

Jewish Museum Vienna



Jewish Museum Vienna – Palais Eskeles



Museum Judenplatz



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- The first Jewish museum in the world
- Two locations – one ticket
- Two permanent exhibitions on Viennese Jewish history
- Temporary exhibitions that combine Jewish city history with global cultural and social-historical topics
- Vestiges of the medieval synagogue at Museum Judenplatz
- Museum shop
- Eskeles Café



The Jewish Museum of the City of Vienna explains the rich, fascinating, happy, but also tragic history of the Jewish community in Vienna at its **two locations, Palais Eskeles on Dorotheergasse and on Judenplatz.**

Vienna's original Jewish museum was founded in 1895, making it the world's first. The support association consisted of a group of Viennese Jewish citizens. Immediately after the "Anschluss" in 1938, the museum was closed by the National Socialists. In the last year of its existence, 6,474 objects were entered in the inventory register. In 1939, the holdings were transferred to the Museum of Ethnology and other Viennese institutions. At the beginning of the 1950s, the majority of the holdings were restituted to the Jewish Community of Vienna, but quite a few not until the 1990s. However, more than half of the objects remained lost – and it is difficult to reconstruct whether they were deliberately destroyed or stolen.

In 1986, two weeks after Kurt Waldheim's election victory, Mayor Helmut Zilk announced the establishment of a Jewish museum in Vienna on the occasion of the opening of the Vienna 1900 exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. In 1988, the Jüdisches

Museum der Stadt Wien GmbH was established, and on March 7, 1990 the first exhibition was held in a provisional facility – the former ceremonial hall of the Jewish Community of Vienna on Seitenstettengasse.

In 1992, Mayor Helmut Zilk and City Councilor for Culture Ursula Pasterk secured Palais Eskeles at Dorotheergasse 11 as the future museum location, and the Jewish Community of Vienna agreed to the permanent loan of its holdings to the Jewish Museum Vienna and to their scholarly processing by its curators. After the adaptation of the historic building, the opening took place in November 1993 in the presence of the Vienna-born Mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek.

In 2000, Museum Judenplatz was opened as the second location of the Jewish Museum Vienna.



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Nach dem Krieg, vor dem Krieg After the war, before the war

From 1918/1919, Jews fought in the Great War in the army of World War I. In 1918, 20,000 Jews in the army of Austria fought in the Great War. The war was a time of great hardship for the Jewish community in Austria. The war was a time of great hardship for the Jewish community in Austria. The war was a time of great hardship for the Jewish community in Austria.



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David Ben-Gurion
The first Prime Minister
of Israel 1948-1974

David Ben-Gurion was the first Prime Minister of Israel. He was a leader of the Jewish community in Palestine and a key figure in the establishment of the State of Israel. He was a member of the Zionist movement and a leader of the Jewish underground in Palestine.



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Hebrew and Sephardic Women
Women in the Public Sphere

Hebrew and Sephardic women played a significant role in the public sphere of the Jewish community in Palestine. They were active in the Zionist movement and in the establishment of the State of Israel. They were also active in the cultural and social life of the community.



Jewish Museum Vienna – Palais Eskeles

At Palais Eskeles, the Jewish Museum Vienna presents the **permanent exhibition Our City! Jewish Vienna – Then to Now**, which offers a comprehensive overview of Viennese Jewish history.

The first part of the exhibition begins in 1945 and continues up to the present day in Vienna. It shows how the almost completely destroyed Jewish community developed over the decades against the resistance of Austrian post-war politics into a small, but multi-faceted and lively community.

In the second part, the exhibition leads visitors through Jewish Vienna from the Middle Ages to the Shoah. The exhibition questions the “tolerance” policies of Emperor Joseph II and his successors. Between the Revolution of 1848 and 1900, the “third” Jewish community became the largest German-speaking community and third largest in Europe. It is this

community that has shaped the view of Jewish Vienna to this day. This area of the exhibition also makes clear how Viennese Jewish women and men came under pressure from anti-Semitism as early as 1900. The interwar period, the years between 1938 and 1945, and the rupture that the Shoah tore into both Jewish and Viennese history are manifest here.



Contemporary Art – Nancy Spero, Brigitte Kowanz, Maya Zack

The involvement of contemporary artists also belongs to the Jewish Museum Vienna concept.

In 1995/96, the American painter **Nancy Spero** designed the permanent "Installation of Memory" in the auditorium of Palais Eskeles. She addressed three major themes in which memory plays an important role: religion, the social and cultural role of Viennese Jews before National Socialism, and the catastrophes in Viennese Jewish history.

Since 2011, the Jewish Museum Vienna has been welcoming visitors with the light installation "Museum" by the Austrian artist **Brigitte Kowanz** on the facade.

