

# Leopoldstadt

By Tom Stoppard

Play no. 767

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## The Play

This play is a Jewish family photo album. Set in Vienna, the play takes its title from the Jewish quarter. The tale begins in the last days of 1899 and follows one extended family, the Merzes, deep into the dark heart of the 20th century. From the family's drawing room, we experience their moments of happiness, love, and disappointment as they live through World War I, political upheavals, and finally World War II - which cruelly severs most branches of their family tree. Tom Stoppard, one of the greatest modern playwrights, has written a play that is wide-ranging and full of beauty. It is the first time Stoppard - at age 83 - has explored his personal family story, and the result is a heartbreaking drama.