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**Exhibition in the Study Area**  
**Aunt Olga's Silver Candlesticks**  
**A Munich Family History**

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In 1939, a decree was issued that forced Germans of Jewish origin to hand over jewellery and valuable household effects. Olga Maier from Munich was also forced to part with a pair of silver candlesticks, which the Bavarian National Museum acquired for its collection. Olga Maier, a family person and a true "Münchner Kindl", always maintained a close relationship with her relatives. This remained strong even when some of them fled abroad. Olga herself was unable to do so. She was deported to Theresienstadt Ghetto in 1942 and later murdered in Treblinka concentration camp.

For a long time, the life of Olga Maier and also the history of the candlesticks remained obscure. It was not until 2022 that the pair of candlesticks was restituted to the community of heirs, thanks to research carried out by the Bavarian National Museum. In order to preserve the memory of Olga Maier, her descendants donated the candlesticks to the Jewish Museum Munich.

The exhibition in the Study Area tells the story of Olga Maier and her family, which is now scattered all over the world. At the same time, the pair of candlesticks exemplifies the systematic robbery and persecution of Jews during the Nazi era. On January 11, 2024, the Munich Public History Department plans to install a commemorative sign in front of her house in Arcostrasse in the Maxvorstadt district as part of a commemorative event on Olga Maier's birthday.

**Curator:** Sarah Steinborn  
**Exhibition Design:** Christoph Sauter  
The exhibition texts are also available in easy language.

A brochure has been published to accompany the exhibition:  
Sarah Steinborn, "Aunt Olga's Silver Candlesticks. A Munich Family History",  
German/English, 32 pages, Price €2. Also available free of charge to download under:  
<https://www.juedisches-museum-muenchen.de/en/museum/publications>

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