

Detmold, 03 June 2024

Dear members and friends,

we cordially invite you to our events in June:

Thursday, June 13, 2024, 19:00 and Thursday, July 04, 2024, 19:00

Spectaculum de Defectum

Street theatre for the preservation of the court synagogue

The important architectural monument and testimony to Jewish life in the centre of Detmold is increasingly falling into disrepair and becomes the cause of inhuman provocations.

The theatre laboratory tells the story of the building in the street theatre production: Spectaculum de Defectum - performed by a talented troupe of mean gnawing beetles



We gnaw, we gnaw, we ask no questions

we gnaw and every wood becomes soft

Everything that is created perishes

we do it right away

we are the sharp teeth on behalf of time

we are the ravages of time

In this street theatre production, the theatre laboratory drills deep into the interior of the load-bearing beams of our society: a talented troupe of common nail beetles has found the ideal habitat: a hidden building, unloved by humans for many centuries, almost invisible and threatened by decay - it can therefore be gnawed on exquisitely and in peace for generations. Along the way, the woodworms pursue their talents, passions and philosophical questions about life and death. But times are changing and our heroes have all kinds of problems: it becomes known that the dilapidated cottage is a building of public interest. Renovation and therefore eviction are imminent, and to make matters worse, the new owner is now on the scene because he wants to demolish the house and build beautiful car parks! The monument protection authority turns up, the judicial system and civil society are literally on the mat and the peace and quiet is gone. As if all this wasn't bad enough, time is no longer on our heroes' side and the building is falling into ever greater disrepair... one big storm and the group would be split up. What comes across as entertaining and cheerfully anarchic unfortunately has an all too real background:

There is a small, listed building in the centre of Detmold, which for many years was regarded by the city council as a garden house; as a result of extensive research, it has now been known for some years that the dilapidated little house is a Jewish prayer house from 1633 and therefore a building of significance to the city's history, which at best should be put to an appropriate and meaningful use. The events surrounding the discovery, further development and utilisation of the building were the reason and inspiration for the work on "Spectaculum de defectum". The topic is of supra-regional importance: the current owner of the building - a well-known defence lawyer in the right-wing scene (e.g. a pen pal of Beate Zschäpe) and himself convicted of incitement to hatred - wants to demolish the building and build car parks and, if necessary, sue his way through all instances. The local and national press report, politicians at all levels are involved, the public discourse is sometimes biting, committed Jewish citizens are threatened. Administration, politics and civil society wrestle with regulations, court judgements, reflexes and emotions, while the building continues to deteriorate and threatens to collapse; the matter is deadlocked.

We would like to thank the many helpers who are making the performance of the play possible!

The performances are organised in cooperation with the Jewish community of Herford-Detmold, the Kuratorium Erinnern Forschen Gedenken e.V. / Gedenkstätte Zellentrakt in Herford, the Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe e.V. and the Lippische Landeskirche Detmold.

Supported by the Anti-Semitism Commissioner of the State of NRW.

13.6th: Detmold, Marktplatz - 4th July: Herford, Rathausplatz

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 16:00

"What all Israelis have in common is that they are traumatised."

An interview with Renate Zimmermann-Grob about her visit to Israel in April 2024

Renate Zimmermann-Grob is a teacher at the Karla Raveh Comprehensive School in Lemgo. Together with a team, she leads the Israeli-German student exchange programme with the Mor High School Maccabim Reut Modi'in. She visited her colleagues and friends in Israel from 9 to 14 April 2024. She will report on her experiences, impressions and conversations on site and talk to us.

House Münsterberg, Hornsche Straße 38, Detmold

We are also happy to pass on the call from the Blomberg Alliance and the Detmold Alliance for Democracy, Diversity and Human Rights, which we will also be following:

Wednesday, June 05, 2024, 8:30

Stop hate and agitation!

For solidarity, diversity, human dignity and democratic commitment!

On Wednesday, 5 June 2024 at 10 a.m., the appeal hearing against the extreme right-wing YouTuber Tim Kellner from Horn-Bad-Meinberg in four insult cases will take place at Detmold Regional Court. On 4 October 2023, the Detmold district court, as the court of first instance, sentenced Kellner to a fine of 11,000 euros in three insult cases - including against Nancy Faeser. On this day, a rally with over 400 participants took place on Kaiser-Wilhelm-Platz. Over 150 of them blocked the entrance to the court building for hours.

On 5 June 2024, the extreme right-wing groups "Bielefeld steht auf", "Kreis Paderborn steht auf", "Grundrechte Paderborn" and "Grundrechte Lippstadt" are once again calling for a "freedom demonstration" for the accused Tim Kellner on Kaiser-Wilhelm-Platz next to Detmold District Court from 10 a.m.

The Blomberg Alliance and the Detmold Alliance for Democracy, Diversity and Human Rights are inviting people to peacefully and creatively oppose hatred and agitation from the right.

On Heinrich-Drake-Straße, we will deliberately stand in front of the court to symbolically protect the law and, above all, the human rights enshrined in the Basic Law against the attacks of the extreme right. On Bruchstraße, we are celebrating democracy and human dignity.

Further information can be found in the [flyer](#).

We would also like to draw your attention to an exciting event in Oerlinghausen:

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 18:00

STOLPERSTEINE - TRACKS and PATHS

Gunter Demnig



Lecture

In his lecture, the artist Gunter Demnig outlines his artistic career from 1968 onwards, including the project [STOLPERSTEINE](#).

Gunter Demnig studied art education and industrial design at the Hochschule für bildende Künste Berlin (HfbK) from 1967 and later studied fine art at the University of Kassel. Gunter Demnig describes himself as a "tracker".

He has been laying Stumbling Stones in memory of victims from the National Socialist era since 1996. In particular, the aim is to commemorate the fate of people who were murdered, deported, expelled or driven to suicide under National Socialism.

The Stolpersteine are considered to be the largest decentralised memorial in the world.

City of Oerlinghausen

Hall of the community centre in Oerlinghausen (Tönsbergstraße 3)

On the following day, 13 June 2024 9 a.m., laying of the Stolpersteine . The tour to the places where the stones were laid starts at **Rathausplatz**.

Our member Pastor (retired) Martin Hankemeier has compiled and since then expanded the information for his book "[Zur Geschichte der Juden in Lage](#)", published in the 2nd edition in 2003. The collection of material on [Hugo Rosenthal / Josef Jashuvi](#) (1887-1980), the important Jewish reform pedagogue from Lage and his brother [Karl Rosenthal](#) (1885-1952), the important liberal rabbi from Lage, which was created for his book " Zur Geschichte der Juden in Lage ", published in its second edition in 2003, and has since been expanded and updated, has been released for publication. We would like to thank Mr Hankemeier very much for his tireless commitment to the work of remembrance and commemoration, especially in preserving the life stories of the Rosenthal brothers!

Best wishes to you all - on behalf of the entire Executive Board

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