

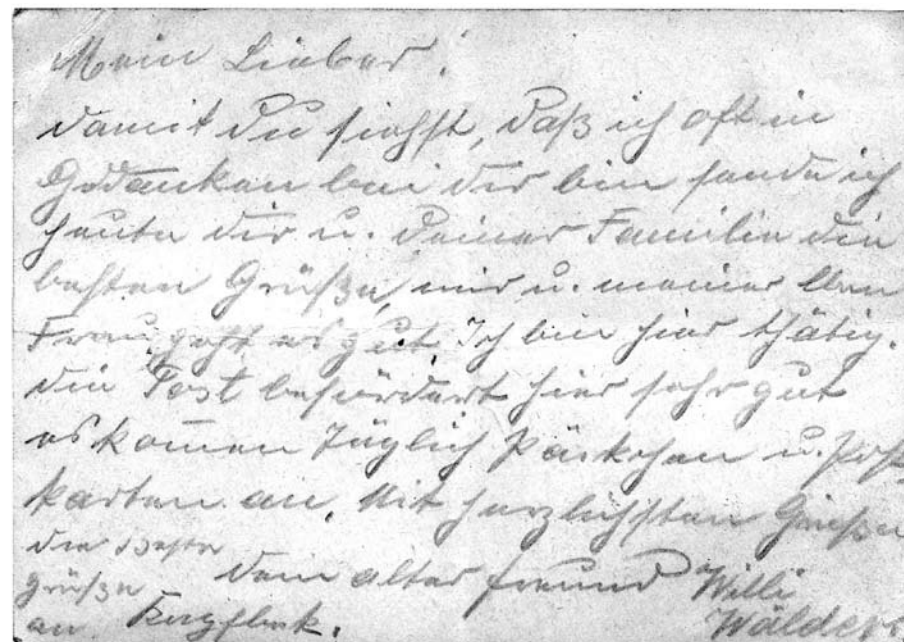
## Wilhelm and Zilly Wälder, née Weil Deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Zilly Weil was born in Rexingen on August 23rd 1885. Her parents were Sophie Löwenstein and Moritz Weil. She grew up in 105 Unten im Dorf, today 11 Freudenstädter Strasse. She had two sisters and two brothers. Both brothers – Salomon and Alfred – were killed in World War I. Her sister Hedwig Sinn was deported to Riga in 1941. Her sister Auguste Adler was deported to Theresienstadt with Zilly in 1942.

Zilly Weil married Wilhelm Wälder who was born in Rexingen on September 18th 1880. He was the son of Hannchen Löwenstein and Jakob Wälder. Hannchen and Jakob had six children. Three sons were deported, two sons and a daughter managed to flee.

Wilhelm and Zilly Wälder lived in Freudenstädter Strasse with their three children. Their son Sally fled to Sweden in 1939. Their daughter Hella fled with her husband and child to the USA via Sweden. Their youngest daughter Ilse was deported to Izbica in April 1942 at the age of 19. She was murdered either in Belzec or Treblinka.

Wilhelm and Zilly Wälder were deported to Theresienstadt in 1942. Wilhelm wrote a postcard from Theresienstadt to his “old friend”, Cornelius Vögele, telling him that he and his wife were “fine”. When the postcard arrived in Rexingen, Zilly Wälder was already dead. According to her obituary she died of “heart failure” on August 18th 1943. “Heart failure” was often given as the cause of death in the camp in Theresienstadt. On October 9th 1944 Wilhelm Wälder was taken to Auschwitz where he was murdered.



Meiner Lieber,  
damit die Grüße, die ich oft  
Gott danken kann, bei dir und  
deiner Familie sein. Meine  
Grüße sind in meinen  
Freunde gut angekommen. Ich  
bin hier gut. Die Post  
funktioniert sehr gut. Pakete  
und Postkarten kommen  
täglich an. Mit herzlichen  
Grüßen von mir und  
deiner alten Freundin  
Willy Wälder.

*Text of a Postcard sent by Wilhelm Wälder from Theresienstadt to Cornelius Wälder.*

*“Dear friend, I’m sending you and your family best wishes today so that you’ll know I often think of you. My dear wife and I are fine. I’m active here. The post functions very well. Parcels and postcards arrive daily. Very best wishes from your old friend, Willy Wälder.*

*Best wishes to Kapfbeck.”*

*Prisoners in Theresienstadt were allowed to send a certain number of strictly censored cards to friends and relatives. They often tried to send coded messages. The greetings Wilhelm sends to Kapfbeck could really be a request for food.*