



Jüdisches Museum Berlin

Zwei Jahrtausende Deutsch-Jüdische Geschichte

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Mr. Benjamin Weinthal
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By email benn@jpost.com

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Dear Mr. Weinthal,

The Jewish Museum Berlin (JMB) is a German federal institution concerned with historical and cultural questions regarding the history of German-speaking Jewry. The JMB is non-partisan and non-political. It takes no position on political issues, whether in Germany, Israel or anywhere else.

We believe that balanced and fair discussion of issues related to our mission is important and in the public interest. Throughout our eleven-year history, the JMB has therefore made itself available as a forum for such discussions by many speakers with quite different views, even controversial ones. The JMB always makes it unmistakably clear, however, that the opinions they express are the speakers' own – and only their own. No one should assume that stating them at a JMB event in any way means or implies that the Museum agrees with them one way or another.

This position applies completely to the event on September 15th at the JMB, at which Professor Butler and Professor Brumlik will discuss Judaism and Zionism with probably rather different views on this important topic.

We believe that open discussion of differing views, including controversial ones, is a good thing in a democracy. We further believe that bringing such views into the open rather than stifling or boycotting them is healthy, will enable our guests to make up their own mind, and allow the truth to prevail.

Sincerely yours,

W. Michael Blumenthal
- nach Diktat geschrieben -

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