



Dear Goethe Society Wellington members and Friends of the Society,

Our final event for 2016 will be the GSW Christmas Dinner – see below and attached for details. The Committee members are looking forward to seeing you at this annual event to celebrate another busy year.

It is also a chance to reflect on our events at which we touched on topical issues, such as climate change, New Zealand's scientific relationships with Germany, the current refugee situation in Germany, past refugee experiences in Germany, heard readings from Ingrid Koelle's book, *Neuseeland - ein Länderporträt*, and met Steffen Kreft and William Conner, the producers of the series *Lifeswap, The Dance Between The Jandal And The Birkenstock*.

I will be spending the festive season back in Germany, celebrating firstly 25 years of the New Zealand/German Student Exchange with Bavaria, and then celebrating Christmas with my host family from my AFS year (1989-1990). So I will leave you with these thoughts for the festive season (a little early I know):

Was soll man schenken zur Weihnachtszeit –
So fragen viele Menschen zur Zeit,
Besinnlichkeit und Geborgenheit,
Herzenswaerme und Freundlichkeit,
Eine liebevolle Umarmung und Dankbarkeit –
Das sind wertvolle Geschenke nicht nur
Zur Weihnachtszeit.

Froehliche Weihnachten und ein rundum erholsames Fest im Kreise der Lieben, fern ab von Stress und dem Alltagsdasein

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Goethe Society Wellington 2016 Christmas Dinner – 1 December 2016:



Join Members and Friends of the Society to celebrate a very busy year of events and activities and to catch up in social setting over dinner (own expense).

Date: Thursday, 1 December 2016

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Brooklyn Deli (199-201 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn Village. Some parking is available behind the Deli.)

Please RSVP by Monday, 28 November to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com and include your choice of main.

The Brooklyn Deli is fully licensed. This is a private function so the Brooklyn Deli Team have prepared the following menu and prices for our group (see attached).

Date for your 2017 diaries:

The **2017 GSW AGM** will be held on Wednesday, 15 March 2017. More details to follow.

Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events:

Keep up to date with the activities, German films (at the Film Societies), music, artist talks, exhibitions, etc. that that the Goethe-Institut New Zealand organises and or facilitates at:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/wel/ver.cfm>

One such event is Hayden Chisholm Trio: *Cusp of Oblivion* CD release tour. This tour by the Hayden Chisholm Trio, with Hayden Chisholm, Paul Dyne and Norman Meehan features original music, including songs from the recently released *Cusp of Oblivion* CD, and new songs composed by Hayden, Paul and Norman. They will be performing in Wellington on 25 November at St. Andrew's on the Terrace. For more details see:

https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=20843217

View the latest episode of *Lifeswap, The Dance Between The Jandal And The Birkenstock* at:

<https://www.facebook.com/duncanandjoerg/?fref=nf>

Community Event:



**Kristallnacht
Holocaust Commemoration**

The Holocaust Centre of New Zealand
invites you to a
Commemoration Concert

"Raising Awareness of Refugees in NZ"

An evening of rarely heard music
performed by members of the NZ School of Music
and the NZ Symphony Orchestra.

The programme includes
the world premier of Richard Fuchs' Song for Simeon
and the NZ premier of Lori Laitman's Vedem Songs.

9 November
6.30pm drinks on arrival
7pm start
St James Theatre
Purchase tickets at Ticketek

**\$30 standard
\$25 friends
\$20 students**


04-801-9480 | events@holocaustcentre.org.nz



**Kristallnacht
Holocaust Commemoration Concert**

Programme hosts - Donak Maurice and Inbal Megiddo

Herbert Zipper - Dachaulied
Cantoris with Thomas Nikora

Mieczyslaw Weinberg - First movement from Cello Sonata
Lucy Gjisbers and Thomas Nikora

Lori Laitman - Four Vedem Songs for mezzo, clarinet and piano
Margaret Medlyn, Debbie Rawson and Jian Liu

Boris Pigovat - Strings of Love for viola d'amore, guitar and cello
Archi d'Amore Zelanda: Donak Maurice,
Jane Curry and Inbal Megiddo

Viktor Ullman - Finale from the Emperor of Atlantis
Shayna Tweed, Margaret Medlyn, Declan Cudd,
Roger Wilson and Jian Liu

INTERVAL

Laurence Sherr - Cello Sonata
Inbal Megiddo and Jian Liu

Richard Fuchs - Song for Simeon
James Clayton and Jian Liu

Gideon Klein - String Trio
Yury Zezentsvey, Peter Barber and David Chickering

Free Books in German:

We have a few boxes of books and (old) magazines in German free to good homes at the GSW Christmas Dinner. Some are language teaching books, some old Spiegel magazines, some literature, some about Austrian history, art and architecture. If you are interested in these, please take them at the event or contact us know if you want more details or to say you would like them on goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com

Stammtisch:

Der Stammtisch soll die Gelegenheit zum ungezwungenen Deutsch sprechen, plaudern, schwatzen, quatschen bieten. Es kann jeder kommen, der Deutsch sprechen möchte. Der Stammtisch findet **am letzten Donnerstag des Monats jeweils um 17:30 Uhr** im Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington statt. Um auf die Stammtischverteilerliste zu kommen, bitte eine E-mail an goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com schicken.

The Stammtisch provides the opportunity to speak German in an informal setting. Anyone who would like to speak German is invited. The Stammtisch takes place **on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm** in the Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Stammtisch, please send an email to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com