

News from Prague

Zprávy z Prahy

Praha

6. května, 14:00 – 17:00

Mariánské náměstí
u kašny Terežky

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VEŘEJNÉ ČTENÍ Jom ha-Šoa 2024 JMEN OBĚTÍ HOLOCAUSTU

... je maraton čtení jmen a stručných osudů obětí nacistické perzekuce, mužů, žen a dětí, kteří byli zavražděni během druhé světové války.

Doprovodný program

výstava MemoMap: Dějiny holokaustu v Praze, která bude umístěna v prostorách Klementina



Akce se koná pod záštitou
Velvyslanectví Státu Izrael v
České republice a Bohuslava
Svobody, primátora hl. m. Prahy.

This year's 19th annual public reading of the names of Holocaust victims, "Yom HaShoah", will take place on 6 May 2024. The names of victims of Nazi persecution will be read in 31 cities across the Czech Republic, commemorating the fate of those who were murdered during the Second World War.

Information on other cities and associated events will be published on our Facebook page in the next couple of days. You can sign up for those in each city.

The MemoMap exhibition will be available for viewing between May 6th and May 22nd in Klementinum.



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30th Anniversary of ITI

On February 22nd, we commemorated Terezin Initiative Institute's 30th anniversary. In the event, hosted by the Austrian Ambassador Bettina Kirnbauer, we got to celebrate the pioneering work of Dr. Miroslav Kárný and his wife Margita, creating the Terezín Memorial Books and subsequently the Holocaust Victims Database at www.holocaust.cz.

The speakers at the reception, Bettina Kirnbauer, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Miloš Vystrčil, Deputy Speaker of the Czech Chamber of Deputies Olga Richterová and the Director of the Terezín Initiative Institute Tomáš Kraus, touched on the importance of educating society about the Holocaust, and fighting anti-Semitism and prejudice, especially in the shadow of rising hate movements here and abroad. We were joined by friends and supporters of the Institute.

We want to thank the Ambassador of Austria, Bettina Kirnbauer, for the chance to celebrate the 30th anniversary.

Are you interested in the news coverage of the event? Please check out Till Janzer's report, who covered the event for Radio Prague International. You can read or listen to the article under the following [link](#) (just in German).



COMMEMORATION ACT IN AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

At the beginning of March we organized a commemoration act in the former concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau marking the 80th anniversary of the murder of 3,792 prisoners of the so-called "Theresienstadt family camp" in the night of 8th to 9th March 1944.

Among the 30 participants were the director of the ITI, Tomáš Kraus, the chairwoman of the board, Michaela Rozov, the director of the Terezín Memorial, Jan Roubínek, and the director of Beit Terezín in Israel, Tami Kinberg.

In addition to the speeches and the laying of flowers, our historian Radana Rutová and Jana Šplíchalová from the Jewish Museum in Prague framed the very emotional memorial event at Camp BIIb with information about the family camp. Before the return journey on Saturday, a round table discussion was held with opportunities to ask questions and then rounded off with a visit to the Oshpitzin Jewish Museum.

EXHIBITION “MEMOMAP: THE HISTORY OF THE HOLOCAUST IN PRAGUE”

The exhibition MemoMAP: the History of the Holocaust in Prague shows on 16 panels (first photo on the right). It shows how the space of Prague was reduced for those who were identified as Jews, how the places where they could not enter were gradually added (parks, forests, specific buildings and streets, shops outside the designated hours, cinemas, theatres, concerts, sports grounds, playgrounds, schools. ..), as they were forbidden to exercise their professions, their rights were restricted and their property was confiscated. The orders and regulations led to the creation of invisible barriers that prevented contact between Jewish and non-Jewish inhabitants of Prague even before Jews were called to transports and deported to concentration camps.



The exhibition was designed to be understandable to the general public without the need for further explanation, while also serving as an introduction to the MemoGIS application and presenting a cross-section of what can be found in the application.



From 2023, a portable version on roll-ups is also available for indoor spaces - schools, libraries, museums, exhibition halls. To accompany the exhibition, we run seminars to prepare students to perform through the exhibition. For example in Gymnázium Bohumila Hrabala in Nymburk (second photo on the right). If you are interested in borrowing, please contact curator Dana Gabalova.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Anne Frank Youth Network in ČR

This year was already very successful for our participants from the Czech Republic. They channeled their energy gained in the first meeting in last year November and convert all their motivation into implementing their Action Projects in their local communities.

The first was a workshop by Anička in Náchod, where participants worked in groups on different aspects of the Holocaust, the roles of those involved and the loss of historical memory.

Toni in Nymburk prepared a workshop for students in which participants followed in the footsteps of Eva Pick, who was originally from Nymburk. The students worked in groups with original documents and presented their findings to each other.

Kája held a workshop for students of the 9th grade about the life of Jewish people during Nazi occupation. The workshop was based on video statements of survivors and discussions about parallels to today.

We are very happy to see the work of such motivated young people. Congratulations and well done!





Workshop MemoGIS

The cooperation with the University of New York in Prague continues to be a success, as we were invited to hold another Workshop for exchange students from the US.

In a first part the participants had the chance to get information about how anti-Jewish laws effected life of Jews in Prague. First by the activity “Just an ordinary day” and afterwards using the web application MemoGIS.

On a second date the students were able to talk with Tomáš Kraus about Holocaust, as well as his personal and family history.

Austrian Traces in Theresienstadt - Booklet for Austrian Schools

What is the historical connection between Theresienstadt and Austria? What special role did it play in the Holocaust, especially for Austrian Jews? The teaching materials on the subject of “Austrian traces in Theresienstadt” deal with these and other questions. In addition to the text section, pupils can trace the fate of Regina Machlup using original documents. In addition to the booklet, the texts written in the ghetto by Leo Strauss and Myra Gruenberg-Strauss, as well as a drawing by Helga Pollak, drawn in the ghetto, offer space for discussion with the pupils. **You can download the booklet for free! Just click [here](#) or scan the QR code.**



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