

Friendship and solidarity with Israel

On July 10th 1945, Germany was in ruins – but hope awakened in Dresden - hope for the very first steps towards a conciliatory relationship between Christians and Jews. Thus, it happened In Dresden that Lessing's: *'Nathan der Weise'* ('Nathan the Wise man') was the first theatre performance after the war - *'Nathan der Weise'*, that very drama which focuses on humanity and solidarity among people of different religions and cultures.

Therefore, there is no day which is more suitable to show solidarity with the people of Israel in the Holy Land and all around the world.

While the state of Israel is currently defending itself against the attacks by Hamas and Hezbollah - anti-Israel and anti-Semitic demonstrations take place in the streets and in schools all over the world – and even physical attacks on Jews.

As signal from our civil society against this threatening development – July 10th, is therefore proclaimed as the day of solidarity with Israel and the Jews.

This event is supported by around 130 institutions and organizations from politics, science, culture, sport, church institutions – and society in general.

This also includes 7 associations from *Kraichgau*, for whom the well-being of Israel and the Jews is a matter close to the heart. In this way, the region *Kraichgau* is particularly well represented !

July 10th is organized by the association *'Demokratie und Information e.V'* (Democracy and Information) whose CEO Leo Sucharewicz said: "Today, we obviously live in two realities – on the one hand, there are the news which show aggressive criticism towards Israel by Palestinians, Islamists and left-wing radicals – but on the other hand we are also happy about the overwhelming response to July 10th as a day of solidarity".

We explain this wave of solidarity with the disgust of many citizens towards the atrocities of Hamas and the Palestinian's open celebration of them - as well as with the demands for a caliphate in Germany – and, in addition, with the violent occupations of universities and the worrying knife attacks in this country.

Let us therefore show our solidarity and friendship with Israel and the Jews on July 10th – either with conversations or with symbols such as an Israeli flag or the menorah, the candlestick with seven branches, in the window – everybody in his or her own way and place.

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Annotation :

DEIN is a non-profit association in Munich which acts as corrective against the distortion of history, as well as against propaganda and manipulation.

The exhibition '1948', which made the association well-known, shows the emergence and the foundation of the state of Israel, corrects the narrative of Palestinian propaganda. It has been visited by about 300,000 visitors so far. www.1948-web.de