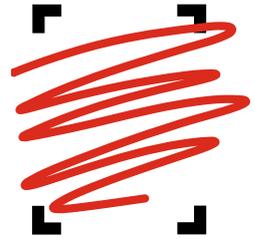




Max Leven with his daughter Hannah, son Heinz, a girl friend, daughter Anita and wife Emmy (from left), Source: Solingen Municipal Archives, RS 9298.

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Forms, strategies, and conditions of resistance against the Nazi system in Solingen.

An exhibition of the Max Leven Center Solingen.

With the exhibition “... und laut zu sagen: Nein.” (“...and to say loudly: No.”), the Max Leven Center Solingen traces the local history of the Nazi era. One focus is on the resistance against the Nazi system, its forms, strategies, and conditions, its success and failure, as well as the consequences of a lack of resistance.

In addition to the diversified resistance from the labor movement, there was also Christian resistance in Solingen, as well as individuals who stood up for the persecuted at the risk of their own lives. After this resistance was largely crushed, the persecution of Jews, Sinti, the Yenish people, the disabled, and so-called “asocials” took its murderous course. The inhumane treatment of forced laborers and prisoners of war is also addressed, as is the bombing of Solingen, crimes committed during the final phase, and the liberation. After 1945, former resistance members were among those entrusted by the Allies with organizing the post-war administration. They also advocated a sustained confrontation with the crimes of the Nazi regime.

The Max Leven Center Solingen was founded in September 2019 to promote the development of an educational and memorial center in cooperation with the city of Solingen as the sponsor. It will be located in the new building of the main branch of the Stadt-Sparkasse Solingen at the site of the former communist daily newspaper Bergische Arbeiterstimme and home of the cultural critic Max Leven, who was murdered there on the night of the pogroms in 1938.

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