

Short-Report 2017

1. Official signing off of our society on renovating the Jewish Cemetary Ybbs/Göttsbach because of the disagreement between the IKG Vienna and the Austrian National Fonds concerning to our project. The IKG Vienna didn't submit our costed renovation plan to the fonds and also refused a preliminary agreement between the IKG and our society for futher use of the cemetary hall as a place of intercultural learning.

2. News around lectures

- 23.09.2017 adult educational establishment of the Catholic Church: presentation of the offer: „1938 – 80 years March- and November-Pogrom“ in our area: evening lectures in parishes in the region with special local information on victims and resisters
- 07.10.2017 on the occasion of the „Long night of Museum“: The Jewish families of Wieselburg and its surroundings and the local anti-NS-resistants“
- 13.11.2017 Memory to Novemberpogrom: dialogue on the transgenerational transmission of traumata in families of victims, culprits, resisters and hanger-ons; Commemoration at the plaque for the Jewish compatriots, Kaddisch
- 2018 School-project for 14-19 years old students in the NMS Wieselburg and other schools in the area
- 17.01.2018 The Wiener Library London: presentation and lecture with Susan Antscherl: Hans Geißhofer, The Nazi Cold Test Station. The incredible Survival of a semi-Jewish Family, Brioni, Mussolini & more (2017), Translation of Hans Geißhofer, Der Kältesee. Die Vermessung der Mischlinge im Banne der Alpenfestung, Brioni und Mussolini & mehr (2/2017).

<https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/Whats-On?item=365>

<http://www.acflondon.org/events/book-talk-secret-nazi-cod-test-station/>

3. The renewed homepage „tragbaresvaterland.at“ will start in February 2018.
4. Volume 4 to the Trilogy „Tragbares Vaterland“ (portable homeland) will be published in autumn 2018. The title of volume 4 is:



Das Erbe lebt.

Trotz traumatisierter Familien und deformierter Geschichtsbilder

Heritage is alive.

Despite of traumatized families and deformed views of history

This 4th volume will familiarize readers with their own history as war children or war grandchildren. Their transgenerational problems will be illustrated by the psychotherapist Nina Diesenberger with her own family trauma-story. She will also give you an overview to the actual psychotherapeutic interpretation of transgenerational traumata.

In the common Austrian view to the years 1933-1945 the power of the resistant Austrians is very very underrated. So it is appropriate to remember for instance **Hans Becker**, son in law of the Jewish industrialist Lieser family in Neuda/Golling near Pöchlarn. He was the central advertising executive of the Ständestaat 1933-38 in Austria. As one of the most hated NS-opponents he was imprisoned in Dachau. Since 1941 he became the central networker of the Austrian resistance in contact to the military resistance fighters in Vienna and at least with the command centres of the Allies. Becker interpreted his resistant role as a trustee of the real Austrians to fulfill the conditions of the Moscow Declaration from November 1943 for Austria's liberation. It's high time to rehabilitate this courageous man against the historical monopoly of communist and socialdemocratic historians.

Volume 4 will inform you also about other prominent Jewish people out of families from our area:

Ernst Brod, born in Erlauf, survived in Turkey. In the USA he found the military documents on the meeting of the Allied Generals from USA and UdSSR in his home Erlauf in the night of capitulation 8./9. of May 1945. The museum „Erlauf erinnert“ shows this important event now. Brod wrote 2000 pages memories to work off his traumatic family story and to criticize the political leaders of Austria on the right and also on the left side.

Rudolf Ekstein, grandson of the Ekstein-family in Golling/Neuda, became one of the most famous international psychoanalysts, social pedagogues and as a trauma-expert and as supervisor of teachers. The reconciliation of Jewish survivors with young people and students in Austria was one of his personal concerns.

Volume 4 also contains information about completed and new Jewish family-stories, anti-NS-resistors and the current status of Christian-Jewish dialogue.

Dear friends of „Tragbares Vaterland“!

If you have documents, pictures or stories around our former Jewish compatriots here in the southwest of Lower Austria you want to provide for volume 4, please let me know. With your consent until March 2018 I will account such materials. Volume 4 will be published in autumn 2018 to the 100 years anniversary of the Republic of Austria.