist specializing in mathematics, special relativity, hydrodynamics and aerodynamics. He studied under Arnold Sommerfeld at the University of Munich. He collaborated with Albert Einstein at the University of Zurich and accompanied him to the Karl-Ferdinand University in Prague in 1910. He later accepted a position at the Aachen Technische Hochschule, where he eventually became a professor in hydrodynamics and aerodynamics. During World War I he con-

tributed to the design of military aircraft. In 1934, due to his being *non-Aryan*, he lost his position at Aachen; he moved to Ireland and became a professor of mathematics at Trinity College, Dublin. In 1939, Ludwig Hopf became seriously ill and died on December 21.

(Text & photo: Michael Hopf, April 2015)

Peter S. Hopf

Peter S. (formerly Klaus) Hopf was born in Nuremberg April 26, 1929 and attended the *Israelitische Volksschule* on *Obere Kanalstraße*. After *Kristallnacht* in 1938, he and his brother got to England via the *Kindertransport* where their parents were able to join them several months later. Subsequently, the family emigrated to the U.S. Peter grew up in New York City, was educated at Pratt Institute, and opened his practice there as a licensed architect. In 1954 he married G. Edith Hutzler (also born in Nuremberg) with whom he had two children. In 1973 the family moved to



California where Peter held senior design and construction positions at Stanford University, Apple Computer, and Security Pacific Bank. When Edith died in 1985 he married Susan Benner and the couple moved to San Diego where they now live. Peter currently provides a map support service to property managers in Southern California.

(Text & photo: Peter S. Hopf, April 2015)

Jennie Intro Moret and brother Max Intro



Grandchildren of Fanny and Ruben Steinwell of Fürth, Germany.

Children of Betty Steinwell Introligator (Intro) of Fürth, Germany and Rudolph Introligator (Intro) of Ofenbach, Germany.

Jennie Intro Moret was born 1941 in New Orleans (LA) and now lives in Atlanta (GA). She and husband Macy Moret have two children and six grandchildren. She is a Speaker at The Breman Holocaust Museum and Recipient of the 1997 Woman of Achievement Award and 2010

Volunteer of the Year Award for the Auxiliary of The William Breman Jewish Home in Atlanta (GA). Jennie is retiring this May 2015 after working 36 years at Saks Fifth Avenue fine jewelry department in Atlanta (GA).

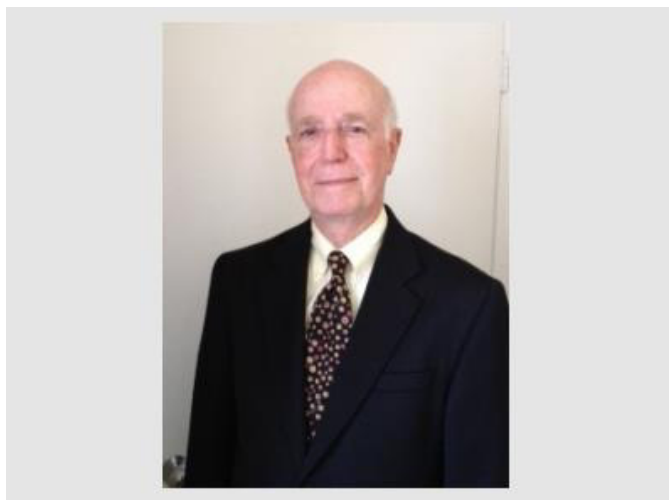
Max Intro was born 1936 in Frankfurt, Germany and immigrated with their parents and uncle on the S.S. Manhattan in October / November 1938. He and Philis Phillips Intro have three children and four grandchildren. Max Intro (Introligator) was originally in upper level management with a major retail chain for 26 years in New Orleans (LA). He managed a major Florida Mall in Orlando, (FL) for 6 years. and was in Residential Real Estate for 10 years in Orlando. He retired at 75 and is having a good life in Orlando (FL) with his family.

(Text & photo: Jennie Intro Moret, May 2015)

Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley

Formerly Rolf Peter Kissinger, born in Nuremberg, November 28, 1933, came to the U.S. in 1938. Ordained as a Reform Rabbi in 1960 after which he served as an Air Force Chaplain before leading congregations in Garden City, L.I. NY (1962 - 1967) and North Miami Beach, FL (1967 - 1998) where he founded a Liberal Jewish Day School and held leadership roles on the local and national Jewish scene. Married to Brenda, the father of 2, grandfather of 4, he has led the Yiskor Service during the last four Nuremberg-Fürth Reunions.

