



The Gestapo headquarters during the Nazi era

### History of the building

- 1873 Heinrich Silber purchases the guesthouse "Zum Bayerischen Hof" and expands it
- 1919 Sold to the state of Württemberg; becomes the post office headquarters
- 1928 Headquarters of the Stuttgart police and the Political Police
- 1933 Headquarters of the Political Police, renamed the Secret State Police (Gestapo) in 1936
- 1944 Eastern wing destroyed in an air raid
- 1945 After reconstruction (1947 – 49), used by the Stuttgart Criminal Police Department until 1984
- 1988 After renovation, the "Hotel Silber" houses departments of the Interior Ministry, later the Integration Ministry until 2015
- 2008 Plans for the Dorotheen Quarter propose that the "Hotel Silber" be demolished; opponents form the activist group Initiative Lern- und Gedenkort Hotel Silber e. V. (place of Learning and Commemoration Hotel Silber)
- 2011 Decision to retain the building is made
- 2018 Opening of the "Hotel Silber" as a place of historical and civic education and as a branch museum of the Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg



Digital offer: an interactive radio play about the "Hotel Silber"

### Audio guide

The audio guide to the "Hotel Silber" is available in German, English and French. It comprises 15 stations that take you through the history of the building. Download the free web app to your mobile device via [guide.geschichtsort-hotel-silber.de](http://guide.geschichtsort-hotel-silber.de) or get an onsite rental device for a fee.

### Offers for groups

Guided tours for groups to the "Hotel Silber" and the permanent exhibition about the police, the Gestapo and persecution can be booked. We also offer spotlight tours focusing on various topics as well as workshops for students. A combination tour includes nearby Stauffenberg Memorial. Tours and workshops can be held in English on request.

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### Venue and room hire

The foyer and two seminar rooms of the "Hotel Silber" can be hired for events and meetings. Please contact us for more information on capacities, prices and conditions: [vermietungen@hdgbw.de](mailto:vermietungen@hdgbw.de).



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Place of Remembrance  
Hotel Silber

# HOTEL SILBER

An exhibition about the police,  
the Gestapo and persecution





The "Hotel Silber", a place of historical and civic education



The permanent exhibition in the former police and Gestapo offices

In the "Hotel Silber", even during the Weimar Republic, police informers reported on enemies of the state and political troublemakers – and those they regarded as such. During the Nazi regime, members of the Secret State Police (Gestapo) signed orders that led to thousands of people in Württemberg and Hohenzollern being put under surveillance, being persecuted, abducted and killed. After the Nazi era, former victims of persecution and former perpetrators worked alongside each other at the Stuttgart Criminal Police Department.

### Place of remembrance

Today, the "Hotel Silber" is a place where people meet and communicate. It is a place of historical and civic education which arose from a citizens' participation project. Alongside the permanent exhibition, there are numerous events and programs, as well as temporary exhibitions at regular intervals. These aim to promote democratic values and constitutional and human rights.

### Permanent exhibition

The "Hotel Silber" is a historical site that tells about systematic Nazi terror. For more than half a century, it housed the police. The permanent exhibition shows a history of continuities and breaks during this time. And it explores the self-image of members of the police in democracy and

dictatorship. Why did the transition from the Weimar Republic to the Nazi dictatorship pass so smoothly? Who was sent from the "Hotel Silber" to the occupied territories during the Second World War and was responsible for the mass murders that took place there? Who continued to be the subject of interest to the police after 1945?

The exhibition deals with perpetrators and their victims, with the police as an institution and its role in three political systems. You can see the solid cell door on the back of which prisoners left numerous carvings. Or the pin worn by fans of swing music, concealed, because their passion was not tolerated by the Nazi regime. Documents, pictures and media show a differentiated picture of the perpetrators and make the consequences of their actions clear. "Windows into the past" provide insights into the history of the building.

### Program

You can find information on events and public guided tours in the regularly published program flyers as well as on our website: [www.veranstaltungen-hs.de](http://www.veranstaltungen-hs.de).

The exhibition has been compiled by the Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg in partnership with the activist group Initiative Lern- und Gedenkort Hotel Silber e. V. Exhibition director: Prof. Dr. Paula Lutum-Lenger Curators: Sarah Stewart, Friedemann Rincke



### Hotel Silber

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### Opening hours

Tuesday to Sunday and on public holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday open until 9 p.m., Monday closed

### Admission free

### Information and tour enquiries

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### Partnership

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