

Hilde Lemberger, née Schwarz, and Siegfried Lemberger Deported to Riga in 1941.

Hilde Lemberger, born in Rexingen on April 8th 1909, was the daughter of Hedwig and Louis Schwarz.

In 1931 she married the cattle-dealer Julius Lemberger, son of Dorchen and Max Lemberger from Rexingen. The marriage took place in Rexingen. Together with his father-in-law, Julius ran a cattle-dealing business in Horb in 14 Schulstrasse which is today Gutermannstrasse. He was a musketeer in World War One, was wounded and twice decorated. On May 22nd 1935 their son Siegfried called Friederle was born. Before his first birthday his father died and was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Horb. In October 1937 Hedwig and Louis Schwarz moved with their daughter and grandson to 31 Freudenstädter Strasse in Rexingen.

Hilde Lemberger's two brothers-in-law, Sally and Josef Lemberger, were just then organizing group emigration and the foundation of the new community in Shavei Zion in Palestine. After a short while Friederle could attend the Jewish kindergarten which was under the care of his Aunt Käthe Lemberger up to the time of her emigration in March 1938. Presumably Hilde and her little boy were not in a financial position to join the group of emigrants. When Hilde and Friederle were brought to the assembly camp in Stuttgart on November 28th 1941, Hilde's mother, Hedwig, wrote the following anxious note in her prayer-book:



Kindergarten, Winter 1937 / 1938: Friederle holding his Aunt Käthe's hand.

“On Friday, November 28th 1941, our dear good daughter, Hilde Sara Lemberger, and our dear good grandson, Siegfried Israel Lemberger, were taken away from here at five-thirty a.m. We only hope that God will stand by them and that both will stay healthy.”

Hilde and Frieder Lemberger were probably shot in a forest near Riga in February 1942 together with over a thousand other women and children. Hilde's parents continued to live in Rexingen for another nine months after which they were deported to Theresienstadt. Hedwig Schwarz was the only one from Rexingen to survive this transport.

Two 'stumbling blocks' in memory of Hilde and Siegfried Lemberger were laid in Rexingen in 2012.

Alle Sonntage den 28
November 1944 ist
unsere gute Tochter
Hilde sowie Leinberger
und unser L. Sohn Siegfried
Siegfried sowie Leinberger
nach für mich unglücklich
weggenommen worden
Auf. unser einziges
Mädchen ist, das ich
mit L. Gott bei sich
in Frieden gelassen
bleibe.

Hedwig Schwarz's entry in her prayer-book referring to the day her daughter Hilde and grandson Siegfried were taken away.