

ON THE TRACKS OF JEWISH LIFE IN BAYREUTH

FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY:

- 1 Synagogue with mikvah, Münzgasse 2



- 2 Cemetery, Nürnberger Str. 9
- 3 Former community house, Münzgasse 5\* with mikvah and kosher butchers cabin
- 4 School classroom, central school house (Graser-school), Schulstr. 4
- 5 Jewish Community and Culture Centre with Museum (to be completed in 2020), Münzgasse 9



HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY

The history of the Bayreuth Jewish Community goes back to the Middle Ages. Since the 13th century there is evidence proving the existence and the persecution of Jews in the town. After the Jews had to leave the margraviate in 1515 only few isolated Jews inhabited Bayreuth until the 18th century. Their living circumstances were dependant on the goodwill of the Margraves who granted protection due to financial interests of their own. "Landstände" (political representatives of the estates in the German Empire during the Middle Ages) and the municipal council were rather hostile and restrictive towards Jews. Margrave Friedrich (reigned from 1735-1763) made a re-establishment of a Jewish Community possible. He allowed the settlement of 10 Jewish families and gave his consent to the Court banker and coin supplier Moses Seckel to set up a synagogue. The rapidly growing number of the community, in 1792 389 Jews lived in Bayreuth and in 1837 the Jewish population peaked at 530 Jewish citizens, result-

WORKING LIFE:

- 6 Badstr. 30, Abraham Fleischer, (Owners Isaak and Samuel Fleischer), cattle sales
- 7 Dammwäldchen 4\*, Lion Löwensohn, first Bayreuther chocolate, sugar confectionary and fruit preserve factory, also "Apparatebauanstalt Bavaria"
- 8 Erlangerstr. 19, privat mental home, Dr. Würzburger (later Kulmbacher Str. 103)
- 9 Friedrich-Puchta-Str. 26, Dr. Hugo Holzinger, doctor and obstetrician
- 10 Kanzleistr. 15, Antiquarian Seligsberg
- 11 Karl-Marx-Str. 4\*, Jakob Kaufmann, leather goods (suitcases and school satchels)
- 12 Karl-Marx-Str. 6\*, S. Strauß & Sons, horse and cattle trade
- 13 Karl-Marx-Str. 13, Max Oppenheim, skin and fur store, later Selmar Oppenheim, Oppinwerke, shoe dispatch shipments
- 14 Kulmbacher Str. 103\*, private mental home Dr. Würzburger, later Sanatorium Mainschloss and Herzoghöhe
- 15 Luitpoldplatz 2, Max und Leopold Reinauer, Ludwig Heimann, textile manufacturer and textile store
- 16 Maximilianstr. 2\*, Simon Pfefferkorn, womens clothing, curtains and textile store
- 17 Maximilianstr. 9, Max Harburger, textile store
- 18 Maximilianstr. 46, H.M.Wilmersdörffer, later Gutta and Max Wilmersdörffer, Paul Nördlinger, manufactured goods, textile supplies
- 19 Maximilianstr. 71, Moritz Fleischer, later Isaac Zwirn, shoe store
- 20 Münzgasse 11, Simon Fleischmann, book print, bag and paper factory, later Ludwig Hönigsberger
- 21 Opernstr. 7, Julius Aptekmann later Hermann Reinauer, Reinauer&Düring, tobacco store
- 22 Opernstr. 1\*, department store Friedmann, Erwege, Joseph Friedmann later Max Friedmann and law office Dr. Richard Herzstein, lawyer
- 23 Opernstr. 16, Moses and David Seckel, coin supplier and Court Jew, later Family Wertheimer, later Isidor Dittmann, male clothes store
- 24 Opernstr. 22, Luitpold Kurzmann, department store for wool and fashion items as well as toys, then Adolf and Oscar Marx
- 25 Richard-Wagner-Str. 4\*, Heinrich Schriefer, department store for wool and fashion items as well as toys, then Adolf and Oscar Marx
- 26 Richard-Wagner-Str. 38, law office Berthold Klein, lawyer

BIRTHPLACES AND FORMER ADDRESSES OF RENOWNED PERSONALITIES:

- 27 Dr. Fischel Arnheim (1812-1864), Opernstr. 7 solicitor, bavarian Member of Parlament
- 28 Prof. Dr. Siegfried Bettmann (1869-1939), Luitpoldplatz 17\*, doctor, dermatologist, professor at the University Heidelberg
- 29 Richard Engelmänn (1868-1966), Markgrafenallee 44, sculptor, professor at the higher education institution for visual arts Weimar
- 30 Dr. Heinrich Harburger (1851-1916), Kämmergeigasse 9\* attorney, President of the Higher Regional Court Munich's Senate, honorary professor University Munich
- 31 Julius Herz von Hertentried (1825-1910), Kulmbacher Str. 7\* engineer, railway construction in Bavaria, Switzerland, Austria, inherited knighthood in Austria
- 32 Hilde Marx (1911-1986), Richard-Wagner-Str. 4\* author
- 33 Dr. Albert Neuburger (1867-1943), Kirchgasse 22 electrochemist, author of historical technical books, ("Die Technik des Altertums", 1919) and newspaper articles
- 34 Emanuel Osmund (1766-1842), Friedrichstr. 16 friend of Jean Paul, banker and retailer
- 35 Josef Rubinstein (1847-1884), Badstr. 31\*, pianist of Richard Wagner, grave in the Jewish Cemetary Bayreuth
- 36 Justin Steinhäuser (1891-1966), Friedrich-von-Schiller-Str. 14\* merchant and city council

\* buildings torn down, partly replaced through new buildings.



STREETS NAMED IN REMEMBRANCE OF JEWS:

- 37 Harburgerstraße
- 38 Judengasse (= Von-Römer-Straße)
- 39 Jakob-Herz-Straße
- 40 Dr.-Würzburger-Straße
- 41 Levistraße

TIME OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST PERSECUTION

Prehistory and Anti-Semitism

- 42 Wahnfriedstr. 1, Chamberlain-Villa
- 43 Maximilianstr. 2/4\*, "Brown House", seat of the NSDAP regional administration ("Gaulitung") Bayerische Ostmark

Locations of the Reichspogromnacht 1938

- 1 Münzgasse 2, Synagogue
- 44 Carl-Schüller-Str. 20 1/2, textile store "G. Roßkamm" (owner: Jakob and Adele Strauß)
- 45 Luitpoldplatz 17\*, textile store "Dessauer"
- 46 Richard-Wagner-Str. 20\*, Rudolph Weigert's Nürnberger Bazar
- 47 Schloßberglein 3\*, toy store (owner: Ilse Friedmann)
- 48 Maximilianstr. 33, police station in the Old Town Hall
- 49 Hindenburgstr. 1\*, stables of the abattoir
- 50 Markgrafenallee 30\*, state court prison

Locations of remembrance

- 51 Memorial stones, Jewish cemetery, Nürnberger Str. 9
- 52 Memorial stones, New Town Hall, Luitpoldplatz 13
- 53 Exhibition "Silenced Voices" ("Verstummte Stimmen") and plaque, Festspielpark
- 54 Plaque external camp Bayreuth as part of the concentration camp Floßenbürg, Spinnereistraße

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