

**Arnold and Friederike Isenberg, née Leopold
Deported to Izbica in 1942.**

Friederike Leopold was born in Pfeddersheim near Worms on December 21st 1889. She married the teacher Arnold Isenberg who was born in Regenwald in Pommern on August 28th 1891. He had studied at the Teachers' Training College in Hannover. In the Pfeddersheim address book of 1927 his name appears as owner of his father-in-law's soap-shop. Before they came to Rexingen, the couple lived in Esslingen on the river Neckar where Arnold Isenberg taught at the Israelite school of the local orphanage, "Wilhelmspflge". When the orphanage was forced to close in 1939, Arnold Isenberg went to Rexingen where he took over the post of Herbert Kahn, teacher and cantor who had fled to the USA via England.

Arnold and Friederike Isenberg registered in the Town Hall in Rexingen on June 28th 1939. They lived in Heinrich Pressburger's house in 126 Lichtenbergstrasse. Anneliese Bender-Pressburger remembered later in the USA that she and six other children were taught by him. Lessons were held in the Jewish community centre opposite the synagogue when the Jewish private school was forced to leave the schoolhouse after November 9th 1938.

Anne Bender reports that Arnold Isenberger was a fine, good-hearted teacher. When in March 1941 she and her little brother Ernst set off alone on the long trip to America, he and the other children bade them farewell with the song: "Im schönsten Wiesengrunde ist meiner Heimat Haus" ("The house of my homeland is in the most beautiful meadow").

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The Jewish community centre in which Arnold Isenberg taught the last Jewish children in Rexingen in 1941.