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**KINDERTRANSPORT QUESTIONNAIRE:
CREATING AN HISTORIC ARCHIVE ABOUT JEWISH
IMMIGRANT CHILDREN**

Kindertransport, the organisation representing the children who fled Nazi-controlled Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany, has designed a questionnaire to gather information about their members.

A Special Interest Group of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR), Kindertransport aims to use the information to create an archive containing details of the lives and experiences of their members before, during and after the Second World War as well as the fate of family and friends who they left behind.

Anecdotal information of the lives of Kinder exists, but the questionnaire will record the historic events that led up to the Holocaust and enable researchers for the first time to have a greater factual understanding of the impact displacement had on these child victims as well as how they adapted to life in Britain.

The survey will also help Kindertransport to reconnect with fellow kindertransportees who may have never previously shared their experiences and who could benefit from the extensive social and welfare services provided by the AJR.

Encouraging his fellow Kinder to complete the questionnaire, Kindertransport Chairman, Hermann Hirschberger, said, “This is a vital project at a crucial time in the lives of the Kinder. The information we hope to gather will record for posterity the dislocation and upheaval the Kinder endured as well as their achievements and contributions to Britain.”

Andrew Kaufman, Chairman of the AJR, which is sponsoring the questionnaire added, "We are privileged to support this considerable project. The questionnaire will help create an historical archive about the lives of the youngest victims of Nazism."

For further information about the questionnaire and the opportunity to speak to a Holocaust survivor who escaped Nazism on Kindertransport please contact:

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Notes:

10,000 child refugees fled Nazi Germany and Austria between December 1938 and September 1939.

Unaccompanied children between the ages of eight and 16 were permitted to travel on Kindertransport.

It is estimated that the parents of ninety per cent (90%) of Kinder were murdered in the Holocaust.

Kindertransport is a Special Interest Group of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR), which provides an extensive range of social and welfare services and grants financial assistance to needy victims of Nazi persecution living in Great Britain.