

Detmold, 10 September 2026

Dear members,
friends of the GfCJZ,

Following our summer break, we have a series of exciting events lined up for September and October, to which we warmly invite you:

Sunday, October 04, 2026, 11:30 to 18

Day trip to Volkmarsen to visit the Gustav-Hüneberg-Haus

We would like to explore the traces of Jewish life in Volkmarsen together with you.

The building at Steinweg 24 in Volkmarsen is the historic, listed Gustav-Hüneberg-Haus, run by the association Rückblende – Gegen das Vergessen e. V.

In the building's vaulted cellar, which is over 800 years old, there is an extraordinary Jewish ritual bath (mikveh) dating from the late 15th or early 16th century, which was discovered and excavated in 2013. It is considered the second-oldest mikveh to have been uncovered in the whole of Hesse. Spanning two floors of the building, the exhibition 'German-Jewish Life in Our Region Through the Centuries' offers a comprehensive insight into historical coexistence.

In addition, the association 'Rückblende – Gegen das Vergessen e. V.' in Volkmarsen is offering a guided tour of the permanent exhibition, a walking tour of the town following in Jewish footsteps, and a tour of the former cemetery grounds. We will also gather in the building's book café for coffee, tea and cake.

Afterwards, we will attend a reading by Christiane Kohl from her novel *Das Zeugenhaus*. Nuremberg: where perpetrators and victims came together under one roof. The reading begins at 4 pm and lasts approximately one hour. Anyone travelling by car may choose to attend the reading.

We'll meet in Detmold at 11.30 am at the Werrebogen car park (Hornsche Straße 50). Anyone travelling by car is, of course, also welcome to drive directly to the Gustav-Hüneberg-Haus, Steinweg 24, 34471 Volkmarsen. The meeting point there is at 1 pm.

We're happy to organise car pools and offer lifts. If you have a spare seat in your car or need a lift, please let us know when you register.

Please register for the trip by email (GfCJZ-Lippe@t-online.de) by 23 September 2026.

Thursday, September 24, 2026, 19:30

Joseph Roth – Worlds in Decline

A guided reading with Frank Meier-Barthel

Joseph Roth, who was born in Galicia (1894–1939) wrote with empathy about vanishing worlds, whether he was turning his attention to the ageing Emperor Franz Joseph in **The Radetzky March** or to a Jewish Orthodox family facing multiple forms of oppression and hardship in **Job**.

Roth viewed his fellow human beings with a blend of warmth and detachment. His essay **Jews on the Move** is not without a touch of romanticised nostalgia, yet, using the example of Eastern European Jews, it contains fundamental observations on the subject of migration that are perceptive and still relevant today. He wrote about bureaucratic harassment, poverty and hostility, about flight, homesickness and dashed hopes.

Joseph Roth died in exile in Paris, where he had fled to escape the National Socialists. Meier-Barthel will also read from an account by his friend Soma Morgenstern of one of Roth's last public appearances before his untimely death.

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[Flyer for the reading](#)

To book, call 05231 92660-12 or email: auskunft@llb-detmold.de

Admission is free.

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‘Dear Dad’ and SS-Hauptsturmführer

Nazi perpetrators in the family – establishing the facts and an emotional process

Matthias Altevogt

What exactly did my own grandparents do during the Nazi era? A surprising amount of material from the files of the Wehrmacht, the NSDAP, the SS and the denazification proceedings has been preserved in the archives and is readily accessible. A personalised search is likely to yield results.

Books by historians document what life was like in concentration camps and on the front line.

But what does it mean for one’s own mental well-being and family when descendants bring to light cruel facts that have previously been concealed or downplayed? And how does private coming to terms with the past relate to public culture of remembrance?

Matthias Altevogt reports on the example of his research into his grandfather Erduin Schondorff, an SS-Hauptsturmführer at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin.

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[Poster for the event with Rev. Altevogt](#)

Gemeindehaus Hl. Kreuz Schubertplatz 10 Detmold

We are pleased to pass on an **invitation from the district administration to teachers** :

Invitation to the Riga Committee’s travelling exhibition at the Detmold District Administration

Dear headteachers and colleagues,

How do we commemorate those who were persecuted, deported and murdered during the Nazi era? And what does a culture of remembrance mean for our pupils today?

Through the Riga Committee’s travelling exhibition, the Detmold District Administration is inviting schools to explore these questions and bring history to life.

More than 25,000 Jewish men and women were deported from Germany to the Riga ghetto during the Nazi era. For most of them, deportation led to the deprivation of their rights, inhuman suffering and, ultimately, murder. The exhibition commemorates the fates of those who were deported and, at the same time, raises the question of what responsibility we bear today for remembrance and for our democracy.

We would therefore like to cordially invite you and your pupils to visit the exhibition.

The exhibition offers an interesting starting point, particularly for lessons in history, politics, social studies and other subjects relating to historical and political education. It provides an opportunity to explore the crimes of National Socialism, the fates of the victims, and the significance of remembrance and democratic responsibility.

Visiting dates for schools

1 September to 16 October 2026 Detmold District Government, Leopoldstraße 15, 32756 Detmold

Visiting dates can be arranged individually with you. If you would like to visit the exhibition with your class, a course or a group of pupils, please contact the following to arrange an appointment:

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We would be delighted if as many schools as possible from the Detmold administrative district took the opportunity to visit the exhibition with their pupils, so that together we can send a message of remembrance, responsibility and democracy.

The next newsletter is scheduled for mid-October and will announce the events taking place around 9 November. If you have any information about events organised by local authorities in the Lippe region, please let us know so that we can include them in our newsletter.

Warm regards, and to everyone celebrating soon: Shana Tova!

Kristina Panchyrz and Philipp Wagner

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