

News - September 2019

There are new news items, articles, publications and impressions to tell you about Sobibor and related subjects. We are pleased to give you an update here.

Commemoration of the 1943 uprising in the Dutch Resistance Museum ('Verzetsmuseum').

For the fourteenth time, in collaboration with the Dutch Resistance Museum, the Sobibor Foundation will commemorate the uprising in Sobibor's extermination camp. On 24 October, Petra van den Boomgaard, a member of the Sobibor board, will be the main speaker. This will be followed by Ad van Liempt talking to Ellen Swagerman and Philip Veerman. The meeting starts at 15.30 and will close at 17.00 followed by drinks.

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In January 1941, more than six months after the German invasion, everyone who had Jewish grandparents had to report to the local population registry. Tampering with the documents was not recommended as it was feared, quite rightly, that the registration would be compared to the population registry. Later, however, more than 3% of the Jewish population filed a request to the occupier for a review. The applicants argued that there was some doubt about the Jewish descent. More than 2500 Jews were able to escape the deportations through this circumvention of race requirements. Together with more than 1200 people who didn't survive, they chose to take matters into their own hands. Petra van den Boomgaard will explain how this could have happened during her presentation in the Dutch Resistance Museum.

Petra van den Boomgaard

Petra van den Boomgaard (1965) is a historian and lawyer. For this research, she initially used all personal files of the State Inspectorate of the Registry Office's war archive, the Calmeyer Collection.

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Notice

Six nameplates have recently been found during the excavations in Sobibor, the former extermination camp, which the Sobibor museum - currently being set up - wants to add to their permanent exhibition.

The Sobibor Foundation would like to get in touch with surviving relatives to give the people on the nameplates a face. Especially photos, also of the houses where the nameplates were on the door and short biographies are sought.

[You can find more information here.](#)





We are fully aware that such a request may be confronting. However, we do believe that, by means of this request, we bring justice to the victims and their surviving relatives.

Please send your replies to: info@sobibor.org

Introductory meeting International field trip 2019

On Saturday 14 September, the introduction for the participants of our annual field trip to the Aktion Reinhard Camps in Poland took place in Utrecht. Alwin Kapitein will supervise this trip for the fourteenth time, in collaboration with our German partner organisation Bildungswerk Stanislaw Hantz. Gerben Hoogterp will substitute Matthijs van der Tang as a guide on behalf of the Sobibor Foundation,

A welcome by the chair, Christine Gispén-de Wied, was followed by a round of introductions during which interest by people from diverse backgrounds was clearly expressed. The majority of the 21 participants are history teachers. Afterwards, two city guides gave us an interesting tour through Jewish Utrecht.



The bronze Shofar group, which is part of the Jewish monument, the memorial for the Jewish victims of the Second World War from Utrecht. Over 1600 people in 1942 and 1943 were deported, of which only four hundred returned.

Calender

11-15 October | Youth Conference - Poland

12-19 October | [Study trip](#) – Sobibor Foundation

24 October | Annual commemoration of the uprising in 1943 Sobibor — Dutch Resistance Museum Amsterdam. The dissertation plays a central role: [No Jew for the Nazis](#).

3 November | [Concert](#) - The Train to Sobibor by Mathieu Dijker, Veldhoven - with a lecture by the chair of the Sobibor Foundation.

30 April | Bicycle trip organised by [Terug naar Westerbork \(Back to Westerbork\)](#)

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