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HOUSE OF ONE

THREE RELIGIONS. ONE HOUSE.

Dear friends of the House of One,

In the past few month, the war of Russia on the Ukraine has changed the world. "This war in Europe is a warning", [Dr. Malkhaz Songulashvili, Metropolitan Bishop of Tbilisi and ambassador of the House of One in Georgia stated](#): "This war also demonstrates, how important it is to look for peace among the religions, without which there is almost no chance to achieve peace worldwide." Building peace, talking about peace, celebrating peace beyond all diversities is the core message of the House of One. In these times loaded with tensions we will commence on a pilgrimage to Georgia in June (further information below). Georgia is a country that borders to Europe as well as Asia. A place that over the course of centuries inhabited all kinds of different cultures and people that brought along their traditions and various ceremonies of lithurgy and prayer. An example we should keep in our minds and learn from.

By the way, Bishop Malkhaz was awarded the "Doha International Award for Interfaith Dialogue 2022" at the 14th Interfaith Conference in Qatar last week for his commitment in interreligious understanding and against hate speech.

Congratulations!

Best wishes,

Your House of One-Team

Brick by brick: We haven't reached our goal yet and appreciate your support - in form of [symbolic bricks for the House of One](#).

What's to come



An interreligious breaking of the fast of ramadan in 2019 in Georgia.

Pilgrimage to Georgia

Visiting the Peace Cathedral and inauguration of the synagogue

Years of intense exchange connect the House of One and the [Peace Cathedral](#), our Georgian partner project. In June, four representatives of the House of One will travel to Tbilisi to partake in a pilgrimage through Georgia organised by the Peace Cathedral. The highlight will be at the end the handing over of a Torah scroll for the new synagogue, which Rabbi [Golan BenChorin](#), our project ambassador in Haifa, will bring along from Israel. The [cornerstone ceremony](#) for the Jewish place of worship within the Peace Cathedral, founded by Bishop Malkhaz, took place back in April 2021. Photos and impressions of this journey, which lasts from June 5 to 13, you will find soon on our website as well as our instagram and facebook account in form of a travel journal.

Heaven or hell?

Reading circle: Concepts of afterlife in Torah, Bible and Koran

Death is a part of life. Every human being will be at one point confronted with the finite nature of life as well as the question: What comes afterwards? Rabbi Andreas Nachama, Pastor Corinna Zisselsberger and Imam Kadir Sanci compare the ideas in the scriptures of their respective religions. The reading circle takes place every first tuesday of the month. [More...](#)

Where? Taubenstraße 3, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, at Schleiermacherhaus

When? Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm

Please register under info@house-of-one.org



QRBANI DONATION 2022

#HouseOfOneSolidarity

The war in Europe affects food prices and thus poor people around the world. Since 2018, the House of One supports those in need in the Central African Republic. On the occasion of the Islamic feast "Eid al-Adha" qurbani in form of food packages are distributed. This year, people in CAR are depending on those offerings more than ever.

Together with the charity organisation [Time to Help e.V.](#), a longtime partner, the House of One calls up an interreligious fundraising campaign. The qurbani offerings will be distributed among families, regardless of their ethnic or religious background. The Duha Association and our partner project [Interreligious Peace Platform PCRC](#),

located in the capital Bangui, are again taking care of the distribution.

Until July 8 2022 you can donate under #HouseOfOneSolidarity:

- a qurbani offering of **120 €**,
- or a vegetarian aid package **30 €**.

You find further information about the [aid campaign](#) on the website of Time to Help e.V.

DONATION VIA ONLINE FORM:

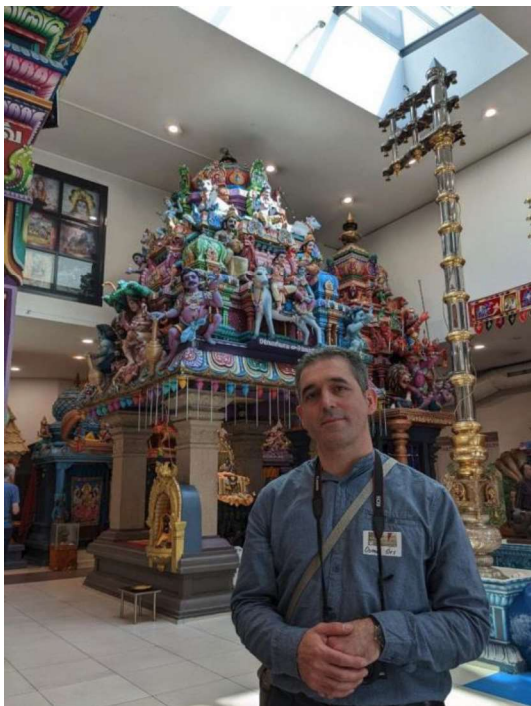
[Click here for the donation form on the website of Time to Help e.V.](#)

