

Detmold, 16 October 2024

Dear members and friends,

this newsletter is reaching you between the traumatic dates of 7 October and 9 November. Our thoughts these days are with our friends in Israel and with all civilian victims in the Middle East region.

In this newsletter, you will once again receive information on the events surrounding the commemoration of 9 November.

You will also find the invitation to a special film screening with the film team from "**Endlich Tacheles**" in Bad Salzuflen followed by a film discussion [here](#). Organised by GfCJZ Dortmund and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (5 November)

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**Sunday, October 27, 2024, 11:30**

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## **The German Christians and the "De-Judaisation Institute"**

**Lecture by Dr Oliver Arnhold as part of the special exhibition "Und vergib uns unsere Schuld? Churches and monasteries under National Socialism"**

In his lecture, Dr Oliver Arnhold (University of Paderborn) explains the history of the "Institute for the Research and Elimination of Jewish Influence on German Church Life", which was founded on 6 May 1939 on the basis of a resolution by eleven Protestant regional churches. He makes it clear that the ecclesiastical "De-Jewification Institute" was closely linked to the ideology and organisation of the German Christian Church movement, which originated in Thuringia.

Stiftung Kloster Dalheim, LWL- Landesmuseum für Klosterkultur, Am Kloster 9, 33165 Lichtenau

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Tuesday, November 05, 2024, 19:30

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**"Back then my name was Rita - The story of Rozette Kats by Lutz van Dijk (text) and Francis Kaiser (grafics)**

**Reading and lecture with Francis Kaiser**

On Tuesday, 5 November 2024, Detmold illustrator Francis Kaiser will introduce her work on the non-fiction picture book "Damals hieß ich Rita - Die Geschichte von Rozette Kats" in the Gartensaal at Haus Münsterberg in Detmold.



This spring, Peter Hammer Verlag published the book for children aged eight and up, in which Kaiser and Lutz van Dijk (text) tell the story of Dutch Holocaust survivor Rozette Kats, who gave a highly acclaimed speech to the German Bundestag in January 2023 on the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of National Socialism. (Janet König reported for the LZ).

At 7.30 pm, Francis Kaiser invites interested visitors to a reading and discussion. The illustrator will talk about the creation of the book and her work with Rozette Kats.

The evening will focus in particular on the question of what a children's book about the Holocaust may and must show and how Francis Kaiser, together with Lutz van Dijk and the editor of Peter Hammer Verlag Karin Gruß, has found answers to this question.

In addition to all interested parties, teachers and educators who work with children from grades 4-7 are particularly welcome to attend.

The illustrations from the book can be seen in the book salon on Schlossplatz in Detmold until 9 November.

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

Haus Münsterberg, Garden Hall, Hornsche Str. 38, Detmold

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Saturday, November 09, 2024, 17:30

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**Central commemoration at the site of the New Synagogue destroyed in 1938 on Lortzingstraße and the Exterstraße memorial site**

Welcome by Mayor Frank Hilker

Thoughts on 9 November by Kathie Wiederkehr, granddaughter of the Nazi victim Felix Fechenbach

Interreligious impulse of the Ecumenical Youth

Silent walk to the Exterstraße memorial site

Remembrance of Jewish victims of persecution from Detmold

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Square of the New Synagogue on Lortzingstraße and Exterstraße memorial site

You can find more events related to 9 November in Detmold at [here](#).

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**Saturday, November 09, 2024, 19:30**

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## **"Mojschele majn frajnd"**

### **Yiddish songs & Hasidic stories**

The programme takes you on a journey into the culture of Eastern European Jewry in the 19th /20th century. Yiddish is the everyday language of Jews living in or originating from Central and Eastern Europe. The culture has a history of over 1000 years and was almost wiped out during the Second World War.



The Yiddish love, folk and resistance songs are touching in their joy of life, melancholy and longing. The Hasidic stories contain a treasure trove of lived wisdom; they make you smile and make you think.

Martin Bollinger (vocals and guitar) interprets the songs with great empathy and commitment. In between, he reads the Hasidic short stories.

