

Fanny Zeller (1891-1941)



Born on 4.4.1891 in Boryslaw as Fanny Gottesmann

1922 Marriage in Berlin to Heinrich Zeller, born 1894 in Vienna. The couple had two children: Fred (1924) and Lillian (1927).

The boycott of the Nazis led to the closure of their small textile shop in Breite Straße; move to a small apartment in Havelstraße 20.

Fanny Zeller was arrested during an escape attempt near Cologne. She was admitted to a "Jewish apartment" in Berlin. From there she was taken to the collection camp in the former synagogue Levetzowstraße.

With the "5th Transport" from Berlin (station Grunewald) she was deported to the ghetto Minsk (Belarus) and murdered there.

A documentation about stumbling blocks (Stolpersteine) in Berlin-Spandau reports about her children and about the escape attempt of her husband, Heinrich Zeller:

»The children Fred and Lillian fled 1938/1939 at the age of 14 and 12 years to Holland on their own and were rescued from there with a Kindertransport to England. Fred wrote a book about his childhood in Germany as an adult in the USA in 1989.

Heinrich Zeller fled to Belgium on 4 March 1940. His wife was to join him later. In Belgium he was forced by the invasion of the Germans to flee further to southern France. There he was first interned in Gurs and later extradited to the Nazis by the French. On 6 March 1943 he was deported from Drancy near Paris to occupied Poland, presumably to Majdanek and Auschwitz, where he was murdered.«

(https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liste_der_Stolpersteine_in_Berlin-Neuk%C3%B6ln)

source: Stolpersteine in Berlin, Initiative Spandau: biography Fanny Zeller