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Museum Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind



Otto Weidt,
um 1942
Otto Weidt,
around 1942.



Top:
**Hackescher Markt looking
into Rosenthaler Straße,
around 1930.**

Source: private

Bottom:
**Employees at Otto Weidt's
Workshop for the Blind
at Rosenthaler Straße 39.
Berlin, 1941.**

Source: German Resistance Memorial Center



GEGLÜCKTE RETTUNGEN SUCCESSFUL RESCUES

Otto Weidt bemüht sich sehr, seine jüdischen
Besitzer und Arbeitskräfte vor Verhaftung und
Deportation zu schützen. Als die Bedrohung
durch die nationalsozialistische Verfolgung immer
größer wird und die Gefahr der Deportation in die
Ghetto- und Vernichtungslager in absehbarer
Zukunft droht, sucht Otto Weidt für einige
von ihnen Verstecke.

Für die Familie Licht findet Otto Weidt ein Quartier
in der Hasenstraße 12. Diese kleine, bescheidene
Wohnung ist lange Zeit ein Zufluchtsort für die
jüdische Familie. Otto Weidt kümmert sich um
ihren Lebensunterhalt und sorgt dafür, dass sie
nicht in die Hände der Nazis geraten. Durch
die Vermittlung von Otto Weidt kommt Hedwig
Rosenfeld in die Hasenstraße. Hedwig ist eine
jüdische Frau, die in der Hasenstraße eine
Kleinstkonditorei führt. Otto Weidt sorgt dafür,
dass sie nicht in die Hände der Nazis gerät.

Otto Weidt went to great effort to protect his
Jewish workers from persecution and deportation.
When the threat of National Socialist persecution
grew ever greater, and the danger of deportation
to the ghettos and extermination camps in
increased threat to the occupied parts of the
Soviet Union steadily increased, Otto Weidt looked
for places for some of them to hide.

Otto Weidt found quarters for the Licht family
in Hasenstraße 12. This tiny, humble tenement
flat gave the Lichts a haven of safety. Hedwig
Rosenfeld came under a false name, which she could not
get through the checks. Thanks to Otto Weidt's
intervention, Hedwig Rosenfeld took the last
train to Berlin and reached her home in the
Soviet Union. These are only a few
examples of the many kinds of aid provided
by Otto Weidt and his helpers.



Alice Licht
Berlin, 1938

Alice Licht was born in 1908 in Berlin. She was a
Jewish woman who was persecuted by the Nazis.
She was married to a Jewish man who was also
persecuted. They had a daughter who was also
persecuted. Alice Licht was a very brave woman
who helped many people to escape from the
Nazi regime. She was a very kind and helpful
woman who was always ready to help anyone
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Alice Licht with her family in Berlin, 1938

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„Einer dieser Menschen war ein aufrichtiger,
furchtlos und Kämpfer, der die Armen
selbstlos und nur aus Mitleid, den Armen
Verfolgten zu helfen, zu erleichtern.“

„One of those people was an upright and
fearless and a fighter, who helped the poor
selflessly and inspired by pity, to help the poor
and to lighten their burden.“

In 1999, students at Berlin's University of Applied Sciences staged a first exhibition. With significant involvement from Inge Deutschkron, this developed into the Museum Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind. The museum has been part of the German Resistance Memorial Center Foundation since 2005, opening the first permanent exhibition here in 2006.

Redesigned in 2023, the new exhibition encompasses research findings since then on the life and work of Otto Weidt, his aid for deportees in the Theresienstadt ghetto, and the biographies of those he supported. Otto Weidt's intrepid courage remains unique.



The Museum

This museum tells the story of Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind. During the Second World War, Otto Weidt employed mainly blind, visually impaired, and hearing-impaired Jews here in his small factory. They manufactured brushes and brooms.

A number of life stories shed light on Otto Weidt's efforts to protect his Jewish workers from persecution and deportation. When the threat to their lives grew ever greater, he and other helpers sought places for some of them to hide. One of these hiding places was on the premises of what is now this museum.

