

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The Memorial Center offers guided tours in the permanent exhibition, workshops, lectures, special exhibitions and tours in the city of Bonn.

The reference library on the ground floor of the Memorial Center includes literature on the local and regional history of Bonn and the Rhineland during the National Socialist era. Also, a limited number of workspaces are available upon request.

In the archive of the Memorial Center, you can find letters and correspondences, diaries, personal documents, interviews with contemporary witnesses, historical photographs from Bonn and the surroundings, private photographs and albums as well as other documents.



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## EXHIBITION HOURS

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Thursday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## ADMISSION FREE

Guided tours and workshops for groups of students and adults can also be arranged outside of regular opening hours. Prices depend on the number of participants and duration. For more information, please see [www.ns-gedenkstaetten.de/nrw/bonn](http://www.ns-gedenkstaetten.de/nrw/bonn)

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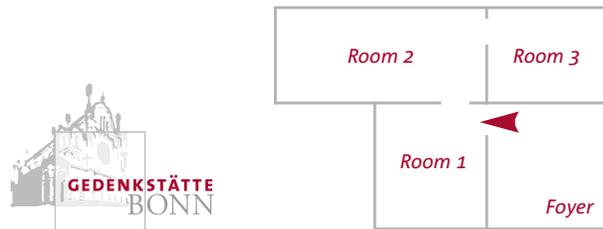


## THE BONN MEMORIAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST DICTATORSHIP

The Bonn Memorial Center features a permanent exhibition showing how political opponents, the Jewish population, Sinti as well as other inhabitants of Bonn and the region were no longer allowed to belong after the National Socialists seized power. Political opponents initially resisted, Jewish families fled to neighbouring countries or left Europe altogether. For those who stayed behind, the situation became increasingly dangerous.

The exhibition remembers patients of medical institutions in Bonn, many of whom were systematically killed (euthanasia crimes 1939-1945). It also illustrates the living conditions of almost 10.000 forced labourers and prisoners of war who were displaced to Bonn.

The non-profit association for the Bonn Memorial Center was founded in 1984, and an initial temporary exhibition was established in Bad Godesberg. A permanent exhibition is situated in Franziskanerstraße 9 since 1996 and updated regularly.



### FOYER

Close to midnight in Berlin on November 9th 1938, an order was issued to burn down all synagogues in the German Reich. The synagogues of Bonn were set on fire and destroyed on November 10th. The installation in the Foyer shows fragments of the synagogue inaugurated in 1879 on the banks of the Rhine. Those fragments were uncovered during construction works followed by excavations in the 1980s.



### Room 1 INTRODUCTION

*... and suddenly you no longer belonged.*

The wall-sized photograph of the Friedensplatz in Bonn during the 1930s shows an apparently cozy and safe world. However, on the opposite wall one can see inhabitants who were excluded from political and social life after the seizure of power by the National Socialists. Photographs from sites of terror in Bonn and situations of persecution illustrate the mounting threat faced by political opponents, Jews and other people considered undesirable by the National Socialists. Railroad tracks on the ceiling symbolize the path to concentration and death camps, and a map documents the persecution, flight and deportation of people from Bonn.

### Room 2 DOCUMENTATION

- Bonn in the beginning of the National Socialist dictatorship
- Resistance and political persecution – systematic terror
- Forced sterilization and murders of patients
- Persecution and deportation of Jewish inhabitants from Bonn
- Exclusion, deprivation of rights and deportation of Sinti and Roma
- Forced labor – work assignments in Bonn
- Stigmatization and persecution – so called „asocials“, deserters, homosexuals, Jehova's Witnesses...
- Helpers – civic courage
- The Lutheran and Catholic Churches – between cooperation and opposition
- Bonn University – between science and ideology

### Room 3 MEMORIAL ROOM

The black wooden frames remind us of those people from Bonn who were murdered by the National Socialists or died of their regime of terror.

A grave stone wall with 79 names in Cyrillic writing remembers Polish and Soviet women, men and children who lost their lives due to forced labor or as prisoners of war in Bonn and the region. The graves are located at the Bonn North Cemetery.

