

Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies 2019



"Never a number. Forever human."

"In memory of the blood shed by all peoples, in memory of the millions of brothers assassinated by Nazi-Fascism, we solemnly swear to never abandon this path. We want to erect the most beautiful monument that one could dedicate to the soldiers who have fallen for the cause of freedom of the international community on a secure basis: A world of free men! We direct ourselves to the entire world, shouting: help us in this work!" *(Excerpt from the Mauthausen Oath)*

Since 1946 the Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies have been organized and conducted by concentration camp survivors and their organizations. As successor organization to the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors, Mauthausen Committee Austria has taken on this task. In 2019 we celebrate the 74th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp in close cooperation with survivor Organizations at national (Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors) and international levels (International Mauthausen Committee).

Because over 90% of the victims were neither Germans nor Austrians, we vest international importance in the remembrance of the victims of Mauthausen concentration camp and its satellite camps. **The International Memorial and Liberation Ceremony is by far the largest memorial and liberation ceremony worldwide. Tens of thousands of people participate annually, including the last living survivors of the Mauthausen concentration camp and its satellite camps, from Austria and abroad, including numerous young people.**

Each year since 2006, the Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies have been dedicated to a specific theme related to the history of CC Mauthausen or Austria's Nazi past. Each annual theme has a direct reference to the present as an essential aspect and aims to establish a relation today's personal realm of experience, especially for young people. This year's Memorial and Liberation Ceremony is dedicated to the motto **"Never a number. Forever human."** (details on the next page).

In addition to the liberation ceremony in Mauthausen, each year numerous memorial ceremonies are held at locations of former satellite camps of CC Mauthausen and other locations of Nazi terror. In 2018 **more than 90 memorial events** took place across Austria. The majority of these events are organized by local initiatives in close cooperation with Mauthausen Committee Austria. Annually over **48,000 participants attend** these ceremonies, which constitutes an impressive statement of "Never again!"

In 2000, survivors of Mauthausen concentration camp officially transferred their legacy to Mauthausen Committee Austria. This legacy forms the foundation of the Committee's work. In 2000, the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors officially transferred their Legacy to Mauthausen Committee Austria. This legacy forms the foundation of activities of MKÖ. In addition to commemorating the victims of Nazi crimes, especially crimes against those in concentration camp Mauthausen and its satellite camps, MKÖ focuses on activities against right-wing extremism and promotes anti-fascism and anti-racism work, particularly with young people. In recent years, over 104,000 young people participated in numerous workshops, training sessions, tours and escorts offered by Mauthausen Committee. In work with young people, the Committee seeks to establish Direct relevance to today in the world of experience of the young people. In 2018 Mauthausen Committee presented two new apps to open a new way for digital and multimedia knowledge transfer.



"Never a number. Forever human."

"The last attribute of individuality was taken from new arrivals in the final act of their internment. On registration in the office, each person was assigned a number. The theft of their names was part of the most profound mutilation of their identities and documents the end of their life story until then." (Wolfgang Sofsky, *"Die Ordnung des Terrors: Das Konzentrationslager"* ("The Order of Terror: the Concentration Camp"))

As the prisoners in Mauthausen concentration camp were registered by name, they were assigned numbers. This assignment could take hours or even days. After prisoners received their number, they were treated from then on as a mere number. This number had to be worn as dog tags and on their prisoners' uniforms. Their own name ceased to exist. Prisoners could report only with their numbers and were addressed only with this number. To keep from being killed, they had to know this number, along with various commands, in German – at a location where more than 90% of the prisoners were not native German speakers. Morning and evening, dead and living prisoners were counted with their numbers at roll call on the muster ground. For the denial of human dignity, individuality and personality, this was neither the end nor the beginning. The newly arriving prisoners had to stand outside for hours, regardless of weather. All their clothing and their personal belongings and memorabilia were taken from them. They were stripped naked and their hair was shorn; there was frequent excessive violence by the SS. Only then did they receive their prisoners' clothing, prisoner number and block number.

