



Memorial ceremony and plaque Attachment of the deported Jews by the National Socialists in the 3rd Reich from 1933-1945 in the district of Calw. Gabriel Stängle, history teacher in Nagold, has surpassed himself in the investigation of Nazi crimes in the Calw district. But he also wrote a book with his students about it which received an award as state winner. My deep respect for the outstanding performance.

When and Where: Neuweiler (district of Calw) on 23 April, 7 p.m. at the place of the former doctor's house, Nagolderstr. 8 and on 24 April, 6 pm, at the "Gardenhouse" at the Bad Hotel Therme in Bad Teinach. "Her letter came in like lightning out of the blue". Ernest Kolman, London, wrote this sentence in a letter in November 2015 and, after more than 80 years, returned to the northern Black Forest in 2016, where he had spent his holidays as a boy. The occasion was a week of remembrance commemorating the family of his uncle, the Jewish doctor Dr. Eugen Marx and their fate under National Socialism. Marx was district and spa physician of Neuweiler and Bad Teinach from 1930-1933. A group of committed researchers then took up Ernest Kolman's request to commemorate his uncle's family and their fate in the Holocaust with a plaque.

"It took time to gain understanding for this concern after more than 70 years, remarks the former Freudenstadt pastor, Ulrich Müller. Elsewhere there are Judeo-Christian circles of friends who are concerned with coming to terms with Jewish fates. For Neuweiler, the Initiative of Remembrance and Family of Dr. Marx has been formed, to which Norbert Weiss, Gabriel Stängle, Martin Seeger, Martin Friess and Ulrich Müller belong.

After the negotiations on the memorial plaque, the time was used for further research: In July 1942 the train DA 219 started from Cologne with 1164 persons, 118 of them children. Ruth and Rosemarie Marx were there. Immediately after the train arrived in "Maly Trostinec", near Minsk, Belarus, the travelers were led to dug mines and shot immediately. I guess the grownups knew what was coming. So they took the children by the hand and went with them to the pit. Ruth and Rosemarie were also 11 and 8 years old. In the autumn of 1943, a German task force was ordered to disguise the crime, dig up the bodies and burn them completely. The fire burned day and night and could be seen as far as Minsk. The word "Holocaust" comes from the Greek word "holókaustos" and means "completely burned". Those who know Ernest Kolman better know that he is one of the last survivors of the Holocaust to raise his voice for those who could no longer pronounce what crimes were committed against them. He can "talk tactics" where necessary.

On behalf of the Initiative of Remembrance and the Family of Dr. Marx, I would like to thank Mayor Buchwald and the Neuweiler Municipal Council, Mayor Markus Wendel, as well as the entrepreneur Wolfgang Scheidtweiler, Spa Hotel Bad Teinach, very warmly for the commemorative plaques. Special thanks go to Prime Minister Kretschmann for his statement in Yad Vashem, during his visit to the State of Israel in March 2017, and thanks to the Department of Culture of Remembrance, State Ministry Stuttgart, Ernest Kolman's numerous petitions were heard and a joint solution was found.

Two successful commemorative plaques for the Dr. Marx family are now available. The inauguration for Neuweiler will take place on April 23, 7 p.m. on the site of the former doctor's house, Nagolderstr. 8. The appointment for Bad Teinach is one day later on 24 April, 6 pm, at the "Gardenhouse" at the Spa (Thermenhotel) Hotel in Bad Teinach. These plaques for Jewish victims are the first in Calw region. They also contain the names of Ruth and Rosemarie Marx. Ernest Kolman, London and his son from the USA, will come to the inauguration.

At the edge noticed: I was always very close to uncle Eugen...I was so to speak his favorite nephew, although he had only one nephew... we always drove together in the car, he took me along and I can still remember Bad Teinach very well... I cannot remember Neuweiler so well, only that at night once was lightning and thunder and we had to come down in the doctor's house from the attic room. (E. Kolman, February 2018)

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