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Dear members and friends,

behind us lies a year of far-reaching global political events that have probably moved us all and made us reflect. However, as a "small" Lippe Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, we also have many positive moments of interpersonal dialogue and the experience we gained through numerous events, meetings and excursions in the past year. For example, the visit by Kathie Wiederkehr on 9 November, which we will remember fondly, as well as the trip to the Petershagen synagogue and joint event evenings in our beautiful Haus Münsterberg.

The mention of Haus Münsterberg allows us to build a bridge to the Court Synagogue: just as in the 1980s, when the citizens of Detmold worked together to save this special building, it must be possible to preserve the historically valuable building of the Court Synagogue and present it as a positive symbol. This year we launched our new website www.hofsynagogedetmold.de with lots of background information.

With this newsletter, you will now receive information on various events around the commemoration day for the liberation of Auschwitz on 27 January.

One focus of our work is to support projects with young people. The events on Remembrance Day traditionally take place in schools, this year in the auditorium of the Grabbe-Gymnasium.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, Hanukkah sameach and a few carefree days with the people who are important to you.

With kind regards,

also on behalf of the entire Executive Board

Kristina Panchyrz and Philipp Wagner

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 18:30

"God saw that it was bad"

Reading and music with Heiner Junghans

The actor Heiner Junghans reads from the children's book that Otto Weiß wrote for his daughter in the Theresienstadt ghetto.

Event organised by the Protestant parish of Detmold-West

Christuskirche, Bismarckstraße 15, Detmold

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 11:30

Song matinee with Megan Marie Hart. Famous composers of Jewish origin

The US-American soprano Megan Marie Hart has been working with Jewish composers for a long time. With this song matinee, accompanied by Mathias Mönius on the piano, she would like to celebrate the "Jewish soul" and discover Jewish music together with the audience, which is a natural part of our culture.

Event of the Landestheater Detmold

Landestheater Detmold

Monday, January 27, 2025, 19:30

"Different from the others - Stigmatised. Persecuted. Forgotten"

Central memorial event

A staged reading and an exhibition created by schoolchildren commemorate the marginalisation and persecution of forgotten victims of the Nazi dictatorship. Biographies of people who were disenfranchised, tortured and murdered because of their political stance or ideology, their sexual orientation, deviant lifestyles or physical appearance, illness or disability are presented as examples. Pupils will read texts by Hermann Rombach, Eva Siewert, Irma Fechenbach and Irmgard Heiss. In a panel discussion, pupils together with Barbara Stellbrink-Kesy (grandniece of Irmgard Heiss) and Kathie Wiederkehr (granddaughter of Irma Fechenbach) reflect on different forms of remembrance and commemoration.

Christian-Dietrich-Grabbe-Gymnasium, Küster-Meyer-Platz 2

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 19:00

"I will never run away". Felix Fechenbach's fight for democracy - puppet theatre and drama

The journalist and publicist Felix Fechenbach was one of the first victims of the National Socialists in August 1933. He began fighting for social justice at an early age and played a prominent role in the revolution in Munich as secretary to the Prime Minister. During the Weimar Republic, he became a renowned journalist, but also worked as a puppeteer for the interests of children and young people. His fearless opposition to Hitler's election campaign in Lippe made him one of the National Socialists' main enemies.

This will be followed by a panel discussion with Kathie Wiederkehr (granddaughter of Felix Fechenbach), Dr Bärbel Sunderbrink (Detmold City Archive), Prof Peter Steinbach (German Resistance Memorial Centre, Berlin) and pupils.

Event organised by the Gymnasium Leopoldinum in cooperation with the Detmold Community Foundation

Gymnasium Leopoldinum, Neue Aula

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 10:00

Anne Frank 14+. Based on the diary of Anne Frank

For Anne Frank, the diary was a substitute for a friend and dialogue partner. In the cramped hiding place from the National Socialists, it was an outlet for her worries and fears. It reflects the political events and the development of a girl into a young woman. Further dates for the play based on the production by Konstanze Kappenstein can be found at www.landestheater-detmold.de.

Event of the Landestheater Detmold

Junges Theater, Bahnhofstraße 1, Detmold

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 19:30

"Outrageous story - free - but frowned upon"

Reading by Barbara Stellbrink-Kesy

The first Stumbling Stone was laid in Detmold in 2011 in memory of Irmgard Heiss. She died in 1944 as a victim of Nazi "euthanasia". Her fate was kept secret in the family for a long time. Her brother Karl Friedrich Stellbrink was executed in 1943 as an opponent of the Nazi regime. Barbara Stellbrink-Kesy set out in search of traces of her great-aunt's life story and, after meticulous research, summarised the results in a book.

