

Ilse Käthe Wälder
Deported to Izbica in 1942.

Ilse was born in Rexingen on November 18th 1922. She was the youngest daughter of Zilly Wälder, née Weil, and the cattle-dealer Wilhelm Wälder. The family lived in 16/18 Johanniterstrasse. The mother was often ill and confined to bed. Later in New York, Johanna Wälder remembered that when they played as children in the neighbourhood, they always had to be quiet so as not to disturb Frau Wälder.

Ilse attended the Jewish school in Rexingen and later worked as a seamstress in Stuttgart. On April 4th 1938 she returned to Rexingen and lived at home once again. Four years later she was deported and had to leave her parents behind, alone. She was murdered either in Belzec or Treblinka. Her siblings Sally and Hella had fled to the USA via Sweden in 1938 and 1939 respectively. In August 1942 Ilse's parents were deported to Theresienstadt where her mother died. She herself was deported to Izbica. Her father was murdered in Auschwitz in October 1944.



1937/1938: Ilse Wälder, second from the right, with other Jewish children in Rexingen. On her immediate right, Trude Schwarz. On her immediate left, Sigrete Pressburger and beside her, Ilse Rosenfelder. The other two children are not known.