

## News, September 2014



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

With the work "**Schleier der Agnes**" (The Veil of Agnes) by **Arnulf Rainer**, the **Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein** is continuing the **covering of the Ringturm** with large-scale artwork. The work can still be seen on the façade of the Ringturm until the middle of September. This year's art campaign, which can be seen from afar, is the seventh time it has been held. From September 3, Vienna's Albertina shows important stages in Arnulf Rainer's complex creativity in a comprehensive exhibition of his work. The Wiener Städtische Versicherungsverein is supporting this exhibition as sponsor. [more](#)

### Jewish Life in Vienna: Study trip for Young Professionals in cooperation with the Holocaust Education Centre Toronto

Since 2011, the Jewish Welcome Service has also organized study trips for the younger generation. The Jewish Welcome Service invited a group of 15 young professionals to visit Vienna for nine days from **19-28 May 2014**. The program aims at enabling the visitors to learn about **Vienna as a modern, cosmopolitan European city with a highly engaged Jewish community**. Activities include meetings with opinion leaders, politicians, representatives of the Jewish community and much more besides.

Detailed reports on the trip:

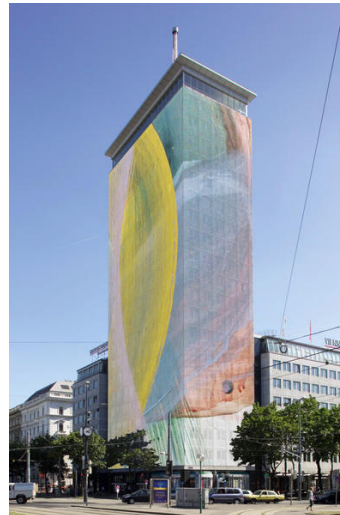
[in the "Canadian Jewish News"](#) and at

[www.holocaustremembrance.com](http://www.holocaustremembrance.com).

[Photos of the study trip on Facebook](#).

### Jewish Welcome Service: Sorrow over President Prammer

The Jewish Welcome Service is deeply saddened by the death of the President of the National Council, Barbara Prammer. Prammer was committed and consistent in her political dealings. This applied in particular **to her work for women's rights** and for her continuous and untiring **efforts against anti-Semitism, racism and right-wing extremism**.



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



Poster for the **Vienna study trip for Young Professionals** in cooperation with the **Holocaust Education Centre Toronto** in May 2014.



**Barbara Prammer** (center) also regularly received **study groups of the Jewish Welcome Service**, including a **group of the Holocaust Education Centre Toronto** for the first time in May, to background discussion in parliament. (Photo: © Michael Rajzman)



Municipal councilwoman **Dr. Elisabeth Vitouch** (2nd from left) with **Susanne Trauneck** (left), JWS Secretary General **Rachel Lipman**, and **Stefan Hammerl** from the study group of the **Holocaust Education Centre Toronto** at Vienna City Hall. (Photo: © PID/Schaub-Walzer)



**Mag. Peter Höfinger**, member of the managing board of the **Vienna Insurance Group**, in discussion with members of the study group. (Photo: © Michael Rajzman)



Vienna's **city councilman for culture Andreas Mailath-Pokorny** (2nd from left) at the presentation of the **Leon Zelman Prize 2014**, with **Martin Krist** (left), presenter **Werner Dreier** (right) and **Susanne Trauneck**, JWS. (Photo: © PID/Schaub-Walzer)

**Second Leon Zelman Prize went to the school community of G19**

Vienna's **city councilman for culture Andreas Mailath-Pokorny** presented the **Leon Zelman Prize for dialog and understanding** to the school community of G19 on June 12: "I was deeply touched by the intensive and longstanding effort of the school community of Federal Grammar School 19. I am also delighted that a worthy prize exists for awarding this extremely important work rendered in the service of remembrance."



**City councilman for culture Dr. Andreas Mailath-Pokorny** (2nd from right) presents the prize - which comes with EUR 5,000 - to G19 (from left): **Director Elisabeth König-Hackl**, **Martin Krist**, pupils **Anja Gleich** and **Linda Pietsch**, Zelman's



grandchildren **Rafi Shklarek** and **Lilly Kern**. **Martin Krist** is responsible for many engaged projects and initiatives of G19. (Photo: © PID/Schaub-Walzer)

[Photo gallery of the prize-giving on Facebook](#)

[More on the Leon Zelman Prize](#)

[Proposals for the Leon Zelman Prize 2015](#)

(Submission deadline: 31 January 2015)

### [The Vienna Project](#)

The closing event of **The Vienna Project** will be held in the **Austrian National Library** at the Imperial Palace on **October 18, 2014**. This commemoration project for the victims of National Socialism was inaugurated on the 75th anniversary of the "Anschluss" by **Karen Frostig**, artist, author and granddaughter of Austrian Holocaust victims. [More on The Vienna Project](#)

[Invitation Programme](#) for Expelled Jewish Citizens

<b>DATES 2014</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Sept. 7-14	City of Vienna

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Journalist **Edie Jarolim** writes on her **blog** about her great uncle Siegmund Kornmehl, his butcher's shop on Berggasse and his relationship with **Sigmund Freud**. It is also the **history of a Viennese Jewish family**, which was expelled in 1938 and many of whose members were murdered.

[Blog Freud's Butcher](#)

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