(Text & photo: Rabbi Ralph P. Kingsley, April 2015)



Henry A. Kissinger



Born in Fürth in 1923 to Louis (see below) and Paula Kissinger, Henry Kissinger was the 56th Secretary of State from 1973 - 1977. He also served as the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from 1969 - 1975. He is the founder and Chairman of Kissinger Associates, an international consulting firm, and he spends his time in New York and Connecticut.

(Text & photo: Kissinger Associates, Inc., April 2015)

Louis Kissinger



Louis (rechts) und Paula Kissinger bei einem Besuch in Fürth im Dezember 1975 mit dem Fürther Oberbürgermeister Kurt Scherzer
(Foto: Günter B. Kögler mit freundlicher Genehmigung der Fürther Nachrichten / Pressearchiv Nürnberg)

geb. 2.2.1887 in Ermershausen, verst. 19.3.1982 in New York

Die Familie Kissinger wohnte nach der Heirat 1922 bis 1925 in der Fürther Mathildenstraße 23, dem Geburtshaus von Heinz (Henry) Kissinger (s.o.). Ein Jahr später zogen Louis Kissinger und seine Frau Paula, geborene Stern, mit den Söhnen Heinz und Walter (geb. 1924) in eine größere Wohnung in der Marienstraße 5.

Louis Kissinger unterrichtete zuerst als Hauptlehrer an der privaten Heckmann-Schule in Fürth, danach bis 1933 als Studienrat am Lyzeum, der Höheren Mädchenschule (jetziges Helene-Lange-Gymnasium) in

der Tannenstraße. Ab 1919 war er als Lehrer bei der Stadt Fürth fest angestellt. Am 2. Mai 1933 wurde er zwangsweise beurlaubt und mit Beginn des neuen Schuljahres 1933/34 in den dauernden Ruhestand versetzt. Die Kissingers wohnten in der Marienstraße bis zur Abmeldung im August 1938, um in die USA nach New York zu emigrieren.

Louis Kissinger starb am 19.3.1982 im Alter von 95 Jahren. Als Lehrer mit Herzblut und engem Kontakt zu seinen Schülern sowie einem guten kollegialen Verhältnis zu den anderen Lehrern war er hochgeachtet und blieb allseits in bester Erinnerung.

Seine Frau Paula starb mit 97 Jahren am 15.11.1998 in Manhattan. Im Nachruf heißt es: *She returned to Germany a few times, once when Dr. Kissinger was given an honorary degree. She was struck by the unreality of it all. "First you get chased away, and then you get treated like royalty,"* she told a reporter.

Quellen: Fürther Nachrichten (FN) vom 18.12.1975: Sie kramten in der Erinnerung, Die Eltern des amerikanischen Außenministers im Rathaus und in der alten Schule. FN vom 22.3.1982, Rubrik *Namen im Gespräch*. New York Times, 16.11.1998: Paula Kissinger, 97, The Mother of a Statesman.

(Text: Peter Frank, August 2015)

Prof. Edgar Klugman

born September 13, 1925 Nuremberg, Germany

Professor of Child and Family Policy at Wheelock College in Boston, MA

Edgar Klugman has been a life-long advocate for children's play, policy and practice. His early work was in Afghanistan, creating and working with the Institute of Education in Kabul. Eventually he co-founded a national endeavor, Playing for Keeps which is now a Leadership Initiative of the Children's Museums of the United States.

His work with this organization as well as with the Department of Early Education and Care in Massachusetts and the National Association for Education of Young Children (as a board member) influenced the toy industry, teaching and learning practice and policy in schools and communities in the United States. A lot of the work was supported by the U.S. / Israel Bi-national Science Foundation. Currently his interest in play has led him to address the issue of intergenerational experiences and play.

