



Stolpersteinverlegung am 07.07.2015

Für Max, Mathilde, Manfred, Johanna Melanie Kahn

Oppenheimer Straße 15, Geinsheim



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HIER WOHNTE
MAX KAHN
JG 1866
GESTORBEN
22.01.1934
IN GEINSHEIM

HIER WOHNTE
MATHILDE KAHN
GEB. KARLSRUHER
JG 1872
FLUCHT
USA
ÜBERLEBT

HIER WOHNTE
MANFRED KAHN
JG 1909
FLUCHT 1937
USA
ÜBERLEBT

HIER WOHNTE
**JOHANNA
MELANIE KAHN**
JG 1904
FLUCHT
USA
ÜBERLEBT

Sponsoren:

Pia Kramer und Helga Lerch-Kramer,
Theodor Mann,

Stein für Max Kahn
Stein für Mathilde, Johanna Melanie
und Manfred Kahn

Rede Pia Kramer

Liebe Anwesenden,

70 Jahre nach Ende des 2. Weltkrieges wird die Zahl derer, die die Gräueltaten des Naziregimes noch selbst erleben mussten immer kleiner.

Zeitzeugen immer seltener.

Wir haben mehr denn je die Pflicht genau hinzuschauen und aufmerksam zu machen, auf das was damals geschah.

Wir brauchen Stolpersteine, damit wir erinnert werden wachsam zu bleiben.

Heute erinnern wir uns an die Familie Kahn:

Max Kahn , geb. 1866 in Geinsheim , Mathilde Kahn , geb. 1872 , und deren Kinder Mellie geb. 1904 und Manfred geb. 1909.

Max Kahn war eine echter „Geusemer“, hier geboren und zur Schule gegangen.

Er betrieb in der Oppenheimerstr. 15 ein Geschäft mit Saatgut, seine Frau Mathilde führte den kleinen Laden mit Stoffen und Kurzwaren.

Manfred und Melli sind hier geboren und zur Schule gegangen.

Eine Familie die voll in das Ortsgeschehen von Geinsheim integriert war, mit vielen Freunden, Nachbarn und Verwandten.

Umso unvorstellbarer ist es, das die Familie ab 1933 immer wieder den Repressalien der Nazi Schergen ausgesetzt war.

Nach einem besonders schweren Angriff der SA auf das Haus der Familie Kahn, verließen Mathilde, Melli und Manfred bei Nacht Geinsheim und kehrten nie mehr zurück.

Max war bereits im Januar 1934 gestorben.

Es gelang Ihnen die Flucht in die USA und Sie konnten sich dort ein neues Leben aufbauen.

Manfred gründete eine Familie und wir freuen uns sehr darüber heute seinen Sohn Monroe und seine Familie begrüßen zu dürfen.

Rede Monroe Kahn

RETURN TO GEINSHEIM Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Bürgermeister Carsten Sittmann, Frau Deja, Mr. Gunter Demning, Mr. Walter Ulrich, Ms. Pia Kramer.

Guests Nancy, Leslye, Douglas, Roxanne, Evan & Mirena.

Thank you for your hospitality, warmth and generosity. My family will never forget these days. We are proud to be here to watch the placement of these “Stolpersteine” , “stumbling block” in remembrance of our family and the place they called home.

It has been 81 years since Mathilda, Melie, and Manfred were forced to leave their home at Oppenheimer Strasse 15, never to return. Max, my Opa, died January 21, 1934. Their child, Irma, was 4 when she died in 1907.

I never knew my Opa Max; I believe he owned a business in town. I'm sure he was a hardworking man who loved and provided for his family, as best he could.

My Oma was a warm, and kind person who loved and cared for me for seven years until she passed away in 1950. I remember her sitting by our kitchen window peeling potatoes for her 'kartoffelsalat' (potato salad). She always gave me a small bite with butter on it. Even though I was only 7, I still have fond memories of my Oma.

This is a picture of Melie and Manfred; I believe it was taken in early 1920's.

I also have my father's Deutsches Reich passport (holdup) and report cards (hold up) from Geinsheim in 1915. Report cards are the same in our country.

My Tante Melie was a loving aunt who used to care for me after my day at public school ended and it was in her home, that I saw my first television show. She had no children.

Manfred, my father, or Fred as he was called, and my mother, Toni Fuld, from Usingen, were married in 1941. They were a devoted and loving couple who had many friends, and relatives, who were fortunate to escape Germany, and were lucky to be alive.

My father served in the US Army in the Pacific during World War 2. After returning home he worked for the US Postal Service, until retiring. Both my father and my mother moved to Miami Beach, Florida. They always enjoyed the beach and ocean.

My father cared deeply for his family, his sister and mother, myself and my brother Ronald. My father had many friends and relatives and lived until he was 80.

The survivors of this house at Oppenheimer Strasse 15 all lived a long, healthy and good life with their families in New York City.

My family, Nancy, my wife, Douglas my son, his wife Roxanne, my daughter Leslye, our grandchildren Evan and Mirena, did not come here to relive the events of the past, but to remember where Max, Mathilda, Melie and Manfred, called home and the happy family times they spent in Geinsheim. It must have been such a nice town to enjoy life.

The Kahn's who you see today, are the:

Grandchildren: myself

the great grandchildren: Douglas & Leslye

the other great, grandchild: Andrew, could not make the trip,

and the great, great grandchildren: Evan & Mirena

as well as those who you do not see who could not attend, my brother,

grandson: Ronald,

great granddaughters: Melissa & Michelle

great grandson: Andrew, my son

great, great granddaughters: Eliana & Madeleine

great, great grandson: Enrico

all loving descendants of Max & Mathilda Kahn.

As our remembrance to our departed, we will place a copper plate under these 'Stolpersteins', with all the names of the living decedents of the Kahn's. We have included all the names just mentioned.

We are indebted to Gunter Demning, who since 1997, has laid countless 'Stolperstein' in many European countries, commemorating individuals - both who died and survivors, - the victims of Nazi persecution and oppression. I am in awe of this man. Thank you !!

Special thanks to Pia Kramer who has guided me through this project, been so hospitable and has become a friend.

Max & Mathilda, Melie and Manfred will now always be remembered.

Again, our family expresses our thanks and gratitude for your warmth, generosity and 'ihr Gastfreundlichkeit'.

Thank you Monroe Kahn

