

WHY STUMBLING STONES ARE NOT A WORTHY FORM OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering is important. Only by remembering can atrocities such as those of the Nazis be avoided.

The victims of the Shoah must remain present. They must be a warning for future generations. There must be no turning a blind eye and no denial.

Lists, numbers and names are the foundation against forgetting and denial. Claude Lanzmann described their meaning as follows: "It is crucial to know how many people were killed, when and where.

And only the time it takes to bring all the names and facts into the picture can develop a physical feeling for all the dead."

That is why it is important to record and honour the names of those murdered.

Remembrance can only take place in dignity. Remembering in dignity at eye level. Eye level does not mean looking down.

That's where the crime happened. Therefore, stumbling stones are not a worthy form of remembrance.

The concept itself is wrong.

The ground is symbolic of the degradation of Jews under the Nazi regime.

They had to brush the floor with toothbrushes and were beaten up on the floor.

Thus, a monument on the ground cannot be a worthy form of remembrance. Remembrance on the ground, and the associated trampling on the memory with foot, is no different from the disrespect, disgrace and inhumanity that happened to persons during their lifetime.

Remembering can only take place at eye level.

It's about eye level and not about feet /shoe level.

A dignified form of remembrance, such as putting the names of murdered Jews on plaques on the houses where they had lived, or on steles in front of the houses, has so far been rejected for baseless reasons such as security concerns or loss of votes. (R&Re.V. There is a change now special in Germany by the landlords .)

Even after decades of denial, politicians are not prepared to face up to this conflict and stand up for a dignified remembrance.

A souvenir that can be stepped on is degrading. It must be at eye level, otherwise the denigration of the Jews of the past will continue.

In Judaism, it is frowned upon to step on gravestones. Stumbling Stones are not gravestones per se, but they are a symbol of remembrance and as such have a symbolic proximity to gravestones.

From this point of view, too, the Stolpersteine are to be rejected as a form of commemoration.

Remembering, yes, because only in this way can we prevent the past from repeating itself.

But in a dignified form, and only at eye level. The Jewish people have experienced enough humiliation, pain and inhumanity. At least the commemoration of the victims should be worthy.

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