

Inbar - An Israeli living in Hamburg

Inbar is an Israeli, originally from Eilat, living in Hamburg because of personal reasons since 2006. Inbar is married to a German. We met her and she told us about her live here.

Inbar worked for a few years as a part time student in a shipping company. When we met her she was working at the Jewish School of Hamburg, teaching Hebrew, English and Art. Inbar likes to be a teacher and was impressed to see how respectful teachers in Germany are comparing to Israel.

From her perspective and based on her experience, Hamburg is a very tolerant city. She wasn't confronted with any sort of anti-Semitic hostility so far and only heard some stories from friends who live in Berlin. Regardless of the sense of security she understands completely the need for Police security outside the Jewish school where she works. "It is part of our life as Israelis".

Inbar is atheist therefore not active in the Jewish community of Hamburg but she does know people from there and she is pretty much updated regarding their activities. In addition, she is the admin behind "Israelis in Hamburg" Facebook page – the forum for the small Israeli community of Hamburg.

Although not living in Israel for more than 6 years, Inbar's involvement and knowledge in/of Israeli current affairs is deeper than most Israelis. She gets her daily "dose" of news via the internet, from her friends and from her daily phone calls with her parents. She also visits Israel a few times a year.

Inbar is a proud Hamburg resident. She loves the city, feels at home and comfortable in it and knows a lot about its history (more than most native Hamburgers). At the same time Inbar is a proud Israeli although she disagrees with her country's policies and current agendas. She believes it is her responsibility as a citizen, regardless of her geographical position to voice her critique and dissatisfaction.

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