In 2013, the museum was able to win over the Israeli artist **Maya Zack** for a photographic installation. Isidor Kaufmann's "Gute Stube" ("Parlor"), designed in 1899 for the first Jewish Museum in Vienna, served as the starting point. A revolutionary artistic intervention, Kaufmann's room installation, on the one hand, was to give non-Jews an idea of the Shabbat as a family holiday and, on the other hand, offer assimilated Viennese Jews a nostalgic space for orientation and contemplation in the mist of the contradicting world of fin-de-siècle Vienna.

Maya Zack reinterprets this important and forgotten place of the turn of the century and its concept in her work.



The Visible Storage

The Visible Storage is part of the permanent exhibition. The large collections of the Jewish Museum Vienna can be rearranged here and experienced in a contextualized manner.

- The Old Jewish Museum Collection:
Half of the first Jewish museum's holdings with a collection focus on Eastern Europe
- The Jewish Museum Collection:
Photos, biographical documents, everyday objects, paintings, classical Judaica
- The Jewish Community of Vienna (IKG) Collection:
The largest collection of the Jewish Museum Vienna includes ritual objects from synagogues, objects from organizations of the Jewish communities and from private households, as well as those once belonging to the old Jewish Museum.

- The Max Berger Collection:
Max Berger dedicated his collection of around 10,000 objects to the memory of his parents and siblings, who were murdered in Auschwitz and Treblinka.
- The Schlaff Collection:
The focus of this collection is on antisemitica.
- The Stern Collection:
Everyday objects that offer insight into life before the founding of the State of Israel, but also refer to the history of migration in the 20th century

A 3D animation makes the destroyed synagogues in Vienna and Lower Austria virtually accessible.



Exhibition program 2024/25



PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Our City! Jewish Vienna – Then to Now

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

Who Cares? Jewish Responses to Suffering

January 31, 2024 – September 1, 2024

Viennese Nostalgia – Connected Memories of Emil Singer

February 14, 2024 – September 1, 2024

I a my Family. The Generations after the Holocaust

September 18, 2024 – March 16, 2025



More:

<https://www.jmw.at/en/exhibitions>

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You are looking for museum publications or other products? Visit our new shop in Museum Dorotheergasse and get inspired by other products and a curated selection of books.

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Café Eskeles

The Café Eskeles team cooks healthy, vegetarian, vegan and predominantly with regional products and attaches great importance to the high quality of the food items used. The lunch menus, which change daily, complement the interesting and healthy selection of Israeli and Mediterranean dishes. The home-cooked vegan and vegetarian burgers in different taste varieties are a particular specialty.

The choice of drinks varies from special teas to house-made mango lassi to the famous Limonana, an Israeli mint-lemon lemonade. Israeli beers and kosher wines from Israel or the Hafner winery in Burgenland complete the range.

Homemade pastries like the well-known Flódni (a Jewish-Hungarian cake with apples, poppy seeds, walnuts and plum jam) or the Eskeles house cake (with marzipan and lingonberry jam, among other ingredients) go along perfectly with coffee.

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2 p.m. (wintertime)





Unser Mittelalter!
Our Middle Ages

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Museum Judenplatz

Museum Judenplatz was opened in 2000 as the second location of the Jewish Museum Vienna. Since March 2021, the **new permanent exhibition Our Medieval City! The First Jewish Community in Vienna** has been featured.

Vestiges of the first Jewish community in Vienna can be traced back to the time when Vienna gained importance as the ducal city of the Babenbergs. The first Jew with residence in Vienna was documented in 1194. At the beginning of the 13th century, Jewish women and men settled around today's Judenplatz, where they lived together and in close contact with the Christian population for around 200 years. The Viennese Jewish community developed into one of the most important in medieval Europe, not least because of the numerous influential rabbis.

The community came to an abrupt end when Duke Albrecht V ordered the robbery, expulsion and murder of Viennese Jewish women and men in 1420/21.

The permanent exhibition provides insights into everyday life and explains the history of Judenplatz as an urban space. For centuries after 1421, the traces of Jewish life on this

square hardly remained in the city's consciousness. The remnants of the synagogue were first discovered during the construction of the memorial designed by Rachel Whiteread for the Austrian Jewish victims of the Shoah. After years of debate, these were made accessible in 2000 through the newly opened Museum Judenplatz. Current archaeological and architectural research as well as the latest technologies make both the excavation of the synagogue, which was destroyed in 1421, and the topography of the Jewish quarter tangible.



Exhibition program 2024



PERMANENT EXHIBITION

Our Medieval City! **The First Jewish Community in Vienna**

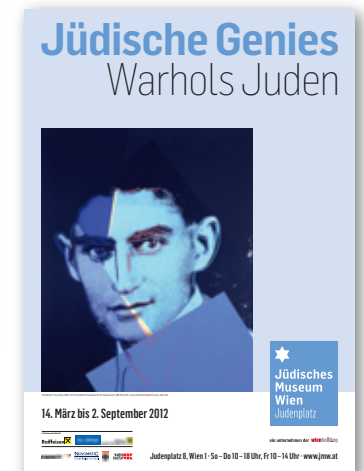
TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

Peace

November 7, 2023 – May 26, 2024

Robbery

June 6, 2024 – October 27, 2024



More:

<https://www.jmw.at/ausstellungen>

Information

Jewish Museum Vienna: one museum, two locations – to experience with one ticket

With the entry ticket, which is valid for 7 days after the date of issue, both locations of the museum can be visited once.