"After they took our modest possessions, after the sheering, after the disinfection and a warm bath, they left us standing half naked in the snow with only wooden shoes, some up to five hours at minus 25°C. Many suffered frostbite and died sooner or later from the repercussions." (Milos Vitek, former Mauthausen prisoner)

This procedure was accompanied by intimidation, threats, harassment and beatings with sticks by SS members and prisoner functionaries (capos). Dehumanization and erosion of solidarity occurred at the camp in these first hours and days; the goal was to break any spirit of resistance. Many died in these initial hours and days in the camp. The message that the SS was broadcasting was: "From here on you are worth nothing as a person, nothing as an individual." Depending on the reason for their incarceration and their nationality, each prisoner wore a colored triangle next to the number on the prisoner's uniform. Thereby the prisoners, in addition to their numbering, were marked according to their nationality and the reason for their incarceration. This classification influenced not only their everyday lives and so the chance of survival; it also systematically countered any solidarity among the prisoners and possible resistance activity. Nonetheless, there were solidarity and resistance among the prisoners.

Around the world today, dehumanization and erosion of solidarity are occurring again, and identity is again a buzzword. Right-wing groups are concealing racism and right-wing extremism under the guise of protecting their own identity. Simultaneously such groups are robbing other people of their identities, their individuality; they categorize them in the group "the others", determined by their nationality, religion, sexuality or minority status. Those on the right depict these "others" as a threat instead of our equals. One such enemy stereotype is the group of refugees – categorized, in part even numbered, stigmatized – and those who help are denounced as do-gooders.

When people today are robbed of their individuality, then it is our job to stand up and oppose this. Resistance was possible even in the Nazi period. We can honor those persons who resisted, not with dignified speeches but with concrete actions of solidarity and humanity. It is our job to stand up and ensure that persons are not degraded to numbers, but always remain humans.

SUNDAY, 5. MAY 2019

INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL AND LIBERATION CEREMONY

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**08:00****Ceremonies at the national memorials**

From 8:00 to 11:00, memorial ceremonies will be held in the monument area of CC Memorial Mauthausen. Detailed information is in the programm.

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Chapel
Oberösterreich**09:45****Ecumenical service**

with Diocesan Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Bishop Dr. Michael BÜNKER and Metropolitan Dr. Arsenios KARDAMAKIS; musical accompaniment: Musica Viva, choir of the parish Mauthausen, led by Alfred HOCHEDLINGER

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**10:00****International Youth Commemoration Ceremony**CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**10:20**

Assembly of the large Italian delegation and Austrian youth groups in orderly formation at the former muster ground. Therefore, from 10:20h entering or leaving the ground will be very difficult. Please try to be at the former muster ground by **10:50h** at the latest.

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**11:00****Collective liberation celebration at former muster ground**

The joint memorial ceremony begins with the reading of the Mauthausen Oath in various languages.

Welcoming address: Willi MERNYI, Chair of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee

Presented by: Konstanze BREITEBNER, Mercedes ECHERER

Musical accompaniment by the "Widerstand" ensemble and the "Militärmusik OÖ"

Memorial speeches: During the memorial procession, representatives of national victim organizations from Belarus, Luxembourg, Slovenia and Austria will address the crowds in their national languages.

CC Memorial Mauthausen
Oberösterreich**12:45**

Joint departure parade - similar to the first liberation ceremonies of CC survivors - with all participants at the end of the festivities.
Official end of the Liberation Commemoration

FRIDAY, 1. FEBRUARY 2019**MAUTHAUSEN**

Donausaal
Oberösterreich

**20:00****"Remaining human" a musical/literary evening**

Memorial address: Michael KÖHLMEIER, Texts and music: Konstanze BREITEBNER, Nikolei TUNKOWITSCH & Helmut Thomas STIPPICH. Organizer: Perspektive Mauthausen.

