

Jewish Families and Institutions in Linz – past and present

UPF Upper Austria and Friedensakademie Linz invited to a guided tour

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The birthplace of Richard Tauber, a world-famous tenor – at the main square of Linz



The explanations about the reliefs on the walls of the synagogue displaying the symbols of the 12 tribes of Israel were noteworthy as well. - This picture located in a side room of the synagogue shows the old synagogue which was set on fire by the national socialists on November 9th 1938.

Sixteen interested guests followed the invitation to the guided tour “Jewish Families and Institutions in Linz – past and present”. The tour was a valuable contribution to the mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue and was a thought-provoking experience for all participants. We heard about many individual cases of Jewish families and about the interesting social activities of

the Jewish community in Upper-Austria before World War II.

The highlight of the tour was the visit to the Synagogue of Linz. The secretary of the Jewish religious community in Linz told us a lot about Jewish community in Linz and subsequently there was the opportunity to ask questions.