A Gesture of Hope.

Jeffrey's and Lyn's visit to Kiel, Translation from the article of the *Kieler Nachrichten* (15/4/2008)

"Stolpersteine remember fellow citizens who became victims of the Nazis.

Silently Jeffrey Glanz observes, how three stones with brass plates are placed into the pavement of the Adelheitstrasse. On the shining surfaces of the stones, Esther and Markus Glanz are engraved, the names of his grandparents, another brassplate remembers their son Joachim Glanz. A few steps away lived the family Glanz in a house, that has long given way to a new building. On 13th September 1939, the then 11 year old Joachim and his mother were deported to Leipzig, then in May 1942 into the concentration camp Majdenek near Lublin, and probably killed there. Grandfather Markus Glanz the Nazis carried off on 11th August 1942 from Brussels to Auschwitz, where he too was murdered.

For Jeffrey Glanz and his wife Lyn who travelled for the placing of the Stolpersteine from their residence in Zug (Switzerland) to Kiel, the ceremony is a gesture of hope. "Germany has become a different country" says Jeffrey Glanz. A country against which he bears no ill-will. "What happened must not happen again, whether in Germany, or any other nation." The couple were never in Kiel before. The town means nothing in their life. Only rarely did Jeffrey Glanz' father Henry Glanz, who now lives in London, speak about his former home town. What he experienced as a child should not have burdened his new life in England. The German language was tabu in the family too.

Henry Glanz, who escaped a certain death through a Kindertransport to England with his sister Gisela in August 1939, actually wanted to witness the placing of the Stolpersteine outside the former house of his parents himself. However the sudden illness of his wife prevented this at the last minute."He regretted it very much", reported Jeffrey Glanz. Because in recent years, his 83 year old father has gradually occupied himself more intensively with his past. "That probably has something to do with his age, then one probably wants to settle finally with many things in ones life."