

Task card 4

Destruction of the synagogue and the Jewish community today

On the 10 November 1938, the eight year old reform synagogue in Plauen was set on fire and destroyed as part of the November Pogrom (also known as *Kristallnacht*).

After this event most of the remaining Jewish people left Plauen, including Dr Isidore Goldberg, the former chairman of the Jewish community in Plauen, who moved to France.



By 1939 there were only 134 Jewish people living in the city.



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You can find out about what happened to Dr Isidore Goldberg by going to the Yad Vashem website here:

https://yvng.yadvashem.org/



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This photograph shows the site of the synagogue today – a church has been built there.

Today in Plauen there is no Jewish community, although a few people returned after the war. The last Jewish person known to have lived there died in 1957.



The Jewish community is remembered in a small museum at the old Jewish cemetery as well as in other museums in the city. The synagogue that stood on the site was recreated virtually by the students at Darmstadt Technical University in 1995.