



Central Welfare Board
of Jews in Germany

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Since 1917.



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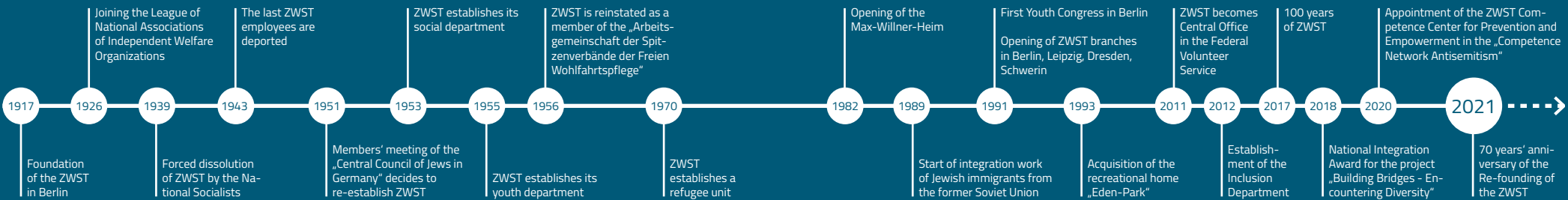
The **Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany (ZWST)** forms the association of Jewish welfare in Germany. ZWST sees its main objective in the duty to balance social equality for vulnerable groups within the Jewish community.

ZWST is one of the six non-statutory welfare umbrella organisations in Germany and a member of the Federal Association of Non-statutory Welfare (BAGFW).

It is the goal of ZWST to continuously adapt its mission statement „Zedaka“, which is valid since the founding of the organization in 1917, to current challenges. In close coordination with its target groups, ZWST continuously develops low level programs and digital formats for training and further education, promotes diverse voluntary social engagement and offers direct advice and support. ZWST's focus is rooted in principles of empowerment, professionalization, and inclusion: culturally sensitive, across generations and international.



The History of the ZWST



Objectives

Professionalization, networking and innovation
in Jewish Welfare

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Advancing **involvement, inclusion and participation**

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Enabling youth, identity development and empowerment in Jewish communities

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Facilitating social engagement

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Education and research on antisemitism

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Consultation services

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Representation of socio-political interests of the Jewish Community

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Humanitarian aid





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DIE JUGENDARBEIT DER ZWST

Children, youth and families

Promotion and training in youth work

- Training seminars for Madrichim (youth counsellors and youth leaders)
- Preparatory seminars for youth activities and holiday camps, ongoing training for madrichim of the local youth centers to strengthen infrastructures in the communities, as well as training for leaders of the youth centers



Youth education stays (Machanot)

- Age-specific holiday camps (heb.: Machanot) in Germany, other European countries and Israel
- Bar/bat mitzvah trips to Israel
- Cooperation with international organizations (e.g. with the youth organization BBYO in the US)
- Inclusive Machanot: children and youth with disabilities can participate in all holiday camps, supervision by specifically trained Madrichim
- DARKECH-Bat Mitzvah program for Jewish girls between 11 and 12 years of age



Training and offers for young adults

- Seminars on political and social issues and support for student initiatives
- Annual youth congress
- „March of the Living”: study trip in the footsteps of Jewish history in Poland
- Educational week „Machane 18+” for young adults in Italy
- „Taglit - Birthright Israel”: Educational trips for young adults aged 18-27 to Israel



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Families

- Seminars for young families, leisure activities for the whole family, excursions, workshops, childcare
- Seminars for single and separated parents (counseling and workshops on topics such as family, career, education, legal issues)
- Digital events: BEHERAJON (Heb.: pregnancy) all questions about pregnancy and becoming a parent, on the topic of breastfeeding and „Baby's first year“
- Women's counseling: events on the topics of „Mama's first year: My body after birth and pregnancy“, „The female body, health care and body image in different phases of life“ and „Smirat guf ha isha - The female body, health care and body image in different phases of life“



Educational center

- Production of print and audiovisual media to support educational work in Jewish daycare centers, youth centers and schools
- „Talmud Israeli“: weekly booklets with Jewish content (6-8 p.) for children 8 years of age and older, also suitable for families, schools and youth centers
- „Ji Tap“ (Jewish Interactive): Jewish knowledge conveyed online (for children, parents, teachers).
- MitzveNow: The official webshop of ZWST



GESHER

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MIT BEHINDERUNG

Inclusion department **GESHER**

- Promotion of participation for people with disabilities and their relatives: Individual counseling (by phone, e-mail, on-site if needed), on-site information events in Jewish communities, support for self-help groups in Jewish communities, promotion of assisted living in Jewish contexts, promotion of inclusion in working life
- Recreational and educational trips with a focus on „personal future planning“
- Specific offers, e.g. for people with a mental illness, promotion of children and young people with disabilities
- Promotion of inclusion through creative and artistic potential: art studio „Omanut“ in Berlin, art workshop „Atelier Eastend“ in Frankfurt/M.
- Education and conferences for relatives and professionals
- Cooperation with other professional associations for the disabled, active presence in committees of Aktion Mensch, BAGFW, regional leagues of welfare associations

