

Family database Jews in the German Empire, Ingo Paul, Germany

Over fifteen years creating a genealogical database of Jewish families living within the German Empire from 1914. Currently over 220,000 people from more than 80,000 families are documented. The database grows by an average of 30,000-50,000 people a year despite having a regular job. Where known, the people displayed are always shown in their family context, unlike most other large German databases with only Shoah victims. An abbreviated version is available to search free of charge: http://www.online-ofb.de/juden_nw/?lang=de.



More extensive and detailed research can be carried out using this main database. This includes printing out family trees, lists by place name, by family name, occupation and other filters. With appropriate technical support many other interesting facets such as patterns of migration and social structure can be presented and examined. Over 6,000 different places of birth connected to the

territory of the former German Empire, of which about 1,000 are already in an interactive topographic map of the database.

Information from Jewish civil registers is supplemented by data from the civil registry and ideally, the database thus created can still be used with the Federal Archives Memorial Book and compared to other sources. These main sources are supplemented by numerous other



important sources such as community membership lists, registration cards, deportation lists, data on Jewish cemeteries, family announcements (Berliner Tageblatt, Der Aufbau, etc), family trees, memoirs, monographs on places, people, families and occupational groups.

Images, mostly portraits, are included in the database, making the raw data more personal. Many more could be added if there was time to prepare the existing digital images and once usage permits have been granted. http://www.online-ofb.de/fotolist.php?ofb=juden_nw&lang=de

Very intensive daily source work and worldwide correspondence (well over 1,000 correspondents). Development of a private research library of Jewish family history with over 1,000 volumes within a 10,000 volumes comprehensive in-house library. Voluntary research support for many projects and institutions (details on request); the results of the work are available free of charge to all interested parties.



Ingo Paul (born 1975), studied Latin and Ancient Greek in Hamburg and Heidelberg, 1st and 2nd State Examination, over 15 years experience teaching at Alten Gymnasium in Bremen. Taught at the University of Bremen and Hamburg. Married, four children.

Experienced in reading German manuscripts from the 18th - 21st centuries; basic knowledge of Hebrew to decipher Epitaphs and basic knowledge of Ashkenazi handwriting for reading Mohel books etc, Problem-oriented, structured, documentary philological work. Language skills in Latin, Ancient Greek, English, French, basic knowledge of Russian and Lithuanian, beginner level in Polish.

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