

## Information for Visitors to Frankfurt am Main / פרנקפורט דמיין

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**חזן:**

**גבאי** of Westend Beis Hamedresh (weekdays): Herr Rosenthal (speaks Yidd. a. Polish, no English.)

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**Lubavitsch Yeshivoh:** in the Westend Beis Hamidrash. Tel. 0049 69/ 722 770

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**Jewish Comm. Centre** (School, Restaurant, hall, ועד הקהילה etc.), Westendstr. 43, Tel. 7680360, Fax.746874

**מקוה:** Katz, Altkoenigstrasse 12. Tel. (0049-69) 72 15 68

Caretaker of Westend - Shul: 72 62 63

**Old Age Home:** Mr. Friedman (director) Tel. 40 56 01 50. Mashgiach: Reb שלמה Raskin Tel. 436 5154.

**Expert on local Jewish History:** Georg Heuberger (director, Jew. Museum)

**Tourish Information:** Tel. 212 388 00

**Jewish doctor:** Frau Dr. Altman Tel. 74 88 44.

**Jewish lawyer:** Herr Hornstein. Tel. 95 95 90. Herr M.Friedman: Tel. 355 66. (at home: 550308)

**Frankfurt Tourist Information:** (0049 69) 212 388 00 for guided tours: 212 389 53

For publications about Frankfurt: 212 40 000

**Tourist Information about Jewish sites** try administration of Main-Jewish Museum: Tel 212 35 000 and ask for Dr. Wachtin or Herr Backhaus. Also Tel 212 388 04 for direct line to Herr Backhaus who can arrange guided tours about Jewish sites. Jewish Tour Guide: Tel. 0049/ 163 3777799

### בתי קברות עם קברי צדיקים

1) **Very old בית הקברות** (where the **פני יהושע, הפלאה, מחנה לוי, ר' נתן אדלר ואמו של החת"ס** lie): Battonstrasse which is in centre of town near "Konstablerwache". Entrance opposite AOK building. Oldest קברים from end of 13. Century. Over 6000 מצבות were deciphered and published by Rav Horowitz at beginning of 19. Century and about another 2000 were deciphered more recently. Note how many מצבות were destroyed. The מצבות של הגדולים are opposite the entrance but the accurate site of each גדול is not known - it is somewhere on that ביה"ק.

Note the thousands of little metal plaques on outside of wall of בית הקברות each of which is about a Frankfurt Yid who was murdered by the Nazis. Also note "Gedenktafel" on the place of Borneplatz Shul nearby which was burned down in Kristallnacht.

**Excavations of the old Ghetto** can be viewed nearby in the cellar of the building of the "Stadtwerke". It also contains a small Jewish museum with reconstructed remnants of the old Frankfurt Ghetto: Museum "Judengasse", Tel. 2977419. For detailed information speak to Herr Backhaus in main Jewish Museum Tel. (0049-69) 212 38804. There is a computer with interesting information about local Jewish history and derivatons of Jewish family names originating in Frankfurt - in German and English. There is also an exact miniature-model of old historic Frankfurt including the Yiddish Ghetto. Opening times: Mon.: closed the whole day. On Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri.: open till 17.00. on Wed.: till 20.00.

**Access to the בית הקברות:** Can be reached by buses or underground. Ask for "Konstablerwache". Bus from Westend Shul is no. 36, starts at Feldbergstrasse (journey time: 30 min.). The בית הקברות is locked. Keys are available near-by in the above-mentioned Ghetto-museum against deposit of passport but it is closed on Mondays. They can also be borrowed against deposit of identity documents from: Herr Horowitz, (speaks Yiddish and Ivrit but not English) Neuer Juedischer Friedhof, Eckenheimer Landstr. 238 (when driving along, a פסוק is clearly visible outside this most recent בית הקברות and there is a small car-park.) Open approx. From 7.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Tel: 561826 Fax: 5603693. (Motorway exit: Nordwestkreuz - Ernst Landmann-Strasse). In the בית הקברות the מצבות of the גדולים are opposite the entrance on the far side, surrounded by a small stone wall. The מצבות are not on the exact קבורה. The exact קברים are not known. The sign indicating מקום קבורה של אם החת"ס is to the right of the entrance, however, it is doubtful whether this is the exact place. *Nearby is the shopping centre of Frankfurt. Further along this road called "Zeil" towards the zoo there is the site of Reb Yakov Rosenheim's office, where אגודת ישראל was founded.*

There is a "Denkmal" on the site of the Shul of the pre-war Austrittsgemeinde on the Friedberger Anlage.

2) **Old בית הקברות** used in the last century (where the **הרב הורוביץ והרב, הגרש"ז ברייער, הרב הירש, הגרש"ר והגרש"ר** lie): Rad-Beil-Strasse (tell Taxi: Near Burgerhospital). Main entrance is very prominent, but continue along to the right of the main entrance for a few hundred meters for an open gate leading

directly to the Hirsch-community Beis Hakevoros. The gate is closed roughly at 5-6 p.m. R. Hirsch's Kever is along the main path where it meets the path coming in the other direction. A plan of the בית הקברות can be seen after the main entrance in which the famous קברים are marked. (For the Stoliner Rebbe and Rav Hirsch, turn to the right after the entrance and walk along for about. 3 minutes until you reach the breach in the wall separating the בית הקברות of the general community from that of the Austrittsgemeinde, enter through the breach and walk on the main path to the left until you reach Rav Hirsch's Kever, then walk back a little and turn to the left until you see the Stoliner Rebbe's Kever which has iron bar around it.)

