



**Train station Gunzenhausen in November of 1938
Jewish men are deported to the concentration camp at Dachau**

The Concentration Camp in Dachau

Women and children are left behind, Frieda Dottenheimer and Irene, and Werner.

Sigmund and Kurt were at the concentration camp at Dachau with other men from Gunzenhausen, so with Hugo and Salomon Walz (Burgstallstraße 5) in December of 1938.



The Entrance to Dachau

We were able to get some information about what it was like in the concentration camp at Dachau, from a letter that Hugo Walz wrote to the great grandfather of one of our classmates.

He wrote:

[... They tortured us until everything we owned, even most of our clothing, had been stolen....]

In winter of 2002 we took a trip to the concentration camp at Dachau. This way we were able to get a better picture of what life must have been like there, in the bitter cold, with little to no clothing.

After a few weeks, the two men are able to go back to Gunzenhausen. The family leaves town in January of 1939. All the children, except for Joel Fredi, are still in Germany at this point.

The Years in Frankfurt

Until now, nothing was known about the time in the Hessish city. We are able to get some information out of the letters that father Sigmund sent to his son Joel Fredi, in America.

The Situation in Frankfurt is tense, since they don't know when and how they will be able to emigrate. Their only hope of emigration to the US is their son Joel Fredi.

About 30 letters addressed to Fred from his father were sent to St. Louis, each one is asking him to stand surely for the family's emigration. Every single method of escaping is debated.

{...Now my dear Fred, let me tell you about the Cuba trip that didn't work out. After securing boat passes I discovered that they are no longer allowing us Jews to go to Cuba. Even the steamboat „St. Louis“ headed to Cuba with 975 Jews on board was not allowed to dock there, as I have been informed...}

"{... So now I have again received the assurance from the Konsulade de la Republica o del Uruquaj in Paris, that if I turn in my passport... medical records, certificate of conduct, and four wallet photographs to the consulate mentioned above, then I will receive the immigration permission...