

A description of the return of Sol Katzenstein's Torah scrolls to Frankenu in 2007 by a granddaughter

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Biography/History Solomon Katzenstein was born in Frankenu, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in the 1880's. In the 1920's he dedicated two Torah scrolls to his former synagogue in Frankenu, in honor of his parents. Following Hitler's ascend to power in 1933, Solomon and his son, then living in Kew Gardens, NY, signed affidavits of support on behalf of many Jewish residents of Frankenu and helped them get settled in the United States. The last ones out, just before Kristallnacht, brought the two scrolls to New York, where they were dedicated to Temple Isaiah in Kew Gardens, where Solomon was president.

Biography/History Over the years, several great grandchildren of Solomon Katzenstein read from these torah scrolls in their respective Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations. In 2007, Solomon Katzenstein's granddaughter took one of the scrolls to Berlin for the Bat Mitzvah of her own granddaughter. The family visited Frankenu, where the Lutheran church organized a reception for the Torah scroll.