Kurt Duldner, born in Austria on Jan. 9, 1922. In 1943, he fled to Shanghai together with his family and lived at 1106 Point Road (now Zhoujiazhai Road) and 60 Kunning Road. While in Shanghai, Kurt worked for the China Szechuan Enterprises Limited in Sassoon House. In 1950, Kurt left Shanghai together with family and settled in the USA. After his departure, Kurt maintained a strong emotional tie with Shanghai and remained connected to China.

In 1987, Kurt visited Shanghai again with his wife and daughter. When revisiting their former residence in Hongkou, Kurt was surprised to find that the Chinese family still kept the table and chairs with heart-shaped carving which his family had used in Shanghai. Hearing about the table and chairs, Kurt’s daughter could not hold back her tears. Later in the street, they met with an old Chinese man who was a barber in the Designated Area. When this old man recalled the past with Kurt in fluent English and Shanghai dialect, everyone was deeply moved.

In October 2011, Kurt Duldner and his wife made another visit to Shanghai, and during this trip, Kurt donated his old driver’s license and the caricature of Ghyoa, a former Japanese officer, to the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum. This was the first time the museum had received these kinds of items. Kurt’s wife Anne Foster Duldner said that the history of Jewish refugees in Shanghai is of eternal value, because if people forget the history, they are doomed to repeat it.