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Dear members of the Society,

dear friends,

to mark the Israeli general election in October 2026, we invite you to an online discussion with Uriel Kashi:

Monday, November 30, 2026, 19:30

Israel after the election



Lecture and discussion with Uriel Kashi (online)

The election result reveals a society that remains deeply divided: whilst Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud once again emerged as the largest single party, the outgoing governing coalition lost its majority. Nor was the opposition able to secure a majority of its own. The formation of a government and the country's political future will therefore continue to be shaped by difficult coalition negotiations.

Uriel Kashi analyses the election result against the backdrop of the political and social developments of recent years. This includes, in particular, a review of the right-wing governing coalition under Netanyahu, which comprised the national-conservative Likud as well as ultra-Orthodox and far-right parties. The planned judicial reform had triggered months of mass protests in 2023. The terrorist attack by Hamas on 7 October 2023 and the ensuing war fundamentally transformed Israel and exacerbated existing social conflicts.

The lecture provides an overview of Israel's diverse party system and electoral system. The focus is on the election results, the balance of power in the new Knesset, and the key issues of the election campaign: security and war, responsibility for 7 October, compulsory military service for the ultra-Orthodox, judicial reform and social division.

It also examines the political consequences of the election, shedding light on the prospects for Israeli society and possible changes in domestic and foreign policy. The implications for relations with the USA and for German-Israeli relations are also considered.

Uriel Kashi is a historian, tour guide and director of the Beit Ben Yehuda International Youth Centre in Jerusalem. He studied Jewish History and Education in Berlin and Jerusalem and was an education officer at the Jewish Museum Berlin from 2001 to 2007. He also worked at the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem. Since 2010, he has been working as a freelance tour guide and speaker. Since September 2024, he has been the regional representative of Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ASF) in Israel. In this role, he is responsible for volunteer programmes and exchange schemes and heads the Beit Ben Yehuda International Youth Centre in Jerusalem. His work combines an examination of the history of National Socialism and the Shoah with a commitment to German-Israeli exchange and engagement with contemporary Israeli society.

The lecture and discussion will take place online. Please register informally via GfCJZ-Lippe@t-online.de. You will then be sent the link to the Zoom meeting.

Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe e.V.

We are pleased to draw your attention to two further interesting events:

Monday, November 23, 2026, 19:30

Frieda and Willi Obermeier



A Jewish family from Lippe

Lecture by retired pastor Martin Hankemeier

Willi Obermeier (born 1894) married Frieda, who was not Jewish. They both thought they would lead a perfectly normal, happy life with their children. But then came the Nazi era. As early as 1923, the first Nazi group in the Lippe region was formed in Lage and made its presence felt with marches and defamatory songs, accompanied by loud shouting. Stones were thrown, and Frieda was harassed as a ‘Jewish woman’ even before Hitler seized power.

Martin Hankemeier’s lecture provides many details about the pre-war, wartime and post-war periods.

Lage, Alte Schmiede, Hardisser Str. 2a

Sunday, December 20, 2026, 16:00

Film footage from Adolf Ahlers' Nazi model factory

"From the Life of the Work Community"

To mark the closing event of the exhibition 'Did Herford Belong to the Führer?', we are once again screening the film footage from Adolf Ahlers' Nazi model factory

'From the Life of the Workplace Community'

You are warmly invited to attend!

Admission is free. Due to limited seating, please register at info@zellentrakt.de; places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Ahlers family archive contains eight films that offer a unique insight into the Adolf Ahlers textile factory, which was awarded the title of 'Nazi model enterprise' on 1 May 1939. The films, dating from 1938 to 1940, depict life within the group's factories and the outstanding in-house achievements that contributed to the award at the time.

The films, produced by 'party member' Erich Korte, document company celebrations, staff trips to the surrounding area and as far afield as Bavaria, as well as a voyage to Norway on the 'Kraft durch Freude' steamship 'Robert Ley'. Two factory films from 1939 feature the plants in Elverdissen, Herford – including the 'Aryanised' Elsbach plant – Lage and Löhne, as well as the social, sporting and cultural facilities and the highlights of company life, such as the visit of the first 'Volkswagen', the May Day celebrations in 1939, the presentation of the 'golden flag' and the first march with it through Herford, and the visit by the Gauleiter of the NSDAP for North Westphalia, Dr Alfred Meyer.

The content of the films can be explained on the basis of reports in the surviving works newspapers. Excerpts from the films are shown, introduced and described by Christoph Laue.

Further information can be found here.

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Our next newsletter will highlight events taking place around 27 January. If you have any information about events in the local area or are organising an event yourself, please do let us know so that we can announce it in the newsletter.

Kind regards

Kristina Panchyrz and Philipp Wagner

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