

**Hans Hirsch**  
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August 8, 1916 - born Hans George Hirsch in Stuttgart, Germany

1933 -Father Otto Hirsch, president of the Wuerttemberg Jewish Community, was made  
Executive Director, under Rabbi Leo Beck, of the German Jewish Community  
relatives killed in pogrom in northern part of the state

1934 - graduated from gymnasium, anti-semitic slogans in classroom  
could not go to university because he was outspoken in his Jewishness, didn't  
accept National Socialism, and contradicted his teacher

October 1934 - was not permitted to study law, lost his job as an agricultural apprentice  
because farmers had to be racially pure Aryans

November 1934-March 1935 - attended Martin Buber's Lehrhaus

March 1937 - went to Palestine, worked on a moshav, visited Buber, returned to Germany

August 1937-March 1938 - went to Grosse Breesen, then to Berlin

(Fall 1935 - Otto was arrested for disseminating Leo Baeck's Kol Nidrei prayer, was jailed for 1 week. In

November 1938 was arrested again. February 1941 - sent to Mauthausen and died there. Hans' mother  
received a visa, but Eichmann ordered her passport to be confiscated. Put on train on October 26, 1942  
marked "destination unknown")

December 1937 -wrote an uncle in the US for an affidavit, went to American consulate

July 14, 1938 - sailed on US Britannia, arrived in US, July 31, 1938

Went to a farm in Richmond, Virginia owned by German Jews. Worked in North Carolina and  
Missouri while trying to get parents out

July 1939 - attended University of Minnesota - awarded Bachelor, Masters and Ph.D degrees

September 1943 - March 1946 - in US Army, worked with German POW's some of whom were anti-  
Nazis taught farm management to convalescing US soldiers

June 1947- worked at the Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN

March 1948 - worked for the Department of Agriculture

December 1951- April 1953 - Office of Price Stabilization

1973 - US Mission in Paris

February 1982 - retired from Foreign Agricultural Service