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Montag und Donnerstag 14.00 . 16.00 Uhr
Geschäftsstelle: Beate Bornemann

Detmold, August/September, 2018

Dear members and friends of the society, ladies and gentlemen,
first of all, to all our jewish members and friends: Shana Tova!

In the context of our cooperation with the Literaturbüro (Office for Literature) and the Open Air Museum Detmold we would like to draw your attention to the event **„Village Stories“**. The Office was able to invite **Dominique Horwitz**, who will read from **„Conspiracy Against America“**, a novel by the great American writer **Philip Roth**, who died this year. This novel deals with democracy and the threat to democracy from within. What if Charles Lindbergh had been nominated for Republican presidential candidate in 1940 and had won the election? From the point of view of an 8-year old Philip, Roth tells the reader about a familiar world, in which the unthinkable becomes real. The novel is a mixture of autobiography and thought experiment, and it boldly sets against each other world history and everyday disasters.

The two readings will take place on **November 20 and 21** in the Open Air Museum (Restaurant am Weißen Ross). **Tickets** will be available **from September 10** (phone 0049-5231-3080210 or www.literaturbuero-owl.de) Please take note of this date, as experience shows that tickets are often sold out quickly.

In the following we would like to invite you to our events in September and give you an outlook on activities up to the end of the year. Finally we take the liberty to draw your attention to some information from other organizations concerning our common cause:

Sunday, September 9, 14:00

Open Day for Heritage Buildings: Haus Münsterberg

Free access to Haus Münsterberg on the occasion of the annual nationwide 'Open Day for Heritage Buildings'

At each half hour Marlen Dettmer from the 'Literaturbüro' will give short lectures on the history and importance of the house. The rooms of our society will also be open, and we will be happy to welcome visitors.!

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Friday, September 14, 19:30

Hiding and Surviving in the Teutoburg Forest. The secret life of Dr. Sommer

Dr. Marion Meier

Every person of a certain age knew him: the sex advisor and educator Dr. Sommer from *Bravo* magazine. But only few people knew the man behind the pseudonym, the physician, psychologist and religious instructor Dr. Martin Goldstein, born and raised in Bielefeld, who had to hide from the Nazis in the Teutoburg Forest, as in the Nazi terminology he fell into the category of 'half Jew'. Dr. Martin Goldstein became an important sex advisor through his column in the youth magazine BRAVO, where he called himself Dr. Sommer. He paved the way to a liberated, unselfconscious sexuality for generations of teenagers. As a milestone for sex instruction and a contribution to a democratic education Martin Goldstein's work cannot be over-estimated. After his death in 2012 several national papers honoured him with appreciative obituaries.

Die Bielefelder Journalistin Marion Meier hat sich in ihrem 2015 herausgegeben Buch *Im Teuto versteckt und überlebt* auf die Spuren des berühmten Arztes und Psychologen begeben und erzählt von ihren Gesprächen mit dem Mann hinter dem Pseudonym Dr. Sommer. Martin Goldstein verdeutlicht in dieser Biographie, wie Verfolgung und Fremdenfeindlichkeit den Alltag einer deutschen Großstadt zur Nazizeit prägten. Dabei gelingt ein Mahnmal, das uns den Wert gelebter Toleranz beeindruckend in Erinnerung ruft. The journalist Marion Meier from Bielefeld followed the traces of the famous physician and psychologist in her book *Im Teuto versteckt und überlebt* ('Hiding and Surviving in the Teutoburg Forest'; not available in English), published in 2015. She writes about her talks with the man behind the pseudonym 'Dr. Sommer'. In this biography Martin Goldstein exemplifies how persecution and xenophobia characterized everyday life in a big German town during the Nazi era. In this way the book can serve as an impressive memorial of the value of active tolerance..

The lecture will be accompanied by the music of the saxophonist and music teacher Gitta Schäfer.

