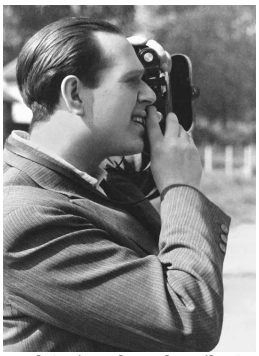
Jewish Museum Berlin

Fred Stein

: **“Dresden banished me; that’s how I became a photographer” (Fred Stein)**



Fred Stein, photo by Lilo Stein, Paris 1935
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1909	Alfred (Fred) Stein is born in Dresden, son of religion teacher Eva Stein (née Wollheim) and rabbi Leopold Stein
1919–1927	Attends König Georg High School in Dresden Member of the socialist youth movement and of the Jewish youth movement *Die Kameraden* (“The Comrades”)
1927–1932	Studies law in Heidelberg, Berlin, and Leipzig; clerkships in Dresden und Bautzen Member of the Socialist Workers’ Party of Germany (SAPD), a left-wing breakaway from the Social Democratic Party
1933	Antisemitic restrictions on work mean he is dismissed from his legal clerkship and his doctoral thesis is rejected August: Marries Liselotte (Lilo) Salzburg October: Leaves for Paris on the pretext of a honeymoon trip
From 1934	Residence in Paris Shoots street scenes and portraits with the Leica Establishes his own photography studio

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1935	First exhibition, with renowned photographers including Man Ray, André Kertész, Ilse Bing, and Dora Maar
1938	Birth of daughter Marion
1939–1941	Deportation and internment in various camps for "enemy aliens" Escapes on foot through the South of France, where he rejoins his wife and daughter
1941	May: Emigration from Marseille to the United States on the *SS Winnipeg* with the help of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee; takes with him his negatives and a selection of prints
From 1941	Residence in New York Continues to photograph street scenes and portraits, now also using the Rolleiflex
1943	Birth of son Peter
1950	Severe hip pain forces him to give up street photography
1952	Gains U.S. citizenship
1958	Visits Germany for the first time after twenty-five years
1967	Dies in New York on September 27, aged fifty-eight

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