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Dear friends,

We are very happy that a heartfelt wish of Renata Harris has come true, to remember the Kindertransports and the fates of the relatives with a memorial. Renate Harris came to England with a Kindertransport in August 1939, her mother could not follow her and was deported and murdered in 1942.



Since 2015, the *Projekt Jüdisches Leben in Frankfurt* has taken up Renata Harris's wish and campaigned together with *B'nai B'rith* for the monument project, which was realized by the city of Frankfurt and inaugurated yesterday. The main role of the *Projekt Jüdisches Leben in Frankfurt* is to illustrate the monument and its importance by publishing the memoirs of Kindertransportchildren, which

members of the project recorded over the past 30 years.

2018 seven authors presented in cooperation with the *Projekt Jüdisches Leben in Frankfurt* the book "Rettet

wenigstens die Kinder" (Save at least the children) with 20 biographies of children who were saved with the Kindertransports and with three biographies of organizers and supporters of the Kindertransports.

Unfortunately, Renata Harris was not able to take part, but her son and a grandson and other relatives of

participants of the Kindertransports came to the moving inauguration of the monument on September 2, 2021 in Frankfurt.





important materials to the biography of Lilly Fürst. Andrea Hammel from Aberyswyth University accompanied the exhibition project with her in-depth knowledge, in particular of the Kindertransports to Great Britain.

Six main biographies are presented in the exhibition and numerous other short biographies of children who were able to flee to different countries. Some of these biographies can be found in the book “Rettet wenigstens die Kinder” (Save at least the children), others are published on the website of the association *Projekt Jüdisches Leben in Frankfurt*, see www.juedisches-leben-frankfurt.de

See:

https://www.dnb.de/DE/Kulturell/DEAVermittlung/KinderemigrationSekII/kinderemigrationSekII_node.html

The two openings were preceded by two readings in cooperation with the *Haus am Dom*, the *Verein gegen Vergessen – für Demokratie* (Association against Forgetting - for Democracy), the *Studienkreis deutscher Widerstand* (German Resistance Study Group) and the Quakers.

Lilly Maier presented her book “Auf Wiedersehen Kinder” (Good bye children) on June 7th, 2021, which is about the revolutionary and educator Ernst Papanek from Vienna and his role in rescuing persecuted children from France to the USA. Several of the children came from Frankfurt and the wider area.

An exhibition opened on September 1st in the German National Library commemorates the rescue of children 1938-1940. In addition to the director of the Exile Archive, Sylvia Asmus, and her staff, two authors of the book “Rettet wenigstens die Kinder” were also involved and were able to contribute results of their decades of research, Hanna Eckhardt and Angelika Rieber. Mona Wikhäll from the Stolperstein Initiative contributed



The book "Rettet wenigstens die Kinder" presents the life story of Manfred Rosenthal and of Benjamin Hirsch, whose path also led via Papanek's children's homes in France to the USA. You can also find an article about Benjamin Hirsch, on our website:

<http://www.juedisches-leben-frankfurt.de/de/home/biographien-und-begegnungen/biographien-g-l/benjamin-hirsch.html>

You can listen to and watch this reading at:

<https://hausamdom-frankfurt.de/beitrag/auf-wiedersehen-kinder/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvtPCQZpywU>

On July 4th, a concert reading took place, also in the *Haus am Dom*: "Sah ich meinen Vater zum ersten Mal in meinem Leben weinen" (I saw my father cry for the first time). Hanna Eckhardt, Waltraud Giesen and Angelika Rieber read passages from the biographies of children and helpers from the book "Rettet wenigstens die Kinder", the pianist Angelika Nebel played the only surviving compositions by Siegfried Würzburger, whose son Karl was saved on a Kindertransport. You can see and hear the recording at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yb4P3CSpxN4>
<https://hausamdom-frankfurt.de/beitrag/sah-ich-meinen-vater-zum-ersten-mal-in-meinem-leben-weinen/>



Now we hope that you are soon able to travel again to see the Kindertransport-memorial and the exhibition in the National Library – and especially that we can meet each other again.

Shana Tova! We wish you a happy and peaceful New Year!

Warm greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors

Angelika Rieber

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