

Detmold, June 6, 2020

Dear members of our "Society",

For a long time you have not heard from us - a sad time, in which we had to cancel all events - and especially our visit week on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the liberation from Hitler fascism. A sad time also because, according to the latest studies, anti-Semitic violence and conspiracy theories have increased to a frightening extent. We are currently planning new events on this topic in particular, but we do not yet know what will happen next. The age structure of our association makes us particularly cautious. But there are some things we would have liked to report to you at the general meeting in March and which I would now like to summarize in writing.

We will try to make up for the **visit week** for the members of the Ehrmann/Margalit family next year. Then we will also present the **EBook** of the out-of-print memoirs of Ruth and Benjamin Margalit "**Zerbrochene Kindheit** (Broken Childhood)", which is now almost finished.

The laying of the **stumbling blocks** for the Herzberg family will either be at the end of June as originally planned - or postponed until autumn. As soon as we know more details, we will announce this on our homepage. This also applies to the next meeting of the Stumbling Stones working group.

We will postpone our annual **general meeting** until next year. In the meantime we have received the message that such a thing is possible despite the upcoming elections. The elected representatives will remain in office until this new meeting.

The focus of our activities this year will not be on events, but on further **publications on Jewish regional history**.

Gudrun Mitschke-Buchholz is currently working on a new edition of **Stadtrundgang auf jüdischen Spuren** (town tour on Jewish traces) in Detmold, which will be published by Hans Jacobs' Lippe Verlag.

She is also continuing to supplement the **digital commemorative book**, which you can access easily via the [homepage](https://www.gfcjz-lippe.de) (https://www.gfcjz-lippe.de) or [directly](https://www.gedenkbuch-detmold.de) (https://www.gedenkbuch-detmold.de), which is kept up to date by Rüdiger Schleysing.

Michael Raveh has handed over memories of his father **Shmuel Raveh**, which **Jürgen Scheffler** has had translated and is currently working on. This will be a new exciting book, in which it will be published a previously unknown text by Karla Raveh about her departure to Israel.

Klaus Pohlmann had left behind a comprehensive collection of sources on Jewish history in the early modern period. Jürgen Scheffler is also in the process of completing it for a print that will appear in the series of publications of the Naturwissenschaftlichen und Historischen Verein Lippe.

The planned **organ concert** with works by Jewish composers with **Oana Maria Bran** will take place on November 9th in the Martin Luther Church - if church concerts are permitted again by then.

It should also be possible to hold the **Dorfgeschichten** (Village Stories) in the Open Air Museum in November. Perhaps this year with works by a current Israeli writer.

Pupils of the Geschwister-Scholl-School, together with their art teacher Dorle Timmerhus-Gottschalk and Bettina Hanke-Postma, have prepared an **installation on Genesis**, which will also be presented to the public.

Instead of a concert or city tours in honor of Karla Raveh's birthday, this year there will be a **competition for students of the Karla Raveh School**, to which students* can make entries at home. The society supports this youth work.

On October 27th we hope to offer a lecture by Bettina Hanke-Postma on the topic "**Anti-Semitism - does it never end?**"

In November we are also planning further events in the series "Religions in Conversation" on the subject of **The Bible and the Koran**. They are to take place on 7 and 25 November at 19.00 hours in the parish hall in Papenstraße Lemgo.

The joint **Bible reading of the Sermon on the Mount** by Matitjahu Kellig and Bettina Hanke-Postma, which was originally planned during the anti-racism weeks, is now to take place on November 1 at 5 p.m. probably in the Herford Synagogue.

Ideas that we wanted to discuss with you together were an excursion to the synagogue Petershagen with our member Norbert Koch, a trip to Israel in autumn 2021 with the Postma couple, a possible trip on Jewish traces to Amsterdam with Jürgen Scheffler and so much more. We will see. And of course we will always inform you in time!

For today with best wishes and all our good wishes for your good health - on behalf of the whole board -

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