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1938, by Jürgen Matthäus and Mark Roseman. AltaMira/United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2010. 469p index afp ISBN 0759119082, \$39.95; ISBN 9780759119086, \$39.95

In this first volume in a series, Matthäus (US Holocaust Memorial Museum; *Atrocities on Trial*, CH, Mar'09, 46-4064) and Roseman (Indiana Univ., Bloomington; *The Wannsee Conference and the Final Solution: A Reconsideration*, 2002) collect 200 documents that illustrate Jewish life in Germany under Nazi persecution prior to WW II. Following an introductory essay on Jews in Germany before 1933, the volume is organized into four chronological sections (e.g., "Subjects under Siege: September 1935 to December 1937"), each of which has three chapters (e.g., "Jewish Questions after Nuremberg"). Each section begins with a historical overview, and each chapter features a contextual overview. The documents (all translated into English) come from both published and unpublished sources and include excerpts from diaries, letters, government reports and contemporary newspaper articles and some photographs. Context and/or explanation is provided for each document, many of which pertain to ordinary people. A touching example comes from a 1935 Bar Mitzvah note from Max Rosenthal to his grandson Hans, in which Rosenthal wrote, "Memories are the only paradise from which we cannot be expelled." Other features include a list of abbreviations, bibliography, glossary, and chronology (1933-early 1939). **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ Upper-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers.—*J. A. Drobnicki, York College, CUNY*