

**The Kupfer family from Schmalnau**  
**(Ancestors of the Freedberg families)**

**FIRST GENERATION :**

**1. Isaak Kupfer**, he had a son:

+ **2. Menachem Kupfer**, born about 1769 in Schmalnau

Isaak Kupfer's name is written on the gravestone of his son Menachem Kupfer.

**SECOND GENERATION :**

**2. Menachem / Menke / Mendel Kupfer**, born about 1769 in Schmalnau. He was the head of one of the eight Jewish families, who lived in Schmalnau in 1817, listed in the Matrikelliste from 1817. He was a cattledealer. He married **Veilchen Kupfer**, born about 1793. Menachem and Veilchen Kupfer had a son:

+ **3. Isaak Kupfer**

Menachem/Menke Kupfer died 06.05.1857 in Schmalnau. He is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 144. Veilchen Kuupfer died 15.02.1863 in Schmalnau. She is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 82.

**THIRD GENERATION :**

**3. Isaak Kupfer**, he married **Sarah Kupfer**. Isaak and Sarah Kupfer lived in Hauptstrasse no. 53, they had three sons:

+ **4. Jakob Kupfer**, born about 1851 in Schmalnau

+ **5. Meier Kupfer**, born about 1859 in Schmalnau

**6. Moses Kupfer**,

Isaak Kupfer died 1895 in Weyhers, he is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 383.

**FOURTH GENERATION :**

**4. Jakob Kupfer**, born about 1851 in Schmalnau, he married **Sara Tannenbaum**, born about 1851, daughter of Hohne Tannebaum and his wife Giedel. Jakob and Sara Kupfer had six children:

**7. Mendel Kupfer**, born 12.11.1877 in Schmalnau, birth record 51/1877

+ **8. Regine Kupfer**, born 04.01.1879 in Schmalnau

+ **9. Max Kupfer**, born 06.05.1881 in Schmalnau

+ **10. Gitta Kupfer**, born 21.06.1883 in Schmalnau

+ **11. Juda Kupfer**, born 20.05.1890 in Schmalnau or Ebersburg

+ **12. Samuel Kupfer**, born 1893 in Schmalnau

Jakob Kupfer died 05.08.1923 in Schmalnau, he is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 497. Sara Kupfer died 06.05.1934 in Schmalnau, she is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 525.

**5. Meier Kupfer**, born about 1859 in Schmalnau, he married **Regina Schuster**, born 16.05.1859 in Sterbfriz, daughter of Raphael Schuster and his wife Caroline, née Münz. Meier Kupfer died 26.06.1913 in Schmalnau, he is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 448. Regina Kupfer died 28.10.1894 in Schmalnau. She is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 438.

**6. Moses Kupfer**, he married **Regina Rosenthal**. Moses and Regina Kupfer had a son:

**13. Samuel Kupfer**, born 29.04.1875 in Schmalnau, birth record 26/1875

Moses Kupfer died 11.09.1878 in Schmalnau, he is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 328.

### **FIFTH GENERATION:**

**8. Regine Kupfer**, born 04.01.1879 in Schmalnau, she was married on 29.08.1909 in Schmalnau to **Heinrich Gruenebaum**, shoemaker, born 27.01.1883 in Sulzbuerg. Regine and Heinrich Gruenebaum lived first in Schmalnau or Ebersburg, later in Frankfurt/Main, Ostendstraße 24. They had three sons:

**14. Fred Gruenebaum**, born 1913 in Ebersburg

**15. Hugo Gruenebaum**, born 1914 in Ebersburg

**16. Robert Gruenebaum / Greenfield**, born 1922

Regine and Heinrich Gruenebaum were deported on 12.11.1941 from Frankfurt/Main to Minsk and murdered in Kowno.

**9. Max Kupfer**, born 06.05.1881 in Schmalnau, he married on 22.12.1920 in Schmalnau **Jenny, née Kupfer**, born 06.11.1899 in Schmalnau. Max and Jenny Kupfer emigrated to South Africa, Max Kupfer died 18.12.1937 in Cape Town, South Africa.

**10. Gitta Kupfer**, born 21.06.1883 in Schmalnau. She was deaf and dumb and went into the school for deafs and dumbs in Homberg/Efze. (LWV-Archive Kassel B 73, 535). She died 04.12.1913 in Schmalnau, she is buried on the Jewish cemetery of Weyhers, grave no. 490.

**11. Juda (Joe) Kupfer**, born 20.05.1890 in Schmalnau or Ebersburg. He emigrated to South Africa and married in Tulbagh **Grete Levy**, born 02.03.1899 in Melsungen, daughter of Juda Levy and his wife Betti, née Abt. Juda and Grete Levy had a daughter:

+ **17. Hannelore / Eleonore Kupfer**, born 26.01.1923 in Tulbagh, South Africa

Juda (Joe) Kupfer died 06.10.1950 in Belville, Cape Province, South Africa. Grete Kupfer died 25.03.1985 in Cape Town South Africa.

**12. Samuel Kupfer**, born 1893 in Schmalnau, he married in 1921 **Ida, née Kupfer**, born 1897 in Schmalnau, House no. 53, he emigrated to South Africa, he died 13.12.1950 in Cape Town, South Africa.

## **SIXTH GENERATION:**

**17. Hannelore / Eleonore Kupfer**, born 26.01.1923 in Tulbagh, South Africa. She was married to **William / Bob Freedberg**, born 20.01.1913 in Cape Town, South Africa. Hannelore and William Freedberg had four children:

- 18. David Freedberg**
- 19. Louis Freedberg**
- 20. Michael Freedberg**
- 21. Jean Freedberg**

Hannelore Freedberg died 20.12.1981 in Capetown, South Africa, William Freedberg died 25.06.1984 in Capetown, South Africa.

### Sources:

- [www.lagis-hessen.de](http://www.lagis-hessen.de) Jewish Gravesites (Kupfer Schmalnau)  
Hessian Vital Records (Schmalnau, Weyhers, Ebersburg)
- <https://www.bundesarchiv.de/gedenkbuch>
- [www.arcinsys.hessen.de](http://www.arcinsys.hessen.de)
- Informationen von Frau Füller-Jerwin, Schmalnau, e-mail vom 29.06.2022
- Levy and Kupfer genealogies on geni.com

Researched and compiled by Hans-Peter Klein

Melsungen, July 2022