House of Life – The Jewish cemetery Hamburg-Altona

The Jewish cemetery in Altona was built in 1611 and has been expanded continuously. The „Gute Ort“ – good place – in Königstrasse is known as one of the most important Jewish grave yards not only because of its size and age but also because of the historic-cultural significance of many of the tomb stones.

The grave yard has a size of nearly 2 hectares. There are a Sephardic part and an Ashkenazim part.

Since 1869 the cemetery is not in use any more. In sense of eternity’s peace of the dead it is a religious place that belongs to the Jewish community.

After extensive archival and restorative works the cemetery has been reopened in 2007. On the tour the situation of Jews in Hamburg and Altona from the 17th to 19th century will be explained as well as Jewish culture of burial and selected Sephardic and Ashkenazim inscriptions.

Males have to wear headgear.

There are tours from Sunday till Friday.
The cemetery is closed on statutory and Jewish holidays.

Duration of the guidance: 90 minutes
Group guidance fee: 30,- Euro (max. 18 people)
Meeting point: Königstrasse 10a, 22767 Hamburg, S-Bahn 1 or 3: Königstrasse

Are you interested?

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