HOUSE OF THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE

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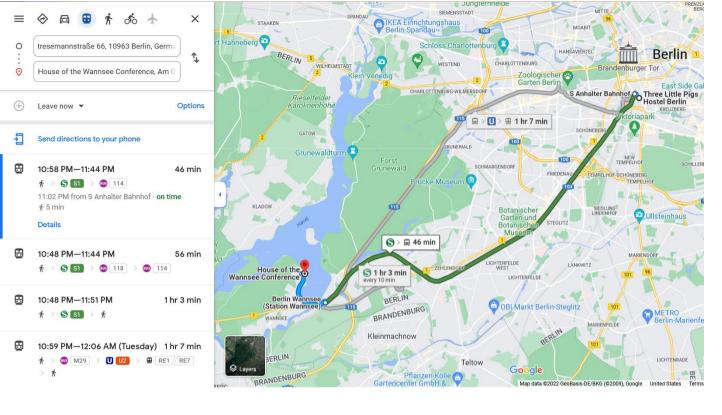
Exhibit & Garden: Mon-Sun, 10a.m.-6p.m.

Joseph Wulf Library: Mon-Fri, 10a.m.-4p.m.





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THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE

The Wannsee Conference was a meeting of high ranking Nazi Party members in order to decide on the specifics of how the genocide against the Jewish people of the world was going to be carried out.

The meeting minutes that have been recovered document the decision to move Jewish and other 'undesirables' (people who did not fit the Aryan standards, including but not limited to: people with disabilities, the Roma, homosexuals, black people and other people of color, people with mental illnesses. Communists, etc.)

These people were to be moved to Poland, where there were a much higher number of extermination camps. They would be systematically murdered, either through gassing, beaten by guards, or just not being able to survive the horrific living conditions, and then buried in mass graves.

The document then goes on to explain the process of deciding when a person was 'too' Jewish to be allowed to live, going into the exact blood-percentages that were allowed. Jews that were deemed acceptable enough to be allowed to live were left alone under the condition that their status was always subject to debate. Forced sterilizations were also a common requirement in order for these Jews to escape being put in the extermination camps.

THE MUSEUM:

Exhibit

This is the main permanent exhibit that documents the events and consequences of the Wannsee Conference and the subsequent systematic imprisonment and genocide of Jewish people in the areas of Europe controlled by the Third Reich.

It also discusses the prosecution of those who participated in the Wannsee Conference and how German society reflected on the events of the Holocaust and the actions taken by the Nazi Party.

Garden Exhibition

The Garden Exhibition details the fate and persecution of the original Jewish owners of the property before it was turned over to the Third Reich. It also details what buildings on the property were used by the Nazi Party and for what.

Joseph Wulf Library

The Joseph Wulf Library is an onsite library that documents materials and events relevant to the memorial and the museum. It is free and open to the public.