

## News, August 2012

Dear Friends of the Jewish Welcome Service,

the Jewish Welcome Service has apart from its invitation programme for expelled Jewish citizens a lot of other tasks. This newsletter gives you a first overview of our projects and activities in 2012. We look forward to your comments and feedback!

#### **Exhibition:**

### MARIBOR Architectural Panorama

A picturesque town on the banks of the River Drava, Maribor is one of the 2012 European Cities of Culture. To mark this special year, the Architektur im Ringturm series - which is supported by the Vienna Insurance Group's main shareholder - is dedicating an exhibition to Maribor's architectural diversity, with a panorama of Slovenia's second biggest city. Until October 19, 2012.

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#### September 6, 2012: ESRA Open Air Cinema:

Sarah 's Key by Gilles Paquet-Brenner (in German)

More information: www.esra.at

Invitation Programme for Austrian Jews expelled by National Socialists: April 23-29



#### **UIAFED: May 16-24, 2012**

Jewish Welcome Service Vienna

"Celebrate Jewish Life and Culture in Vienna" was the motto of a joint venture last May between the Jewish Welcome Service, Hillel Canada and the United Israel Appeal Federations of Canada (UIAFED)that was continued in 2012 due to its tremendous success. The Jewish Welcome Service invited ten students to visit Vienna for several days from May 5–24, 2012.



Students from Hillel Canada at the IKG Campus

"The trip was an incredible experience for each person and we all learned so much about Vienna and its Jewish community. The Jewish Welcome Service does an amazing job of showcasing each aspect of the Jewish community." **Orly Halpern**, Manager of Strategic Intitiatives and Engagements

# AJC ACCESS: Global Diplomacy & Bridge Building for a New Generation: June 10–17, 2012

Following the tremendous success of the "Next Generation" visit to Vienna and Austria by ADL Chicago in fall 2011, a delegation from AJC New York traveled to Vienna in spring of 2012. Founded in the year 1906, the American Jewish Committee is the oldest Jewish organization in the USA. ACCESS is aimed at the younger generation of AJC (young professionals aged between 25 and 30). ACCESS runs offices in the USA and Israel. Together with ACCESS and in cooperation with the Press & Information Service of the Austrian Embassy in Washington, the Jewish Welcome Service organized a program focusing on Vienna. The program included meetings and discussions with opinion leaders, politicians of various parties, representatives of the Jewish community, grassroots democracy organizations and district initiatives, and Austrians of the same age group.

#### Exhibition:

MARIBOR\_Architectural Panorama - Architektur im Ringturm



City Councillor for Culture and Science Andreas Mailath-Pokorny welcomed 60 "Herzensösterreicher" at the Vienna City Hall. (© Sabine Hertel)



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## AJC ACCESS Global Diplomacy & Bridge Build

In spring 2012 a delegation from AJC ACCESS New York traveled to Vienna by invitation of the Jewish Welcome Service.



Welcome dinner with the delegation of AJC ACCESS

Alice Goldin: Rhodes Memorial II State I 9/20 1974 (30 x 45 cm, Woodcut)



AJC ACCESS visits the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** (© BMEIA)

"We highly value and cherish the great relationships we were able to build with so many major figures in Austria and we hope to continue our friendship and cooperation for many more years to come."

Sanaz Meshkinfam, ACCESS Director AJC Los Angeles

"Seeing the different aspects of Vienna and its past and current Jewish history was incredibly educative and informational. You can be sure that I will be sharing my impressions of what I saw and heard this past week with people in my city and country."

Bob Bershad, participant

#### May 2012

Invitation by the painter **Alice Goldin** to Vienna. The events staged in Goldin's honor in Vienna included an exhibition at the Künstlerhaus (**A Festival for Alice Goldin**). On July 21 an exhibition of paintings and graphics in celebration of her **90th birthday** was openend at the **IRMA STERN MUSEUM** in Capetown: **www.irmastern.co.za**.



Alice Goldin in her studio.

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