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New Board of Directors Elected

First of all, some information that might be of great interest to our members and friends: on 10 February, 2008, our congregation elected a new board of directors. These elections take place every three years. Ingrid Wettberg was re-elected as president unanimously (!). She has been serving our congregation since 1999.

The following members were elected onto the new board:

Ingrid Wettberg, President
Katarina Seidler, Vice-President
Alisa Bach
Leonid Friedman
Artur Michalowitz
Faina Shlafman
Yuriy Tchachov

Leonid Friedman and Yuriy Tchachov have been voted onto the board for the first time and are replacing Ida Peterburgska and Gabor Lengyel, who both resigned.

Ida is currently heavily involved in her job, while Gabor feels that as the prospective Rabbi of this community, he should not also be a member of the board of directors. Gabor Lengyel will be ordained in October.

The whole community thanks Ida Peterburgska and Gabor Lengyel for all

their hard work on the board of directors. **Toda Raba!**

In next month's luach, we will tell you more about the individual members of the board!

Invitation to the Purim Costume Party and Purim Shpiel

Now the time has come around again that all Indians, cowboys and princesses are warmly invited to our Purim party and to bring their parents along. Most important is that everybody wears a costume! There will be a Purim Shpiel and then it's party time!

There will be a costume parade and many surprises are planned! There will be performances by the children from Zoja Shami's group "Hamanit" and the children from the day school "Tamar". Darja, Joscha and Shira are looking forward to being with you all.

So, don't forget, we are celebrating Purim on Friday, March 21, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. As usual, we need people to bake the Hamantashen, please register with Alla or Margarita.

Inauguration of the "Week of Brotherly Love" ("Woche der Brüderlichkeit")

As in previous years, the inauguration of this year's "Week of Brotherly Love"

Would you like to support the building of the first new Reform shul in Germany in more than 70 years?

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("Woche der Brüderlichkeit") will be held at the Savings Bank of Lower Saxony in Hanover. The motto for this year is *"If you do not believe in miracles, you are not a realist"* and will commence on 9 March at 11:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be the former State Bishop Dr. Horst Hirschler. This event is open to the public.

Excursion to Bergen Belsen

Prof. Dr. Ursula Rudnick, director of studies at the Society *"Meetings between Christians and Jews"* is offering an excursion to the Bergen Belsen Memorial Park on 27 March, 2008.

Apart from visiting the memorial, there will be a tour of the newly installed documentation area.

We will be meeting at the information desk of the main train station at 10:45 a.m. and are scheduled to return at approx. 7:30 p.m.

The price of € 19 for members and € 24 for non-members, including train and bus fares.

Discussion Group "Christian-Jewish" Dialogue

Ingrid Willing will be reading from the book *"Kaddish – the History of a Jewish Family in Northern Germany"* at the Lutheran Nikodemus Community on 4 March at 8 p.m.

International Women's Day With Music And Dance

At 6 p.m. on Saturday, 6 March, 2008, we will be celebrating the International Women's Day with music and dance, games and surprises in the community rooms. All members of the Women's Café are also invited. Hence, there will be no extra Women's Café gathering in March.

Registration is required. Members pay € 3, non-members € 5.

Dedication Of The Entrance Pillars At Our Cemetery

A group of community members met on 27 January at the cemetery in Hannover-Lahe to participate in the official dedication ceremony, which was lead by Gabor Lengyel.

It was due to the donation of the three children of

Alla Feofanova S''L

that the installation of these pillars was made possible. Her son Alexander Feofanov held a moving speech, also on behalf of his sisters, Irina and Tanja, about their mother's life and about her search for a permanent home. He concluded that now, finally, she had now found her last eternal home on our cemetery.



The new pillars at the entrance to our cemetery



From left to right: Tanja Seidler, née Feofanova; Alexander Feofanov, and Gabor Lengyel

Greetings to South Africa

Two members of our community, Vivienne and Gustav Bruns, have now already been living in South Africa for one year. We miss them sorely and hope that they miss us, too!

They receive our newsletter every month and Vivienne translates it into English for us, sending it by eMail to Gregor Wettberg in Berlin. He then puts together the layout and mails it to our friends all over the world, such as the U.S.A., Israel, the U.K., and other places.

Quite an example of international co-operation!

Thank you, dear Vivienne!

Oneg Shabbat

On Friday, 28 March, 2008, we should like to celebrate a communal Oneg Shabbat after the Shabbat service.

This is an opportunity of sitting comfortably together, eating, drinking, and chatting. Please bring something to add to our *milchige* buffet, we shall supply refreshments and challot.

Excursions With Natalia Kramer

Trip to Bad Pyrmont – 13 March

Guided tour of the city, ending with coffee at the Jewish community there. An optional visit to the thermal baths is possible. Please do not forget you bathing clothes and insurance.

Registration required by 10 March.

Meeting at the information desk of the main train station at 9.30 a.m. The cost will be € 8.

Wolf Biermann To Be Presented With The "Theodor Lessing Award"

You are cordially invited to "Hannover House" on 6 March at 6 p.m. where songwriter, author, and refugee from the former GDR Wolf Biermann will be

presented with the "Theodor Lessing Award for Striving to Enlighten the Public". This award is presented every two years to people who have shown particular fervor to enlighten the public to the misdemeanors of the past, is sponsored by the German-Israeli Association, the German-Israeli Education Society, and the Gundlach Foundation.

The laudation will be held by Prof. Dr. Manfred Lahnstein. Prior registration by eMail is required.

Tri-denominational Discussion

An interesting discussion will be held at the "House of the Religions" on 27 March at 7:30 p.m.: Hamideh Moghagegi, Prof. Dr. Axel Denecke, and Gabor Lengyel will discuss "Religions based on the Beliefs of Abraham – Communal Inheritance of Jerusalem". The event is hosted by Pastor Michael Stier and is free of charge.

"From Avocado to Zimmes"

... is the name of a 182 page cookery book with recipes that have been collected by the WIZO ladies to honor the 60th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. This book, which is dedicated to memory of the victims of the Shoa, can be bought at our community office at a price of € 20 per copy.

What News Do We Have About Our New Community Center?

The Building Permission is being received in mid-February. Construction works are likely to commence in mid-March. There has been a slight delay since the public engineer was not available in time.

Financing is rather tight, so we are once again asking for donations, even the smallest amount will be of assistance.

All donors will be honored in perpetuity at the new Community Center.

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