Jewish Welcome Service Vienna

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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 2014. We look forward to your comments and feedback !

Wrapping of the Ringturm 2014: "Veil of Agnes" by Arnulf Rainer

until 10 January 2014

Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein is continuing the tradition of covering the Ringturm with large-format works of art with Arnulf Rainer's "Veil of Agnes" (Schleier der Agnes). Rainer's work will adorn the facade of the Ringturm this summer from 16 June. The high-visibility art project, set to take place this year for the seventh time, is a declaration of the long-standing connection between Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein and the Klosterneuburg Monastery. more

March 14-23, 2014:

"Celebrate Jewish Life and Culture in Vienna" a cooperation with Hopkins Hillel and Towson Hillel

"Celebrate Jewish Life and Culture in Vienna" is the title of the third cooperation between the Jewish Welcome Service and the student organization Hillel, this time with two Hillels from Baltimore, USA. The Jewish Welcome Service invited 10 students to visit Vienna from 14 to 23 March. The aim of the program: To learn about/present Vienna as a modern, cosmopolitan European city with an actively committed Jewish

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Hopkins Hillel travels to Vienna on break. (Photo: © Jon Falk)

Visit program for expelled Jewish citizens: March 30 - April 6, 2014

The Jewish Welcome Service Vienna invited a group of expelled citizens on a **one-week visit** to Vienna. The **60 guests** came from the **USA**, **Israel**, **Colombia**, **France**, **Australia** and the **UK**. The visit was supported by the City of Vienna, the Republic of Austria and the Vienna Insurance Group. <u>see also image gallery</u>



Ringturm covering 2014: The Veil of Agnes by Arnulf Rainer.



The Jewish Welcome Service, together with Hopkins Hillel, invited students aged from 18 to 22 to visit Vienna from 14 to 23 March.



Austrian President Dr. Heinz Fischer and Margit Fischer received member of the VIG managing board Peter Höfinger (r.) and Susanne Trauneck from the Jewish Welcome Service on the occasion of the visit by the group of expelled Jewish citizens to Vienna. You can find media reports on this in the press area

(Photo: © Peter Lechner)

Memorial erected

The memorial in memory of the expelled and murdered students and professors of the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration(formerly the University for World Trade) was presented on the new WU Campus on May 8. One of those students was Karl Lowy. His dissertation was approved in January 1938, but he was not allowed to take part in the final examination. Back in the 1970s he had wanted to find out what had happened to his dissertation. This was ultimately only achieved two years ago by his daughter IIse Nusbaum while on a visit at the invitation of the Jewish Welcome Service. She has now taken part in the commemoration at the WU together with her family. http://gedenkbuch.wu.ac.at



Barbara Grötschnig, Sponsoring VIG, local councilman Peter Florianschütz, Suzanne Welt, France & Susanne Trauneck, JWS at the reception for the group of exepelled Jewish citizens in the City Hall. (Photo: © Walter Schaub-Walzer/PID)



The **Nusbaum-Lowy family** in front of the memorial on the WU Campus.



Invitation Programme for Expelled Jewish Citizens

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| Sept. 7-14 | City of Vienna |

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