(Text & photo: Prof. Edgar Klugman, March 2015)



Hans Kohnstam and Ruth Wetzler Meerapfel

Hans Stefan Kohnstam was born in Fürth, Germany on September 19, 1903. He died in Munich, Germany on July 25, 1990. He was a merchandising representative and an artist. He had studied art and painting at the Bauhaus School of Design in Dessau under Walter Gropius. His post-WWII paintings were donated to the *Jüdische Museum München* on October 11, 2001. Hans married Ruth Wetzler on March 17, 1933 in Nuremberg's main synagogue. Ruth Wetzler Meerapfel was born in Hof, Germany and grew up in Fürth. They were forced to flee Germany



and settled in Amsterdam where Pieter Kohnstam was born on June 18, 1936.

They fled Amsterdam in 1942 and eventually settled in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They later divorced and each remarried. Ruth was trained as a kindergarten teacher, had many interests and talents. She spoke eleven languages fluently. She established the United Nations Women's Organization in Argentina and became President for life. She died on May 28, 1995 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(Text & photo: Pieter Kohnstam, March 2015)

Richard Krautheimer



born July 6, 1897 in Fürth

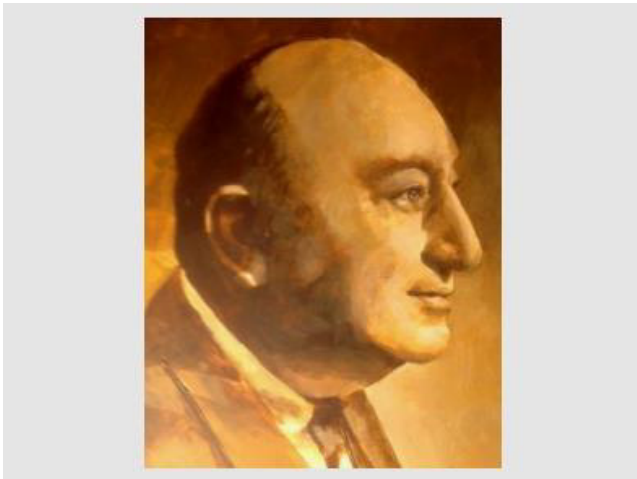
died October 31, 1994 in Rome

Son of Nathan Krautheimer (Patron of the *Krautheimer-Krippe* in Fürth) and Martha-Klara Landmann.

Art Historian of international renown, author of groundbreaking books and scholarly studies. Fled to the USA where he taught and lectured at several universities, mainly Vassar. Later moved to Rome where he was made Honorary Citizen.

(Text & photo: Ulla Landmann Schneider, April 2015)

Henry (Heinrich) Landau



born April 11, 1905 Fürth

deceased June 30, 1966 Brussels

Henry Landau had been active in Jewish communal work since his adolescence. He joined Agudas Israel as a young adult and was elected to the *Vaad Hapoel Haolami* (International Executive Board) where he served until his death. He was president of the *Comité Central Israélite* in Brussels, Board member of the *Ecole Israelite* in Brussels and since 1961 economic adviser to the Burundi government.

(Text & photo: Renee Landau, April 2015)

Ernst Landmann

born May 13, 1846 in Scheinfeld, Bavaria,
later moved to Fürth

died May 14, 1925 in Fürth

Head of *Landmann & Söhne* Hops Merchant
House.

Prominent citizen of Fürth, member of the City
Council and actively engaged in the cultural
life of the city, patron of the Municipal Theater
in Fürth.

(Text & photo: Ulla Landmann Schneider,
April 2015)



Siegfried Landmann

born June 6, 1877 in Fürth to Ernst Landmann and
Pauline Hellmuth

died in Sao Paulo, February 10, 1963

As a young man Siegfried Landmann moved to
Moscow in 1897 to manage his family's local
business *Landmann & Söhne*. He fled from Russia
1918, returning to his home in Fürth. Soon after-
wards, in view of his fluency in Russian and thor-
ough knowledge of the country, he was appointed
by the new German government and subsequently
by the Red Cross, to rescue and repatriate many



thousand German Prisoners of War in close cooperation with the Swedish Red Cross Representa-
tive Elsa Brändström. Whilst negotiating the rescue he was twice sentenced to death by the then
rivaling parties in Russia. He escaped twice, returning to Germany via Finland and Sweden, and
the second time via Siberia, Japan and the USA.

After the Nazis came to power Siegfried Landmann had to flee from his fatherland and settled in
Brazil.

