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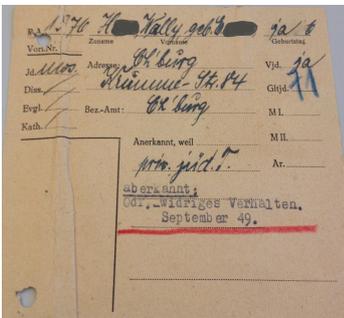
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Philipp DINKELAKER

‘JEWISH COLLABORATION’?

HONOUR COURTS, CRIMINAL COURTS, AND COMPENSATION TRIALS AGAINST SHOAH SURVIVORS IN POST-NATIONAL SOCIALIST GERMANY



Wally H., revoking her status as a “victim of fascism”, Landesarchiv Berlin C Rep. 118-01 Nr. 38299, p. 71 © P. Dinkelaker

Philipp Dinkelaker’s PhD project deals with the moral and ethical accusations and criminal proceedings against German-Jewish survivors of the Shoah who were perceived as Nazi collaborators in Cold War Germany. The project analyses how German-Jewish survivors and the two postwar German societies treated alleged traitors and embeds this analysis into the wider picture of German *Vergangenheitsbewältigung*. With a new combination of sources, Dinkelaker shows that accused survivors were not only brought before inner-Jewish honour courts. A considerable number of alleged Jewish Gestapo helpers were held accountable by German or Soviet law enforcement after the war, while the actual Gestapo perpetrators mostly got away.

Commented by Heidemarie UHL

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