

# The Jewish Museum Vienna on 52street

The opening of "The Jewish Museum Vienna on 52street", consisting of the exhibitions "A Good Day" by Andrew Mezvinsky and "Lessing presents Lessing" was an inspiring event.

After the opening speeches of Austrian Federal President Dr. Heinz Fischer and Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sebastian Kurz, Nobel Laureate Eric Kandel a New York resident, who was born in Vienna, spontaneously decided to go on stage. He talked about the efforts of the Austrian Government to take responsibility of the past and increasing awareness of the Austrian-Jewish heritage, particularly thanking President Heinz Fischer.

Following Eric Kandel's words, Danielle Spera, Director of the Jewish Museum Vienna, the curator of the exhibition Hannah Lessing, and the artist Andrew Mezvinsky, guided more than 150 visitors through the exhibitions at the Austrian Cultural Forum New York. Chelsea Clinton surprised us with her presence and joined us, responding enthusiastically to both exhibitions. She was especially interested in Erich Lessing's vintage prints of the Hungarian Uprising from 1956.

The evening marked the first event of the newly founded US Circle of Friends. For those interested in becoming a member visit: <http://www.jmw.at/en/us-friends>.

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