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Dr. Herbert Lappe from the Jewish Community of Dresden gave a lively and well-visited talk on Jewish life in the former GDR on March 17, 2013. Based on his personal biography, Dr. Lappe spoke about his ambivalent position as Jewish citizen of the GDR.

Both a member of the socialist youth organization, and the Jewish community in Dresden, Dr. Lappe illustrated how he attempted, on the one hand, to help the country move forward from inside the official structures, but at the same time used these structures to divert from the path outlined by the party.

Dr. Lappe ended his talk with a presentation of the New Dresden Synagogue (2001), that was awarded the prize for best European Architecture in 2001, and that he was instrumental in building.