

**Johanna Lina Ottenheimer, née Löwenstein  
Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.**

Lina Löwenstein was born in Rexingen on March 7th 1862. Her parents were Karoline Löwengart and Jonas Löwenstein. She married Jakob Ottenheimer from Gemmingen. They had two sons and a daughter. Jakob died in Ludwigsburg in 1937. After her husband's death, Lina moved first to her son Josef in Stuttgart. Her second son Wilhelm had fled to the USA. But Josef could no longer support his impoverished mother because he himself had no money. On January 23rd 1939 Lina moved to her widowed daughter Gertrud Schwarz in Rexingen.

Josef Ottenheimer tried in vain to emigrate to Palestine with his wife Mina. The couple's sons Erich and Franz and their nephew Leopold were already living there.

Lina's daughter Gertrud was deported to Riga in 1941. Her son Josef and daughter-in-law Mina failed to emigrate and were also deported to Riga. On September 23rd 1942 Lina Ottenheimer was taken from Theresienstadt to Treblinka where she was murdered in the gas chamber.

In 2010 two 'stumbling blocks' were laid in Stuttgart in memory of Josef and Mina Ottenheimer.



*Lina's son Josef and daughter-in-law Mina.*