



## Events to Mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2022

25 Jan 2022

Thursday 27 January 2022 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, marking 77 years since the liberation of the concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. Today, Auschwitz is not only a place where the victims are remembered but also a place of learning for subsequent generations. This year is the first Holocaust Remembrance Day on which the new Austrian exhibition housed in Block 17 of the former Main Camp has been on display. This new exhibition is also the starting point for three events taking place on this year's Holocaust Remembrance Day.



Entrance to Block 17 with the new Austria exhibition at Auschwitz. (c) Parlamentsdirektion/Ulrike Wieser

### Webinar “Commemorating Auschwitz – Learning About Auschwitz”

erinnern.at will be hosting a **webinar** in which it will present educational materials to prepare for and follow up on a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and the new Austrian national exhibition.

At the core of the teaching materials are seven learning modules with topic-specific links to the subjects of history and political education, but also German, religion, visual education and music from the 10<sup>th</sup> grade upwards. Parts of module 5 can be used from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade upwards.

The students will also encounter some of the life stories, pictures and objects contained in the learning materials when they visit the exhibition. The materials can also be used in lessons if no visit to the memorial is planned.

The modules cover the topics of perpetration, genocide of the Roma and Sinti, resistance and political persecution, antisemitism, and Jewish inmates, daily life and survival strategies of the prisoners and art and music at the concentration camp.

In order to help the children deal with their emotions, the learning materials also contain ideas for exercises that can be implemented flexibly. Finally, an accompanying booklet completes the set of materials: it contains ideas on how teachers can use the materials, on planning the excursion and reflecting on their own professional and personal approaches.

Besides introducing the materials and their possible uses, the webinar also focuses on specific teaching practices: What are the options available for teaching “Auschwitz”?

Time and date: **27.01.2022 | 17:00-19:00 pm**

Place: Online via Zoom and Facebook livestream, it is not necessary to register

Zoom link to take part <https://zoom.us/j/93960029937>



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## Press conference on “Messages from Auschwitz” at the Salzburg Museum

On 27 January the Salzburg Museum is holding a press conference to announce the virtual guestbook from the new exhibition at Auschwitz. In the exhibition, visitors can create texts or drawings in a digital guestbook, which then disappear and reappear digitally at an exhibition location in Austria. In this way, a link is established between the two places and a new kind of connection is created between Auschwitz and Austria. The impressions and feelings of the visitors are not limited to the exhibition space – they are transferred to Austria, to the public space, and encourage thought and reflection there.

The entries in the virtual guestbook are displayed temporarily at various Austrian locations. The Salzburg Museum was chosen by the exhibition team as the first venue for this. The entries can also be seen on [www.auschwitz.at](http://www.auschwitz.at) as well as in the House of Austrian History and will be displayed in other public places in Austria in the future.

Among the first visitors to the exhibition were pupils from the Akademisches Gymnasium Salzburg, who were able to explore it together with the exhibition curators before the opening in September 2021. The National Fund was pleased to support this project.

One of over 400 entries made so far in the exhibition's digital guestbook.

## Viennese premiere of the feature film *Der Schönste Tag* (“The Most Beautiful Day”)

The film “*Der Schönste Tag*”, subsidised by the National Fund, and the series *Sprich Mit Mir* (“Talk to Me”) take viewers on a documentary film journey. Dialogues between contemporary witnesses and their grandchildren reveal the legacy of a generation that, against all odds, survived the Holocaust. It is a stark warning: The unimaginable can happen again.

### VIENNA PREMIERE

27 January 2022, 19.30, Vienna, Stadtkino im Künstlerhaus

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Moderated by: Doron Rabinovici

A recommended event to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day!