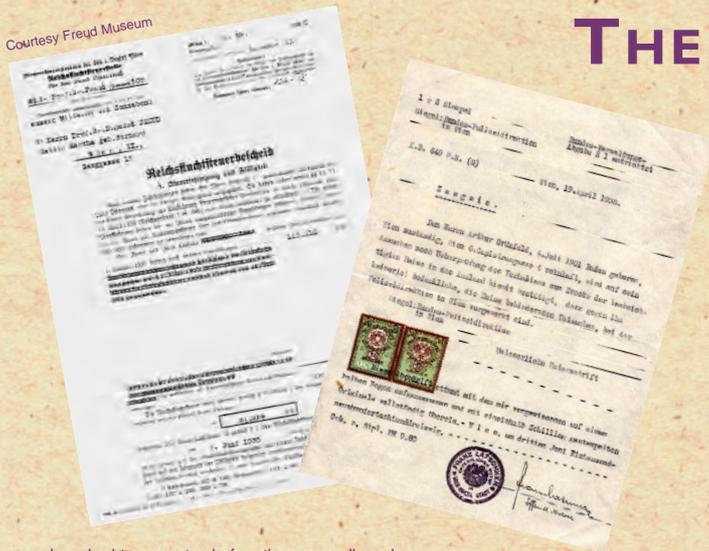


THE SEARCH FOR REFUGE

Courtesy Freud Museum



Jews had to pay a tax before they were allowed to leave the Reich. This certifies that Sigmund Freud paid the Reichsfluchtsteuer before fleeing Vienna in 1938.

Certificate of good conduct permitting Arthur Grünfeld to leave Austria, April 1938.

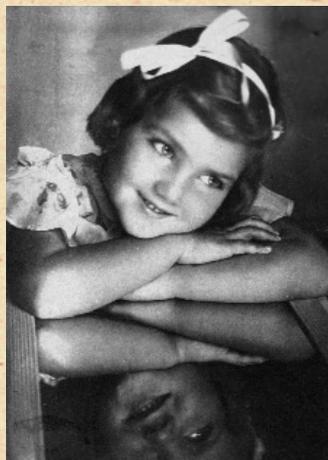
'And all this time my parents were now making strenuous efforts to get out of Germany, too late, as it turned out. There was talk of Palestine, of America, of England, even of Shanghai which was considered a desperate last resort, of visas, and quotas, and numbers. But nothing came of it. I was sent to the Post Office to dispatch cables to Sao Paulo where my uncle lived – please send visa. Our relations were by no means sitting back all this time, they did loyally what they could, but it took a long time to save money from the earnings of waiters and Fuller brush salesmen as they had become. It took too long.'
Marianne Elsley, née Josephy

'None of us ever left home before the postman had made his morning call. Mid-March a letter arrived for me with an English postmark and stamp. It was the first letter from England we had ever received and was from the wife of a vicar in the North of England. She offered me a post as a children's nurse and domestic help. My work would consist of helping generally with the housework and looking after her two boys aged seven and nine.'
Fanny Stang, née Knesbach



The Café Rotunde in Vienna, regular meeting place for the Finkler family. This photograph was taken the day before Evelyn Kaye's (nee Finkler) grandmother left Austria.

'Well, let's first of all say what we could not take with us. No jewellery of any kind, not even the wedding rings. And no more than ten Reichsmark each. And my husband would not have hidden anything, he really did not have anything. But we had brand new clothing, of course, and suitcases full with a supply of stockings we were not expecting to afford for quite a while.'
Ilse Wolff, née Zorek



Evelyn Kaye (nee Finkler) before leaving Vienna on a Kindertransport in 1938.

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The last photo of the Birken family taken before the daughter, Sally, left Germany, 1938.



Boarding the St Louis, and mementoes from its ill-fated journey, 1938.