Rechtstraat 35

Icek Gold

Icek Gold was born in 1895 in Poland and moved to Germany, where he was married in Duisburg in 1926, and where his children were born: Jenny in October 1926 and Siegmund in October 1927.

In 1932 the family fled to the Netherlands and found a home in the village of Heer. Until 1939 they lived on the Schoolstraat.

Icek found work selling textiles, both in the market and to shops; later on he also sold menswear.

In 1939 the family moved from Heer to the Rechtstraat in Maastricht. (See the reference to Jenny Herzberger in the book "Door de Holocaust verbonden" *Linked by the holocaust* pages 33 to 46.)

In the autumn of 1941 a German soldier was attacked in Maastricht, and as retribution the Nazis imprisoned 10 Maastricht citizens. Icek Gold was one of these randomly chosen 10 men and on 9 September 1941 he was locked up in the Maastricht jail. He was transferred on 11 September 1941 to kamp Amersfoort. (See Van Rens, "Vervolgd in Limburg" *Persecution in Limburg* page 102). After a few days all the prisoners would be returned to Maastricht; 9 men came back, but Icek Gold was not among them. In Amersfoort they had discovered that he was a Jew. Mother and children waited in vain at Maastricht station for him to return.

He was transported from Amersfoort to Westerbork, and on 16 July 1942 he was deported to Auschwitz, where he was murdered on 18 August 1942.