



Our Family

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The Jewish Community of Sugenheim: Introduction and Acknowledgements, Abbreviations of sources

Introductions and Acknowledgements

Since first writing the history of our Schloss and Gutmann ancestors of Sugenheim (part 3 of "Our Family") some years ago, a lot of new information has been found.

Several things helped us to piece together the history of the Jewish Community of Sugenheim and to trace back our own families still further. Many records of Herrschaft Sugenheim Seckendorff are now deposited in the State Archives in Nuremberg. In the Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem we still found further documents new to us.

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Very special thanks go to Dr. Rechter for bringing his recently published material describing the history and ownership of houses in the village up to 1830 to our notice, which was extremely valuable and a great help to us.

All this enabled us not only to go back a further two generations in our own families, but we also found that practically the whole of the former Sugenheim Jewish community can be traced back to a couple of Jews living there at end of the 17th/beginning of the 18th century.

Thanks to the Internet and the Web Site of "JewishGen" contact with several descendants of former Sugenheim Jewish inhabitants could also be established.

With all this new information we were able to piece together some of the Sugenheim Jewish families who were practically all, if not all, related to each other by marriages and intermarriages.

There is no doubt that with more time available to study all the now available records in detail, much more about the Jewish Community of Sugenheim would emerge.

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Abbreviations

CAHJP	Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People
Gerhard Rechter	"Die Sugenheim Quellen fuer Genealogie und Besitzgeschichte" (Sugenheim Sources for Genealogy and History of Ownership of Property)
RJF	Reichsbund Juedischer Frontsoldaten: "Die Juedischen Gefallenen des deutschen Heeres, der deutschen Marine und der deutschen Schutztruppen 1914 - 1918 (Jewish members of the German Army, German Navy and German Forces, who died 1914 - 1918)
STN	State Archives Nuremberg