

News, May 2013



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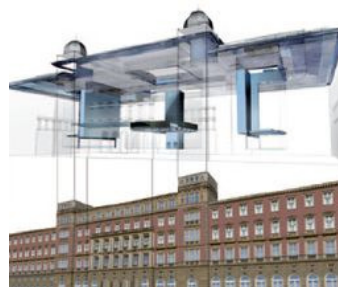
the Jewish Welcome Service has apart from its invitation programme for expelled Jewish citizens a lot of other tasks. This newsletter gives you a first overview of our projects and activities in 2013. We look forward to your comments and feedback !

Exhibition recommendation:

Theophil Hansen – Classical Elegance in Everyday Life until 14 June 2013

Ausstellungszentrum im Ringturm, 1., Schottenring 30
To mark the 200th anniversary of his birth, the exhibition in the "Architecture in the Ringturm" series by **Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein** is a solo exhibition devoted to probably the most significant architect of Vienna's Ringstraße era - **Theophil Hansen**. Hansen's legacy includes not only his fine buildings on the **Vienna Ringstraße** but also the significant impact of his work on the development of International Modernism. As well as selected examples of Hansen's buildings in Vienna (Vienna's **Parliament** building, **Musikverein** concert hall, several city palaces - among them the **Palais Ephrussi** and **Epstein**), the exhibition also features some of his lesser known works in Central and Eastern Europe.

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In the immediate vicinity of the exhibition in the **Ringturm**: Palais Hansen, remodelled to the plans of Boris Podrecca, opens as **Palais Hansen Kempinski**.

Sowing the Seeds

On **March 15, 1938** a crowd gathered on Heldenplatz cheered for the "Führer" and celebrated the "**Anschluss**" (annexation) to the German Reich. Seventy-five years later, **in March 2013**, grass seeds will be sown on the field on which the masses shouted with enthusiasm in 1938. They will be fertilised repeatedly. Slowly, the word "**Shalom**" will gradually become legible. Peace as a wish and a path for all people. "Shalom" as **a delicate, growing symbol** that must be taken care of.

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The group of expelled Jewish citizens invited by the **Jewish Welcome Service** to Vienna in April visits the project "**Sowing the Seeds**" at Heldenplatz (Photo: © Paul Divjak)

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The **Vienna Project**, a new Holocaust memorial project, opens Oct. 24, 2013

The "Vienna Project"

The Vienna Project is a **new social action Holocaust memorial project**. Slated to begin in 2013 and conclude in 2014, the Project is to be **situated on the streets of Vienna** and along the Danube Canal. The Project will be officially opened this year on **24 October**. [read more](#)

Invitation Programme for Expelled Jewish Citizens: April 15-21, 2013

The **Jewish Welcome Service** invited a group of expelled Jewish citizens to a one-week visit to **Vienna**. There were a total of **70 people** – including many children and grandchildren - from the **USA, Israel, Argentina, Mexico, Australia** and **Great Britain**. On the programme were **tours** of Jewish institutions, a **city tour** as well as visits to **City Hall** and the **Federal Chancellery**. [Press Reports \(in German\)](#)



Reception at the City Hall; from the left to the right: City Councillor **Andreas Mailath-Pokorny**, **Susanne Trauneck** (Secretary General Jewish Welcome Service), **Erika Fox** (Guest of the Jewish Welcome Service), **Barbara Grötschnig** (Head of Sponsoring VIG), © Schaub-Walzer, [Photo Gallery](#)

Rafi Kishon in Vienna

In mid-March, **Rafi Kishon**, son of the "most successful satirists of all times", **Ephraim Kishon**, who passed away in 2005, visited Vienna at the invitation of the **Jewish Welcome Service**. The occasion was the **exhibition "All Meschugge ? Jewish Wit and Humour"** in the **Jewish Museum Vienna**, which runs until 8 September 2013. Rafi comes from Ephraim Kishon's first marriage to Eva Klammer, from Vienna, who nowadays lives in Tel Aviv aged 86. He is almost as famous in Israel as his father, as he regularly appears in TV and radio broadcasts as a media vet.

May 21 - 29, 2013:

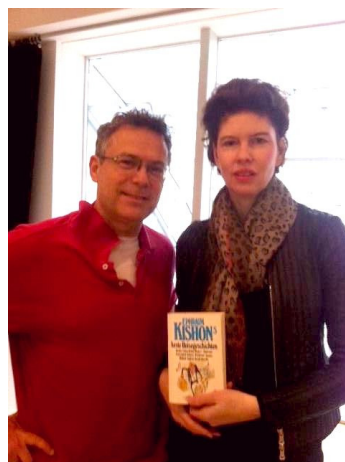
"Celebrate Jewish Life and Culture in Vienna"

in cooperation with Hillel Canada

"Celebrate Jewish Life and Culture in Vienna" is the motto of a joint venture between the **Jewish Welcome Service**, **Hillel Toronto** and the **United Israel Appeal Federations of Canada** (UIAFED) that will be continued in 2013 due to its tremendous success. The Jewish Welcome Service will invite **ten students to visit Vienna** for several days from **May 21-29, 2013**. The aim of the programme: Learning about/presenting Vienna as a modern, cosmopolitan European city as well as a highly involved Jewish community.



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AJC ACCESS: Breaking Boundaries:

June 24 - July 1, 2013

Following the great success of the first visit to Vienna, a delegation from **AJC ACCESS New York** is again travelling to Vienna this year. Founded in the year 1906, the **American Jewish Committee** is the oldest Jewish organisation 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 will be designing and organising a programme focusing on Vienna. [read more](#)



Invitation Programme **for exiled Austrian Jews**

Dates 2013

April 14 – 21, 2013

(Sponsor: Federal Chancellery)

October 6-13, 2013

(Sponsor: City of Vienna, Federal Chancellery)

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