



Jewish Museum Berlin

2013

Fact Sheet

: **The Jewish Museum Berlin Academy Facts and Figures**



Exterior view of the academy's entrance cube
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Central Flower Market Hall:

Architect: Bruno Grimmek (1902-1969) Bauzeit: 1962-1965)

Construction period: 1962-1965

Total GFA (ground and lower level): 10,758 m²

GFA ground level: 6,435 m² (hall) + 438 m² (administrative building) = 6,873 m²

GFA lower level: 2,885 m² (hall) + 970 m² (administrative building) = 3,885 m²

Jewish Museum Berlin Academy in the Eric F. Ross Building

Client: Jewish Museum Berlin Foundation

Architect: ADL-Architect Daniel Libeskind AG

Construction period: August 2010 - November 2012



Total GFA (ground and lower level): 5,518 m² (without Diaspora Garden)
GFA ground level: 2,673 m²
GFA lower level: 2,845 m²
Usable area on ground level with interior walls: 2,488 m² (without Diaspora Garden)
Library including reading room: 435 m²
Archive: 285.5 m² (including depots, offices, and seminar rooms)
Education department: 396.7 m² (including offices, workshop and seminar rooms)
Great Hall: 240 m² (199 seats)

Financing:

Total construction costs: 11.8 million euros
Eric F. Ross: Following a generous donation from Eric F. Ross (1911-2010), the Jewish Museum Berlin Academy was named after this US entrepreneur and patron.
Public Private Partnership: In the tradition of the Jewish Museum, the academy is funded by federal grants (7.5 million euros) and a variety of private donations (including from the American Friends of the Jewish Museum and the Society of Friends and Sponsors of the Jewish Museum Berlin Foundation).

Library's Total Holdings:

Approximately 70,000 units, of them around 40,000 in the open-access library and reading room
Focus: Primary and research literature on Jewish history, culture, art, religion, historical journal holdings and current periodicals as well as electronic media and databases, 5,445 media (audiovisual material: DVD/DVD-ROM/CD/CD-ROM/MC/Video etc.), microfilms and microfiches: 324 newspaper and magazine titles

Library Opening Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: midday to 7 pm
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 am to 5 pm

Diaspora Garden:

Architect: atelier le balto (Berlin/Hamburg)
Size: 737 m²



Plateaus: 4 seemingly floating steel plateaus of approx. 4 x 14 m ("Academy Plateau", "Culture Plateau", "Nature Plateau" and "Landscape Plateau")
Plants: around 60 different plant species related to life in the Diaspora

Entrance Cube:

Size: 180 m²

Skylights: six square windows in the form of the Hebrew letters Alef (א) and Bet (ב)

Cube Façade:

The façade is clad with radiata pinewood

"Hear the truth whoever speaks it":

This quotation of the medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides (1135/38-1204) appears as the leitmotiv in five languages (German, Hebrew, English, Arabic, and Judeo-Arabic) on the academy's exterior façade.

Town Square:

The naming and official opening will be undertaken by the Berlin municipality in spring 2013.

The sculpture "Nobody", 1990, by Micha Ullman (born in 1939 in Tel Aviv) originally stood in the parking lot of the Martin-Gropius-Bau, right next to »No Man's Land« at the Berlin Wall. It was created during the artist's stay in Berlin and is the property of Berlinische Gallery. When the Berlinische Gallery moved to Alte Jakobstraße, the sculpture moved to Lindenstraße. In the new environment, the historical references have shifted allowing fresh interpretations.



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