Jenny Wilde: The Last Librarian of the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums

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**Description:** Bettina's presentation examines the life and work of Jenny Wilde (1872-1949), a significant figure in the field of librarianship in the German Reich during the early 20th Century. Wilde served as a librarian at the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums where she took care of the institution's collection as well as its students and their everyday worries. Wilde continued to perform her duties as a librarian even when she was forced into labor at the Theresienstadt ghetto in 1943. In Theresienstadt, she cataloged books which had been seized by the Nazis. Bettina's aim is to explore the ways in which Wilde approached and perceived her forced labor to contribute to our understanding of the experiences of Jewish librarians during the Holocaust.

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