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**70 years after the liberation of Auschwitz extermination camp**

***The Shoa and its Impact on Judaism and Christianity***

**26<sup>th</sup> of January 2015**

*for those who want to participate:*

5pm Prayer for Peace (German): St. Nikolai-Church

6pm Joint Prayer Meeting (Synagogue Leipzig, Keilstr. 4)

7pm Dinner (Alter Senatssaal, Ritterstr. 26, first floor)

8pm Opening of the Congress (Alter Senatssaal, Ritterstr. 26, first floor)

With Rabbi Prof. Dr. Daniel Herszkowitz (President of Bar Ilan-University)  
and Prof. Dr.

Beate A. Schücking (President of Leipzig University)

Words of greeting by Avraham Nir-Feldklein, Embassy of the State of  
Israel in Germany

*Lecture:* Dan Michman

What exactly is „The Holocaust/Shoa“?

On Jewish and non-Jewish terminologies, and on Scholarly Interpretations  
and Misinterpretations

*Music:* Uwe and Lauren Steinmetz

**27<sup>th</sup> of January 2015**

(Neuer Senatssaal, Ritterstr. 26, second floor)

*Opening: The horizon and dimensions of our symposium*

9.30 Prof. Dr. Alexander Deeg

The Holocaust Scroll and the question of a Jewish and Christian culture of commemoration

*From trauma to novel concepts*

9.45 Prof. Dr. Klaus Fitschen

Between Silence and Confession. The impact of the Shoah on German Protestantism

10.30 Rabbi Shabtai ha-Cohen Rappaport

The effect of cutting off a tradition of millennia on a tradition dependent nation

11.15 Break

11.30 Dr. Zohar Maor

70 years of probing the religious meaning of the Shoa: The thought of religious-Zionist thinkers

*Evil and faith – Commemoration of evil and trauma* (continued in the afternoon)

12.15 Dr. Dagmar Pruin

“Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste” and the Culture of Commemoration

1pm-4pm Break

*For those who want: Participation at the official celebration of commemoration of the city of Leipzig*

1pm Roma Memorial (Goethestr., Schwanenteichanlage)

1.30 pm Busses leaving for Abtnaundorf

2-3 pm Commemoration celebration at Abtnaundorf (Gedenkstätte für Zwangsarbeit)

(Synagogalchor; Lord Mayor of Leipzig; Consul General of Russia and USA)

3.30pm Opening ceremony of the exhibition “Jewish football players in the 1930s”

*Evil and faith – Commemoration of evil and trauma* (continued)

4pm Dr. Yitzhak Hershkowitz

Jewish Theology after the Holocaust. Unbalanced Revelation as Divine Mystery

4.45 Dr. Axel Töllner

9<sup>th</sup> of November and 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Christian ways of commemoration

5.30 Short break

*On sacrifice and suffering*

5.45 Dr. Tsurriel Rashi  
Sacrifice of one's life for the sake of the many from Biblical times through the Holocaust era to the 21<sup>st</sup> century

6.30 Prof. Dr. Dr. Andreas Schüle  
The Biography of the Suffering Servant. Reading Noah, Job and Isa 53 after the Holocaust

7.15 Closing remarks

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