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## Einladung

### zur Einweihung

des Gedenkortes für die  
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Ladies and gentlemen, dear comrades, dear friends and relatives,

It is a great pleasure for us to be able to inform you today that after almost 12 years of struggle, the Chemnitz memorial for the participants in the anti-fascist struggle in Spain has inaugurated a plaque for all Chemnitz citizens who were in Spain between 1936 and 1939 defended the Republic. The memorial event will take place on **June 30, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Gablenz Center on the corner of Carl-von-Ossietzky-Straße and Hans-Ziegler-Straße**. Under the patronage of the city of Chemnitz and with the participation of our local association and the citizens' association for Chemnitz, with a concert by the Quijote group, this will be the first memorial site for these anti-fascists in our country after 1990 that will be opened to the public. We hope that this invitation reaches you in time and that your participation is possible. If an overnight stay is required and a supporting program is desired, we will be happy to make this possible.

We are looking forward to numerous guests.

With kind regards

Enrico Hilbert  
Chairman

## Chemnitz citizens on the side of the Spanish Republic 1936 to 1939

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Ernst Cohn  
\*1901 -

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Fritz Baumgärtel  
\*1912 – 1986

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Hartmut Berlet  
\*1899 – 1962

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Karl Deutscher  
\*1907 – 1965

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Werner Feiler  
\*1913 – 1979

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Herbert Firl  
\*1899 – 1944

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Richard Gladewitz  
\*1898 – 1969

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Alfred Gottwald  
\*1910

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Kurt Höfer  
\*1915 – 1998

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Walter Janka  
\*1914 – 1994

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Otto Kreuzmann  
\*1911 – 1937

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Werner Kinzl  
\*1911 – 1986

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Ines Elisabeth Kühnen  
\*1898

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Moritz Kupfermünz  
\*1910 – 1975

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Käte Lichtenstein  
\*1907 – 1984

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Bodo Ritscher  
\*1908 – 1995

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Julius Schaumberger  
\*1901 – 1996

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Erich Schuster  
\*1902 - 1978

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Rudolf Schuster  
\*1914 - 1982

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Herbert Seifert  
\*1908 - 1978

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Herbert Spinnler  
\*1914 - 1980

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Horst Menzel  
\*1912 - 1938

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Paul Verner  
\*1911 - 1986

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Hans Ziegler  
\*1912 – 1938

The above-mentioned anti-Nazis were born in Chemnitz, or had their center of life in our city until the Nazis came to power. In Spain they supported the legitimate government, sided with the Spanish Republic. It is irrelevant to us whether they were active in the military or in civilian life. People who only had a connection to Chemnitz/ Karl-Marx-Stadt after 1945 are not taken into account.

The 24 Chemnitz participants in the anti-fascist struggle in Spain come from different political camps of the workers' resistance, were members of the communist or social democratic party and socialists. The two women deserve special mention, three of whom came from Jewish families. Probably the most well-known of Chemnitz's Spain fighters is Walter Janka, who later headed the Aufbau publishing house and was imprisoned in Bautzen after a political show trial. There was also support from middle-class circles in our city. The people of Chemnitz belonged to the international brigades and the people's army or were active in civil and party structures, as well as in the medical service in Spain. Three of them did not live to see the day of liberation in 1945. Not all of the survivors returned to their home town or town of birth.