

HOME

A SPECIAL EXHIBITION ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF WAR AND PERSECUTION

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Press Release

The Danish Jewish Museum opens its special exhibition HOME

The flight of the Danish Jews to Sweden in October 1943 has become world famous. Far less well known is the story of the challenges which awaited the Danish Jews when they returned to Denmark after the liberation in 1945. The Danish Jewish Museum now rectifies this with the special exhibition "Home".

Can everything be the way it was before?

When the Danish Jews returned home to Denmark after the liberation in May 1945, they were grateful for having survived. But nothing was as it had been before. Neither the country to which they returned, nor they themselves, were any longer the same.

Not all, but some of the Danish Jews came home with traumatic experiences, altered values and patterns of life. Not all, but some found out after returning that they had lost family, homes, property and livelihood. Children had been hidden in Denmark, families split apart in exile in Sweden and deportation to the Theresienstadt concentration camp. It was not something that was much talked about. Safe home again, they gritted their teeth. It was time to move on. But how does one move on? What does one take along? How does one handle these experiences?

The exhibition contrasts the well-known bright story with the far less familiar story and in the exhibition's epilogue visitors can investigate the refugee situation after the Second World War. The exhibition is held in the Galley Hall immediately adjacent to the Danish Jewish Museum, which has been made available to the museum by the Royal Library. The entrance to the exhibition is through the former main entrance to the Royal Library.

The special exhibition completes the Danish Jewish Museum's project on the wartime experiences of the Danish Jews, 1943-45, and for the first time the museum exhibits the materials collected in this project. The exhibition is the museum's contribution to the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the roundup of the Jews in October 1943.

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