(Text & photo: Ulla Landmann Schneider, April 2015)

Emmy Landmann Kronheimer

born October 13, 1884 in Fürth

died 1970 in New York

Emmy Landmann Kronheimer fled to Holland and subsequently emigrated to the USA. She was a well-known writer of children's books with thousands of copies sold in the 1920s:

Ein Starenheim in Bild und Reim

Im Walde

Im Reiche der Waldmännchen

(Text & photo: Ulla Landmann Schneider, April 2015)



Rabbi Dr. Robert L. Lehman

born May 3, 1927 Heilbronn, Germany

died June 13, 2003 New York, NY

Rabbi Lehman - along with his wife Ilona (Loni) from Alt Frankfurt, participated and officiated at the reunions from their inception until his death in 2003.

Rabbi Lehman emigrated to the U.S. (NYC) during the Holocaust in 1938. He graduated Stuyvesant HS, LIU and was later ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1954. He was the Rabbi of the Hebrew Tabernacle in Washington Heights for 41 years.



Ensuring the memory of the Holocaust was important to Rabbi Lehman, as was creating a sanctuary for the immigrants of that era. Hebrew Tabernacle in Washington Heights was a religious, social and cultural gathering place as well as a safe haven for German Jews.

Upon retiring from Hebrew Tabernacle, Rabbi Lehman served as interim Rabbi for *Or Chadash*, a congregation in Vienna, Austria, and then at Temple Israel in Lawrence, NY. Rabbi Lehman received a Doctorate in Ministry from New York Theological Seminary in 1985. He was a former president of the New York Association of Reform Rabbis and the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe. He served on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and on the Executive Committee of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

(Text & photo: Sharon Lehman, April 2015)

Elizabeth Rose Miller (Bein)

born June 23, 1923 Nuremberg

deceased February 25, 2015 Redwood City (CA)

Columnist for the Redwood City Tribune and Author of *The American Revolution - As Described by British Writers and listed in the Original British Newspapers*.

(Text & photo: Lewis Miller, March 2015)



Bill Mohr



born February 22, 1935 in Fürth

Bill Mohr is the author of a sociology / business book *Quality Circles: Changes Images of People at Work* (Addison-Wesley, 1983). In connection with the publication of the book he lectured in England, Sweden, Taiwan, Japan, Alaska and in universities in the U.S. His teaching included consulting for several American firms.

In March 2010, shortly after the Haiti earthquake, he and his wife Harriet started the Haiti

Jewish Refugee Legacy Project blog (<http://wp.me/PS6a0-2>). One of his goals was to bring attention to the relatively unknown fact that Haiti was instrumental in saving a few hundred Jewish lives during the Holocaust. Included among the survivors was his family. Since it began, it has received over 73,000 views from readers in 164 countries. One feature of the project is to recognize people who have helped to *repair the word* by presenting them with a Tikkun Olam Award.

Among the recipients from the Nürnberg-Fürth region are Frank Harris and brothers Harry and Edgar Rosenberg who were in Haiti at the same time as his family. The blog includes several Pinterest boards including: Anti-Semitism, Israel, WW II and more.

(Text & photo: Bill Mohr, July 2015)

Dr. Emil Mosbacher



June 7, 1886 Fürth - May 31, 1973 Forest Hills, NY

Dr. Emil Mosbacher was a leading gynecologist and obstetrician in Nuremberg until he was forced to close his practice in August 1938 and flee with his family from the Nazi persecution of Jews. He had graduated from the University of Heidelberg summa cum laude and had participated in the most advanced medical research in his specialty, publishing many well-received papers. He also served as a military doctor during WWI, but since he was horrified by the violence of

the war he discharged as many soldiers as he could to spare their lives.

In the 1920s and 1930s he was President of B'nai B'rith. He came from an orthodox family and was able to balance his faith and modify his religious practices together with his belief in progressive political ideas and in the requirements of scientific progress.

(Text & photo: Marianne Mosbacher Flack, March 2015)

Stephen (Sigmund) Mosbacher

October 14, 1923 Nuremberg - April 2, 1945 Neuhaus (Westphalia)

Stephen Mosbacher was a brilliant student who quickly became fluent in five languages and showed great academic promise which was thwarted by the necessity to flee Nuremberg in 1938. Stephen quickly adjusted to his new life in New York City, graduating from a public high school at age 16 and winning a scholarship to a midwestern university. After America entered the war, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a hero by trying to save the life of a



comrade just weeks before the end of hostilities in April 1945. In this selfless attempt he was killed in action in Germany.