In cooperation with the bookshop 'Kafka&Co.', Detmold. Tickets for sale in the bookshop (phone 0049-5231-39569). Free entry for members of our society.

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Saturday, September 22, 7:30

Day trip to Frankfurt for the exhibition 'Exile, Experience, and Testimony'

The exhibition examines the question what it means to be forced to go into exile. For the first time since its foundation more than 60 years ago, the 'German Exile Archive 1933-1945' shows a permanent exhibition which deals with the following questions: What is the meaning of forceful exile for the persons affected? - What was their experience in exile? - Does their exile ever end and what are the after-effects?

The exhibition shows traces of exile in 250 unique documents and more than 300 publications from exile out of the inventory of the exile archive.

In addition there will be occasion to visit the exhibition *Damenwahl* (Ladies' Invitation) on the centennial of parliamentary democracy and the introduction of women's suffrage in Germany. On January 19, 1919 it was finally decreed that women were allowed to vote and be elected. In a comprehensive exhibition the Historical Museum Frankfurt draws attention to women who contributed to the development of the Weimar Republic and the introduction of women's suffrage in Germany.

Fee: " 69.00 (bus fare, entrance, guided tours); between 20 and 25 participants

Please register for this excursion until September 13; code R-BA 8; fone 0049-5231-976742, or

e-mail: bildung@lippische-landeskirche.de

In cooperation with Lippische Landeskirche: organization by Susanne Schüring-Koop.

Sunday, September 23, 11:00

Guided tour in Detmold: Í On the traces of the Jewish family Herzberg from DetmoldÎ

Gudrun Mitschke-Buchholz



The Jewish history of Detmold with its religious sites and the former Jewish shops and appartement buildings is to be illustrated with the example of this family. Also Detmold Nazi-institutions will be highlighted, which were responsible for the persecution and deprivation of civil rights of the Jewish populace.

The tour takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours, the fee is " 5 per person; students and apprentices " 2.

Meeting point: stairs to Detmold town hall, market square

Tours %On Jewish Traces+for entire school classes are free of charge. Apply under: 0049-5231-29758!

Thursday, September 27, 19:30

The forgotten Jewish prayer house in Detmold from 1633

Fred Kasper, Office for the Preservation of Historic Monuments and Buildings in Westphalia and Lippe

he site of the first synagogue was behind what are now houses 26 and 28 Krumme Straße. The synagogue was not visible from the street and had access only through the house 28, Krumme Straße. Today the derelict structure can be seen from Bruchmauerstraße.

The synagogue/prayer house was built in the second half of the 17th century, when there was (again) a group of well-off Jewish citizens. Their presence was supported by the princes of Lippe.

Thanks to Dr. Fred Kasper, the importance of the synagogue or prayer house achieved public notice %as a unique historic testimony+. In his quality as a historian of buildings Dr. Kasper conducted a historical examination of the rear building in Bruchmauerstraße, which was appointed by the Preservation Authorities.

In Dr. Kasper's opinion the discernible remains of the original building and other sources leave no doubt that the building was used as a prayer house or early synagogue. Against this historical background the building must be understood today as a central testimony of the Jewish population in Detmold. It exemplifies an essential aspect of town history, deserving protection.

In cooperation with the Catholic Institution of Education Bielefeld-Lippe and the study group %Against Forgetting+.

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Sunday, October 7, 11:00

Guided tour of the Jewish cemetery in Detmold

Volker Buchholz

For this tour men are requested to wear a kippa or a similar headcover.

Regular fee " 5 (Students and apprentices " 2).

The group will meet at the entrance of the cemetery at Spitzenkamptwete, opposite No. 35.



Further Events:

Monday, October 29: Lecture by Michael Rubinstein, Regional Association of Jewish Parishes North-Rhine: **Í Being Jewish in the face of anti-semitism in Germany todayÍ** . This is part of the series **Religions in Talk+**

Friday, November 9: Commemoration ceremonies in many municipalities of Lippe. After the ceremony in Detmold there will be an **Organ concert with works of Jewish composers with Oana Maria Bran** in Martin-Luther-Church in Schülerstraße.

