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General information

Общая информация

This empty library is there to remember the book burning from the year 1933 when professors and students of a national socialist alliance burned over 20 000 books of socially critical authors, journalists, philosophers and academics, especially Jewish authors. That book burning had a big influence on the Jewish community. The intention of the alliance was to prevent the influence of socially critical authors on the German culture, literature and science.

Type: monument/memorial

Location:

- in the centre of Berlin (Germany)
- „August-Bebelplatz”(today) near the „Deutsche Oper” (opera in Berlin)

Year of construction: 1994/ 1995

Constructor: Micha Ullman (*1939) → Israeli artist and professor

*not only in Berlin, but
also in Munich or
Hamburg etc.*

Appearance form & effect

Форма и эффект внешнего вида

Size: 5x5x5 meters

> narrowed down

Color: white room with blue frame

> Israeli flag, white = emptiness, peace

empty shelves

> mysterious

underground room

> deep



Symbols & Allegories

Символы и аллегории

the color *white*

- *emptiness & peace*

the bookshelf

- empty bookshelves after the books got burned

underground

- a missing piece
- deep wound
- pain



Inscriptions

Надписи

*“That was but a prelude;
where they burn books,
they will ultimately burn
people as well.”*

Heinrich Heine 1820

- Jewish background
- one of the most famous poets, writers, and journalists of the 19th century
- some of his work got burned too



Information:

“In the middle of the square on 10 May 1933, Nazi students burnt the works of hundreds of independent authors, journalists, philosophers, and academics.”

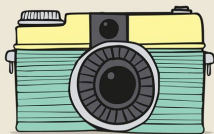
- bronze plates, in the ground
- two inscriptions, each one placed some meters away from the monument
- contains information and two quotes

Function & Reception by the people

Функционирование и прием у людей

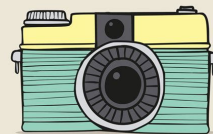
Everyone is allowed to speak their mind, no matter what background they may have!

- to remind the society of the book burning
 - can not happen again
- **freedom of expression**
- a lot of tourists (when we were there)
- a lot of people who are interested



Welcome to our Tour-Guide !
Наслаждайтесь :)

(Enjoy)



Speak your mind



- Did you ever heard of that monument?
- What would you think this monument would represent if you saw it for the first time?
- Do you have a favorite author or writer ?
And how would you react if their books were burned?
- Which aspects do find the most interesting?



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