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Max Salomon

Max Salomon and his Family

On May 20, 1942, ten prominent members of the Jewish community are arrested as a reprisal for the anonymous removal of the signs reading the words 'Forbidden for Jews' in the Maastricht city park. One of these ten unfortunate Jews is businessman Max Salomon.

Within a few days after their arrest, Max and two others, Eduard von Geldern and Salomon Brünn, are released. Eduard and Salomon are married to non-Jewish women. However, as they get off the hook, multiple others are arrested in their place, among them Max's brother, Louis Salomon.

His freedom does not last long. Max Salomon and his family, including his non-Jewish wife Sophie and their sons Bernard, Manus (nickname Emile), Louis and their daughter Rosalie (nickname Roos), are arrested on the 13th of October, 1942, and deported to transition camp Westerbork. They spend eight months in Westerbork, where they also meet their brother and uncle Léonard Salomon who stays there from November 11 1942 until May 4, 1943, when he is deported to Sobibor. A month later, Max, his wife Sophie and their sons Bernard and Louis are also transported to extermination camp Sobibor, to be gassed upon



arrival. Max is 45 years old. Sophie is 38 and their children, Bernard and Louise are 13 and 7.

Only Rosalie and Manus survive. They are first deported to Auschwitz and then to Bergen Belsen. Once the war is over, both of them immigrate to Canada.