

Beate Dörzbacher, born on November 20, 1927, in Göppingen, fled to the USA on 05.07.1937



Beate was the second child of Rosa **Dörzbacher** (née Sichel) and Theodor Dörzbacher; she had a brother three years older than her named Lothar. Beate's father worked as a merchant (wholesaler of cotton goods), and the family rented an apartment at Pflegstraße 1. Beate attended Gertrud Morgenstern's private Montessori kindergarten until April 1934 and then enrolled in the Evangelische Schiller-Volksschule. In 1936, she was forced to transfer to the Jewish School. Beate fled with her family to the United States (New York) on July 5, 1937.

As a child (left) with Doris Rosenkranz
(Source: Initiative Stolpersteine Göppingen)

Betty Greenberg, née Beate Dörzbacher, was able to provide many documents related to the Jewish School. In 2014, she wrote to Klaus Maier-Rubner about her life in the United States:

'A brief overview of my background: From 1937 to 1946, I attended elementary school and high school in New York City: In high school, I took a business course (shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, etc.), but I had enough academic credits (Spanish, math, etc.) that I was able to attend City College (New York) — which was completely free — in the evenings after work. However, my husband and I got married in 1948; my father, Theodore, became seriously ill and died in 1949, which made it too difficult for me to continue my evening classes. Our three children were born in 1951, 1954, and 1963; in 1969, I decided to take a part-time job as a legal secretary, which kept me busy for the next few years. I worked for several years in temporary secretarial positions and so on.'

Betty Greenberg (née Dörzbacher)
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