

Detmold, June 1, 2021

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear members and friends,

with some confidence that we will be able to meet again soon, we dare to inform you about first event ideas for the second half of the year.

We understand this letter as a sign of life and as an advance notice. If events are possible, you will receive more detailed information and invitations.

First of all, however, we would like to express our shock at the escalation of violence in Israel. We hope that the ceasefire will continue and that neither Israelis nor Palestinians will have to suffer any more as a result of the escalation. In this context, we would also like to express our disgust at anti-Jewish activities here in our country. When justified criticism of Israeli policies is combined with hatred of fellow citizens, it is intolerable for us. Ignorance, lack of empathy, misguided education - all this and much more is expressed in these actions. Let us resolutely oppose them and assure our Jewish friends of our full solidarity.

In this letter you will again find some links to digital presentations. We know that most of you prefer face-to-face events, but we do not want to close ourselves to all these initiatives. If the Corona situation does not improve to the extent that many of you can come to Haus Münsterberg again, we will plan so-called hybrid events in the future. Presence plus video streaming. We cordially invite you to a pure video conference with a proven expert on the current situation in Israel below and are curious to see how many of you will turn to this new format.

In the meantime, on our homepage you will find an [index of all the books we have at Haus Münsterberg](#): A large collection of accounts of the regional history of Jewish life in the surrounding area; a collection of partly old and precious Judaica and standard works on the subject; and a collection of modern novels from the reading circle on the subjects of Israel and Judaism in Europe. You can now get an overview of our stock and feel free to contact us if you would like to borrow something and possibly keep it.

On the homepage of the [Karla Raveh Comprehensive School](#) you will find a wonderful collection of old and new [contributions about Karla Raveh](#), whose birthday was May 15. The Karla Raveh Comprehensive School has compiled these contributions very clearly

and appealingly as a so-called padlet (a digital pinboard) - as a substitute for the otherwise usual concerts or readings on Karla's birthday.

The Municipal Museum Hexenbürgermeisterhaus in Lemgo shows the - open for visits! - Exhibition about Karla's husband "Shmuel Raveh - the life of a silent witness!?". You can register by calling 05261/213276 or directly on site! The exhibition complements with impressive documents the book about Shmuel Raveh's life and survival published last year. On the homepage of the museum there is detailed information and a short film: [www.museen-lemgo.de](http://www.museen-lemgo.de).

On June 11, the father of our Jewish chairwoman, Fred Herzberg from Detmold, would have turned 100. Gudrun Mitschke-Buchholz congratulates him with an article on the homepage of the Detmold City Archives: [www.stadtarchiv.detmold.de/startseite](http://www.stadtarchiv.detmold.de/startseite).

Jürgen Scheffler, former head of the Hexenbürgermeisterhaus, remembers in the attached text the oldest member of the impressive meeting of the large Hochfeld family in Lemgo in 2017. Wilfried Hockfield passed away on March 27, 2021. In a short video he tells about his life: [\(In Memory of Wilfred Hockfield \(1925-2021\) - Interview on the occasion of the exhibition opening "Leaving or Staying? The Jewish Hochfeld Family" \(2017\) \(facebook.com\)\)](https://www.facebook.com/In-Memory-of-Wilfred-Hockfield-1925-2021-Interview-on-the-occasion-of-the-exhibition-opening-\).

The Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Center shows the exhibition from Lemgo about the history of the Hochfeld family a second time. A podcast has been produced for this, which can be found at: <https://soundcloud.com/user-858426360/jhgc-in-conversation-steve-penny-hochfeld-juergen-scheffler>.

On June 17 at 19:00 there will be the opportunity to participate in a video conference on the current situation in Israel. The speaker will be the Israeli tour guide and Yad Vashem employee Uriel Kashi, who was expressly recommended to us. The talk will include a brief historical introduction, review developments since the 2nd Intifada, and discuss the role and situation of Arab Israelis in Israel in general. He then goes into the events of the last few weeks and attempts to explain the interests and motivations of the various actors. The presentation will last just under an hour and there will be time for questions afterwards. The access data are <https://zoom.us/j/93954796298?pwd=VOUwWkYzcXVldlgzbGFmMWtEQTF3dz09> Meeting-ID:93954796298 Identcode:123456

Please find enclosed the program of this year's [Weeks against Racism](#), which should actually already take place in March. We strongly recommend these events.

But now in a short overview the dates planned by us as presence events:

**Sunday, August 22, 17:00:** Organ concert with works by Jewish musicians with Oana Maria Bran in the **Martin Luther Church** in Schülerstraße Detmold.

**Sunday, September 19, 15:00 Haus Münsterberg:** General meeting with elections.

**Wednesday, October 6, 19:00 Haus Münsterberg:** Reading with Detmold author Herrad Schenk: "Wie in einem uferlosen Strom. The life of my parents." (Like in a stream without banks. The life of my parents.) At <https://www.perlentaucher.de/buch/herrad-schenk/wie-in-einem-uferlosen-strom.html> you will find the blurb and reviews from the Süddeutsche Zeitung and Der Zeit about Herrad Schenk's 2002 book.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19, 19:30 Haus Münsterberg:** Lecture with musical examples by Iris Hennig about the singer Marianne Oswald.

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 19:30 Haus Münsterberg:** Lecture by Bettina Hanke-Postma and Dr. Oliver Arnhold on the subject of "Anti-Semitism".

**Monday, November 1, 16:00 Synagogue in Herford:** Joint Bible reading by Bettina Hanke-Postma and Mathitjahu Kellig. Please find [further explanations](#) in the attachment!

**Tuesday, November 9, 19:00 in Detmold, Heilig-Kreuz-Kirche:** Concert with the Ensemble Horizonte "Music in the Shadow of the Shoa".

Friday, 12.11. in Schwalenberg possibly 2nd concert with the ensemble.

In December we are planning a joint Hanukkah celebration in Haus Münsterberg.

Next year, together with the city of Detmold and in the presence of the artist Günther Demnig, we plan to lay another eight Stolpersteine. We will inform about names and addresses in time. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Barbara Klaus or Joanne Herzberg via our society address.

We would also like to draw your attention to the art action of our former Lutheran chairman Maik Fleck in his office opposite the memorial stone for the synagogue in Lortzingstraße. Every Friday changing artists will show their interpretations of psalm verses at the window.

In the hope that we will be able to see each other again soon, I send you my warmest greetings on behalf of the entire Board.

Micheline Prüter-Müller

P. S.: The attachments mentioned in the text can be viewed/downloaded via the associated links through our homepage.