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Rathaus Detmold

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**Saturday, November 09, 2024, 18:00**

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## **Memorial service for the victims of the Holocaust in Lemgo**

**The "9 November Lemgo" working group invites you to a memorial service on the market square**

### **Programme**

- Pupils from the Heinrich Drake School distribute self-designed lanterns.
  - Wind players from the Engelbert-Kaempfer-Gymnasium
  - Welcome by the "9 November" working group
  - Mayor Markus Baier
  - Lemgo Music School
  - Pupils of the Realschule Lemgo
  - Pupils of the Marianne-Weber-Gymnasium
  - Lemgo Music School
  - Dr Frank Konersmann (Eben-Ezer Foundation)
  - Time of silence - (minute's silence)
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- Wind players of the Engelbert-Kaempfer-Gymnasium

Afterwards, the participants walk in silence to the memorial site of the Neue Strasse synagogue.

18:40 Continuation of the memorial service

- TreffChor! of the Karla Raveh Comprehensive School
- Pastor Maren Krüger (City Convention)
- Singing together with the TreffChor! "Blowin' in the wind"
- Pupils of the Karla Raveh Comprehensive School (prayers of intercession)

Further information can be found at in the [flyer](#) .

Lemgo marketplace

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**Saturday, November 09, 2024, 18:00**

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## **Commemorative event at the Jewish cemetery in Lage**

In Lage, there will be a commemorative event on 9 November at the Jewish cemetery.

The commemoration begins at 6 pm. Afterwards, retired pastor Martin Hankemeier will give a lecture on the "History of the Hammerschlag family in Lage" in the "Alte Schmiede".

Lage, Flurstraße

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**Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 19:30**

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## **The history of the Hammerschlag family in Lage**

### **A lecture by retired pastor Martin Hankemeier**

There will be a 'Familie-Hammerschlag-Weg' in Lage. This was decided unanimously by the Lage town council.

The parents of the Hammerschlag family were Theodora and Salli. They ran a respected butcher's shop in Pottenhauser Straße. Their children were Georg, Otto and Hilde. Theodora was so distressed by the hate songs of the Nazis marching past the house that she fell ill and died in 1936. In 1938, the remaining family emigrated to New York. Here Hilde married Norbert Pollack, whom the Nazis had played badly with in his home town of Rütten/Sauerland. Hilde and Norbert visited Lage and Rütten several times after the war.

In 1977, Hilde requested that the town of Lage invite all of its former citizens to an official reunion. The town of Lage refused the request for 15 years. After long protests from the population, the long-awaited invitation finally materialised in 1992.

House Münsterberg, Hornsche Str. 38, Detmold

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Monday, November 18, 2024, 19:30 and Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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**Village stories - reading from the novel "titos brille" by Adriana Altaras, with Walter Sittler**



Actor Walter Sittler reads from the autobiographical novel "titos brille" by Adriana Altaras.

The actress and director Adriana Altaras leads a completely normal, chaotic and unorthodox life in Berlin: with two football-loving sons and a Westphalian husband who stoically puts up with her Jewish neuroses - until her parents die and she inherits a flat that hasn't been cleaned out for forty years. From this point on, a curious journey through the legacy of a family that has endured hardship begins. Moving letters and ancient photos are discovered, as well as questionable secrets that could have remained hidden. Altaras tells the story of unequal sisters, of a father who always wanted to be a hero and of a mother full of energy and loneliness in an ironic, straightforward and shy manner, but with plenty of warmth and humour. About exile, crazy Jewish festivals and a dust allergy caused by German television - and about the many fascinating mosaic pieces that make up a life. A turbulent family story that follows its traces across Europe and the turbulent 20th century, always harmonising the past and the here and now.

As part of the "Village Stories" series, actor Walter Sittler will also read from Adriana Altara's novel "titos brille" for schoolchildren. The school reading (19. 11. 2024, 11 am) of the village stories is only aimed at school classes.

Tickets, €20 to €28 available via the Literaturbüro OWL ([www.literaturbuero-owl.de](http://www.literaturbuero-owl.de))

Literaturbüro OWL in Detmold e.V., in Kooperation mit dem LWL-Freilichtmuseum Detmold und der Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe e.V.

LWL-Freilichtmuseum Detmold, Krummes Haus 32760 Detmold

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On behalf of the entire Executive Board, we send you our warmest regards

Kristina Panchyrcz and Philipp Wagner