

Information Sheet

on the restitution from the Collection of the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Nürnberg (IKG) (Jewish Community of Nuremberg) at Nuremberg Municipal Library of publications seized as a result of Nazi persecution to the previous owners or their legal successor/s.

The IKG Collection housed at the Municipal Library of Nuremberg as a permanent loan from the IKG and whose location is governed by a contract between the IKG and the City of Nuremberg dated 22 January 2003 contains publications seized from their owner/s as a result of persecution suffered between 1933 and 1945.

The IKG and the Municipal Library of Nuremberg consider themselves bound by the Washington Declaration of 3 December 1998 and by the Joint Declaration of the Federal Government, the Federal States and the National Associations of Local Authorities on the Tracing and Return of Nazi-confiscated Cultural Property, particularly Jewish Property of 14 December 1999. They have declared their willingness to trace Nazi looted works remaining in their possession and to restitute them to the previous owners or to their legal successors.

The Municipal Library acts as the representative of the IKG in the examination and processing of any restitution claims that may arise. However, the restitution contract itself is signed by the IKG.

A restitution claim for publications in the Collection may be considered from the following:

1. The previous owner from whom these works were seized as a result of persecution
2. and/or their legal successor/s

The restitution process is divided into several steps:

1. Enquiries and claims by previous owners or their legal successor/s should be made to the Municipal Library of Nuremberg.
2. Copies of the provenance entries will be sent to the person/s making the enquiry with a request for verification, if possible, of the signatures, stamps, *ex libris*, etc.
3. Proof of ownership, i.e. of legal succession, must be provided, for example, by wills, grant of probate, certificate of inheritance, statutory declaration, etc..
4. Where there is more than one claimant, an affidavit will be required authorising one person or body to act as the representative of the claimants.
5. The claim will be examined by the Municipal Library and the IKG.
6. The restitution of publications claimed will take place after the Agreement for the Settlement of Restitution Claims has been signed.

Information about publications in the IKG Collection can be found in the Library's electronic catalogue at: <https://online-service.nuernberg.de/webpac-bin/wgbroker.exe?new+access+top>

Information about the restitution of publications from the IKG Collection can be obtained from:

Stadtbibliothek Nürnberg (<http://www.stadtbibliothek.nuernberg.de/>)

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