

Dear members,

Friends of the GfCJZ,

next week we will be commemorating the many victims of the November pogrom of 1938. We at would like to draw your attention to a number of events in Lippe municipalities on 9 November:

Tuesday, November 04, 2025, 19:30 and Wednesday, November 05, 2025, 19:30

Village stories

Katharina Thalbach reads from the novel "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne



"We didn't know anything." A not uncommon justification given by contemporary witnesses to the existence of Nazi concentration camps. One person who really knows nothing is the character of nine-year-old Bruno. The journey begins when Bruno's father is appointed commandant of Auschwitz in 1942 and the family has to move. All Bruno knows is that he has to leave his wonderful home to live in a terribly boring house surrounded by barbed wire, with no one to play with. "Wipe out", as he calls it. The fact that the people behind the fence wear striped pyjamas and what they are actually doing there remains a mystery to him.

Boredom eventually drives him to the fence, where he meets a boy on the other side, Schmel, further away. In their daily clandestine conversations, a friendship develops that binds the two of them ever closer together - what is actually going on in the camp remains hidden from Bruno.

The multi-award-winning novel by Irish author John Boyne is not a historical Holocaust documentary, but a fictional story rooted in reality, which is given a remarkable new voice and perspective through the character of nine-year-old Bruno. The author does not explain, but allows his character to observe.

The event is a co-operation between the Literaturbüro OWL, the LWL-Freilichtmuseum Detmold and the Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe.

Tickets are available at www.literaturbuero-owl.de.

LWL-Freilichtmuseum Detmold

Sunday, November 09, 2025, 17:30

Detmold - Remembering and commemorating together

From the site of the burnt-down synagogue on Lortzingstraße in a silent walk to the memorial on Exterstraße - followed by a concert in the town hall

The city of Detmold and the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Lippe, together with the Protestant and Catholic Youth of Lippe and the Christian-Dietrich-Grabbe-Gymnasium, invite you to the central memorial event on the occasion of 9 November 1938, at which the violent riots of the Reichspogromnacht will be recalled. On the night of 9 to 10 November, a fire in Detmold destroyed the New Synagogue on Lortzingstraße, Jewish citizens were arrested and taken to Buchenwald concentration camp. These crimes, and above all the people who fell victim to them, will be commemorated on Sunday, 9 November 2025, at 5.30 pm at the site of the burnt-down synagogue on Lortzingstraße and at the memorial on Exterstraße, where the Jewish victims of persecution will be remembered.



Mayor Frank Hilker will open the commemoration ceremony, followed by District President Anna Katharina Bölling sharing her thoughts on 9 November. Those present commemorate the Jewish persecutees from Detmold together and lay wreaths.

Members of the Protestant and Catholic Youth of Lippe prepare an interfaith impulse for the central memorial service. Afterwards, a silent walk leads to the memorial site on Exterstraße in memory of Jewish victims of persecution from Detmold.

Afterwards, all participants are invited to Detmold Town Hall. A memorial concert with a reading by the Israel-AG and the Grabbe Band of the Christian-Dietrich-Grabbe-Gymnasium will take place in the large conference room at 7 pm. Under the motto "Only the 'woe' remains. The 'home' is gone." (Mascha Kaléko), pupils will read texts by the poet Mascha Kaléko, the physicist Albert Einstein and the writer Joseph Roth. The reading will be accompanied by music from the Grabbe Band.

You can find the flyer for the event series at [here](#).

Jewish life in Detmold

- History, memory, responsibility

9 November is a moving day. It reminds us of the November pogroms of 1938, when Jewish life in Germany was brutally attacked.

On this day, the Socio-Political Academy (GPA) of the Kolping Educational Centre Paderborn invites you to a special discussion that combines history and the present. Cultural mediator Cornelia Müller-Hisje will open the event with a historical overview of Jewish life in Detmold and Lippe. Afterwards, Joanne Herzberg, daughter of Holocaust survivors, gives an impressive account of her family and life story. Her father fled Detmold as a young man and found a new home in the USA. Her personal insights range from persecution and survival to questions of identity and remembrance in the present day. The event offers space for knowledge, encounters and shared reflection - against forgetting and in favour of respectful coexistence.



Joanne Herzberg's report is in English. A translation into German will be provided.

The event is free of charge and lasts until approx. 16:30.

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

Please register online at kolping-weiterbildung.de, by e-mail to weiterbildung@kolping-paderborn.de or by telephone on 05251-2888-563.

