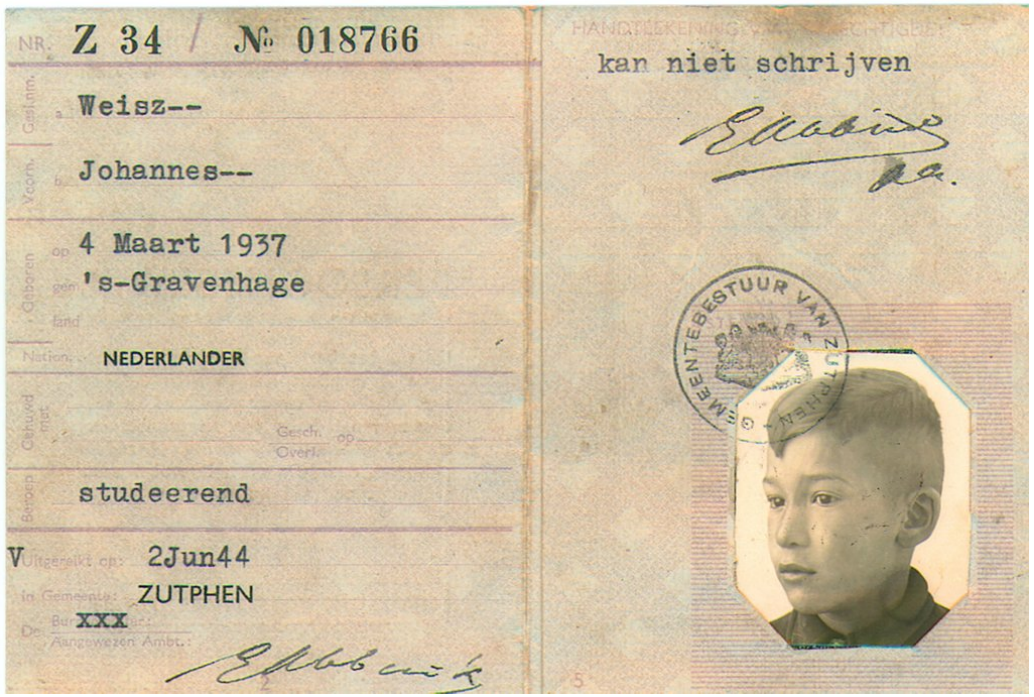
E5 Life in Hiding

In May 1944 the National Socialists organised raids in the Netherlands to round up all the “Gypsies” and take them to concentration camps. Johannes Weisz, known as Zoni, was just seven years old when he lost his whole family. He was not at home when the house was raided but he was caught later and taken to the railway station to be deported as well. But a kind police officer - probably a member of the resistance - helped him escape at the last moment and he went into hiding. Relatives and friends helped him to survive. After the war, Zoni studied horticulture and became one of Europe’s most prominent florists and a leading figure in the struggle of the European Roma and Sinti for equal rights



1910

1944

1951

Did you know

... that on 27 January 2011, Zoni Weisz became the first Sinto to be invited to the German Bundestag to talk about the genocide of the European Sinti and Roma?

Your task

What does the document tell you about Zoni Weisz? Find out more about him and his social commitment at www.romasinti.eu

About the photo

ID card of Johannes (Zoni) Weisz as a schoolboy, issued a month after his parents and his brothers and sisters had been deported. Central Council of German Sinti and Roma, Heidelberg, German

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