In his hundreds of letters to his family Stephen expressed an uncanny maturity and insight into the complexities of both his personal situation as a soldier and the larger political and social complexities brought on by the war. There is no way one can predict what creativity he would have generated had his life not been cut short.

(Text: Marianne Mosbacher Flack, March 2015 - Photo: adoptiegraven-database.nl)

Walter M. Oppenheim

July 9, 1923 - October 29, 1995

Walter Oppenheim was born in Nuremberg. He excelled as a precious metal jeweler whose casting facility in Rhode Island was one of the finest in the world. He was commissioned to do museum reproductions for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. His casting work in gold and silver was part of the retrospective exhibit of Steuben Glass in New York City.



He designed and supplied all commemorative medals for the Nuremberg-Fürth Reunions and donated these medals to the Leo Baeck Institute and the Simon Wiesenthal Center. His accomplishments were acknowledged by President Jimmy Carter (see photo).

(Text & photo: Ruth Oppenheim, April 2015)

Sofie Prager, nee Landecker

born November 23, 1912 Nuremberg, Germany
deceased February 3, 1986 Queens, New York

My mother graduated as a chemical engineer from Germany. Unfortunately, at the time that Hitler took over, Jews were no longer issued diplomas. Sofie left Germany to work as a chemical engineer in the U.S. My mother, highly intelligent, was way ahead of her time, becoming a female professional in the 1930s! *Germany's loss has become the free world's gain.*



(Text & photo: Mrs. Tannenbaum, May 2015)

Robert Schopflocher

Geboren in Fürth am 14.4.1923.

Auswanderung nach Argentinien im Jahre 1937.

Verheiratet mit Ruth de Levie, 2 Söhne, 5 Enkel und 4 Urenkel.

Ausbildung als Diplomlandwirt. Als solcher der jüngste Verwalter mehrerer Baron Hirsch Siedlungen der *Jewish Colonization Association*. Seit 1952 im Familienunternehmen in Buenos Aires tätig.

Daneben Verfasser mehrerer Bücher und Zeitungsartikel in spanischer Sprache.

Seit Ende des vergangenen Jahrhunderts schreibt er wieder in Deutsch (Romane, Erzählungen, ein Gedichtband).

Unter diversen Auszeichnungen in Argentinien und Deutschland erhielt er 2008 den Jakob Wassermann Literaturpreis der Stadt Fürth.

Ehrenmitglied der *Asociación Filantrópica Israelita* und des PEN-Zentrums der deutschsprachigen Autoren im Ausland.

2013 Eintrag in das Goldene Buch der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.

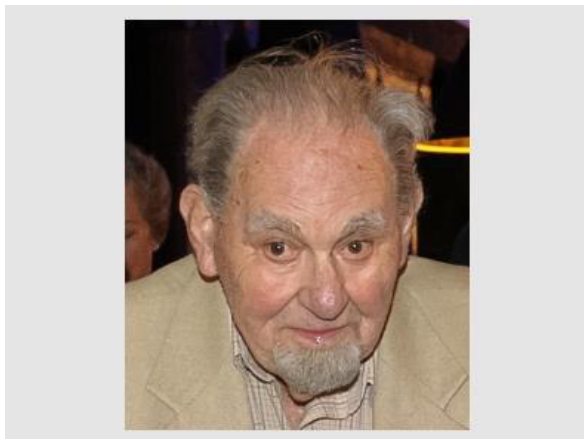
2015 Verleihung des Verdienstkreuzes der Bundesrepublik Deutschland am Bande.

Robert Schopflocher verstarb am 23. Januar 2016 in Buenos Aires.

