

Berthold and Zilly Neckarsulmer, née Schwarz Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Zilly Schwarz was born in Rexingen on October 5th 1880. Her parents were Ernestine Fröhlich and Seligmann Schwarz. She grew up in 52 Oben im Dorf, today 29 Bergstrasse. She had four brothers. Her older brother, Elias, emigrated to the USA in 1933. The brothers Leopold and Josef died in Rexingen, aged 59 and 54 respectively. The youngest brother, Martin, managed to flee to the USA in 1940. Her sister Hedwig Schwarz was also deported to Theresienstadt and was the only woman from Rexingen to survive the transport to Theresienstadt in August 1942.

Zilly Schwarz married Berthold Neckarsulmer, a businessman from Rexingen, and together with him she ran the general store Veit S. Neckarsulmer in 64 Unten im Dorf, today 7 Bergstrasse. Berthold Neckarsulmer, born on February 13th 1869, was the son of the founder of the business, Veit Samuel Neckarsulmer, and Thusette Benedikt from Baisingen. He had two brothers: Abraham who was married in Horb and who died in a home for the aged in Frankfurt in 1942, and David who was also deported to Theresienstadt with his wife Gretchen. Berthold's sister, Karoline Gutmann, lived in Buttenhausen and was also deported to Theresienstadt.

Zilly and Berthold Neckarsulmer had three children: Viktor, born in 1902, who later became one of the founders of Shavei Zion together with his wife Hedwig Hopfer; Emil, born in 1904, who fled to France in 1938 and survived there and Betti, born in 1906, who married Ernst Kaufmann from Cannstatt. Betti and Ernst later emigrated to the USA with their son Manfred.



The Neckarsulmer family. Front row from right to left: The grandson Fritz Neckarsulmer, the grandparents Berthold and Zilly, Zilly's brother Martin Schwarz. Second row from right to left: the daughter Betti and her husband Ernst Kaufman, the son Emil, his brother Viktor and Viktor's wife Hedwig, and on the extreme left the grandson Manfred Kaufmann.

On September 26th 1942 Zilly and Berthold Neckarsulmer were taken from Theresienstadt to Treblinka and were murdered in the gas chamber.