

The Jewish Museum Vienna on International Court




The Jewish Museum Vienna is currently present in the nation's capital! The exhibitions "A Good Day" by Andrew Mezvinsky and "Lessing presents Lessing" are now to be seen at the Austrian Embassy on International Court in Washington DC.

Despite the unexpectedly inclement winter weather on our opening night, over 150 people came to see the works of two artists with very distinct positions. Austrian appointed Ambassador Wolfgang Waldner welcomed Andrew Mezvinsky, Danielle Spera (Director of the Jewish Museum Vienna), Hannah Lessing (Secretary General of the Austrian National Fund and daughter of artist Erich Lessing), and distinguished guests. Danielle Spera mentioned that Lessing and Mezvinsky are two artists who come from very different backgrounds and generations – Lessing as an Austrian Jew who had fled in 1939 to pre-state Israel, came back to Vienna in 1945 to help create a democratic Austria and became the most prominent Austrian photographer and Andrew Mezvinsky, a young American artist who had traveled the world but decided to make Vienna his new home town. Hannah Lessing was delighted to show the works of her father in Washington, D.C. The evening turned out to be a gathering not only of children and grandchildren of exiled Viennese Jews, members of Washington's Jewish community, diplomats and journalists, but also a get together of the young artist's scene, which was attracted by Mezvinsky's work.

On Saturday, January 16, the U.S. Friends of the Jewish Museum Vienna and its president Martin Mendelsohn extended invitations for an exclusive preview dinner. Danielle Spera presented the history of the Viennese Jewish community and shared profound insights into the museum's development including past and present exhibitions. This was another delightful moment to introduce two outstanding artists to our U.S. Friends like we had the chance in New York in September 2015. We are looking forward to even more enjoyable moments together in the near future!

For those interested in becoming a member of the Jewish Museum Vienna U.S. Friends please visit:
<http://www.jmw.at/en/us-friends>.

Connect with us on

-  JuedischesMuseumWien
-  @jewishmuseumVIE
-  @Jewish Museum Vienna

