

“Spurensuche”

Persecuted Jewish families from Prenzlauer Berg

A workshop report

Date: Mon, 24 February 2025, 4-6 p.m.

Venue: Community hall of the Immanuelkirche, Immanuelkirchstr. 1a, 10405 Berlin

Organised by: Immanuelkirchgemeinde, Museum Pankow, Stolperstein-Initiative Prenzlauer Berg, Master of Public History at Freie Universität Berlin, Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam

Many Jewish families lived in Prenzlauer Berg. From 1933 onwards, they were systematically disenfranchised and persecuted by the Nazi regime. Many Jewish people were deported and murdered. Only a few managed to flee abroad, where they were often caught up again by their Nazi persecutors. Jewish life in Prenzlauer Berg was destroyed in this way.

Today, numerous stumbling stones (“Stolpersteine”) in Prenzlauer Berg commemorate the people who were persecuted by the Nazi regime. In a seminar at the Free University Berlin, students on the Master's degree program in Public History researched the life stories of persecuted Jewish people. Together with the Stolperstein-Initiative Prenzlauer Berg, the students identified some depressing and remarkable family stories. Based on this research, twenty new Stumbling Stones are to be laid in Prenzlauer Berg next year.

The event provides an insight into the research. The students will report on the possibilities and difficulties of biographical tracing and present stories of Jewish families from Prenzlauer Berg. Prior to the event, two new stumbling stones will be laid for the Feige couple at 2 pm in front of Choriner Straße 13. After the event, the Stolperstein-Initiative Prenzlauer Berg and the students will show how you can research persecuted people from your own neighborhood on the Internet.

Program:

Welcome

Eva Finkenstein

Introduction

Hanno Hochmuth

Stumbling stones in front of Immanuelkirchstr. 32

Petra Gutsche

Kozminski family, Immanuelkirchstr. 7

Jonas Busch and Maximilian Gärtner

Kastner/Fenger family, Lychener Str. 68 (in English)

Valentin Mosch

Rosenrauch family, Torstr. 39

Luis Kumpfmüller and Leonie Teuffert

Forced housing in Prenzlauer Berg (5 min)
Leonie Teuffert

Who lived in my house?
Accompanied online research