

Contents

Welcome address from District Administrator Dr Christoph Schnaudigel	3
Preface by Antje C. Naujoks	7
After 7 October: Israel's new reality	9
ANTJE C. NAUJOKS	
Welcome address from Mayor Ofir Libstein	28
In memory of Ofir Libstein	30
ALON SCHUSTER, Kibbutz Mefalsim	
1. Introduction to the book	33
BERND BREITKOPF	
2. International partnerships with the administrative district of Karlsruhe	35
BERND BREITKOPF	
3. History and development of the partnership with Sha'ar HaNegev.....	39
3.1. Why contacts with Israel are especially important	39
BERND BREITKOPF	
3.2. The Sha'ar HaNegev region Its history and its people	41
ANTJE C. NAUJOKS	
3.3. The partnership with Sha'ar HaNegev	60
BERND BREITKOPF, BIANCA ESCHBACH	
3.4. Kibbutz Mefalsim	83
ANTJE C. NAUJOKS	
3.5. The memoirs of Eliahu Segal (1943-2022)	97
ANTJE C. NAUJOKS	
3.6. Reports from contemporary witnesses	114
3.6.1. GERHARD HOLLER: How it all began	114
3.6.2. SHAI HERMESH: Gaza: The dream which shattered in the year 2000	116
3.6.3. JENNY HERB: Never forget: on the importance of the German-Israeli youth exchange	121

3.6.4. DAVID TAL: Enriching the lives of young adults	123
3.6.5. ALON SCHUSTER: Memories of Eliahu Segal	125
4. The German-Israeli Friendship Society	127
BERND MORLOCK	
5. The German culture of remembrance	153
BERND BREITKOPF, SIEGFRIED RIHM	
6. Looking to the future	159
DR CHRISTOPH SCHNAUDIGEL	