

**Hans Julius Cahnmann**

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January 27, 1906 - born in Munich, Germany

After Russian Revolution joined Pathfinders Youth Movement of Jews and non-Jews

1924 - graduated from Gymnasium where principal was Himmler's father

studied pharmacy for 2 years, then went to Berlin for assistantship

1928 - 1930 - received Master's Degree and Ph.D in Pharmacy

1932 - became a licensed food chemist

July 1933 - went to Paris with help from a Swiss Committee, job fell through, received  
money from a Canadian Jew

1933-1936 - worked in the university lab of Professor Tiffeneau in Paris, repelled  
students with tear gas who invaded his lab

1936 - worked for pharmaceutical company headed by French Jews, Paul Weill and  
Lucien Picard

Was interned along with other German born people in Paris stadium for 10 days.

Fed dog food. Deported on cattle trains to Tours, lived in stables for 3  
weeks, then transferred to Bourges

1939 - applied for US visa, was liberated after requests from Tiffeneau, went back to  
Paris to work in his lab

May 10, 1940 - German born Jews again ordered to collection at Orleans stadium for 1  
week. Transported to Rouchard camp near Tours. After hearing that France  
had collapsed, went to Montauban

Waited in Marseilles for US visa with help from Varian Fry and the International  
Rescue Committee

May 1941 - Under pressure from the Thomas Mann committee to give visas to

scientists, artists and political activists, got an emergency US visa. Received transit visa for Spain and Portugal. Boarded ship "Wyoming", stopped at Casablanca. Transported 180 miles into desert, stayed for 2 months. HIAS sent boat. His passage was paid for by Mr. Picard, his former employer in Paris.

August 6, 1941 - arrived in Staten Island, worked for Mr. Pickar for 1 year.

Tried to get parents out - learned that his mother had been shipped to Piaski near Lublin and exterminated

May 1942 - 1944 - worked at Mount Sinai hospital

May 1944-September 1947 worked on synthesizing Vitamin A

May 1950 - came to NIH, now Scientist Emeritus

Wife's family left early for Palestine, came to New York in 1938