

# The Mayor Of Haltern, His Memory Loss, His Choice Of Words

Bodo Klimpel, the Mayor of Haltern, Germany, where a number of young students who died in the Airbus A320 crash had lived, said that this “was the worst thing that had ever happened in Haltern,” that there “had never been anything as bad.” Such a remark prompted me, naturally, to wonder about other bad events that might have happened in Haltern. I found that before he died, Alexander Lebenstein, the sole survivor among the Jews of Haltern, was recorded, on videotape, recollecting what happened in 1938 in Haltern.

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Memory loss in individuals is lamentable. The loss of historic memory in societies is deplorable.