

Inscription on the plaque "Jewish Weilburger 1918 to 1940".

This panel commemorates all Jewish citizens of Weilburg, who lived in Weilburg between 1918 and 1940.

For many years they were a matter of course for living in our city. In Weilburg most of them were born, here they lived and worked.

Weilburg was their center of life, they were part of the Weilburg citizenship.

In the twenties, the Jewish community numbered about 100 members.

From 1933, the number of Jews living in Weilburg steadily declined: some of them emigrated, and others moved to nearby cities (especially Frankfurt / Main) and communities.

Boycott, discrimination and exclusion determined from 1933 more and more the life of the Jews remaining in Weilburg. These were gradually supplanted from Weilburg society. Her everyday life became increasingly depressing, especially characterized by a progressive isolation and loneliness. There were also significant economic problems.

The Jewish community dissolved on October 31, 1938, their synagogue had sold them already in the summer of 1938.

The Reich Pogrom Night of November 1938 broke out with violence and terror over the few Jews still living in Weilburg, who were helplessly at the mercy of the organized attack. Apartments and business premises were destroyed and three men were deported to Buchenwald and Dachau.

In March 1940, the last Jews, a total of 14, left Weilburg and moved to Frankfurt / Main.

64 Jews emigrated until September 1939, almost all of them saved their lives.

All those who remained in Germany and those who emigrated to the Netherlands were victims of the Nazi extermination bureaucracy. A total of 42 Weilburg Jews were deported, most (28) from Frankfurt / Main. Only one survivor is known.

After Weilburg emigrated Jews did not return, a new beginning did not exist after 1945.

Jewish life in Weilburg is irretrievably a thing of the past.

This board should help to preserve the memory.

This commemorative plaque was made in October 2010 by students of the class 9 b of the Gymnasium Philippinum Weilburg under the direction of Mrs. Elke Liskén. It replaces another commemorative plaque that had been made in the fall of 1988 by a Catholic youth group from Weilburg under the direction of Mrs. Bernadette Ackva.