

Detmold, 16 September 2025

Dear members,

Friends of the GfCJZ,

we are back from our summer break!

The visit of Dina Inbar and her four daughters is behind us. Dina is the granddaughter of Moritz Rülff, in whose footsteps she was travelling in Detmold. We had the honour of accompanying her, you can read a short report below.

We would also like to recommend two programme announcements on our own behalf, as well as three other events from the region and a [podcast listening tip on the family history of Leopold Zunz \(click here\)](#).

The visit of the Inbar-Timna family to Detmold



Sunday, 07.09., city tour

Dina and her daughters Michal, Tirza, Lior and Tal visited Detmold on 7th /8th September 2025 to trace the life of their (great) grandfather Moritz Rülff during his time in Detmold.

On Sunday, they met up with some members of the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation for a tour of the town to visit Moritz Rülff's places of work. The route led from the former

New Synagogue through the city to the Schule am Wall, the former court synagogue and the memorial behind the Old Synagogue. At each stop, Kristina Panchyryz gave a very detailed and interesting account of the life and work of Moritz Rülff, who worked as a teacher of Jewish

religious education at various schools in the district of Lippe before the Second World War and was already exposed to some hostility from the National Socialists.

Gertrud Wagner, Micheline Prüter-Müller and Friedrich Brakemeier also spoke impressively about the beginnings of the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in the early 1980s and the visits to Dina's mother in Israel.



The family was very interested in everything and there were also many lively conversations between the stops in a very cordial atmosphere.

An informative and enjoyable day ended with a meal together.

(written by P. Hölscher)

Monday, 08.09., Visit to the Leopoldinum



On Monday, 8 September 2025, we welcomed a visitor from Israel to Leo. Dina Inbar came to our school together with her four daughters and representatives of the Christian-Jewish Society in Lippe. Dina is the granddaughter of Erika and Moritz Rülff. Moritz Rülff was a teacher of Jewish religious education at the Leopoldinum from 1914 to 1933. From 1915, he was in charge of the Jewish religious schools in Lippe. Until 1937, the religious education teacher also led the service in the

synagogue in Lortzingstraße. As a "travelling teacher", Rülff gave Jewish religious instruction at various schools in Lippe. He was repeatedly exposed to anti-Semitic smear campaigns. The experiences he had at the Leopoldinum, particularly with his headmaster and with pupils with National Socialist leanings, were not exactly positive either. When the National Socialists seized political power in 1933, Rülff was dismissed from the civil service but continued to teach Jewish pupils in Lippe as a "travelling teacher" on behalf of the Jewish community. On 1 January 1938, he took over the management of the Israelite Children's Home in Cologne, where 130 Jewish children were accommodated. On 20 July 1942, Erika and Moritz Rülff were deported to the Maly Trostinec extermination camp in Minsk together with the children from the home and were probably murdered on arrival.



It is very fortunate that, despite these terrible events, contact with the descendants of Erika and Moritz Rülff has not been broken off thanks to the commitment of the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Lippe. Dina Inbar and her daughters were very interested in the Leopoldinum, one of the schools where their (great-) grandfather used to teach. The guests from Israel were welcomed by Headmistress Dr Alexandra Nolte and teachers Dirk Brinkschmidt, Dr Tristan Weigang and Dr Oliver Arnhold. In her speech, Dr Nolte

emphasised how important it is for the Leopoldinum to deal with the dark chapters of its own school history in order to learn from this past. A picture of Moritz Rülff, which can be seen opposite the staff room in the old building of the Leopoldinum from this school year, also serves this purpose. A QR code next to this picture can be used to access historical information about Moritz Rülff on the school website.

(written by Dr O. Arnhold)

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 10:00

Workshop on researching the history of Jews in Westphalia and Lippe

Research results on the history of the Jews in Westphalia and Lippe

Jürgen Hartmann and others

The Historical Commission for Westphalia invites you to research the history of the Jews in Westphalia and Lippe.

The focus will be on new research findings, project reports, archive finds and methodological approaches to Jewish history in Westphalia and Lippe from its beginnings to the present day. The workshop covers local and regional historical topics as well as biographical studies, remembrance work and digital projects. The workshop thrives on open exchange and aims to consciously overcome the boundaries between professional and non-professional research.

