

- i. Any special problems encountered
- j. Ongoing impact
- k. Complete contact information for both you and the person you are nominating (name, address, telephone number, as well as email and/or fax if available)

The application should include names and contact information for two other references familiar with the nominee's work. During the final phase of judging the Jury may contact these individuals or request supplemental information from the nominee.

If you want to provide a single copy of any finished products (for example, a book, article, video, CD-ROM) or photos of exhibits, reconstructions or renovations, they should be submitted to Leo Baeck Institute, Attn: Karen Franklin, 15 West 16th St., New York, NY 10011. These materials will not normally be returned, and will become the property of the permanent archives at the Leo Baeck Institute. Please allow ample time for mailing so that it will be received by September 20.

JUDGING

The German Jewish Community History Council Board and its Jury are composed of highly regarded individuals who have had first hand experience and knowledge of the kinds of contributions that dedicated Germans have made. Members include Ernst Cramer (Berlin), Karen Franklin (New York), Ernest Kallmann (Paris), Werner Loyal (Jerusalem), Walter Momper (Berlin), Sara Nachama (Berlin), and Arthur Obermayer (Boston). Their biographies can be found at the previously referenced web site.

NOTIFICATION

Awardees will be notified in November 2006. Certificates of Commendation will be sent to other worthy candidates after the award ceremony.

AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will take place in Berlin at Abgeordnetenhaus, the home of the Berlin Parliament. Honorees will receive a framed certificate and honorarium to be used for the furtherance of their work. Travel and hotel expenses for awardees and their spouses will be covered. Distinguished community and political leaders will be present at the ceremony. Awardees' contributions will be described to attendees and the press. In addition to the ceremony in Berlin, local communities will be encouraged to sponsor events honoring the awardees.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information, see <http://www.obermayer.us/award>. All queries and nominations should be sent preferably by e-mail, to:

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Alternatively, they may be mailed to:

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or to

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OBERMAYER GERMAN JEWISH HISTORY AWARD

for
January 2007

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**Deadline:
September 20, 2006**



The Obermayer German Jewish History

Awards are given annually to individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions toward preserving and recording the Jewish history, heritage, culture and/or remnants of local German communities. The awards, which were started in the year 2000, are presented at the Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin, the home of the Berlin Parliament. Normally they are given on January 27, the German Holocaust Memorial Day, which is the anniversary date of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945. This year the awards will be earlier in the week so that they will not interfere with Shabbat. The awards are sponsored by the German Jewish Community History Council of the Obermayer Foundation, the President of the Berlin Parliament, and the German Jewish Special Interest Group of JewishGen, the leading Jewish genealogy organization on the internet.

BACKGROUND OF AWARD

In recent decades, many individuals in Germany have tried to study, interpret, and reconstruct information about the Jewish life that flourished in Germany for centuries in communities large and small, and to confront its destruction.

In many cases, these individuals have, without thought of reward, helped raise awareness about a once-vibrant culture, in memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust, in hopes of rebuilding destroyed connections, and in recognition of the profound contribution of Jewish culture and individuals to Germany.

These volunteers have devoted countless hours to such projects, but until now few have been recognized or honored for their efforts. The German Jewish Community History Council believes it is particularly meaningful for Jews the world over to recognize and encourage such work through this award, and to bring international attention to these activities.

The past year's award winners were:

- Johann Fleischmann, Muelhausen, Bavaria
- Guenter Heidt, Konz, Rheinland-Phalz
- Rolf Hofmann, Stuttgart, Baden-Wuerttemberg
- Kurt-Willi Julius and Karl-Heinz Stadtler, Voehl, Hesse
- Robert Kreibig, Berlin

The profiles of these and previous years' awardees are available at <http://www.obermayer.us/award>.

Their contributions included authoring local Jewish history books and articles, restoring synagogues and cemeteries, preparing exhibits, uncovering genealogical records and lost objects, and educating through websites and extracurricular youth programs. All of the awardees have spent countless years dedicated to their particular projects, and many have initiated multiple projects in their own communities or regions.

Many other nominees have received Certificates of Commendation for their outstanding work. Nominators have primarily been Jews from outside of Germany, but unexpectedly every one of the first set of awardees was nominated by a Holocaust survivor. A more complete account of the past award ceremonies can be found at <http://www.obermayer.us/award>.

ELIGIBILITY

Awards will be given to non-Jewish residents of Germany who have raised awareness about past Jewish life in Germany, particularly in their own community or region. Previous awardees will not be eligible, but those who have received Certificates of Commendation may become prime candidates for the new awards.

The work will be evaluated for its contribution to Jewish history, its accessibility to the public, its educational impact, its honoring of the memory of those who died, its enduring value and its

improvement of communications between German gentiles and Jews. The activity shall not have been done as part of regular professional work, for monetary reward, or for fulfillment of an academic requirement, but may be related to the nominee's profession if the contributions go far beyond what would be expected from their normal work.

The type of work which resulted in previous awards may be used as a guideline, but other forms of significant contributions are welcome.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nominations are anticipated primarily by appreciative Jews living in other parts of the world who want to honor individuals for their extraordinary work. The application may be supplemented by the nominee at the request of the nominator (combined maximum 1,000 words).

The following material must be received by September 20, 2006:

A biographical sketch and description of the individual's activities in a maximum of 1,000 words covering such points as:

- a. Description of the content and form (written document, exhibition, etc.)
- b. What was the intended aim, audience and message?
- c. What motivated the nominee to undertake this work?
- d. How did the nominator become acquainted with the work?
- e. Is the work ongoing, or when was it begun and completed?
- f. How was it created, for example, in partnership with others, using archives or other resources?
- g. Public reception (include, if relevant, references to newspaper articles)
- h. How it can be used by others (e.g., in archives, classrooms, libraries)