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## *Peace*

At a time when war is once again being waged in Israel and Europe, the Jewish Museum Vienna, a Wien Holding museum, is placing peace at the center of a new exhibition that can be seen at the Museum Judenplatz as of November 7, 2023. The exhibition is being held under the patronage of Austrian Federal President Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen.

### **Topicality of the Exhibition**

The attack on Israel by the terrorist organization Hamas on October 7, 2023 tragically confirms the omnipresence of violence and war and underscores the significance and topicality of the exhibition.

The Jewish Museum Vienna focuses on peace and thereby carries out a change of perspective: It is the attempt to withdraw undivided attention from war for a moment and to direct the view towards the possibility of its absence. The discussion about peace aims to stimulate reflection and perhaps even raise hope.

### **Peace in the Focus**

Starting with various concepts and definitions of peace, the exhibition traces the relationship between peace and Judaism, politics, war, feminism, and justice. Centered on Jewish perspectives, the exhibition aims to recall the idea of peace as an achievement of civilization and sees itself as a contribution to a defective culture of peace. A wide-ranging education program highlights the complexity of this subject and invites visitors to participate.

## **Symbols of Peace and Numerous Artistic Positions**

A kaki tree survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in August 1945. Saplings were grown from this tree and distributed to schools and peace initiatives worldwide as part of the art and peace projects *Revive Time: Kaki Tree Project* and *Nagasaki-Brescia Kaki Tree for Europe*. One such sapling will be on display at the Museum Judenplatz. After the end of the exhibition this tree will be planted in Vienna's urban space as a symbol of peace and understanding.

The exhibition additionally presents a diverse range of historical objects and artistic positions by Larry Abramson, Andi Arnovitz, Zoya Cherkassky-Nnadi, Lenore Cohen, Astrid Rothaug and Osama Zatar, among others.

## **Catalog of the Exhibition**

An eponymous German-English catalog featuring the literary essay "The Shores of Eternal Peace" by the Austrian-Bulgarian writer and Manès Sperber Prize winner Dimitré Dinev will be published to accompany the exhibition. The Glossary of Peace, written by the peace researchers Wilfried Graf and Werner Wintersteiner, provides an introduction to various peace ideas, concepts and strategies. Further articles were authored by Tom Juncker, Adina Seeger, Domagoj Akrap, Gabriele Kohlbauer-Fritz and Marcus G. Patka.

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can be seen from November 7, 2023 to May 26, 2024 at the Museum Judenplatz, a Wien Holding museum, and is being held under the patronage of Federal President Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen. Curated by Tom Juncker and Adina Seeger, the exhibition is accompanied by a self-published German/English catalog that costs € 24.90. The exhibition is a collaboration between the Jewish Museum Vienna and the Herbert C. Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Transformation. Museum Judenplatz, Judenplatz 8, 1010 Vienna, is open Sunday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (wintertime), respectively 5 p.m. (summertime). The second location, the Jewish Museum Vienna, Dorotheergasse 11, 1010 Vienna, is open Sunday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Further information can be found at [www.jmw.at](http://www.jmw.at) or [info@jmw.at](mailto:info@jmw.at).

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Photos and press material for the current exhibitions are available on the Jewish Museum Vienna website at <https://www.jmw.at/en/press>.

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