



SHALOM SWITZERLAND

A platform for respectful coexistence between
Christians and Jews in Switzerland.

**Let us take a public stand against
anti-Semitism and hatred of Jews.**

9 NOV. 2026 BERN

Standing together with the Jewish people

To commemorate Kristallnacht in 1938, we invite you to Bern on 9 November 2026.

Anti-Semitism has reached an alarmingly high level. Physical assaults and hateful incitement on the internet and social media are at an all-time high.

For Jewish people, this represents a constant threat.

Shalom Switzerland is a platform supported by Jewish and Christian people in Switzerland. Together, we want to send a strong public message of standing together against anti-Semitism and hatred of Jews. Together, we want to inform, listen and take a stand.

Experts, eyewitnesses and committed voices from across society will share their perspectives and highlight how we can recognise anti-Semitism, counter it and strengthen a culture of solidarity.

A central part of the event will be the public presentation of the Joint Declaration against anti-Semitism and hatred of the Jewish people.

We warmly invite you to join us on
9 November 2026, 1.30 pm – 6.30 pm,
Nägeligasse 9, 3011 Bern

Joint Declaration Against Anti-Semitism and Hatred of the Jewish People

We affirm the enduring significance of the Jewish people in God's history with humanity and advocate for respect, dialogue, and friendship between Jews and Christians. The God of the Bible is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus himself was a Jew.

We reject any form of replacement theology that assumes the Church has taken the place of Israel and that God has rejected His people. God has never revoked His covenant with the Jewish people; the Jewish people continue to hold their calling and all the promises.

We deeply regret that, throughout history, Christians have repeatedly contributed to or remained silent in the face of antisemitism and hatred of Jews. Therefore, we stand in solidarity with all people who have asked God and the Jewish people for forgiveness for this. In special remembrance of the Shoah, we are committed to ensuring that antisemitism and hatred of Jews are never repeated. Coming to terms with the past and remembrance are essential in this regard.

We commit ourselves to resolutely opposing every form of anti-Semitism and hatred of the Jewish people. Anti-Semitism is incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Shalom Switzerland, November 9, 2026

Please sign this declaration at shalom-switzerland.ch

The names of the signatories will not be published and will be treated confidentially.

PROGRAMME

Subject to change



- Welcome
- Reading of the Joint Declaration against anti-Semitism and hatred of Jews
- Short film: Walter Strauss - an eyewitness recounts 9 November 1938 in Berlin and his escape to Switzerland
- Anti-Semitism affects us all - How Jews in Switzerland experience anti-Semitism
- New anti-Semitism and Israel-related anti-Semitism since 7 October 2023
- Panel discussion
- 3,000 years: The Jews as 'enemies of humanity'
1,700 years: 'Replacement theology'
- Panel discussion
- Reactions from Christian and Jewish perspectives

Featuring Photographs of Holocaust survivors
who found their home in Switzerland

Music

Friends of Jewish Music, Geneva

Speakers and panel participants

Johannes Czwalina

Riehen Memorial, Basel

Boris Grisenko

KJMC Rabbi, Kyiv

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Archbishop, Professor Dr. mult., Germany

and others

Leaders and Moderators

Stefanos Athanasiou

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Religious education teacher

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Behind Shalom Switzerland are people, who believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and who, like everyone else in this country, wish to live in safety and peace.

Shalom Switzerland is supported by, amongst others:

- Foundations and initiatives against anti-Semitism
- WESTERN HERITAGE ALLIANCE
- Christian communities and individuals

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