Seniors

- Educational, integration and qualification stays for seniors at the Beni Bloch recreational center in Bad Kissingen, with offers for various target groups (e.g. for „young seniors“)
- Promotion of voluntary work by and for seniors with a wide range of training opportunities
- Offers for people with dementia and their relatives



Support for survivors of the Shoah and their relatives

- More than 30 meeting points for Shoah survivors and their relatives nationwide offer psychological support, social counseling (regarding compensation programs, etc.), accompaniment to doctors and other institutions, health-promoting activities, cultural events, celebrations of Jewish holidays, excursions, and much more
- Mobile services for people who can no longer come to the community centers and meeting points
- International conferences for the care and support of survivors, increasingly also 2nd and 3rd generation
- International professional exchange with Jewish organizations, mainly in countries of the former Soviet Union





Promotion of voluntary work

- Seminars for leaders and employees of seniors' clubs, setting up and working in a Bikkur Cholim (care for the sick) and Chewra Kadischa (funeral brotherhood and sisterhood), promotion of dance groups and choirs, kosher cuisine, teaching Judaism in the Jewish communities
- In addition to the necessary qualification, the seminars convey recognition of the voluntary work

Professionalization of social work

- Topic-specific training for social workers in the Jewish communities
- Specialized seminars for social workers (on dementia, psychosocial care, crisis intervention, resilience, etc.)
- Seminars and study trips for educators and daycare center directors
- Specialized conferences for teachers of religion and Hebrew
- Seminars for prayer leaders and gabbaim



MABAT - Professionalization, Innovation and Digitality

MABAT (Heb.: gaze, outlook) is the Unit for Digital Transformation at ZWST.

Since 2019, it has been the goal of MABAT to promote and develop digitality in Jewish welfare on several levels: Target groups and members are empowered to participate in social processes, and organizations are supported in designing their work processes and offerings in a modern, efficient, and target group-oriented way.

The aim is to enable greater social and societal participation by teaching digital skills and digital literacy.

At the level of member organizations, MABAT supports the development of infrastructure and the professionalization of managers, employees and volunteers.

A digital transformation process is also taking place at the level of the umbrella organization itself, which is facilitated by an increase in the digital expertise of employees and departments. In addition, digital topics are placed in all areas on a project basis and in a way that is tailored to the target group.



Volunteer Services



The German-Israeli Volunteer Service (DIFD) offers young Germans and Israelis aged 18 - 27 the opportunity to experience and get to know the respective partner country through a volunteer service for 6 - 12 months. ZWST coordinates the German-Israeli Volunteer Service and is responsible for the educational support of the DIFDvolunteers during their service. The program starts in the spring or fall of each year. The service itself is tied to the placement and is completed over 38-40 hours/week. In Germany, employing institutions in the Federal Volunteer Service must be recognized volunteer centers.

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As the central office of the Federal Volunteer Service, the ZWST supports and coordinates the deployment of federal volunteers in the Jewish communities and state associations. ZWST organizes educational support as an obligatory component of the Federal Volunteer Service. Seminars are organized centrally at the Max-Willner-Heim educational center and regionally in Jewish communities throughout Germany.

Migration counseling for adult immigrants (MBE)

As one of the umbrella organizations of non-statutory welfare, ZWST is the sponsor of this counseling service of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.

Based on the concept of „Case Management“, it is a need-oriented and individual counseling offer for new immigrants in the first 3 years of their stay, but also for immigrants who have been living in Germany for longer and who have a comparable need. The counseling takes place in close cooperation with the Jewish communities and at the level of a communal or regional network.



Counseling centers in cases of anti-semitic violence and discrimination

OFEK e.V. is the first counseling center in Germany that specializes in antisemitism and community-based counseling in cases of antisemitic violence and discrimination.

OFEK advises, accompanies and supports victims, their relatives and witnesses of antisemitic incidents and acts of violence. The counseling services are based on the questions and needs of those seeking advice. The counseling is confidential, multilingual, free of charge and, if desired, anonymous. It is available in German, Russian, Hebrew and English. OFEK offers individual counseling, group services, a nationwide hotline, counseling via chat, and regional support in Berlin, Hesse, Baden-Württemberg, Saxony, and Saxony-Anhalt.

