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# Deaf Jewish Life in Germany and Eastern Europe during the 1940's



by **MARK ZAUROV**  
*Deaf Holocaust Researcher*

**MARK ZAUROV** is deaf from birth and emigrated with his parents and his deaf sister from the Soviet Union (Russia) to Israel during the Brezhnev era. In 1981, he came to Germany where he completed his studies in sign languages, pedagogy, and history in 2001. He was a fellowship holder of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Germany.

Mr. Zaurov received a Körber-Foundation Award for his report on the Lighthouse for Deaf-Blind People in Seattle, USA. At present he is a doctoral student at the University of Hamburg and does research about Deaf Jews in art, politics and the sciences. He worked as the project coordinator for the 6th DHI-conference at the Humboldt University in Berlin/Germany.

He lectures at universities such as the University of Hamburg and Humboldt University, Berlin and Centre for Deaf Studies (CDS), University of Bristol on topics related to Deaf Studies and Art, the Deaf Holocaust and Deaf Jews as a double cultural minority. He is the author of the book: *Gehörlose Juden – eine doppelte kulturelle Minderheit* (Deaf Jews – A Double Cultural Minority) published by Peter Lang Verlag, Germany (2003).

Mr. Zaurov has also lectured on culture, sociology, and history at venues such as Deaf History International (Washington D.C. 2000, Paris 2003, Berlin 2006, Stockholm 2009), Deaf Way II (Washington D.C., 2002), Deaf Academics (Washington D.C. 2004, Stockholm 2006) and Yad Vashem (2004, 2006, 2008). He conducted several video-interviews of Deaf Holocaust survivors and dedicated his work and experience to the 6th DHI conference. He is one of the editors of the Proceedings of the 6th Deaf History International Conference: *Overcoming the Past, Determining its Consequences and Finding Solutions for the Present*. A contribution for Deaf Studies and Sign Language Education. Proceedings of the 6th Deaf History International Conference July 31 - August 04, 2006 at the Humboldt University, Berlin. Signum.

In 2001, he established the IGJAD (Association of Deaf Jews in Germany) and lives in Hamburg/Germany.

He is coming to D.C. for his Award (fellowship from Charles H. Revson Foundation, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies) at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) for four months.

Where: **Silver Spring Jewish Center**  
1401 Arcola Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD

Date: **Sunday, May 15, 2011**

Time: **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

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