Tour 1 — Resistance and Survival: Zvi Aviram

The tour tells the story of Zvi Aviram (1927–2020), who lived with his family in Prenzlauer Berg. Zvi was expelled from school and had to perform forced labor. In 1943, his parents were deported. Zvi managed to go into hiding. He joined the resistance group »Chug Chaluzi« and survived several arrests by the Nazis.

Tour 2 — Hidden in Plain Sight: Hanni Weissenberg

Hanni Weissenberg (later Lövy, 1924–2019) was all alone after the death of her parents and the deportation of her grandmother. By adopting a new identity, she was able to survive in Berlin. The tour tells of the dangers she faced, but also of the support she received from others.

Rally 1 — Escape to Palestine: Recha Freier and the Youth Aliyah

The Youth Aliyah was an organization that enabled thousands of children to emigrate to Palestine, saving them from Nazi persecution. The tour tells the story of the organization’s founder, Recha Freier, and some of the children she was able to save.

Rally 2 — Jewish Berlin: Spandauer Vorstadt

The Spandauer Vorstadt and Böhmenviertel, located in the Mitte district, were once a center of Jewish life that was destroyed during the Nazi era. The rally tells of its religious and cultural institutions, as well as of the people who lived here.

Rally 3 — Memory in the City: Bayerisches Viertel

The rally tells the story of children and teenagers who lived with their families in the »Bavarian Quarter« and who were persecuted by the Nazis. Individual stops of the »Places of Remembrance« project, crumbling stonewall and a memorial at the former location of the synagogue at Münchener Straße are part of the tour.

»What did a child feel that was persecuted? [...] It’s a terrible feeling that is hard to explain: that you’re under pressure every day, that you can’t believe in anything anymore.«

Zvi Aviram, who survived the Nazi era in Berlin as a teenager

Explore the Stories of Jewish Children in Berlin

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Marbles of Remembrance is an interactive and GPS-based chatbot that can be used with the messenger service Telegram. On five multimedia city tours, you will learn about the life stories of young people – such as Zvi Aviram and Hanni Weissenberg – who as Jewish children went into hiding in Berlin and thus survived the Nazi era. The chatbot also tells about the efforts of the Youth Aliyah to save Jewish children from persecution. Other tours lead through districts of Berlin where Jewish life was particularly present before the Nazi era. The tours are multimedia-based – the stories are told using text messages, documents from the Arolsen Archives, photos, infographics and voice messages. Three of the tours allow you to test your knowledge: if you answer questions correctly, this will lead you to the next stop. The chatbot also offers various other features. For example, you can ask questions about the history of the Holocaust and receive reliable information. “Marbles of Remembrance” offers high-quality information for young people – as an alternative to hate and fake news on the Internet.

Discover Berlin with the chatbot!

On five interactive tours, you will learn about the life stories of Jewish children during the Nazi era. Where in Berlin did Jewish children live? Where did they go to school? What was their everyday life like in the face of increasing anti-Semitism? And what did persecution mean for these young people? Search for answers by exploring audio messages, quizzes, documents, and photos.

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Search for @MarblesBot on Telegram!

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1. Start: Near subway stations Rosenthaler Platz or Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz
2. End: Near tram stop Prenzlauer Allee/Dahntiger Str. or Marienburger Straße
Duration: approx. 1.5h

District: Mitte, Prenzlauer Berg
1. Start: Near tram stop Zionskirchplatz
2. End: Near subway station Oranienburgstraße
Duration: approx. 1h

District: Mitte
1. Start: Near subway station Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz
2. End: Near subway station Rosenthaler Platz
Duration: approx. 1.5h

District: Wilmersdorf
1. Start: Near Zoologischer Garten train station
2. End: Near subway station Nollendorfplatz
Duration: approx. 1h

District: Schöneberg
1. Start: Near bus stops Barbarossastr. and Münchener Str.
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