

# Free Trip to “Otto Weidt” Factory



## Meeting Point: Reception

Tuesday 09.45 am March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Tour Ends 12.00**

In 1936 Otto Weidt established his workshop, which in 1940 moved to the backyard of 39 Rosenthaler Straße to manufacture brooms and brushes. As one of his customers was the Wehrmacht (German Army), Weidt managed to have his business classified as vital to the war effort. About 30 blind and deaf Jews were employed at his shop between the years of 1941 and 1943. When the Gestapo began to arrest and deport his Jewish employees, he fought to secure their safety by falsifying documents, bribing the officers and even hiding them inside the factory itself. It is small little known piece of history that most Berliners have never heard of.

After a tour of the workshop we will have an hour walk though the former Jewish quarter of Berlin.