

# Anti-Semitism is a personal decision.

Dr. Josef Schuster, President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, July 2018

“Schicksalstag” 9. November

„fateful day“

1918 1923 1938 1989

Brandenburger Tor



# 9. November 1918



November-  
revolution:  
End of the  
German  
Empire and  
birthday  
of Weimar  
Republic,  
Germany's  
first  
democracy



Philipp Scheidemann spricht aus einem Fenster der Reichskanzlei

# 9. November 1923



Hitlerputsch -  
Beer Hall  
Putsch -  
averted by the  
Bavarian  
police.

On 9. Nov. 1925  
Hitler founded  
the SS  
(Schutzstaffel).

**Bürgerbräukeller 1923**

Als Hetzredner füllt er Säle wie den Bürgerbräukeller (Foto von 1923).

# 9. November 1938



Pogrom Night

Synagogues  
are burnt  
down,  
Jewish shops  
destroyed,  
people killed.

Die Synagoge von Siegen brennt in der "Kristallnacht"

# 9. November 1989



Fall of the  
Berlin wall

leads to  
peaceful  
German  
reunification  
after 40  
years of  
separation



Menschen feiern am Brandenburger Tor die Öffnung der Mauer

# der 9. November

- ▣ A day of epochal turning in Germany
- ▣ A day that recalls the "antagonism of dictatorship and democracy" (BR)
- ▣ A day of mourning: 1923, 1938
- ▣ A day of joy: 1918, 1989
- ▣ 2019: A day on which we rise in Geislingen against anti-Semitism.



# REMEMBERING - HONORING - RECONCILING

Geislinger memorial event  
on November 9, 2019

Holocaust survivors of the KZ satellite camp  
visit Geislingen:  
Backgrounds and history

# HANNA MANN, BORN HELEN JEKEL



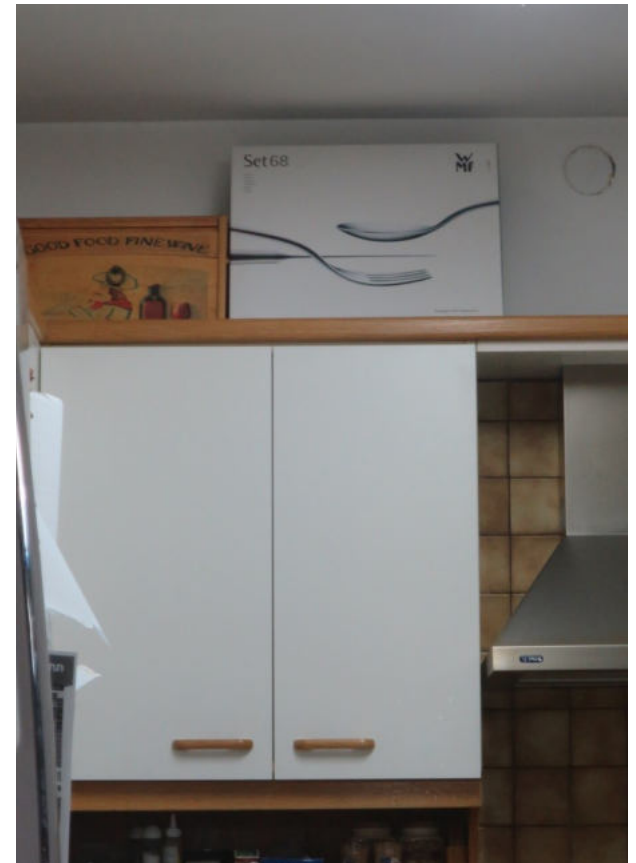
from left to right: grandson Mordi Zissmann, survivor Hanna Mann, sister-in-law Gisela Mann, Rosemarie Schneider, daughter Malka Zissmann

# HANNA MANN, BORN HELEN JEKEL

2015 and 2018



# A WMF BOX - CONTACT TO MIRYAM SOBEL



# MIRYAM SOBEL, BORN MARIA KAUFMANN



above: Miryam Sobel, Family Schneider  
right: Chani Rieger, Miryam's daughter



# NAMEA INSTEAD OF NUMBERS



Students of MiGy high school read these names out loud at Geislinger memorial events.

