

Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Lippe County (Registered Association)

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

this new circular has been sent to you by mail, because we would like to appeal to you to take part in a **canvassing campaign for new members**.

Our new flyers have arrived.

One of them is a flyer for you as a member (or friend) . and the other one is directed at any of your friends or aquaintances who are interested in our work and who you might win as members of our society! In recent years, as you may know, we have lost quite a number of supporters for reasons of age. The fight against increasing right-wing political tendencies, often accompanied by anti-semitism, and the need to keep alive the collective memory of the holocaust require a vocal countermovement, of which our society is an important part. We are convinced that many citizens of Lippe are interested in a vivid dialogue between the various religious and cultural groups which constitute our society . and this gives us hope to gain many new members.

A membership need not be connected with time-consuming work, but it will provide you with early information on events, travel, publications and other benefits.

Good news! In the future Frau Beate Bornemann will be in charge of our office, which enables us to retain our office hours on Mondays and Thursdays (new opening time: 14:00 . 16:00).

Please remember to approach interested people from other municipalities in Lippe as well. There is still a predominance of members from Detmold . and we would like to change that, too.

Furthermore we would like to invite you to a lecture just added to our programme:

Tuesday, May 31, 19:30 in Haus Münsterberg, Detmold:

Prof. Dr Rolf Pohl, Leibniz University Hannover: The Í Selfl and the Í Otherl. On the social psychology of xenophobia

This lecture deals with the widespread fear of 'the strange' and 'the strangers', which paradoxically often occurs in places where strangers are scarce. Not infrequently this disquieting irritation turns into rejection and hostility, as could be seen in recent months in Germany and in the whole of Europe. We organize this event in cooperation with the Detmold bookshop 'Kafka & Co.'. Tickets are available in the bookshop and at the entrance for "8,00. Entry is free for our members. A list of members can be consulted in the bookshop and at the entrance.

This summer we will continue our tradition to offer guided tours of Jewish traces in Detmold:

Sunday, May 29, 11:00 and Sunday, June 19, 11:00:

City tour of 'Jewish traces in Detmold', with Gudrun Mitschke-Buchholz

The focus of this tour will be places of religious culture, places of public remembrance and former Jewish dwelling-houses and business locations. You will also be shown sites of Nazi-Institutions, which were in charge of the prosecution and discrimination of the Jewish populace in Detmold. (Fee " 3,- / Students: " 1.-)

Assembly point: stairway to the City Hall ('Rathaustreppe')

We would also like to remind you of two events already announced earlier:

Friday, June 3, 19:00 in Haus Münsterberg, Detmold:

Dr Eugen Heinen: Biblia de Alba Ë an example of the dialogue between Christians and Jews around 1420

A jew translates the Old Testament into Spanish . for the grandmaster of a knightly order. This translation is supposed to be illustrated. As a preface to the translation an extensive correspondence is included, in which the jew takes occasion to elaborate his religious reservations against the illustration. Herr Dr Heinen is in possession of a richly illustrated facsimile copy. We will be shown projections of illustrations and will be given an insight into the background.

Friday, June 17, 20:00 Parish Hall of 'Erlöserkirche', Markt 6 in Detmold (an event in the series 'Religion in Dialogue')

Prof. Dr Muna Tatari (Paderborn): Ramadan and the Breaking of the Fast

After the lecture a public 'Breaking of the Fast' will be held together with members of Mosque parishes. Frau Tatari is now head of the newly founded Department of Islamic Theology of the University of Paderborn.

In the series 'Religion in Dialogue' we would also like to invite you to the following lectures which have been added to our programme:

Thursday, September 1, 19:30 in Haus Münsterberg, Detmold:

Dietmar Arens, Superintendent of Lippische Landeskirche: Reading the Old Testament. On the current conflict about the relevance of the Old Testament for the Christian faith

The writings of the First Testament are a mutual heritage for Jews and Christians alike, and parts of these texts also occur in the Koran. The commonality is there, but there are also differences in the relevance of these texts for the respective beliefs. Superintendent Dietmar Arens will present the current discussion and thus will invite the audience to enter into an inter-religious dialogue.

Organisers: Lippische Landeskirche, Katholisches Bildungswerk Lippe (an educational institution of the Catholic Church) and the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

Moderator: Bettina Hanke-Postma

Thursday, September 15, 19:30 in Haus Münsterberg, Detmold:

Professor Dr Ansgar Moenikes, Paderborn University, Department of Theology: Charity Ë a Christian or a Jewish commandment?

It is a widespread notion to present charity as a Christian commandment, or even as an exclusive feature of Christianity. This is most popularly expressed in the phrase %Christian Charity+- but there is hardly any mention of charity as a Jewish principle. Is this understanding adequate? Is Jesus, who is seen by Christians as the Messiah, as Christ, not a Jew? And Jesus establishes charity as the central principle of his teachings. What is the origin of the commandment to 'love thy neighbour', and what is the attitude of Jews to this commandment? The lecturer discusses these questions and others related to it, and in this way intends to establish the central, if often neglected aspect of charity as a Jewish commandment. Organisers: Katholisches Bildungswerk Lippe, Lippische Landeskirche and the Society for Christian-

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Thursday, September 3, 19:30 in Haus Münsterberg, Detmold:

Prof. Dr Maria Neubrand MC, Paderborn University, Department of Theology: Abraham E Father of Jews and Non-Jews

Abraham (and Sara) stand at the beginning of the history of the first-called people of Israel and is thus called 'our Father'. Until today Jews consider themselves to be %braham's descendants+. Abraham himself received the promise to become %ather of Many Peoples+, which includes Non-Jews. In this sense the lecture will reflect on the meaning of Abraham for the three Abrahamite religions.

Organisers: Katholisches Bildungswerk Lippe, Lippische Landeskirche and the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

Moderator: Barbara Klaus

Tuesday, December 6, 19:30 in the Café ViVA, Wiesenstraße 5, Detmold:

Dr Tuba Isik, Paderborn University: How can female emancipation succeed? - A Muslim perspective

The topic 'women in Islam' is frequently discussed in Germany. These discussions show that there is no standard notion of women's rôle in Islam.

Frau Islik is an academic assistant in the Department of Islamic Theology and is currently developing a Muslim perspective of gender emancipation, which can be placed self-confidently into the European movements of gender emancipation.

Moderator: Dr Katharina Kleine Vennekate

We would like to draw your attention to the interesting history magazine %Rosenland+, which can be viewed digitally under www.rosenland.de. In the recent edition you will e.g. find a review of the book %Lebenslängliche Reise. Briefe der jüdischen Familie Herzberg aus Detmold 1939-1946+ by Gudrun Mitschke Buchholz (%Life-long Journey. Letters of the Jewish family Herzberg from Detmold 1939-1946+), published as volume 28 of our series %Ranu Derech. Bereitet den Weg+:

Our Jewish chairperson Karla Raveh gave an impressive interview in Deutschlandfunk on the Shoa-Day of the State of Israel. You can find the text and the audio-version under:

http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/holocaust-gedenktag-das-ende-des-schweigens.2016.de.html?dram:article_id=353320 and: http://ondemand-mp3.dradio.de/file/dradio/2016/05/05/dlf_20160505 0707_e8302324.mp3

Wishing to see you personally at one of our events, and in the hope to win many new members I send you the committee's best regards.

Micheline Prüter-Müller