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stichting Sobibor

News - July 2019

News, articles, publications and impressions, there is a lot to tell you about Sobibor and other related subjects. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Network meeting Sobibor Foundation

Over the past year, many changes have taken place on the board, and the foundation has been focusing on defining their plans and direction for the coming years. A good reason to invite ambassadors and others within the foundation's network to introduce ourselves and our plans. This took place at the NIOD.

After a short introduction round, chair Christine Gispen - de Wied shared some of the Foundation's plans, with 'Remembering through Information and Education' as a central theme. Several other Foundation plans were discussed in detail. Matthijs van der Tang presented plans for the further development of the teachers-programme and Gerben Hoogterp presented his plans to set up more activities in the north of the Netherlands to share Sobibor's story there.

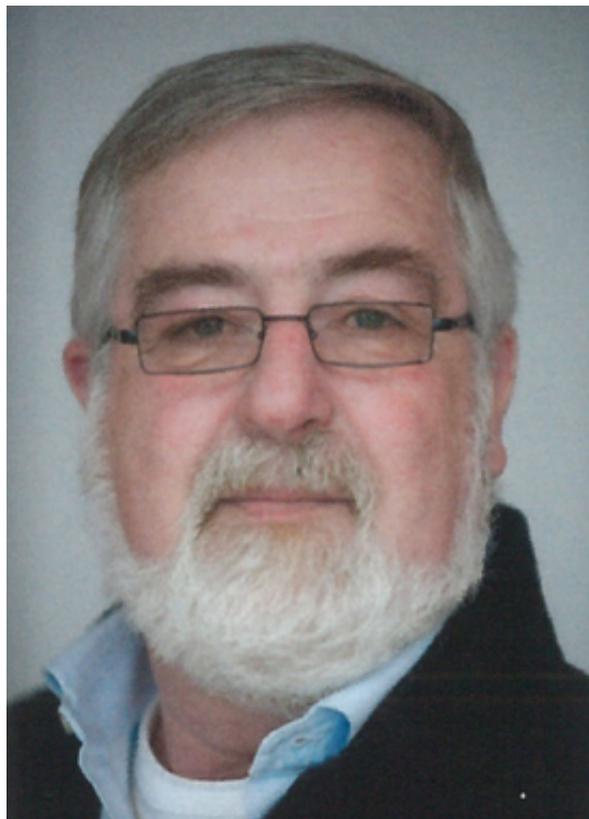




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In Memoriam Max Degen

At the beginning of June, Max Degen passed away. Max Degen was born on the Nieuwe Achtergracht in Amsterdam in 1942. To avoid deportation as a baby, his parents hid him at his Jewish uncle and non-Jewish German aunt. While living there he was betrayed, taken away and brought to the crèche opposite the Hollandse Schouwburg. The resistance were able to smuggle him out of there in a suitcase. His parents and three year old brother were deported and murdered in Sobibor. Max was one of the joint plaintiffs in the trial against Iwan Demjanjuk and he was a popular guest speaker at schools. Max and his wife Lutte were regular visitors at the Sobibor meetings.





Watch (Dutch) interview

Commemoration at Kamp Schoorl

On 11th June, the annual commemoration took place at the Kamp Schoorl monument. The monument on the Oorsprongweg in Schoorl (in the municipality of Bergen) commemorates the former internment camp located in Schoorl. Between December 1940 and October 1941, Jews and political prisoners were imprisoned here before they were transferred to other camps. On 11th June 1941, 300 young Jewish men were transferred to Kamp Schoorl. A large number of them came from the former 'labour village' in Wieringermeer and had been arrested during the second razzia in Amsterdam.

René Blog lay flowers at the monument on behalf of the Sobibor Foundation. René Blog's parents and sister were murdered in Sobibor. The speakers were the Mayor Hafkamp, Bauwe van Dijk on behalf of the Kamp Schoorl committee and Ruben Vis, secretary of the Dutch Israeli Denomination. Pupils from the Teun de Jager primary school gave short presentations and Rabbi S. Spiero recited the Yizkor.



Wlodawa Synagogue special story

On 13th and 14th June 2019, the chair of the Sobibor Foundation together with Doede Siitsma from the Province of Gelderland paid a short [working visit](#) to

Poland.

During their visit to the Wlodawa Synagogue, they were both surprised by the wonderful refurbishment of the three buildings that together form the synagogue complex. A beautiful menorah of box hedge has been made on the lawn. Just next to that, the grass is bare and is reminiscent of the Jewish cemetery of former times; an impressive site!

A lot needed to be done within the large synagogue, but a surprise awaited. On the Bima, there is a beautiful showcase with the synagogue's original Torah scrolls lying open! During the destruction after the end of the Second World War, they were saved by the catholic Brzozowski family from Wlodawa. The family recently gave the scrolls to the museum. Anita Lewczuk, the director, proudly recounted the story. What an asset for this beautiful place and an additional story for the Sobibor Foundation journeys.



Calender

5 September from 14.00-16.00 | [workshop](#) interpreting the ITS archive in the studio of the National Holocaust Museum, Amsterdam. Register with joyce.poot@jck.nl

14 September | *Get-to-know-each-other Day for In-depth journey 2019*

16 September | ZIKNA Symposium- subject: [Loneliness](#). Those interested please sign up at info@schrover.net

11-15 October | Youth Conference - Poland

12-19 October | [In-depth Journev – Sobibor Foundation](#)

24 October | Annual Commemoration of the 1943 Sobibor uprising –
Resistance Museum Amsterdam. Focus is on [dissertation: No Jew for the Nazis](#)
3 November | [Concert](#) - The Train to Sobibor by Mathieu Dijker, Veldhoven -
with a reading by the President of the Sobibor Foundation
30 April 2020 | Cycle trip from Auschwitz to Westerbork, via Bergen Belsen
organised by [Terug naar Westerbork](#).

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