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Munich Displaced

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The exhibition project “**Munich Displaced**” presents a variety of experiences from the immediate post-war period in Munich. For the first time, the focus is on the heterogeneous group of Displaced Persons (DPs), i.e. all those people who fled, were displaced or deported as a result of World War II and then found themselves in Munich after 1945.

In **two parallel exhibitions** at the **Jewish Museum Munich** and the **Münchner Stadtmuseum**, the histories of the DP communities are to be placed in a local historical context. They explore the lives and fates of these people in Munich during the immediate post-war period and provide an important landmark in the history of immigration in Munich.

Jewish Museum Munich

The **Jewish Museum Munich**’s exhibition “**Munich Displaced. The Surviving Remnant**” (July 5, 2023 – March 17, 2024) looks in detail at the Jewish DP infrastructure in Munich. The area around Möhlstrasse in the Bogenhausen neighborhood, which was of immense importance to Jewish DPs after 1945 – with key institutions such as Joint, the Central Committee of Liberated Jews, grocery stores and kosher restaurants – is examined in depth. The setting up of businesses by Jewish DPs in Munich, the reopening of the Reichenbachstrasse Synagogue in 1947, and the “Exhibition of Jewish Artists” in 1948 at the Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus are also highlighted with exhibits shown for the first time. The Jewish Museum Munich identifies addresses that were once part of Jewish DPs’ everyday life, history, and culture. Many of these locations still exist today, and yet all traces of this fleeting Jewish perspective have long since disappeared. The idea of how to develop this topic was based on the Yiddish information brochure “*Der Najer Jidiszer Wegwajzer fun di wichtigste Institucjes in Minchen*” from the DP era.

The Jewish Museum Munich fervently hopes that descendants of former DPs will come forward with further addresses, information, and memorabilia from this period. In this way, museum visitors can make a direct contribution to our collection and ongoing research work.



Münchener Stadtmuseum

The **Münchener Stadtmuseum's** latest exhibition **“Munich Displaced. After 1945 and without a Homeland”** (July 5, 2023 – January 1, 2024) traces the long-forgotten fates and accounts of around one hundred thousand DPs who ended up in Munich in 1945. For the very first time, the public will be able to explore the post-war history of former forced laborers, prisoners of war, political concentration camp prisoners and refugees in Munich and its wider area through this research-led exhibition. Some of these displaced persons spent months or even years in DP camps, and this gave them an opportunity to obtain the training they would need for their future lives.

This exhibition features a range of educational institutions including the Russian-language high school at Schleißheim DP camp, the international UNRRA University, the Ukrainian Free University, and the Tolstoy Library. All displaced persons were supposed either to return to their country of origin or eventually resettle elsewhere, and yet thousands remained in Munich. Our exhibition also traces the family histories of residents of Munich who came from the Ukraine, Armenia, Kalmykia, and Russia and settled in the Ludwigsfeld housing estate. It paints a picture of this extremely diverse community of displaced persons from Eastern Europe by showing personal photographs, sharing their stories through audio recordings and videos and shines a light on this missing section in our culture of remembrance. An overview of around 40 Munich DP addresses demonstrates just how much our multifaceted research into this area has progressed and highlights the gaps that remain to be filled.

This joint survey by the Jewish Museum Munich and the Münchener Stadtmuseum provides a new perspective on Munich in the postwar period and is presented in two exhibitions at the same time.

The combined ticket includes admission to both “Munich Displaced” exhibitions.

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