

## **Isak and Kathi Pressburger, née Gideon Deported to Riga in 1941.**

Kathi was born in Rexingen on May 28th 1882. Her parents were Berta Einstein and Samuel Gideon. The family lived in 185 Kapf, today 25 Kirchstrasse.

Kathi had two older brothers: Leopold, born in 1867, who managed to flee to the USA with his wife Jette in August 1941 and Sigmund, born in 1872, who was deported with his wife to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Kathi Gideon married Isak Pressburger, a trader in groceries and fodder. The marriage took place in Rexingen in 1908.

Isak, born in Rexingen on July 4th 1881, was the son of Sofie Zürndorfer and Elias Wolf Pressburger. He grew up in a large family in 168 Oben im Dorf, today 70 Freudenstädter Strasse. His parents raised ten children, five boys and five girls: Abraham, born in 1861, died at the age of 81 in Theresienstadt; Max, born in 1862, died in Rexingen in 1939; Sigmund (Sigger), born in 1864, went to live with his daughters in the USA at the age of 74; Julius, born in 1884, also managed to flee to the USA with his family in 1939. The girls, Jette Gideon, born in 1871, Rosa Strassburger, born in 1873, Ricke Landauer, born in 1875, Fanny Lang, born in 1877 and Auguste Steinharter, born in 1868, all managed to escape either to the USA or to Argentina.

Isak Pressburger was a member of the reserve brigade in World War I.

Isak and Kathi Pressburger had one daughter Hilde, born on February 25th, 1911. The family lived in 70 Freudenstädter Strasse. In 1934 Hilde married her cousin Martin Pressburger with whom she emigrated to the USA in 1939.

In April 1940 Kathi Pressburger was arrested and sentenced to two months imprisonment for buying clothes to the value of 27 Reichsmark and 60 pence in Pfalzgrafenweiler without using a clothes coupon. In 1941 she and Isak were deported to Riga.



*Family photo on the occasion of the wedding of Martin and Hilde Pressburger in 1934 in front of the synagogue in Rexingen. On the left beside the bride, her parents Kathi and Isak Pressburger.*

*More information on this photo in report number 14 of the Synagogue Association's reports.*