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Retrospective

Annual meeting of multi-faith institutions

Networking at the House of Religions in Bern



Interreligious ceremonies and how they can be arranged was the main topic of the [annual meeting of the multi faith buildings in Bern on May 19 and 20](#). Pastor

Gregor Hohberg and Imam Osman Örs represented the House of One and shared their extensive experiences. The idea of having a network of multi faith buildings that meet up regularly was initiated by the House of One in form of the "Conference of multi faith buildings". The [founding conference took place in fall of 2020](#) in Berlin, however due to the pandemic only digitally. The meet up at the House of Religions in Bern is the second of this series of conferences within the network.



Nomination for the German Digital Award

Success for our podcast "331 - 3 women, 3 religions, 1 topic"

"How crazy is that?" was the spontaneous reaction of Rebecca Rogowski, one of the hosts of the podcast next to Maïke Schöfer and Kübra Dalkilic. On Wednesday, May 11, the winners were announced at an event in Berlin. The

podcast, that is only available in German, did not end up winning an award. Still, to be nominated is already an amazing honor and recognition of the work done.

[More...](#)

You can find the newest episode of the podcast [here](#).

Ramadan - a festival of charity

Collectively breaking the fast in Berlin's City Hall "Rotes Rathaus"





Clockwise: **Franziska Giffey**, Governing Mayor of Berlin; group photo (from left to right) with Mayor Giffey, Imam **Kadir Sancı**, Deputy President of the German Bundestag Aydan Özoguz, Rabbi **Andreas Nachama**, member of the House of One's Foundation Board **Renate Franke**, Pastor **Gregor Hohberg**;

After a two year-break due to the pandemic, a collective breaking of the fast was finally possible again. Heartfelt thanks to Franziska Giffey, our new head of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and Governing Mayor of Berlin, for allowing us to invite to this event on April 5 in Berlin's City Hall, the "Rotes Rathaus". "It is a special get-together, not only of the different representants of religions but of society, economy, and of Berlin, who are all equally amazed by the idea of the House of One, the idea of diversity, tolerance, freedom and a peaceful togetherness.", Giffey stated.

Almost a hundred guests followed our invitation. [More...](#)

We mourn for Tovia BenChorin



We are mourning the loss of Tovia BenChorin. "He was incredibly open - minded, funny and thoughtful, whether he joined a conversation with a professional player from Hertha BSC (Berlin soccer club) as the rabbi of the House of One or he took part in our highs and lows in life as our friend and colleague.", writes Roland Stolte, director of the board of trustees in his [personal obituary](#) of the co-founder of the

House of One. On March 27 Tovia BenChorin was buried in Jerusalem. Within his parish in St. Gallen, another mourning ceremony was held on May 22.



Multi-religious blessings for the Federal President's election

This year's election of the Federal President started on a novelty - for the first time, a Jewish and a Muslim cleric, Rabbi Andreas Nachama and Imam Kadir Sanci, were involved in the traditional ecumenic service that was, among others, also attended by prominent political figures. [More...](#)



Jewish-Christian-Muslim celebration for the New Year

A multi-faith service broadcasted on the annual radio show

At the beginning of the new year, Rabbi Andreas Nachama, Pastor Gregor Hohberg and Imam Sanci held a morning service together, which was broadcasted by the German radio station Deutschlandfunk Kultur.

You find the recording of the broadcast [here...](#)

Looking back to 2021

The best of last year

2021 was a year full of exciting events. In May we celebrated the laying of the cornerstone for the House of One, which we had to celebrate due to COVID only with a very limited number of guests. In addition, numerous other events, ideas and projects made the year of the 10th anniversary of the House of One a special one.

The complete [retrospective of 2021 you will find on our website.](#)

Enjoy Reading!

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