

Paula, Fritz und Leopold Stern

Paula Stern was born on July 26, 1901, in Hamburg as one of seven brothers and sisters. Her parents were Leopold Isaac (*06.06.1869) and Olga Isaac nee Gumpel (*05.10.1868). Since 1924 the family name was changed into Wolf. Paula's father was a member of the 'Wolf Brothers' (Gebrueder Wolf) famous and very popular artists and vaudeville singers from Hamburg, more -> www.gebruederwolf.de . The family also owned several theatres in Hamburg.

Paula married Fritz Stern who was born in Hannover on September 20, 1899. According to the Hamburg address books of 1938 and 1939 the Sterns must probably have lived in Hamburg at Rappstrasse 21. Their apartment was near the big Synagogue at Bornplatz and the Talmud-Tora-Realschule. Nearby other family members lived. On June 18, 1928, their son Leopold, named after his late grandfather, was born.

Probably at the beginning of 1939 the family left Hamburg and immigrated to the Netherlands, where they lived in s'Hertogenbosch. Paula's brother Donat Wolf writes in his diary that he met his sister Paula as well as Fritz and Leopold Stern on board of the 'MS Selandia' in Rotterdam while immigrating to Shanghai together with his brother James Wolf and his brother in law Ernst Berlin. It was the last time that Paula saw her brothers Donat and James.

After the German occupation of the Netherlands Paula, Fritz and Leopold were deported to Sobibor, Poland, on April 30, 1943, and murdered there.



Rotterdam, July 27, 1939, on board of MS Selandia: From left to right: Fritz Stern, James I. Wolf, Paula Stern, Donat Wolf, Leopold Stern, Ernst Berlin