Event organised by der Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe e.V.

Haus Münsterberg, Hornsche Str. 38, Detmold

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 19:00

"Don't tell anyone!"

Reading with Randi Crott

It was only at the age of 18 that the author learnt that her Norwegian mother had fallen in love with a German occupying soldier in 1942, who himself lived in fear of being exposed as a "half-Jew" and deported to a concentration camp like other members of his family. After the death of her father, who never wanted to talk about the past, Randi Crott began to research and write down the history of her family together with her mother.

Event organised by the city library

Stadtbibliothek, Leopoldstraße 5, Detmold

Friday, January 31, 2025, 18:30

"Butcher's Tango" - one-man play from the Bielefeld theatre laboratory

Michael Grunert plays out the life of Ludwig Meyer from Bielefeld. The son of a Jewish butcher, he was arrested by the Gestapo in 1936 because of his homosexuality and spent almost seven years in the Buchenwald, Auschwitz and Mauthausen camps. After the war, he had to fight to be recognised as a persecuted Jew. In the 1950s, even before Paragraph 175 was repealed and on the verge of legality, he managed to open the first gay pub in Hanover.

Event organised by the Protestant parish of Detmold-West

Christuskirche, Bismarckstr. 16, Detmold

Sunday, February 02, 2025, 14:00

„Das Dritte reicht!“ City tour on the history of National Socialism by and with Daniel Wahren

The search for clues leads to former synagogues, monuments and stumbling blocks. Daniel Wahren introduces the Jewish hat saleswoman Paula Paradies and the Detmold SS mass murderer Jürgen Stroop, talks about the Lippe state election on 15 January 1933 and draws a link to the last Nazi trial in 2016 against the Auschwitz guard Reinhold Hanning.

Event organised by the Forum offenes Detmold

Limited number of participants: anmeldung-fodt@gmx.de until 29 January 2025

Meeting point market square, Detmold

Monday, February 10, 2025, 19:30

"Different from the others - Stigmatised. Persecuted. Forgotten"

Exhibition opening of the additional history course Q2 of the Grabbe-Gymnasium with a scenic reading

The exhibition prepared for the central commemorative event will be presented from 10 February to 14 March at the NRW State Archives, East Westphalia Lippe Department. At the opening, the pupils will present their reading of texts by Hermann Rombach, Eva Siewert, Irma Fechenbach and Irmgard Heiss.

Event organised by the Grabbe-Gymnasium and the NRW State Archive, OWL Department

Landesarchiv NRW, Abt. Ostwestfalen Lippe, Willi-Hofmann-Straße 2, Detmold

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 19:30

Detmold victims of the Nazi regime

To the updated version of the memorial plaque for the victims of Nazi tyranny

Lecture by Gudrun Mitschke-Buchholz

Since the first version of the memorial plaque in 1995, more than seventy additional names and life stories of people who fell victim to the radical extermination policies of the Nazi state have been documented. This year, the plaque was renewed for the third time. In this way, these persecuted people are also commemorated in public space. But who were these people? Which lifelines can be traced?

Event organised by Gesellschaft für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit in Lippe e.V.

Haus Münsterberg, Hornsche Str. 38, Detmold

Friday, February 28, 2025, 19:30

"Marseille 1940 - The great escape of literature"

Reading with Uwe Wittstock

The author describes the situation of German-language writers in 1940, when the German Wehrmacht had defeated France, in a densely scenic and sensitive manner. The paths of numerous German and Austrian writers, intellectuals and artists crossed in Marseille. Varian Fry and his comrades-in-arms risked life and limb here to get the persecuted out of the country.

Event organised by the Kafka bookshop, VHS Detmold-Lemgo and Detmold town archives
Stadthalle, Kleiner Festsaal

We would also like to draw your attention once again to the online presentation on Jewish life in Barntrop:

Since May 2024



Jewish traces in Barntrup

28 July is a memorable day for Barntrup

An [interactive presentation about Jewish life in Barntrup](#), which sheds light on the fates of Jewish families, was developed as part of a **project by Barntrup Grammar School** under the direction of Markus Graumann. The presentation offers a moving 3D map of Barntrup with the former houses of Jewish Barntrup residents as well as a wealth of information about their lives and what the persecution of Jewish people in Barntrup actually looked like.