# MEMORIAL PLAQUE WITH ALL THE NAMES IN FRONT OF WMF, LENKA WEKSBERG, SURVIVOR



# ADOLF SCHOOFS, CEMETARY ALTENSTADT



Lenka Weksberg (with son and daughter-in-law) says:

„He led by example. He was always trying to help others, to protect the Jewish prisoners and to shield us against the violence even though it meant putting his own life on the line.“

He let them sleep and watched over them so that they would not get in trouble.

# DEALING WITH THE PAST



# STOLPERSCHWELLE - STUMBLING THRESHOLD



Gunter Demnig

*Ich weiß es nicht, manchmal versuche ich nicht darüber nachzudenken, woran mein Vater teilgenommen haben kann.*

Gunter Demnig, geb. 1947, Sohn eines Angehörigen der Wehrmacht

*I don't know, sometimes I try not to think about what my father could have been part of.*

Gunter Demnig, born 1947, son of a Wehrmacht soldier

Gunter Demnig, geb. 1947,  
son of a Wehrmacht soldier

On the sidewalk in front of  
WMF



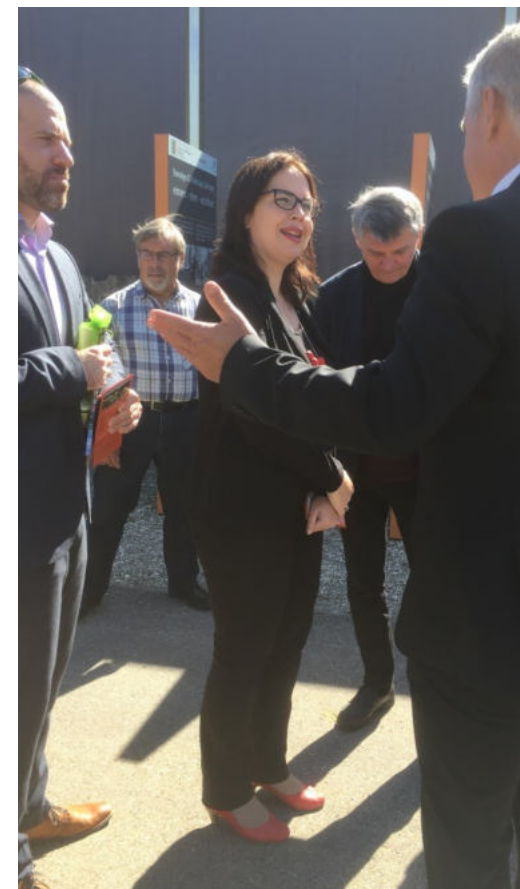
# WOODEN SHOES







Haim and Varda Sobol, Miryam's son and daughter-in-law; Dov Steinberg, her nephew and Israel's ambassador to Finland; Sandra Simovich, General Consul of Israel in Munich



# REMEMBER YESTERDAY - LIVE TODAY - SHAPE TOMORROW



student exchange  
Geislingen - Israel  
April and June 2020

The friendly bond between survivors of the concentration satellite camp Geislingen, their descendants and Geislinger citizens today is by no means a matter of course. We would like to promote this through encounters of the younger generation.



*Today, when I think about Germany,  
I have a smile on my face.  
Wasn't it the whole idea?  
I think it was.*

*Israeli exchange student*





Today we walk:  
"not with a rifle in the back  
but proudly with the flag" of the country  
of the former Jewish forced laborers



Today we walk:  
not with anti-Semitism in our hearts  
but in honorable memory  
of the victims

and in friendly relationship  
with their descendants.



Today we walk:  
not with lights of destruction  
but with lights of hope

Ich bin  
das Licht  
der Welt.

- Jesus



I am the light of the  
world. Yeshua

Johannes 8,12