Tuesday/Wednesday, November 20/21: **Millage Stories+** in the Open Air Museum (see above)

Friday, November 23: Concert with **Esther Bejerano** in the 'Geschwister-Scholl'-Comprehensive School. Organizer: German-Italian Society.

Wednesday, November 28: Dr. Eva Lettermann, **Í Onkel Franz doch nicht!Í** (**But certainly not Uncle Franz!**). Repetition of the lecture from June 27, 2017 (see newsletter April 2017) in the Teachers' Training Center in Detmold, Bruchstraße 38. Guests are welcome.

Thursday, December 13: Reading from the works of **Ruth Michaelis-Jena, Detmold, and Jenny Aloni, Paderborn**, in Haus Münsterberg. A project of the Literary Circle Bielefeld with music from the Jazz clarinet player Lothar Henkenjohann.

On October 1 the next evening themed **We must talk!+- Talk of religions** will take place. The exact whereabouts will be published in the local press.

Further Notes:

The association **Stumbling Stones and Frenkel-Haus** in Lemgo+invites to the courtyard of the Frenkel-Haus on August 29, 18:30 for **An evening for Karla Raveh É Talks and music**. Unfortunately we were not able to distribute the invitation flyer in time during the summer holidays.

Our long standing and very active member **Ingrid Schäfer** will receive the German Order of Merit . First Degree. Congratulations!

The new copy of the internet magazine %Rosenland+can be downloaded. It contains a lecture by **Jürgen Hartmann on Jews in Bösingfeld**. (address: www.rosenland-lippe.de)

Thanks to our member **Martin Hankemeier** you can currently read very interesting reports on the **Jewish history of the town of Lage** in the 'Lippische Landeszeitung' (our local and regional newspaper).

The study group %Against Forgetting+offers a **field excursion to the Memorial Sachsenhausen** from October 12 to 14, 2018. Fee: " 249,00. If you are interested, write to ak-gegen-das-vergessen@gmx.de to find out if there are vacant places.

The International Institute of Education and Encounter IBB in Dortmund offers a **field excursion** to Amsterdam from October 23 to 27, themed **Í Jewish Amsterdam past and present.Í** Fee: " 750,-. Participants will also gain insight into ways the city deals with right wing populism and anti-semitism today. Register under <https://ibb-d.de/events/juedisches-amsterdam-gestern-und-heute>. Our members Dr. Hermann and Gesine Niebuhr will take part and suggest ride sharing to Dortmund.

A documentation has been compiled by the town on the impressive journey of several organizations from Detmold and a group of students from all over Lippe to **Warsaw**, conducted by Jürgen Stroop, on the occasion of commemoration ceremonies for the 75th anniversary of the violent crushing of the Warsaw ghetto. We can send you a copy of the documentation, or you can study it in Haus Münsterberg. In addition you can look at a photo book of the journey, which our member Inge Ehrlicher has put together for the society.

In the meantime the documentation of the old part of the Jewish cemetery in Detmold has been completed and can be studied on our website (menu point: : [Jüdische Friedhöfe in Lippe](#)). The Jewish community of Herford/Detmold has agreed to fund the documentation of the new part as well, so that the work of the Salomon Steinheim Institution can be continued!

You may occasionally find time to take a look at the pages of the Digital Commemoration Book for the victims of National Socialism in Detmold (www.gedenkbuch-detmold.de). Through her untiring work Frau Mitschke-Buchholz continuously finds new documents and hints. This summer descendants of the family of the Rabbi Moritz Rülff looked for their roots in Detmold. They were impressed by the abundance of easily accessible digitalized documents. We are envisaging an official visit of the descendants for next summer.

Regards from myself . also on behalf of the entire managing-committee

Micheline Prüter-Müller