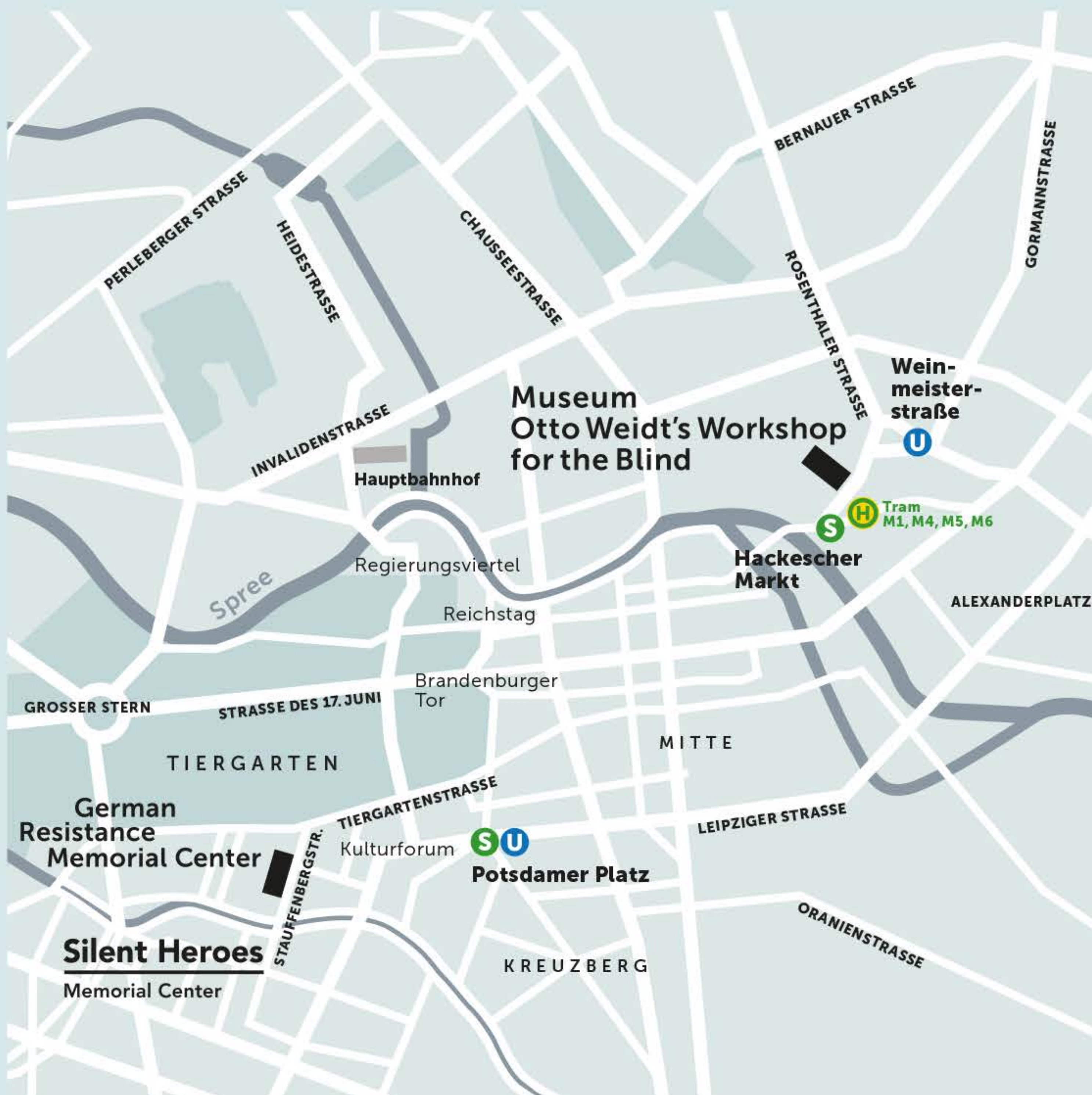


Program

The educational program at the Museum Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind includes guided tours and workshops aimed at children and young people aged 9 and up, students, teachers, and other groups of adults.

Guided tours of the exhibition are possible in German, English, French, Italian, Hebrew, and simple German, for groups of 8 people or more. We also offer guided tours for groups of blind and visually impaired people, and for d/Deaf people.

Participation in all tours and workshops is free of charge. Please register 6 to 8 weeks before the requested date of a tour or workshop.



Getting here

Tram M1, M4, M5, M6

Tram stop: Hackescher Markt
approx. 3-minute walk

U8

Station: Weinmeisterstraße
approx. 3-minute walk

S3, S5, S7, S9

Station: Hackescher Markt
approx. 3-minute walk

Opening Hours

Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays, and
public holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed December 24 to 26,
New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day
Free admission

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