



- 1 SAUERSTADEN / CORNER LINDENSTRASSE**
Adolf Steinberger
Marianne Steinberger, née Levy
Ema Plonsker, née Steinberger
Herbert Franz Joachim Plonsker
Irma Stern, née Steinberger
Isaak Stern
Norbert Stern
Arnold Stern
- 2 LINDENSTRASSE 17**
Mortiz Levy
Emilie Levy, née Wolff
Josef Levy
Armand Levy
- 3 NEURBURGERSTRASSE 33**
Esther Levy, née Baum
- 4 AND SAUERSTADEN**
Daniel Abraham Levy
Klara Levy, née Levy
Adolf Levy
Betty Levy, married Goldschmidt
- 5 KIRCHSTRASSE 32**
Synagogue
- 6 BACHSTRASSE**
Karl Mayer
Adelheid Mayer, née Kahn
Siegfried Mayer
Delphine Mayer, née Levy
- 7 NEURBURGERSTRASSE 38**
Daniel Levy
Ernestine Levy, née Ermann
Ilse Levy
Günther Leopold Levy
- 8 NEURBURGERSTRASSE 48**
Max Mayer
Hedwig Mayer, née Kahn
Manfred Mayer
- 9 NEURBURGERSTRASSE 66**
Theresia Spang
- 10 SAUERSTADEN 4**
Sophie Levy
Helene Levy
- 11 BURGSTRASSE 15**
Johannetta Levy, née Samuel
Moritz Levy
Klara Levy, née Wolf
- A LINDENSTRASSE 10**
Daniel Levy
Melanie Levy, née Cahen
Irene Levy, married Mayer
Martha Levy, married Kristeller
- C JEWISH CEMETERY**

11 B BURGSTRASSE 15
Johannetta Levy, née Samuel (1857–1942)
Moritz Levy (1900–1942)
Klara Levy, née Wolf (1898–1942)



Johannetta

Johannetta Levy had twelve children, four boys and eight girls, together with her husband, the cattle dealer Salomon Levy (1850–1933): Two of the girls died in infancy, three sons fell in the First World War, three daughters and one son were murdered due to the National Socialist terror. Johannetta, together with the youngest son Moritz, ran a fabric and textile shop on the ground floor of the house in the Burgstraße. In the Pogrom Night on 9 November 1938 the house and business were demolished.

From March 1941, the building was declared a "Jewish house"; it was used by the Nazis as a collection centre, in which dispossessed Jewish people were housed. In addition to the owners, there were at least seven other Bollendorf Jewish people living here together – until their deportation to the extermination camps in the East. For their internment in the house they had to pay a monthly rent.

A LINDENSTRASSE 10
Daniel Levy (1880–1971)
Melanie Levy, née Cahen (1882–1968)
Irene Levy, married Mayer (1911–1991)
Martha Levy, married Kristeller (1913–2012)

Daniel Levy (baker Dani), together with his wife Melanie Cahen, ran a bakery in the Lindenstraße, which supplied bread and pastries to Bollendorf and the surrounding area. The couple had two girls: Irene and Martha. Daniel Levy was chased through the village in the "Pogrom Night" and heavily beaten. He fled shortly afterwards with his wife and the younger daughter to relatives in France. The elder daughter Irene had already emigrated to Nice in January 1938, where she lived with her husband Daniel Mayer (1908–1998), who also came from Bollendorf. During the war years, the family had to seek shelter elsewhere in order to escape the persecution which also threatened them in France.



Daniel (Mayer), Melanie, Daniel, Martha, Irene

„A person is first forgotten when his name is forgotten.“

So it is written in the Talmud, one of the most important writings in Judaism. The artist Gunter Demnig from Cologne (*1947) follows this fundamental belief with his Europe-wide "stumbling stone"-project, which gives support to this important act of remembrance.

The small concrete blocks with a brass plate attached to them are dedicated to the memory of the persecuted and murdered Jewish people, so-called gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, politically persecuted and euthanasia victims, during the time of National Socialism. They show, as it were "in passing by", that previous citizens were arbitrarily excluded and dispossessed, due to their religion, their ethnicity, their sexual orientation or simply for being defined as "different".

Additional to the "stumbling stones", which are usually placed in front of the houses of former inhabitants, there will be in future several illustrated plaques, which will give more detailed information on diverse places in Bollendorf. To date, such a plaque has been placed in memory of baker Daniel Levy's family at Lindenstraße 10.

These "places of remembrance" shall be, both today and tomorrow, reminders to us to stand up for a reflected, respectful and future-oriented culture of remembrance. The remembrance of these crimes against humanity should also call upon us to defy any form of exclusion and persecution and to strive for a future which is characterized by compassion, empathy and courage.

Concerning the extinguished Jewish community of Bollendorf

The first mention of the settlement of Jewish people in Bollendorf was in the 1840s. The stone industry of the 1860/70 period formed the main economic growth in this working man's village in the South Eifel. The related demand for draft animals was met in particular by the Jewish merchants. In the last quarter of the nineteenth century the improving economic conditions led to an increase in the number of Jewish families arriving.

Up to the First World War, the Jewish community grew to 110 members, that was 9 % of the village population. This steady increase led to the construction of a synagogue in the Kirchstraße as early as the 19th century. The Jewish cemetery just outside the village probably dates from the same period as the construction of the synagogue.

Both the synagogue and the cemetery were destroyed on the so-called "Pogrom Night" on 9 November 1938. Due to the increasing threat of the Nazi state, many Jewish people had left the village long before the beginning of the war. As early as 1938, only 50 members of the Jewish faith were still living in Bollendorf. The last remaining Jewish people living in the village were deported to and murdered in the extermination camps in the East in 1942.

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