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Reconciliation In Geislingen and Göppingen, people have set an example against anti-Semitism.

Geislingen. The Geislingen initiative "Remembering - Honoring - Reconciling" had invited to a commemorative event in the DRK community center on Saturday. On the occasion of the Reichspromnacht of November 9, 1938, the motto was "Geislingsers against anti-Semitism". As Eva Kerner from the initiative reported, numerous participants came, who had walked together the short way to the memorial site of the concentration satellite camp in the evening.

In the night of the pogrom, the Nazis had burned down Jewish houses of worship, and the synagogue in Goeppingen also burned down at that time. As Eva Kerner described during the event, firefighters from Goeppingen were prevented from extinguishing the fire, which can be seen in the Jewish Museum in Jebenhausen. In her press release, Eva Kerner quotes Josef Schuster, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany: "Anti-Semitism is a personal choice." Kerner emphasizes that no one is born a Christian, for example, either. People decide to follow a religion. This is still true today. Rosemarie Schneider then used photos to show what happened to the women in Israel who were imprisoned in the concentration camp in Geislingen and had to perform forced labor for the WMF. She also spoke about the memorial on the Taelesbahnradweg and about friendly relations with the families of the former concentration camp inmates, which is by no means a matter of course.



Event in Göppingen

On Saturday, about 200 people in Goeppingen also commemorated the victims of the Reich Pogrom Night. At the synagogue square, Mayor Guido Till recalled the fire 81 years ago. In addition, two students told the story of the Banemann family from Goeppingen, who were murdered by units of the German security service in Riga in 1938. "Remembering is more important than ever, nothing is more dramatic than forgetting," Till said.

Geislinger took a stand against anti-Semitism. photo: Markus Sontheimer