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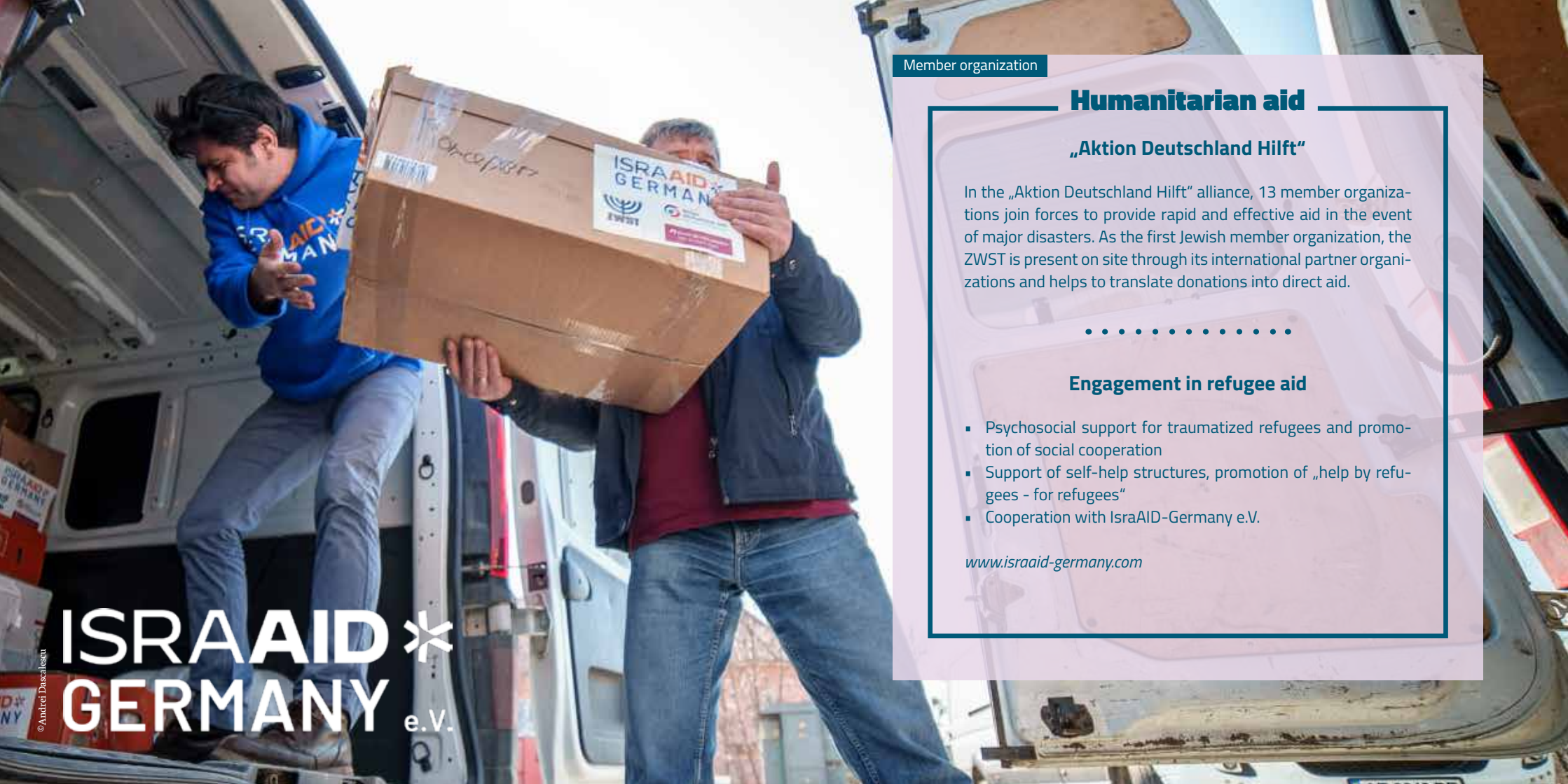
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Education and research

The Competence Center for Prevention and Empowerment, under the auspices of ZWST, is an institute for education and research based in Berlin with a nationwide focus. The Competence Center qualifies socio-political actors as well as experts and executives in the field of diversity orientation, antisemitism and discrimination prevention, implements research projects, organizes expert discussions and symposia.

In addition to ongoing projects and programs, the Competence Center develops suitable offers for schools, school psychology services, educational administration, youth welfare and youth social work institutions, public administration, political bodies and civil society organizations, the arts and cultural sector, in response to requests. Since 2020, the Competence Center has been a partner in the German government's Antisemitism Network, along with four other organizations.





Member organization

Humanitarian aid

„Aktion Deutschland Hilft“

In the „Aktion Deutschland Hilft“ alliance, 13 member organizations join forces to provide rapid and effective aid in the event of major disasters. As the first Jewish member organization, the ZWST is present on site through its international partner organizations and helps to translate donations into direct aid.

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Engagement in refugee aid

- Psychosocial support for traumatized refugees and promotion of social cooperation
- Support of self-help structures, promotion of „help by refugees - for refugees“
- Cooperation with IsraAID-Germany e.V.

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