

Visit the archive of the “Institute of Jewish History in Germany”

Location: Beim Schlump 83, 20144 Hamburg

During our project we visited the archive of Jewish history in Hamburg at the so-called Grindel. The reason we went there was that we had time to work on our group-projects. The archive was a welcome opportunity to read in some interesting, old-fashioned books and magazines and to get hold of some basic information. We studied the books within our groups for about an hour and half and the friendly librarian helped, if we needed him to. When we finished our research, it was explained to us how the archive works. It opened in 1966 in order to collect books on Jewish history and to organise all the existing information. The institute also does research work on Jewish life around Hamburg. Knowing that this was a special gift and nothing natural, we were really excited to see how all the books are stored and how the magazines work. Guided by an experienced librarian we went through the different magazine systems of the archive. We learned about the history of the archive and how it is organized and what its purpose is. All in all, we learned a lot and made some exciting new experiences that day!

Simon, March 2012

