

## News, December 2015



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 an overview of our last projects and activities in 2015. We look forward to your comments and feedback !

We wish you all the best for the Holiday Season and a Healthy and Peaceful 2016 !

### Property Developer Prize 2015: "Excellent Living Spaces" at the Ringturm until February 19, 2016

This year, Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein, the main shareholder of the Vienna Insurance Group, will showcase the Austrian Builder-Owner Award for the fifth time as part of its Architektur im Ringturm series. All of the projects nominated for the 2015 prize will be on display, with a focus on the six winners, which stood out for their exceptional architectural language and design. Side-events (in German): Guided tour for jurors with Hemma Fasch and Otto Kapfinger, January 12, 2016 at 6pm and panel discussion "Education in Vienna", January 21, 2016 at 6pm. [More about the exhibition](#)



The Property Developer Prize exhibition in the Ringturm shows buildings that are noted for their extraordinary design and architectural execution - on until February 19, 2016.

### Visit program for expelled Jewish citizens and descendants: October 18-25, 2015



The Jewish Welcome Service Vienna invited a group of expelled Jewish citizens on a one-week visit to Vienna. The 60 guests came from the USA, Israel, Belgium and Uruguay. The visit was supported by the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria and by Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein. Photo: © PID / Schaub-Walzer. [Further photos of the group's visit](#)



As part of the visit program for expelled Jewish citizens, municipal councilor Ernst Woller receives Inge Schneid and daughter Evelyn, guests from Brussels, as well as Susanne Trauneck (I.), head of the JWS, © PID / Schaub-Walzer



Federal President Heinz Fischer and Margit Fischer with Walter Feiden, a Holocaust survivor from New York, with Hannah Lessing, Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria, Susanne Trauneck (l.), head of the JWS, photo: © Carina Karlovits/HBF.

[Further photos of the reception with Austrian President Dr. Heinz Fischer](#)

### Book presentation

#### "Witness. Realities of Forced Emigration 1938-1945"

The work of photographer Meinrad Hofer explores the living conditions and experiences of Austrian Jews who left their homeland and emigrated to the USA between 1938 and 1945 under pressure from the Nazis. Together with the photographer Lisl Steiner and Trudy Jeremias, two of those portrayed who were in Vienna at the invitation of the JWS, he presented his book "Witness" at the Nestroyhof Hamakom Theater in mid-November.

Information: [www.meinradphotography.com](http://www.meinradphotography.com)

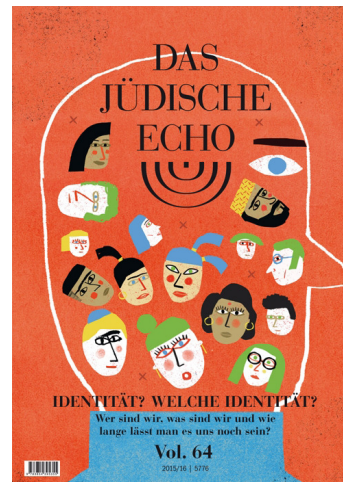
Photos of the presentation in [Newald's photo blog](#)

### Invitation of contemporary witness Alisa Tennenbaum and daughter

To mark the first anniversary of the "Für Das Kind" museum in memory of the kindertransport operation to rescue Jewish children in 1938/39, initiator **Milli Segal** and the **Jewish Welcome Service** invited contemporary witness **Alisa Tennenbaum** and her daughter **Bina Besser** from Israel to visit Vienna. Alisa Tennenbaum spoke to schoolchildren from Vienna and Wiener Neustadt about her experiences of escape and expulsion and how she was saved by the last kindertransport to England in 1939.



Presenting the book "Witness Realities of Forced Emigration 1938-1945" in mid-November: Lisl Steiner, photographer; Meinrad Hofer, photographer for the book; Trudy Jeremias (r.), photo: © Susanne Trauneck



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from left: **Milli Segal**, initiator of the "Für Das Kind" museum, **Bina Besser** and **Alisa Tennenbaum**, photo: © Susanne Trauneck



**Alisa Tennenbaum** with "**Mädchen Naomi**", a sculpture designed by the artist Flor Kent and displayed in the museum.  
Photo: © Mirella Zamuner

[Photo gallery on the visit of Alisa Tennenbaum](#)

[Report on this in Wiener Zeitung](#)

## PREVIEW

[Visit program for expelled Jewish citizens and descendants:](#)

**10-17 April 2016**, supported by the City of Vienna

["Vienna Study Trip":](#)

**16-23 May 2016**, in cooperation with the Holocaust Education Centre Toronto

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