(Text & Foto: Robert Schopflocher, März 2015 / Gerhard Jochem, Oktober 2021)



Prof. Kurt E. Shuler



Kurt E. Shuler (Schulherr) was born in Nuremberg July 10, 1922. He was a student at the *Realgymnasium* until 1936 when he was expelled because he was Jewish. In 1937 he emigrated with his parents to the U.S. and became an American citizen in 1944. After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1942 Shuler served with U.S. Army 1944 until 1946. As a military intelligence officer he returned to Nuremberg in 1945 and took part in the war crimes tribunal. Discharged from the military he resumed his academic career: Ph.D. (1949), postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University (1949 - 1951), promotion to senior staff member and assistant at Applied Physics Laboratories (1951 - 1955). 1955 - 1961 he worked at the National Bureau of Standards and finally was promoted to assistant director.

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Having held high rank positions at General Motors and the Institute for Defense Analyses Kurt Shuler became professor of chemistry at the University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, 1968 - 1991. Twice he was elected chairman of the department. Shuler authored and edited many scientific publications and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award of the National Bureau of Standards and the Gold Medal Award of the Department of Commerce. Several invitations to submit proposals for the Nobel Prize for Chemistry show his scientific reputation. In 2006 UCSD's Department of Chemistry voted to establish an endowed chair in his honor, the *Kurt E. Shuler Chair for Physical Chemistry*.

Kurt Shuler deceased on May 9, 2018, in Rancho Santa Fe (CA).

(Text: Frank Harris & Gerhard Jochem, April 2015 / Oktober 2021- Photo: UCSD, April 2015)

Anna Steuerwald Landmann

born February 13, 1892 in Fürth

died August 24, 1980 in Nuremberg

Anna Steuerwald Landmann was actively engaged in promoting gender equality and women's rights and well-known for being an outspoken opponent of the Nazis, most notably of Julius Streicher as early as 1923. After the Nazis came to power she fled to Chile with her family where she lived under difficult circumstances until the end of the war when she returned to Germany

(Nuremberg). She resumed her outstanding work and activities, and has also contributed greatly to studies of German Literature in Exile. Eventually her engagement was publicly recognized by naming a street in Nuremberg after her, the *Anna Steuerwald-Landmann-Straße*.

(Text: Ulla Landmann Schneider, April 2015, Peter Frank, July 2015 - Photo: Ulla Landmann Schneider)



William Thurnauer

October 11, 1913 - March 12, 2006



Maria Thurnauer (nee Hirschmann)

December 22, 1911 - May 27, 1999

Both William and Maria Thurnauer were born in Nuremberg. Together they spent fifty years bringing classical music to their adopted home of Teaneck, New Jersey, where Bill served as President of the Teaneck Symphony, where Maria, a contralto, founded the Friends of Music and where they were both honored as Citizens of the Year in 1978. Maria's many concert performances included a solo recital at the Carnegie Recital Hall in November 1955. She also occasionally sang in the chorus of the Marlboro Music Festival, a festival that Bill and Maria

both avidly supported. As president and secretary of The Civic Music Association of Bergen County for 25 years, they produced a concert series featuring some of the world's greatest musicians: Isaac Stern, Rudolph Serkin, Federica von Stade, Joshua Bell and many others. They were honored for this work by the International Society of Performing Arts Administrators. They endowed the JCC Thurnauer School of Music which has helped students of all races, religions and economic backgrounds to develop a lifelong understanding and enjoyment of music. They were exceptionally proud of their association with the 5 Generation Nuremberg-Fürth Family Group, bringing many of their most talented students as young as 4 years old to the Reunions at the Catskill Mountains.

(Text: Andrew Thurnauer & Frank Harris, April 2015 - Photo: Andrew Thurnauer)

Arnold (Arnie) H. Weiss (Wangersheim)

He was born July 25, 1924 in Nuremberg and proud of his U.S. Army service, including his role in the Counter Intelligence Corps debunking the survival of Hitler through finding his Final Will and Political Testament, the key document used as evidence in the Nuremberg Trials. He helped displaced persons, contributed to denazifying postwar Bavaria and re-consecrating the sanctuary in Fürth, the first to be returned to use in the American Zone. He was prouder still of his subsequent contributions to and career in international banking law and development of emerging markets countries. Arnie Weiss deceased on December 7, 2010 in Rockville (MD).

