

# BERLINER, Lina,

36/2 Kapellenstrasse

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**Lina Berliner, née Laupheimer**, born 17th August 1879 in Laupheim, died 6th March 1937 in Ulm (widow of **Isidor Berliner**, butcher, born 16<sup>th</sup> February 1877 in Laupheim, died 14<sup>th</sup> August 1912 in Stuttgart)

- **Julius**, born 26<sup>th</sup> April 1907 in Laupheim, later in the USA.
- **Alexander**, born 10<sup>th</sup> February 1909 in Laupheim, moved to the USA in 1937. Lina Berliner's single sister-in-law: **Bluma Berliner**, born 22th December 1880, died 14<sup>th</sup> September 1935.

The roots of this family lie in the neighbouring Jewish villages Buttenhausen and Buchau. Julius Berliner, merchant from Buttenhausen, married Mina "Marie" Schmal from Laupheim, butcher Hirsch Schmal's daughter, in the year 1874. They had 14 children, 9 of them reached adult age. Isidor was the oldest boy and presumably learned butchery from his grandfather. His wife Lina, who he married in the year 1902, also came from the old butcher family Laupheimer. Both of them attended the Jewish primary school together and for that reason are in the picture with their teacher Ascher. The picture was taken around the year 1885. These are the only pictures of the family to have been found.



*Around 1885: Isidor Berliner as a pupil in third grade (upper row, on the very left) (Photo: photo chamber museum Laupheim)*



*Lina Laupheimer in the school picture as a first-grader (middle) (Photo: photo chamber museum Laupheim)*



*The house at Kapellenstr. 36/2, a bit away from the street, situated in the back of the courtyard.*

Lina's two sons, born in 1907 and 1909 respectively were named after their grandfathers: Alexander Laupheimer was the name of their maternal grandfather. In total there are hardly any known facts about the family. Why did Isidor Berliner die at the young age of 35, what happened with the butcher shop that he had run, what did his family live on after he died? Most questions will remain unanswered. Contemporary witnesses can't remember and written sources could not be found. In 1937, when Lina Berliner died at the age of 58 in Ulm, her younger son Julius had already immigrated to New York. Alexander lived in Klippenheim and later settled in the United States. During the restitution after the war the two got back the house in Kapellenstreet 35a in 1949 as joint property and sold it afterwards.

Bluma Berliner, an unmarried sister of Isidor, lived with the family. In 1933 she fell seriously ill with edema, but was still compelled to vote in an election in the same year. In 1935, she died at the age of 55 and is buried (as is her sister-in-law) in the Jewish Cemetery in Laupheim – gracious fates compared to those of many peers.

Source:

State archive Sigmaringen, Wü 126/2, Nr. 24: restitution files.  
John-Bergmann-Nachlass, Leo-Baeck-Institute, NY (on microfilm in the state archive Laupheim), Reel 17: Berliner Family Tree.