

News, July 2016



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 2016. We look forward to your comments and feedback!

Wrapping of the Ringturm 2016: "Sorgenfrei" by Ivan Exner

In the summer months, the Ringturm will transform into a giant art installation for the ninth time. To mark the 25th anniversary of the Czech group company Kooperativa, the Czech painter Ivan Exner was tasked with wrapping the Ringturm in 2016. His work "Sorgenfrei" (Carefree) shows a young boy standing on a hill, flying a kite.

More about the wrapping of the Ringturm

An interview with Sophie Freud

Sophie Freud (91), grand-daughter of the founder of psychoanalysis, became an Austrian citizen again in 1978 and has visited the city of her childhood on a regular basis since the 1960s. In January, she talked to the historian and publicist Peter Huemer about her life in an interview conducted in the Wiener Stadtsaal. Proceeds from the event were donated to the psychosocial center ESRA, which supports victims of the National Socialist terror and their descendants in Vienna. The invitation of Sophie Freud was supported by the JWS.

Rafi Kishon entertains at the Jewish Museum

At the beginning of February, Rafi Kishon, son of the Israeli author and humorist Ephraim Kishon, visited Vienna with the support of the Jewish Welcome Service. At the event held in the Jewish Museum, he entertained the audience with amusing and reflective moments from the life of his father.

Freema Gottlieb in Vienna

In April, the British author and publicist Freema Gottlieb (New York) visited Vienna at the invitation of the Jewish Welcome Service and gave a talk at the Republican Club. She spoke about her father, who was a Rabbi in Vienna during the war, and pleaded for Jews not to define themselves by their brutal experiences. In cooperation with the Theodor Kramer Gesellschaft and frauenAG of the Austrian Society for Exile Research (öge).

Visit program for expelled Jewish citizens and descendants: 10-17 April 2016

In April, the Jewish Welcome Service Vienna invited a group of expelled Jewish citizens and their descendants to visit Vienna for a week. The 50 guests came from the USA, Israel, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, France and England.



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Rafi Kishon during his visit to the Jewish Museum Vienna – with museum director **Danielle Spera** (right) and **Susanne Trauneck** (JWS). © Sonja Bachmayer



Federal President **Dr. Heinz Fischer** (left) with **Harry Bibring** (2nd from left), a Holocaust survivor from England, and with CEO VIG **Peter Höfinger** and **Susanne Trauneck** (JWS). © Carina Karlovits/HBF
[More photos of the reception with Austrian President Dr. Heinz Fischer](#)

Gabriele Anderl receives Zelman Prize for Dialog and Understanding

This year's Leon Zelman Prize went to the historian and publicist Gabriele Anderl. The first prize is endowed with 5,000 euros and donated by the City of Vienna. The award was presented by City Councilor for Culture **Andreas Mailath-Pokorny** in Vienna City Hall at the beginning of April. According to the jury, Anderl "has for years dealt comprehensively in her work with the disenfranchisement, deprivation, expulsion, exodus and exile of Viennese Jews."



City Councilor **Andreas Mailath-Pokorny** at the presentation of this year's Leon Zelman Prize to **Gabriele Anderl** (2nd from right) - with presenter **Joana Radzyner** (2nd from left) and **Susanne Trauneck** (JWS). © Walther Schaub-Walzer/PID

Donation of the estate of Mignon Langnas

"My mother was a heroine", said George Langnas about his mother, Mignon, who survived the National Socialist period and the war as a Jewish nurse in Vienna. Together with his sister Manuela, he handed over his mother's estate to the Jewish Museum Vienna in June. The diary entries of Mignon Langnas from the years 1938 to 1945 are important testimonies to Jewish life and survival at that time. The JWS supported the Langnas family's stay in Vienna.

Descendants' Meeting



City Councilor **Andreas Mailath-Pokorny**, shown here with **Barbara Grötschnig** (middle) (head of sponsoring at Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein / VIG) and **Susanne Trauneck** (JWS) receiving the group of Jewish citizens invited to Vienna by the JWS at City Hall. © Walther Schaub-Walzer/PID
[More of the reception at City Hall](#)



Pupils from Viennese schools talking at the presentation of the **Leon Zelman Prize** about "Exodus - then and now". © Walther Schaub-Walzer/PID
[More photos of the prize-giving](#)



"My mother was a heroine", said **George Langnas** at the handover of the estate of his mother, Mignon, to the Jewish Museum Vienna. © Trauneck,

At the initiative of the Institute for Jewish History in Austria, a meeting was held from 26 to 30 June for descendants of Jewish families expelled from St. Pölten and the surrounding area in Lower Austria and Vienna during the National Socialist period. The invitation supported by the JWS also included a reception in the Ringturm by Dr. Judit Havasi, a member of the board of the Vienna Insurance Group. The project entitled "Abgemeldet" (De-registered) deals with the forced relocation of Jews from St. Pölten to communal apartments in Vienna (1938–1942). Cantor Paul Heller, a participant in the meeting, reports on the visit on his [blog](#).

Upcoming events:

DEFIANT REQUIEM: Verdi at Terezín

Verdi's Messa da Requiem at the Theresienstadt ghetto
siehe [see invitation](#)

Tuesday, 20 September 2016, 7.30 pm

Information and tickets:

[Wiener Konzerthaus](#) and [OE-Ticket](#)

Welcome to my salon!

at Palais Schönburg from 22 October

Berta Zuckerkandl, perhaps Vienna's most famous salonnière, opens the doors to her salon. An evening of theater at which guests encounter personalities such as Alma and Gustav Mahler, Herman Bahr, Johann Strauss, Otto Wagner and Gustav Klimt.

Information and tickets:

<http://www.kunstspielerei.com/wp/>

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