

Sigmund and Mina Auerbacher, née Schwab Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Mina Schwab was born in Haigerloch on March 29th 1888. Her parents were Jeanette Schwab who was unmarried. In 1928 Mina married the widower Sigmund Auerbacher from Nordstetten, born on May 9th 1869. Sigmund's first wife, Celine, had died in 1926. From this first marriage he had two children: Alfred, born in 1903 and Hermine, born in 1908. In 1901 the family bought a house in what is today 50/1 Hauptstrasse, Nordstetten. Sigmund traded in furs, skins and oils in Nordstetten.

In 1933 twelve Jewish citizens were still living in Nordstetten. Many had moved away to the cities and the community had shrunk to such an extent that it was dissolved in 1925. The synagogue was sold and pulled down in 1937. The last burial to take place in the cemetery in Nordstetten was in 1934.

Alfred and Hermine Auerbacher managed to flee to the USA. In June 1941 the last three Jews in Nordstetten, Sigmund and Mina Auerbacher and the widow Betty Levi, were forced to leave their houses and move to Rexingen. Betty Levi died in January 1942 and is buried in Rexingen. From June 30th 1941 to August 19th 1942 Sigmund and Mina Auerbacher lived in one room on the ground floor of Auguste Löwenstein's house in Oberdorf. In December 1941 Auguste Löwenstein was deported to Riga. Mina and Sigmund Auerbacher were deported to Theresienstadt in 1942 and one month after their arrival there - on September 26th - they were transferred to Treblinka and murdered in the gas chamber.

In November 2011 two 'stumbling blocks' were laid in Nordstetten in memory of Mina and Sigmund Auerbacher.