

Julius GOLDSCHMIDT

8 Sep 1870 – 16 Mar 1922



Julius Goldschmidt with his wife Ella and daughters Else and Gerda – c. 1908

Leo Goldschmidt's brother, **Julius Goldschmidt**, was born on 8 Sep 1870 in Stolzenau. His signature, from 1882 (when he was 12 years old), is shown below.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julius Goldschmidt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Julius married his first cousin, **Ella Goldschmidt**, daughter of Herz Goldschmidt and Leonore Nachmann. One might jump to the conclusion that their fathers, Isaac Goldschmidt and Herz Goldschmidt, who had the same surname, were brothers. But this would be wrong. Julius and Ella were first cousins because their mothers, Fanny Nachmann and Eleonore Nachmann, were sisters. Their fathers were not related. Goldschmidt is a fairly common name among German Jews.



Photos of Ella and Julius c. 1897 (the year they got married)

Julius moved from Stolzenau to Berlin and became a successful banker. In 1912 he established the *Bankhaus Julius Goldschmidt* in the Berlin borough of Wilmersdorf. He died on 16 Mar 1922 at the age of 51. It is believed he had stomach cancer.

Julius and Ella had two daughters:

- (i) **Else**, b. 11 Jul 1898 in Berlin.
- (ii) **Gerda**, b. 13 Jun 1903.

Before her marriage, Else had a successful career in Berlin. In 1927, at the age of 29, she became the first female stock broker to be admitted to the Berlin Stock Exchange. This achievement was marked by a newspaper announcement shown below. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, Else, along with other Jews, was expelled from the exchange. The *Bankhaus Julius Goldschmit* was liquidated in 1937.



Die erste Frau an der Berliner Börse.
Eine junge Berlinerin, Fräulein Else Goldschmidt
aus dem Bankhaus Julius Goldschmidt, hat als
erste Dame die Zulassung zur Berliner Börse
erhalten.

**The First Woman on the
Berlin Stock Exchange**



**Marriage of Kurt Hirsch and Else
Goldschmidt in Johannesburg, May 1936**

Else, together with her sister Gerda and mother Ella emigrated to South Africa before World War II, and on 9 May 1936 (Lag B'Omer), in Johannesburg, she married Kurt Hirsch, a businessman, born in Germany on 22 Feb 1898. Else and Kurt subsequently had one child, born in Johannesburg.

Gerda did not marry and she died on 17 Aug 1955. Ella died on 20 Oct 1972. Else died on 19 Dec 1975 and Kurt died on 19 Jun 1978. All died in Johannesburg.