3) **Site of Old I.R.G. Shul** of Hirsch-Community (which was burned on Kristallnacht) in Friedberger Anlage. How to get there: After visiting the very old ביה"ק carry on along the Battonstrasse, cross straight over Langestrasse, turn left into next road called Friedberger Anlage. The section concerned is before the Urturmchen. It is a Bunker which was built by the Nazis on the site of the destroyed Shul.

4) **Jewish Museum:** Is in the renovated old Rothschild building along the riverside. Contains interesting detailed model of old Frankfurt Ghetto and of the entire town with the Ghetto. Note that the coffee is not kosher. The bookshop in the building specializes in books of Jewish interest, including Holocaust etc. in several languages. Tel 21235000

Opening Times: Closed on Mon. Open on other weekdays until 17.00, on Wed. until 20.00.

*It is considerably easier, to take a taxi who can find the addresses much quicker.*

**Heimisher Driver** (reasonably priced): Yoram Inbar. Mobile: 0049 / 176 20845707

Nuri Dekel/ Tel (land;ome): 0049 69/ 73 22 88 . Mobile: 0049 / 160 43 25007

For general info try Tel. 380 979 470

For car breakdown, try cheap mechanic: Mr. Flaksberg (Yid from Kiev) Tel. 06171-75807

### Daily Minyonim:

1) Westend Bes Hamedresh (נוסח ספרד), Altkoenigstrasse corner Liebigstrasse. שחרית on weekdays: 7.15 a.m, on Sundays: 9.00

For details, including times for מנחה ומעריב, contact Herr Rosenthal (speaks Yidd. a. Polish, no Engl.).

2) Lubavitsch Yeshivo (in above Beis Hamedresh): שחרית on weekdays: 9.30. מעריב: varies. It is best to check. Tel. 0049-69- 72 27 70

### Minyonim on שבת

1) Westend Bes Hamedresh (נוסח ספרד), Altkoenigstrasse. שחרית starts at 10.00 a.m. שיעור in basic גמרא at 9.30. Time of תפלות בליל שבת in winter about 1/2 after the Zman.

2) Westend Shul (נוסח אשכנז), Freiherr-von-Stein Strasse 30 (around the corner from 1). שחרית starts at 9.30. שיעור in basic הלכות שבת by the Rov starts at 9.00. in adjacent Kiddush-room. For times of ליל שבת contact Tel. 59 10 17.

3) Jewish community building on Baumweg 7 (נוסח אשכנז). [Pre-war orphans' home] For details, contact Reb שלמה Raskin Tel. 436 5154.

4) Old-Age Home, Bornheimer Landwehr. (נוסח אשכנז) For details, telephone the old-age-home. Tel. 7680360

The Mashgiach is Reb שלמה Ruskin, Tel. 43 65 154

5) Old-Age Home Budge-Stiftung, in Butzbach [outskirts of Frankfurt].

### Butcher and Kosher Food:

a) "Aviv". Adress: Hanauer Landstrasse 50, 60314 - Frankfurt/M. (5.min. by foot from Roederberweg Shul but far from all other Shuls, will deliver), Tel. 433013 / 446017; Fax. 448064.

### Meals:

a) Restaurant: In Jewish Community Centre, Westendstrasse 43 (about 10 min. walk from Westend Bes Hamedresh, about 10 min. walk from trade-fair centre.) Note: Unsupervised milk is used. (עיי שויית חייס חיוייד סי קייז)

b) Also, meals can sometimes be booked at Old-Age-Home. Address: Juedisches Altenheim, Bornheimer Landwehr, Bornheim. Prior arrangement is necessary. Note: Unsupervised milk is used.

c) For needy cases and home deliveries, telephone Jewish Community Centre at Tel. 740721.

**Accommodation:** Please note that Frankfurt is a big town. Your choice of accommodation will depend upon whether you want to be within vicinity of a certain Shul or the trade fair centre or the town centre. Possible suggestions include:

a) Hotel Niedenau, Niedenau 5, Tel. 722536

b) **Hotel Atlas**, Zimmerweg 1, Tel. 723946. (about 40 Euro per night)

c) Jolly Hotel, Bockenheimer Landstr. 68, Tel. 720252.

d) **Liebig Hotel**, Liebigstrasse 45, Tel. 727551 (overnight stay: Euro 75)

e) Pension Sattler, Beethovenstrasse. (reasonably priced)

f) Sometimes the Old-Age-Home has accommodation available after pre-booking, but it is far from the centre and the weekday-Minyonim.

g) Hotel Ambassador, Moselstrasse near railway station. Tel. 256110 Fax: 235987 (Jewish owned: Mr. Jackie Trost, speaks English)

h) Pension Backer ' Mendelsohnstrasse 92 [near Jewish restaurant] Tel. 747990. Cheap and very basic, but in good area.

i) Hotel Stella [near Holzhausenpark] Tel 554026

j) Hotel Mozart Parkstrasse 17, Tel. 550831 Fax 5964559.

