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**Dedication of Remembrance Bands for the Murdered Citizens of Kriegshaber**

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A simple dignified ceremony was held on 28th June 2017 outside the house of 185 Ulmer Strasse in memory of the Einstein family.

Here a Remembrance Band was inaugurated to the memory of members of the Einstein family of Kriegshaber, murdered in Nazi concentration camps

The Einstein were a prestigious family of cattle dealers, had lived there since 1831, and were well respected by their fellow citizens because of their social commitment.

Too late, the family recognised the threat posed to them and their fellow Jewish citizens after the Nazis rise to power..

Moriz and Lydia Einstein succeeded, to send their children Liese and Sigbert to England in 1939..

Isak and Ida also succeeded to send the only daughter Beate to Bradford, England in 1939, as did

Herman and Mina and their only daughter Brunhilde Einstein.

The rest of the family, who were unable to emigrate, were made to work in factories, and deported between 1942 and 1943 to their deaths in concentration camps.

On the occasion of the 100 year anniversary of the Augsburg Synagogue, descendents of the Einstein family, which were invited to attend by Jewish Cultural Museum, arrived in Augsburg to take part in the dedication ceremony for the Remembrance Bands.

Diane Castiglione, daughter of Liesel Fischer (born Einstein and emigrated in 1939) read a moving letter from her mother, who due to her 92 years of age, was not able to travel and be present at the ceremony. Diane read out "The members of Einstein family had always given help to their fellow citizens, mostly quietly - without publicity. "

Steven Anson, son of Beate Anson, (born Einstein, fled to England in 1939) in his brief speech, also pointed out the fate of other minorities: Roma & Sinti Gypsies, Jehovah Witnesses, Homosexuals, physically and mentally handicapped, who were also deported and murdered.

Following the ceremony relatives added flowers to the Remembrance Bands - as reminder of their family and a reminder for later generations.

Red roses were added for love, sunflowers for the sunshine they brought into our lives and purple "thistle" like flowers as a link to their new home in Scotland..

The following morning, Remembrance Bands, for other members of the Einstein family were also inaugurated at Ulmer Straße 121 and 139.

These Remembrance Bands are the initiative of the Jewish Cultural Museum, the Erinnerungswerkstatt, (Remembrance Workshop) , and the City of Augsburg.

**Literature on the fate of the Jewish families of Kriegshaber**

 "The Jewish Kriegshaber." featuring Jewish houses and people in the Augsburg District."

"It's a cruel hand we have been dealt " is the subtitle to the booklet about the history of the Einstein Family of Augsburg Kriegshaber.

Both publications are edited by Benigna Schonhagen, and available in the Kriegshaber former synagogue and the Jewish Cultural Museum in Augsburg.

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Editors Note: this the legacy that the Einstein family left behind for the people of Augsburg and Kriegshaber

" that we are all part of a larger community and have a human commitment to support each other

 I hope that these Remembrance Bands will be a symbol of those values. "

Pastor Gerhard Groll from the Parish of Kriegshaber said "We are glad to welcome you today as neighbours. But it is also nice to know that we have neighbours all over the world ... "

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**Remembrance Bands in Ulmer Straße**

Erich Maydl writes

In the Ulmer Straße 185 used to live completely normal citizens. “People like you and me”, we would say. They were known and respected in the whole quarter. Popular, because they were always helpful and generous. Not just to their fellow Jewish believers. They were also deeply involved in the civic life, committed to the neighborly help, were members of the Red Cross and also active in multiple other organizations. After the Nazis came into power they were boycotted, persecuted and finally deported and murdered. Only three children could be saved, because they were sent timely to England.

The Remembrance Bands in the Ulmer Straße want on one hand to keep the memory of the people who used to live there and on the other hand they should also serve as a warning. Pointing out the terrible events that took place in this spot. And finally express the hope that something like that shall never happen again.

On the occasion of the dedication, I personally had the chance to talk to one of the descendants of the victims. He told me:

“No, I don’t feel hate. But forgetting: No! This is what we owe to the victims back then. They haven’t found a last earthly resting place, like they hoped for according to their belief. We should give them a last resting place in our memories.”

This celebration moved me deeply. When we pass this Remembrance Band we should think of this: Remembrance, Admonition, Hope.

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