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20th Anniversary of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria

23 Oct 2015

The National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism was established 20 years ago by the Republic as a late sign of acknowledgement of the shared responsibility of Austrian citizens in Nazi crimes. Since then, the National Fund has offered symbolic acknowledgement of the suffering of around 30,000 survivors from all groups of victims and taken on numerous further tasks: sponsoring projects on National Socialism, coordinating the renewal of the Austrian exhibition in Auschwitz and administrating the General Settlement Fund and the Fund for the Restoration of the Jewish Cemeteries in Austria. Besides looking after the survivors, the National Fund's focus has increasingly shifted towards learning from history and passing on memories to future generations.



Program for the festive event held on Thursday 29 October 2015 at 6pm in the assembly hall of the National Council

Welcome

Doris Bures

President of the National Council

Words of introduction

Hannah Lessing

Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism.

Ceremonial speech

Prof. Yehuda Bauer

Historian

Ceremonial address

Dr. Heinz Fischer

Federal President

Supporting musical program

Ernst Molden

Following the event, guests are invited to convene in the columned hall for refreshments.