

Lawyers Without Rights

Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich

Please join us
for the exhibit's opening reception.

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday



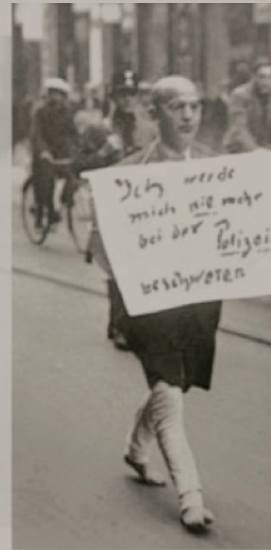
April 1, 1933: the public is advised, "Don't go to Jewish lawyers;" warnings on red notepaper reading "Visits prohibited! Jew!" were affixed to the doorplates of Jewish lawyers' offices.

Some 70 years after its horrors unfolded, the Holocaust still has stories to reveal and lessons to share.

The idea for this exhibit was conceived in 1998 when an Israeli lawyer asked the regional bar of Berlin for a list of Jewish lawyers whose licenses had been revoked by the Nazi regime. "The regional bar decided not only to research a list of names but also to try to find out more about the fates behind all those names," says Axel Filges, president of the German Federal Bar. "Some were able to leave the country after the Nazis came into power, but very many of them were incarcerated or murdered. The non-Jewish German lawyers of those days remained silent. They failed miserably, and so did the lawyers' organizations. We do not know why."

After the Berlin bar transformed its research into an exhibit, other regional bars began asking whether they could show it and add their own research. "So, like a puzzle, a portrait of the fate of Jewish lawyers in Germany has emerged step by step," says Filges, whose bar eventually became the exhibit's overall sponsor.

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