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CONTEXT: On January 30, 1933, [Adolf Hitler comes to power in Germany](#) as leader of the Nazi party.

The handwritten text below Peter's image translates to "Presenting the new student! Berlin, April 23, 1935." In Peter's hands is a [Schultüte](#) or school cone, showing a tradition going back over 200 years in Germany where on their very first day of school, students are gifted by their parents a giant cardboard cone which often is filled with treats and toys. As Peter began public school in Berlin in 1935, German youth were increasingly indoctrinated with [Nazi propaganda](#). This propaganda poster's heading translates to "Students/Be the Führer's [i.e. Leader's] Propagandists."

On April 9, 1937, the mayor of Berlin "orders public schools not to admit Jewish children until further notice." On November 15, 1938, "The Reich Ministry of Education expels all Jewish children from public schools."

By this time, Peter, with his parents Ernst and Agnes, had already left Germany.

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