Gesellschaftspolitische Akademie des Kolping-Bildungswerks Paderborn GmbH

Haus Münsterberg, Hornsche Straße 38, 32756 Detmold

Friday, October 10, 2025 - Thursday, November 13, 2025

"Different from the others - Stigmatised. Persecuted. Forgotten."

Exhibition in Detmold Town Hall

Many of the fates of people who were stigmatised, disenfranchised, persecuted, expelled and murdered during the Nazi regime are still not recognised today. These forgotten victims of persecution are not commemorated in the collective memory. Their stigmatisation, exclusion and persecution is not limited to the Nazi era. They were only rehabilitated and recognised as victims of National Socialist tyranny at a late stage. Biographies of people who were disenfranchised, tortured and murdered because of their political stance or ideology, their sexual orientation, deviant lifestyles or physical appearance, illness or disability are presented as examples.

The exhibition was created on the occasion of the central commemorative event on 27 January 2025 as part of a series of lessons by the additional history course Q2 of the

Grabbe- Gymnasium and a picture book project by the students of the advanced art course Q2 of the 2025 Abitur class.

The students of the advanced art course of the Q2 of the 2025 Abitur class have explored the biographies of Anneliese and Margarete Lükermann and told the story of the fate of the younger Margarete Lükermann in the form of a picture book. For their younger classmates, they want to create initial access to the emotionally challenging topic of the so-called murder of the sick. First and foremost, however, this book is intended as a memorial to a young woman who became a victim of Nazi ideology at a similar age to the pupils in the Q2 course. The originals will be shown in the town hall as a supplement to the exhibition during the same period.

The project was accompanied by illustrator and former Grabbian Francis Kaiser and art teacher Annegret Niehus-Berkemann.

The exhibition will be on display in Detmold Town Hall from 9 October to 13 November.

Detmold Town Hall

Sunday, November 09, 2025, ab 12:00

Herford - Events for 9 November 2025

The afternoon offers three programme items that can be visited individually or in combination:

12:00 to 14:30: City tour to places of Jewish life in Herford
With Christoph Laue from the Kuratorium Erinnern Forschen Gedenken e.V. in cooperation with the Volkshochschule Herford
Start: 12:00 at the Neuer Markt, the tour ends at the synagogue, €7 per person.

15:00 to 16:00: Memorial service in the synagogue
With musical accompaniment and words of welcome from church and political representatives.

From 16:00: Reading in the synagogue
Prof. Matitjahu Kellig and Johannes Vetter read from "Berlin without Jews" by Arthur Landesberger (1876-1933).
A joint event organised by the Jewish Community Herford-Detmold and the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation Herford e.V.

For further information, please see the [flyer](#).

Memorial Centre Zellentrakt, the GfCJZ in Herford and the Jewish Community Herford-Detmold

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Day of remembrance for the victims of National Socialism



18:00: Wreath-laying ceremony at the Old Synagogue Mauerstraße

Address by Mayor Dirk Tolkemitt and Pastor Bettina Hanke-Postma, Commissioner for Christian-Jewish Cooperation of the Lippische Landeskirche, musical programme by Anja Vehling (Director of the Preußisch Oldendorf Music School) and Jakow Zelewitsch (Cantor of the Jewish community of Herford-Detmold)

19:30: Concert in the Church of the Resurrection, Gröchteweg 32, 32105 Bad Salzuflen

Jewish songs sung by Cantor Jakow Zelewitsch and his daughter Julia

City of Bad Salzuflen and Bad Salzufler Ratschlag

Sunday, November 09, 2025

City of Lemgo - Invitation to the commemoration of 9 November

On Sunday, 9 November 2025, the Old Hanseatic City of Lemgo and the "Working Group 9 November Lemgo" invite you to a commemoration of the events of the November 1938 pogroms. Together with the Stumbling Stones and Frenkel House Association, the municipal convention of the Lemgo church communities, the Turkish Islamic community of Lemgo, the secondary schools, the volunteer fire brigade, the Detmold-Lemgo adult education centre, the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Lippe and the Eben Ezer Foundation, the violence, persecution and destruction of Jewish life in Germany will be commemorated. This commemoration reminds us to question prejudices, to resolutely oppose hatred and marginalisation and to protect our democracy. It is a sign of the solidarity and responsibility we bear for each other and for Jewish life in Germany.



The event begins at 6 pm on the market square and will continue at the Neue Straße synagogue memorial. You are also welcome to bring your own candle lights, which can be placed at the synagogue memorial at the end of the event as a sign of remembrance.

