



Shoah Wall of Names Memorial

The Republic of Austria took the Year of Remembrance 2018 as an opportunity for deep reflection on Austria's past. By creating a memorial for the Jewish children, women and men from Austria who were murdered in the Shoah, it intends to foster an awareness of remembrance, for present-day Austria as well as for its future generations. The Shoah Wall of Names Memorial will provide a central yet peaceful place where people can recall the fate of the approx. 65,000 Jewish victims and pay tribute to their lives.

For years, the National Fund has supported efforts to create a place where the victims can be remembered by name. At the initiative of the Austrian-born Holocaust survivor Kurt Yakov Tutter and the "Association for the Erection of a Shoah Wall of Names Memorial", the first steps to realize this important memorial project were taken in 2018.

For the Association, it is of particular importance to be able to realize this important memorial project in cooperation with the Federal Government, the federal provinces, the City of Vienna and the Austrian National Bank under the patronage of the President of the National Council. In addition, the Federation of Austrian Industry organized a fundraising dinner in September 2018 at which donors from the private sector made an important contribution to the realization of the project.

The project budget of around 5.3 million euros will be financed by contributions from all the parties involved:

| Donations | Sum |
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| Total | 5,290,000 Euro |
| Donations | 230,000 Euro |
| Fundraising dinner, Federation of Austrian Industry, September 2018 | |
| Contributions by the federal provinces | 600,000 Euro |
| Resolved by the Conference of the Provincial Governors, November 2018 | |
| Contribution from the Federation | 4,460,000 Euro |
| Resolved by the Council of Ministers, November 2018 | |



The architects Wehofer ZT GmbH are responsible for the planning and realization of the memorial; the Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft m. b. H. has been commissioned to carry out the construction work for the project. The National Fund of the Republic of Austria was entrusted with managing the finances, including public subsidies, donations and expenditure.

The memorial will be erected in the Ostarrichi Park in front of the Austrian National Bank. The concept for the new memorial's design is oval in shape and consists of several stone walls engraved with the ca. 65,000 names of the Austrian Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust.

On 9 November 2018, a symbolic ceremony took place in the Ostarrichi Park in the presence of Kurt Y. Tutter. The importance of this moment was underscored by the attendance of representatives from the public arena, including the President of the National Council, the Federal Chancellor and the Vienna City Councilor for Culture.

The official coordination of the terms of the contracts between the project participants regarding legal and technical aspects was completed in late 2019. The authorities, the district and the neighbors were all included in the planning process and the necessary steps determined by mutual agreement. The Association and the bodies involved are very satisfied with the Ostarrichi Park as a location.

While these contracts were being drawn up the submission for approval was also finalized, the invitations to tender were developed and specialist work was carried out on the ground (statics, surveying and geotechnics).

Then the call to tender for the stonemasonry and engraving work was launched in December 2019. Construction is scheduled to start in early 2020, reaching completion one to one-and-a-half years later, depending on the project's progress.

Due to the historical importance of this memorial the City of Vienna and the National Fund will assume joint responsibility for the upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Shoah Wall of Names Memorial.

Links

- [Factsheet Shoah Wall of Names Memorial \(PDF\)](#)
- [Press Release by the Federal Chancellery, June 22, 2020](#)
- [Appeal by the DÖW for the verification of the names for the Shoah Wall of Names Memorial, July 2, 2020](#)