Most above hotels are near the Westend Shul and Westend Bes Hamedresh and within walking distance of the Restaurant and trade fair centre. During trade fairs all hotels are booked up and early booking is advisable. A hotel which sometimes supplies pre-packed kosher airline meals (but check if reliable **הכשר**) is: Hotel Excelsior Tel. 2560801. (Near central railway station, but far from Minyonim and Restaurant, frequent trams to trade fair centre.)

Note: Some hotels have lights in corridors which work on sensors. Pension Sattler has been quite co-operative in switching this off for over **שבת**.

### **Places of interest near Frankfurt include:**

#### 1) **Worms:**

a) very old **קבר של מהר"ם מרוטנבורג ומהרי"ל** with בית הקברות

b) very old **מקוה**

c) "Rashi" Shul (which is not from the times of Rashi) and Bes Hamedresh, the latter being several hundred years old, but not from Rashi's times.

d) the "Rashi-Museum" (not especially interesting). Worms is about one to one-and-a-half hours by car. Note that the Shul and Museum are only open until about 4.00 p.m. It is considerably easier to reach all of the above by using a heimish driver who is familiar with the area.

2) **Mainz:** About 30 minutes drive from Frankfurt towards the West. Frequent trains, also from underneath the airport.

**החזן:** Herr Zvi Gastel, Bleichstr. 119 [im Stadtteil Weisenau] Tel. (0049-6131) 67 07 64.

Handy: (0049-) (0) 172 983 4049

**חברא קדישה** [for key to **ביה"ק**] - Reb Zalman Sieradski: 06144 8875

**Jewish Community:** Forsterstrasse 2 Tel. (00049-6131) 613990 Fax: 611767\_ **Tourist Info** Tel. 2862127.

Guided Tours, also with Jewish Themes, arranged by "Geographie fuer Alle" Tel. (0049- 6131) 395145.

"Haus am Stein" [oldest house in Mainz, with a Jewish exhibition] off Augustinergasse, Tel. 676565

Old v. large **בית הקברות** near railway-station on Mombacher Strasse Keys must be obtained from Jewish community centre at Forsterstrasse 2, open 8.00 - 16.00 except on Sunday, Tel. 0049-6131-613990. (against deposit of identity documents) or -possibly - at office of main non-Jewish cemetery at Untere Zallbacherstrasse. In order to reach the oldest part with the **קבר** of **ר' יהודה ב"ר יקר** and **רבנו משולם ב"ר קלונימוס** and reputed **קבר הגולה מאור הגולה** of **קבר** towards the wall, find the narrow breach in wall and go through. The first very old **קברים** are above-mentioned Gedolim. There is also a more recent **בית הקברות** at Untere Zallbacherstrasse 11 with warden on premises, open until about 19.00. **מנין** on **שבת** only in Shul in Jewish community centre at above address.

3) **Michelstadt:** Tourist Information Tel. (0049 - 6061) 74146

Keever of **בנימין**. A good hour's drive in area called Odenwald. Ask for "Waldschwimmbad". The **בית הקברות** is opposite it. The local Shul has been transformed into a Jewish Museum (with items of very limited interest).

4) **Friedberg:** Tourist Information Tel. (0049 - 6031) 88205

About half an hour's drive/train ride from Frankfurt towards the North. Follow signs for Giessen. Most impressive **מקוה** from time of **ראשונים** (using groundwater, descending over 90 steps). In the road called "Judengass", about half-an-hour by train or car from Frankfurt.

5) **Bad Nauheim:** About half-an-hours's drive from Frankfurt towards the North. No places of historic interest. Is a holiday place with specialist hospitals etc. for heart and lung diseases. Address of Shul: Karlstrasse. Sometimes a Kosher restaurant operates (at above address) in the holiday season when there is also occasionally a daily Minyan. **Offenbach**, **Bad Homburg** and **Darmstadt** have Shuls with Shabbes-Minyan, but no places of great historic interest.

6) **Bad Kissingen:** Holiday resort, about 2-3 hours from Frankfurt, with only **kosher Hotel** (reasonably priced) in country.

Hotel Eden-Park, Rosenstr. 7, Tel. 0049-971-717200. Fax: 717272.

Other towns with Jewish Sites include **Speyer** (מקוה), **Köln**, **Karlsruhe** (קרבת נתנאל), **Bacharach**, **Königstein**.

Other useful Numbers: Ruedesheim Tourist Information: Tel. (0049) [0] 6722 40831 Bingen Tourist Information: Tel. (0044) [0] 6721 184201

Köln Düsseldorfer Schiffsahrtgesellschaft Köln: 0221-2583011 Mainz: 06131-232800

Frankfurt Zoo: Tel. 069-212 33 727 [open until 19.00] Opel Zoo: Tel. 06173-786770