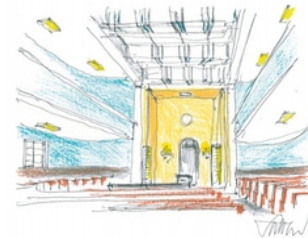


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Press Release

90 Years Reichenbachstrasse Synagogue—Renovation of the historical monument
A temporary installation by the “Synagoge Reichenbachstraße e.V.” association in cooperation with the Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Jewish Museum Munich

Press conference: October 12, 2021 | 11am
Reichenbachstrasse 27, 80469 Munich

with

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Bernhard Purin (Jewish Museum Munich)

Not far from Gärtnerplatz, in a courtyard behind Reichenbachstrasse No. 27, is a historical monument which is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year: the Reichenbachstrasse Synagogue. The imposing building, which owes its appearance very much to the ideas of “New Objectivity,” was designed by the architect Gustav Meyerstein in 1931 for immigrants, mostly from Eastern Europe, living in the surrounding Isarvorstadt district. Along with the liberal-conservative main synagogue on Herzog-Max-Strasse and the Orthodox synagogue on Herzog-Rudolf-Strasse, the “Reichenbachschul” was one of three large synagogue buildings in Munich and the last religious building to be built in Munich before 1933. In *Kristallnacht* from November 9 to 10, 1938, the Nazis destroyed this synagogue as well. The fire, however, was immediately extinguished due to the danger of it spreading to neighboring buildings. In the following years the synagogue was put to other uses. After 1947, the Jewish congregation, which at that time comprised survivors of the Shoah—mostly from Eastern Europe—was able to re-consecrate the synagogue and it became the main synagogue of the “Israelitische Kultusgemeinde München und

Oberbayern” until its move into the new main synagogue on St.-Jakobs-Platz in 2006. In 2013 Rachel Salamander instigated an initiative to renovate the synagogue and together with Ron C. Jakubowicz founded the “Synagoge Reichenbachstraße e.V.” association. Since then the association has been committed to restoring the synagogue to its original state of 1931.

The interested general public now has the opportunity to visit the synagogue currently undergoing renovation for a few weeks from October 13, 2021 onward. An audio and film installation provides information on the history of the building and the district, combined with personal memories.

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From October 13, 2021

Installation at Reichenbachstrasse 27, 80469 Munich

Free admission

Building site visit: every Wed. 5pm and Sun. 11am

Prior registration essential; number of participants limited

Dates and registration:

<https://www.juedisches-museum-muenchen.de/kalender/details/90-jahre-synagoge-reichenbachstrasse>

Registration for the Press Conference and Press Contact:

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