

Detmold, April 2017

Dear members and friends of the society, ladies and gentlemen,

in this newsletter we would like to invite you to the following events:

- two topical lectures on the importance of **Islam in Germany**
- an exhibition about the **Jewish family Hochfeld in Lemgo**
- guided **tours of Jewish traces in Detmold**
- a reading by the author Olga Grjasnowa from her **new novel about the consequences of the Syrian war**
- a special **tour of the Jewish cemetery in Detmold**
- a **lecture** by Eva Lettermann **about ways to deal with Nazi perpetrators**

We are also able to invite you to two very special offers: a **weekend excursion to Wolfenbüttel and Braunschweig** in August, and a regular study group for recent Israeli literature.

And now about the various events in detail:

Thursday, April 27, 20:00
Islam in Germany – Background and Perspectives

Rabeya Müller

Rabeya Müller graduated in Education Science, Science of Islam, Ethnology and Islamic Theology. One of her activities is to work as Deputy Chairperson of the “Zentrum für islamische Frauenforschung und Frauenförderung [ZiF]” (Centre for Research and Advancement of Islamic Women). Ms. Müller is also a founding member of the “Liberal-Islamischer Bund” [LIB.ev] (Liberal Islamic Federation) and co-lecturer at the “Interreligiöses Lehr- und Lernhaus für Frauen” (Inter-religious House of Teaching and Learning for Women) [Gelnhausen, Berlin, Köln]. In her lecture she will give an account of the presently existing Islamic associations and about new developments and alliances.

Series of events in cooperation with “Lippische Landeskirche”, the Protestant Student Corporation Detmold/Lemgo (ESG) and the Catholic Student Union.

Moderator: Monika Korbach, Lippische Landeskirche
Haus Münsterberg in Detmold, Hornsche Strasse 38

Wednesday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.
Visit to the exhibition “Gehen oder bleiben?” (To leave or to stay?)

The History of the Jewish family Hochfeld.

Your guide will be Mr. Jürgen Scheffler, Director of the 'Museum Hexenbürgermeisterhaus' and curator of the exhibition.

Free entrance. Meeting point in front of the museum, just before 11:00.
Museum Hexenbürgermeisterhaus Lemgo

Wednesday, May 10, 19:30
“The Quest for God with all Our Senses” - What Christians can learn from Islam.

Professor Dr. Klaus von Stosch

To many people in western countries Islam appears to be backward and adverse to progress. But in its spirituality and expression of belief Islam contains elements that are deeply related to the other monotheistic religions. At the same time it includes practical aspects which could be stimulating for Christian believers. The lecture will follow these aspects by trying to demonstrate in which way practical Muslim belief can be understood as a quest for God with all senses.

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Moderator: Dr. Katharina Kleine Vennekate, Protestant Student Corporation Detmold/Lemgo (ESG)
Haus Münsterberg, Detmold, Hornsche Strasse 38

Mittwoch, May 17, 19:30
Olga Grjasnowa reads from her new novel “God Is Not Shy”

Amal and Hammoudi are young, beautiful and privileged, and they believe in the revolution in their country. But suddenly they lose everything and must fight for survival. They take flight.

A shocking, outspoken and unforgettable book.

The reading is organised in co-operation with the bookshop 'Kafka & Co.' We expect large public interest, as Olga Grjasnowa has been made widely known through the 'Leipziger Buchmesse' (Book Fair Leipzig) and the topicality of her novel; this is why we have relocated the event to Grabbe Gymnasium, to make sure that everybody will be able to obtain entry.

Entrance fee € 8,00 (students € 4,00). Free entrance for members of our society. If you want to be absolutely sure to get in you can buy tickets in advance at the bookshop 'Kafka & Co.' or have tickets reserved by telephone (05231-39569).

Assembly Hall, Grabbegymnasium Detmold, Woldemarstrasse

Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m.
Guided Tour: “Jewish Traces in Detmold”
Guide: Gudrun Mischke-Buchholz

Contribution: € 3,00; reduced fee € 1,00

Meeting point: Town Hall Detmold, outside stairway

Friday, June 9, 17:00
Guided tour of the Jewish Cemeteries in Detmold
Volker Buchholz

We kindly ask you to register in advance per e-mail or phone (05231-29758) to limit the number of visitors. Would the male participants please be prepared to cover their heads.

Jewish cemetery, Spitzenkamptwete in Detmold

Sunday, June 18, 11:00 a.m.
Guided Tour: “Jewish Traces in Detmold”
Guide: Gudrun Mischke-Buchholz

Contribution: € 3,00; reduced fee € 1,00

Meeting point: Town Hall Detmold, outside stairway

Tuesday, June 27, 19:30
“Onkel Franz doch nicht!” (“But certainly not Uncle Franz!”)
Options for decisions and alternatives of conduct in the biographies of various perpetrators – Learning about the history of the Shoah by looking into the activities of individual perpetrators
Dr. Eva Lettermann

Dr. Lettermann is a teacher and teachers' supervisor for history in Detmold. She will present excerpts from her doctoral thesis, in which she has analysed various profiles of perpetrators and has also looked into reasons for variations in their decisions and conduct.

In cooperation with the memorial site Yad Vashem Dr. Lettermann has developed fascinating new forms of learning about this dark era in German history.

Haus Münsterberg in Detmold, Hornsche Strasse 38

Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27
Excursion: Exploring Jewish traces in Wolfenbüttel and Braunschweig

Next year it will be 200 years since the Detmold-born scientist Leopold Zunz founded the “Science of Jewry” and established it at German universities. The professor of German language and literary studies Cord Berghahn, also from Detmold, will give a lecture about Leopold Zunz in 'Haus Münsterberg' on August 10. Leopold Zunz's work in Wolfenbüttel will be in the centre of our excursion, but we will also visit the 'Lessinghaus' and the famous 'Herzog-August-Bibliothek'. In Braunschweig we will make contact with members of the Jewish community. Afterwards we will be able to visit the Jewish Museum “Hinter Ägidien”, which is part of the recently opened 'Anton Ulrich Museum', and which is the only synagogue with an interior in the baroque style. In both cities there will be guided tours especially for us, following Jewish and other historic traces.

We will set off by coach at 9 o'clock. The precise pick-up places will be made known to the participants in due time. We will stay in the Parkhotel “Altes Kaffeehaus” and will take evening dinner there. All other meals and/or snacks are self-provided. The fee will be around € 160,00, depending on the number of participants and the kinds of rooms. You will be given more precise information after complete registration.

Please register until Saturday, May 6 at the latest, by mail or phone (05231-29758), or contact me directly at 05231-24776.

Finally I would like to invite you to a study group offered by Gertrud Wagner. The group will read and discuss recent Israeli novels. Possible dates and frequency of meetings will be agreed upon with Frau Wagner after registration. If you are interested phone 05231-29758, or mail.

On behalf of the managing board I send you all the best regards.

Micheline Prüter-Müller