In memory of the victims of the Holocaust who once lived in Lemgo, the Solpersteine und Frenkel-Haus e.V. association will lay roses on the Stolpersteine in the city centre on this day.

The memorial and meeting place Frenkel-Haus, Echternstraße 70, will be open on this day from 3 to 6 pm.

On Sunday, 9.11.25, the parish of St. Marien invites you to a musical service at 10 am to commemorate the November pogroms. Under the title "Lord, God of Abraham", arias from Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's "Elijah" will be performed by Moritz Kugler (bass), Cantor Volker Jänig (organ) and Pastor Matthias Altevogt (sermon)

Afterwards at 11.30 a.m., the exhibition "Never again" will be opened in the church. The works on display were created by pupils from art courses at the Karla Raveh School in response to the anti-Judaic depictions in St Mary's Church.

As part of the culture of remembrance, a tour of the town is offered on the theme of "Jewish life in Lemgo". City guide Liesel Kochsiek-Jakobfeuerborn will welcome those interested on Friday, 7 November at 15:30 at the Museum Hexenbürgermeisterhaus, Breite Straße 17-19.

For further information, please refer to the [flyer](#).

Sunday, November 09, 2025, 15:00

Commemorative event at the Jewish cemetery in Lage

In Lage, there will be a commemorative event on 9 November at the Jewish cemetery.

The commemoration begins at 6 pm. Afterwards, retired pastor Martin Hankemeier will give a lecture on the "History of the Hammerschlag family in Lage" in the "Alte Schmiede".

Lage, Flurstraße

Monday, November 10, 2025, 19:00

The beginnings of National Socialism in Lage

The historian J. Gorewoda provides insights into his research to date on his dissertation on the Nazi era in Lage. He sheds light on the beginnings of National Socialism in Lage up to 1933, its supporting groups and origins and explores the question "How was this possible?"

Registration at heimatbund-lage@outlook.de is welcome but not mandatory. The organiser is happy to receive a donation.

Lippischer Heimatbund Ortsverein Lage
Margarete Wißmann

Repair Cafe Alte Schmiede, Hardisser Str. 2b, 32791 Lage

For information on events organised by other municipalities in Lippe, please visit their websites.

We would also like to invite you to a joint study trip:

Sunday, October 25, 2026 - Friday, October 30, 2026

Remembering - not forgetting: Study trip to Krakow and Auschwitz

We, the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, cordially invite you to join us on a journey to discover the diversity of Jewish culture and to come to terms with the genocide - the Shoah - of the Jewish population using the example of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

At the same time, this study trip also takes us to the beautiful cultural city of Krakow and gives us an insight into the religious and cultural diversity of Jewish life. It takes us to the largest concentration and extermination camp and enables an individual - rational and emotional - examination of the extent of the cruel machinery of extermination, reminding us of those who thought differently politically and the persecution of minorities in the period 1933-1945.

A [detailed programme](#) is already available.

Binding registration by 25.12.2025 to: GfCJZ-Lippe@t-online.de

More detailed information on the trip and registration can be found in the [announcement](#). If you prefer to register by post, please use the [form](#).

We would like to thank Regina Bangert and Dennis Janssen for taking the initiative to organise and lead the trip.

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

Friday, November 21, 2025, 17:00

Panel discussion and project presentation "Who owns history? The politicisation of the past by the extreme right"

The Akademie am Tönsberg cordially invites you to the event "Who owns history? The politicisation of the past by the extreme right". It will take place on Friday, 21 November 2025 at 5 p.m. in the hall of the Bürgerhaus (Tönsbergstraße 3) in Oerlinghausen.

The evening will shed light on the importance of historical narratives for right-wing extremist narratives and present strategies for promoting democracy and preventing extremism, with a particular focus on schools and education. Prof. Gideon Botsch from the Moses Mendelssohn Centre for European-Jewish Studies will provide expert input. The Heinz-Sielmann-Schule, the Niklas-Luhmann-Gymnasium and the district of Lippe are among those taking part in the subsequent panel discussion.

The event is part of the current cooperation project "Understanding Places" between the Akademie am Tönsberg and the Oerlinghausen Archaeological Open-Air Museum. Insights and results from the project, which is funded by the Ministry of Culture and Science NRW, will also be presented on this evening.

Admission is free and there will be a small snack afterwards.

Saal des Bürgerhauses Oerlinghausen

Kind regards

Philipp Wagner and Kristina Panchyryz

(Management)