(Text: Andrew Weiss, April 2015 / Gerhard Jochem, October 2021)

Ruth Weiss, nee Löwenthal



born July 26, 1924 Fürth

Ruth Weiss is the younger daughter of Selma and Richard Löwenthal. The family emigrated 1936 to Johannesburg where Ruth attended school, matriculating 1940. Thanks to her background she immediately rejected the racist society and fought against all discrimination and for human rights throughout her life. Financial constraints ruled out studying, so she worked in a solicitor's office, then in a bookshop before joining 1948 an insurance company as company secretary. She also wrote eco-

economic pieces and traveled to black Africa south of the Sahara for her partner, journalist Hans Leopold Weiss who wrote for German media from the early 1950s. In the early 1960s she switched to fulltime journalism as *News Check* business editor, then for the *Financial Mail (FM)*. After the 1965 white Southern Rhodesian minority's Unilateral Declaration of Independence she worked as *FM* bureau chief in Salisbury. Deported in 1968 and also on apartheid South Africa's black list, she worked for the London *Guardian*, returning to Africa 1971 as *Financial Times*

correspondent in Zambia and *Times of Zambia* business editor. From 1975 to 1978 she was at the *Voice of Africa*, Cologne, then as freelancer in London until Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 when she trained economic journalists in Harare, also co-founding an economic journal. From 1978 to 1992 she was engaged in a Harare project bringing white South Africans together with liberation movements. Through her working life she came to know life in villages and palaces making friends in both.

Ruth Weiss retired first to the Isle of Wight, then Germany. She authored some 32 books, nonfiction and fiction, and was 1 of 1000 women nominated in 2005 for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2010 an Aschaffenburg school was named after her. In 2014 she received the *Bundesverdienstkreuz*. In the same year, to mark her 90th birthday, the Basle *Afrika Bibliographien* mounted an exhibition about her work also shown in Cape Town. She still writes, gives talks and readings especially in schools.

(Text & photo: Ruth Weiss, July 2015)

Janet Wolf

Janet Wolf is the daughter of Lotte Wilmers Wolf who was born in Nuremberg in 1921 and died in 2011.

Janet, born in 1957 in New York City, is an illustrator of children's books. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, please see Janet's website: <http://janetwolf.com.au>

Janet presently lives in Melbourne, Australia with her husband Peter Bau and son Jacob. Her most recent book is *Bus Fuss*, published by New Frontier. Her Australian publisher says of her:

www.newfrontier.com.au/people/janet-wolf/1450.html

Janet started writing and illustrating picture books in her native NY back in 1981. While teaching fine art to children at a Long Island school, she published five picture books. In 1992, she illustrated *Rosie and the Yellow Ribbon* which won a Christopher Award.

(Text & photo: Marion Wolf, March 2015)

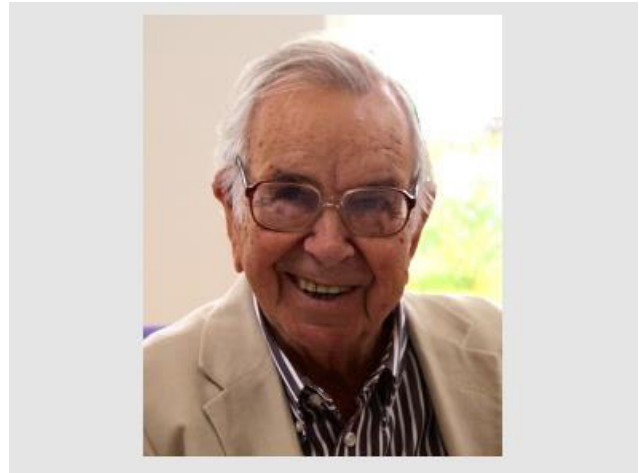


Henry Martin Wuga

born February 23, 1924 Nuremberg

Henry Wuga attended the *Israelitische Realschule* in Fürth. He came alone to Britain in 1939 on the *Kindertransport*, aged 15. He was wrongly accused of being a Dangerous Enemy Alien and interned on the Isle of Man.

In 1985 Henry helped to set up ski bike rehabilitation for the charity *BLESMA (British Limbless ex-Servicemen's Association)* and in 1999 was awarded the MBE by HRH Queen Elizabeth II for services to Sport for Disabled Persons. Henry and his wife Ingrid of 70 years continue to inspire the young with talks in schools and young offenders' institutions both in Scotland and Germany.



(Text: Hilary Hodsman, April 2015 - Photo: David Field)

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