

A jewish prayer for Otto von Habsburg

Munich, 10 July, 2011. On Monday, 11 July, 2011, Steven Langnas, the former chief rabbi of the Israelitic Community in Munich and Upper Bavaria, will pray the Jewish „Al Molah Rachamim“ during the farewell of the coffin on Munich's Odeonsplatz. This will take place after the requiem in the Theatinerkirche.

The former chief rabbi was a personal acquaintance of Otto von Habsburg. Praying the Jewish Prayer for the dead will pay tribute to von Habsburg's engagement for religious freedom, for the interreligious dialogue and, in particular, for his endeavours to save the Jews during the Third Reich and the Second World War.

For further background information please read the interview in the „Jüdische Allgemeine Zeitung“ with Otto von Habsburg on January, 10, 2008: Der Über-Europäer - Otto von Habsburg spricht gerne über „unsere Juden“. Ein Besuch in der „Kaiservilla“ am Starnberger See <http://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/article/view/id/1492>

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