Adults	€ 15,-
Reduced (seniors 65 years or older)	€ 13,-
Apprentices, conscripts/civilian servants, students up to 27 years of age	€ 11,-
Group rate for 10 people or more (per person)	€ 11,-
Children and adolescents up to the age of 18	Free
Annual ticket	€ 39,-
Annual ticket reduced (persons <27 years, persons with disability)	€ 24,-

The Jewish Museum Vienna is happy to offer a voucher agreement for **tourism partners**. The agreement contains commissioned admission prices and is not bound to a minimum turnover. The vouchers issued to their customers by the tourism partners are accepted as tickets by the Jewish Museum Vienna, which saves customers from having to pay on site.



Extensive range of guided tours

Public, German-language tours take place on fixed dates at both museum locations. Visitors with a valid exhibition ticket or an annual ticket can participate free of charge.

In addition, the Jewish Museum Vienna offers German and foreign language tours on all subject areas and exhibitions at Museum Dorotheergasse, Museum Judenplatz, and in the urban realm.

Guided tours tailored to the needs and interests of the guests are also possible.

For school classes, the Jewish Museum Vienna offers suitable educational offers on all topics related to Judaism.

Guided tour prices:

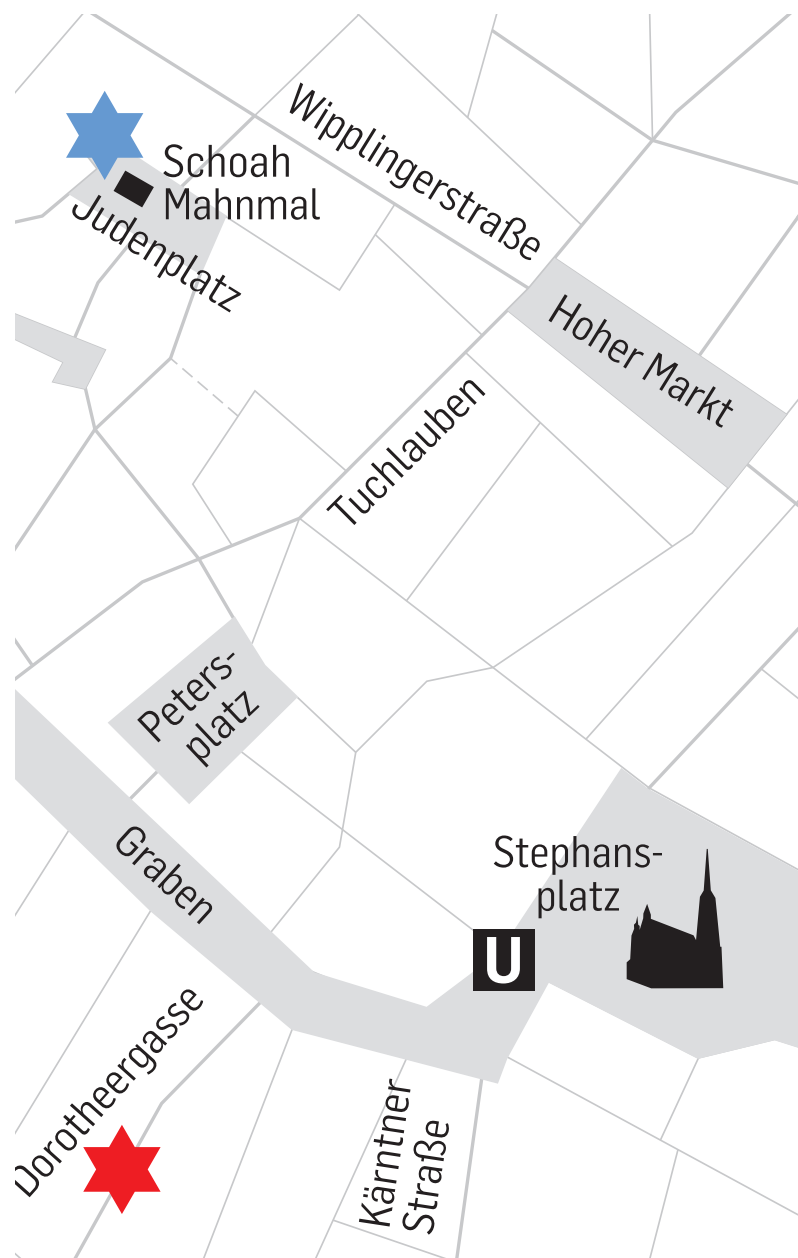
- 60 minutes: € 80,–
- 90 minutes: € 120,–
plus admission (group rate for 10 people or more: € 11,– per person)
- School classes: € 40,– (admission is free for pupils up to 19 years of age)

Further information and bookings at:

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