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Summary

Dr. Ernest Lehmann, born on August 6, 1907 in Mattersburg, Austria, discusses teaching Judaism at Akademisches Gymnasium in Vienna, Austria from 1934 to 1938 while also editing the magazine *Judisches Jugend*. Lived at Lobligasse 10, 1090, Vienna until forced to move at the end of 1938 to Herminengasse 15, 1020, Vienna until March 18, 1939. In March 1938 Jewish administration shut down by Nazis and leaders arrested. Lehmann went to see Isidor Klaber, who was "terrified and shivering." He says Simon Advocat, chair of Judischer Ellernbund went to the new mayor of Vienna, Dr. Neubauer, to try to reopen the Jewish community which ultimately began on May 2, 1938. Lehmann began working for the Community as a religion teacher. He was arrested on Kristallnacht and held for two days at a school detention center. Dr. Nachum Bauer, head of the welfare department also arrested. Lehmann and his sisters emigrated to London (no details) where he worked at a hostel for refugee children. He could have gone to Palestine but chose not to do so. He mentions Desider Friedmann who was deported by the Nazis. He mentioned a Dr. Ohler whom the Nazis made to write down the names of Jewish dead in a cemetery and who later helped reopen the Jewish community in postwar Vienna and published a remembrance book. Lehmann appears to have come to the Us (no details) and served in the US Army during which service he went to Theresienstadt to look, unsuccessfully, for his mother. Sometime in 1941 he worked the United Synagogue as a fieldworker in NJ. Postwar he worked for the refugee division of the Zionist Organization of America.