



Restitution: Salzburg University Library restitutes books to the IKG

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The Salzburg University Library has restituted three books that once belonged to the Jewish scholar and Chief Rabbi Moritz Gudemann (1835–1918) to the Jewish Community in Vienna. The books dated from the early 16th century and were, in part, valuable. They were identified as looted goods following comprehensive provenance research. Gudemann left these three books and a number of others to the Jewish Community Vienna as a legacy but they were confiscated after the Nazis assumed power. After the Nazi era Gudemann's three books passed from a collection point for looted Jewish assets into the possession of the University Library.

The Salzburg University Library has been carrying out provenance research for the last ten years and has assessed the origin of over 24,000 books.

Further information:

- Provenance research at the University of Salzburg
- Newsarticle: Salzburger Nachrichten