Registration by 22.09.2025 by email to hiko@lwl.org

Historical Commission for Westphalia

Bürgerhaus , Tönsbergstraße 3, 33813 Oerlinghausen

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 14:00 to 16:30

Stumbling stone tour in Oerlinghausen

Commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust in Oerlinghausen

KNUP-Sociocultural Centre Oerlinghausen e.V.

In 2024, artist Gunter Demnig (Cologne) laid the first 12 Stolpersteine in the mountain town. The small memorial plaques embedded in the ground commemorate the fate of people who were persecuted, murdered, deported or driven to suicide during the National Socialist era. On 5 June 2025, the 13th Stumbling Stone was laid for the forced labourer Giuseppe La Nave.



The city tour will shed light on the history of people under National Socialism and at the same time incorporate places of remembrance.

Registration: einlass@knup.org or phone: 05202/490032

Treffpunkt: Ehemalige Synagoge, Tönsbergstr. 4

Monday, September 29, 2025, 19:00 - Sunday, October 05, 2025, 18:00

Intercultural week in Bad Salzuflen

Exhibition on tolerance spaces and cultural events, including a theatre play on the court synagogue "Spectaculum de defectum"

Bad Salzuflen Council for Diversity, Tolerance and Respect

The Intercultural Week begins with the opening of the exhibition Tolerance Spaces by patron and mayor Dirk Tolkemitt and the chairman of the Jewish community in Herford, Prof Matitjahu Kellig.

The exhibition aims to encourage people to think about questions such as "How do I treat my counterpart with respect?", "How can we negotiate conflicts without violence?" and "What is tolerance and what are its limits?".

In addition to the film screening of interviews with migrants from Bad Salzuflen, the programme will be accompanied by various musical contributions during the week.

The performance of the entertaining and satirical theatre play about the court synagogue in Detmold "**Spectaculum de defectum**" by Theaterlabor Bielefeld will take place on Thursday, **02.10.2025 at 18:00** in the concert shell in the Kurpark.

"A talented troupe of common woodworms has found the ideal habitat. A hidden building in the centre of Detmold can be gnawed at leisure. (...) Because the little house, which is threatened by decay, is one of the oldest Jewish prayer houses in northern Germany. The owner of the court synagogue in Detmold wants to demolish it and build beautiful car parks, the monument protection authority turns up, the judicial system and civil society are literally on the mat. The peace and quiet is gone and the need is growing. What can help with the greatest need? Satire!" ([Flyer for the Intercultural Week, Bad Salzuflen Council](#))

Exhibition in the Wandelhalle in the Kurpark, Parkstraße 24, 32105 Bad Salzuflen

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 14:30

Visit to Haus Uhlmann - guided tour with Dr Stiewe

We would like to invite you to a very special guided tour of Haus Uhlmann!

The Uhlmann House is the only Jewish home in a German open-air museum. The history of the residents is moving and unique, but so is the long journey to the open-air museum. We have the opportunity to listen to the words of Dr Heinrich Stiewe, who played a leading role in researching the history and realising the relocation.

We are delighted that Dr Stiewe has agreed to join us. After the tour, we will sit together in the Weißer Ross for coffee and cake.



Pre-booking is not required.
Costs: Entrance fees for the museum

Haus Uhlmann, Paderborner Dorf - Freilichtmuseum Detmold,

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:00

Guided Tour of the Jewish Cemetery in Detmold

Guide: Volker Buchholz

Please note: Men need a kippah or other headgear!

Regular fee € 5, reduced fee 2 €



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

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 19:30

Fate of the Werthauer family

Martin Hankemeier, Rev. R.

The Werthauer family lived in Lage for several generations. Max Werthauer (see photo) was born here in 1886. He and his family were universally popular in Lage, he was regarded as a 'joker' and, as a perfect gymnast, was the last item on the programme at performances as a 'comedy act'. Then came the political change. As early as 1937, Max was retouched out of the group photo in the commemorative publication of the Lage gymnastics club. On 9 November 1938, his house was destroyed and he himself was sent to Buchenwald concentration camp. Because he was able to produce a visa for Australia, he was allowed to emigrate. His son Dietrich (born 1921) was denied the opportunity to take the journeyman's examination. He was considered an 'unskilled labourer' in Australia. The town of Lage has named a street after the Werthauer family.



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Kind regards

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