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GRUNDIG	hier zum Zwecke der Taufe.
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**Bescheinigung**  
 über Eintragung eines Geburtsfalles.

Vor- und Zuname: *Alwin Jakob Feigl*  
 Geburtslag und -Ort: *1. III 29 Charlottenburg*  
 Wohnung: *P. Sackter Wollallee 66*  
 Vor- und Zuname, sowie Beruf des Vaters: *Ing. Joseph Feigl* Religion

Vor- und Zuname der Mutter: *Regina geb. Proxner* Religion

Berlin Charlottenburg, am *4 III* 19 *37*

Der Standesbeamte.  
*Karl Elvick*

Anmerkung: Das Reichsgesetz über die Beurkundung des Personenstandes und die Eheschließung vom 6. Februar 1875 bestimmt in § 82: Die kirchlichen Verpflichtungen in Beziehung auf Taufe und Trauung werden durch dieses Gesetz nicht berührt.

Stand. A 1. Dinf. A 5.  
 Max. 10801.



*Klaus Peter Feigl wurde am 5. Mai 1937  
 hierauf nach röm. kath. Ritus getauft und  
 hat die Namen Peter Nikolaus Ernst erhalten.*

*Trappenseppent Wollallee, Wien 9,  
 8. Mai 1937.*

*Hr. Alois Wildenauer  
 Propst.*

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**CONTEXT:** Peter's parents did not practice a religion. In fact, Peter's father, Ernst, was a self-proclaimed atheist. The Nazi German government, however, "believed that the world was a struggle among races...and embraced the false idea that Jews were a separate and inferior race," which was known as [racial antisemitism](#). In 1935 the Nazi government enacted the [Nuremberg Race Laws](#). Even though the Feigl's did not practice Judaism, they were determined by the Nazi government to be Jewish. Successive laws continued making life harder.

In early 1936, Peter's parents had the opportunity to leave Germany and move to Prague, Czechoslovakia, at the request of Ernst's company, Denes & Friedman, to close the firm's office. There Peter learned Czech in school. Next, they moved to Vienna, Austria, Ernst's birthplace and where his youngest sister, Marianne, still lived. His parents decided to have him baptized as a Catholic in the hopes it may protect him in the future should circumstances continue to worsen. On May 5, 1937, Peter was baptized at the *Votivkirche* (Votive Church) and his new given name was Peter Nikolaus Ernst Feigl. The first image is of the front of his original birth certificate and the second image is the back of the certificate, which is a record of his baptism. The image of Peter was taken on the day of his First Communion where he received the pin he is wearing and from this point, Peter became a practicing Catholic.

Peter's image and some context from *ENFANTS DÉPORTÉS, ENFANTS SAUVÉS: LES PETITS RÉFUGIÉS JUIFS DU GERS [DEPORTED CHILDREN, SAVED CHILDREN: THE YOUNG JEWISH REFUGEES IN GERS]* are excerpted with permission of author, Gisèle Polya-Somogyi. Birth certificate image and English translations courtesy of Peter Feigl.