

QUESTIONNAIRE

LIFE BEFORE HOFGEISMAR

- What country is your mother from? Your father?
- Where did they survive the war?
- Was one of your parents in a concentration camp? Which camp?
- Were your parents married before the Holocaust?
- Did either parent lose a spouse in the Holocaust?
- Did either parent lose a child?

LIFE IN THE CAMP

- Who assigned your parents to Hofgeismar?
- Did they live in the Kaserne or a confiscated house?
- Did your parents have work? A job?
- Do you have any documents from the camp?
- Do you have any photographs taken in the camp or in town?
- Do you know any stories of daily life in the camp? Camp culture: theater, cinema, sports, library, self-government?
- Was there a camp newspaper?
- Did you have daily provisions: bread, fresh milk?
- Were there political parties or elections?
- Was your family religious? Observant?
- Were there religious celebrations? Marriages, circumcisions, a synagogue? Do you know the rabbi's name? Cantor?
- Was there Kosher food?
- If there were older siblings, did they attend camp school?
- Was there school for primary grades?
- Who ran the schools? ORT?
- Was there Talmud-Torah school?
- Who were the teachers?
- Was there socializing with the townspeople of Hofgeismar? Friendships?

LIFE AFTER HOFGEISMAR

- When did your family leave the DP camp?
- Where did they go?
- Which organization helped your family immigrate?
- Were there relatives abroad where your family wanted to go?
- How did your parents find a job in their new country?
- How did they start their new life?