

THE LAST TWO JEWISH TEACHERS IN CREGLINGEN

Letter by the Jewish church office regarding the closure of the school in Creglingen

January 23, 1924

Ludwigsburg State Archives

Over a number of years the number of Jewish students declined. More and more juveniles attended the middle school of Creglingen. At the time of Josef Pressburger's retirement at the beginning of 1924, there were only few students in the Jewish religious school. Therefore, it was closed down. The remaining students now had to attend a Protestant elementary school.

Lesson plan of the Jewish school provided by the teacher Pressburger

Winter Semester 1910

Ludwigsburg State Archives

Altogether there were ten proven consecutive teachers at the Jewish private school. As Joseph Pressburger (1858-1938) took office in 1877 he had to teach 29 students in four parallel groups. While Christian students had a day off on Sundays, the Jewish students had no lessons on Friday afternoon and Saturday so they could observe Shabbat. The plan was countersigned by pastor Wilhelm Huber who, as school inspector, was the direct supervisor of Pressburger. The Jewish school was under the supervision of the Protestant superintendent's district.

Harry Katzenstein with his two daughters Gertrud and Berta in the stable

Berta Katzenstein, New Milford, USA

Grades record of Berta Katzenstein. 1935 –1938

Berta Katzenstein, New Milford, USA

Berta Katzenstein, born in 1928, initially attended the Protestant elementary school under teacher Thierauf. In March 1935, she had to change to the Jewish private school, where her father was a teacher.

Teacher Josef Pressburger with his class in front of the synagogue and school building.

Bar Geva, Israel

Teacher certificate for Harry Katzenstein

20 February 1935, Staatsarchiv Ludwigsburg

In 1929 in Cologne, Harry Katzenstein passed the first examination as an elementary teacher and moved with his family to Creglingen. In 1932 a second exam followed in Stuttgart. In 1935 he got a teacher certificate for the Jewish private school in Creglingen. There the Jewish school re-opened, since as in other places, mixed schools annoy the National Socialists.