WEDNESDAY, 6. FEBRUARY 2019**GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-
Riepl-Straße
Oberösterreich

19:00**Memorial at the local "Monument for Peace"**

Topic: "Shadows of Life: Remembrance and Caveat"

Monument, Hauptstraße 5
Oberösterreich

**19:30****Memorial service** at monument for euthanasia victims

Lutheran Parish, Hauptstraße 1
Oberösterreich

20:00**Memorial event** - Discussion on "Shadows of Life: Remembrance and Caveat"**WEDNESDAY, 6. MARCH 2019****WELS**

Bildungshaus Schloss Puchberg
Oberösterreich

19:00**Political Ash Wednesday****THURSDAY, 14. MARCH 2019****RIED IM INNKREIS**

Pfarrsaal Riedberg,
Riedholzstrasse 15
Oberösterreich

**20:00****"In the Balance: Austrians in the Resistance" with Renate Welsch**

book presentation and reading by author (in German). The multiple Austrian award-winning depicts people who deliberately resisted the Nazis - for reasons of humanity and deep conviction. One of these is the Vienna Priest DDr. Heinrich Maier, who was arrested on the same day as Father Josef Zeininger, a graduate of Ried. Gottfried GANSINGER will concisely portray the fate of the surviving Priest ZEININGER.

SATURDAY, 23. MARCH 2019**OBERWART**Rathaus
Burgenland**13:00 - 18:00****Conference: "Inherited Nazi feelings in the 21st century"**

Dr. Brigitte BAILER, historian/Vienna: "Right-wing extremism and right-wing populism: our unresolved Nazi past?"; Dr. Christian SCHNEIDER, social psychologist, cultural scientist/ Frankfurt and Eduard Erbe film producer, TV journalist/ Zurich and Frankfurt: "God's Children: Psychological legacy of National Socialism - from two perspectives"; Ruth DEUTSCHMANN, Film producer/ Vienna and Ekkehard SCHÖNWIESE, director, storytelling researcher/ Innsbruck: "Generations in the chains of the Nazi legacy. Eyewitness reports." Moderation: Walter REISS.

SUNDAY, 24. MARCH 2019**LINZ**Parish Marcel Callo, Auwiesen
Oberösterreich**09:30****Parish service**

in commemoration of Marcel Callo. The patron of parish Marcel Callo was a Catholic youth worker who was murdered as opponent of the Nazis in March 1945 in CC Mauthausen.

RECHNITZMemorial Kreuzstadl
Burgenland**14:00****Memorial service** for all victims of the construction of the South-East Wall fortifications**SUNDAY, 31. MARCH 2019****VIENNA-LEOPOLDSTADT**Jewish Institute for Adult
Education, Praterstern 1
Wien**08:00 - 18:00****19th Memorial Excursion to Engerau**

Meeting point: Praterstern 1, 8:00. Bus excursion in memory of the Hungarian-Jewish forced laborers murdered in the Engerau CC (Bratislava-Petržalka) and on the death march to Bad Deutsch-Altenburg as well as in transit to CC Mauthausen.

THURSDAY, 4. APRIL 2019**WIEN-SIMMERING**

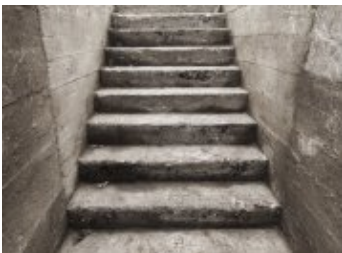
Haidestraße 22, Oriongasse,
Restaurant "zur Bast"
Wien

**14:00****Memorial event at the former satellite camp Vienna Saurer-Werke**

Numerous guests of honor, including representatives of the 11th district of Vienna, numerous representatives of embassies, and representatives of victim organizations. The event will close with the departure and a wreath ceremony at the memorial on the former grounds. Organizers: Vocational School for the hospitality industry, Vocational School for Foods, Tourism and Dentistry, and Vocational School for Retail Sales and IT Merchants, along with Mauthausen Committee Austria and the organization "Niemals Vergessen".

GRAZ-LIEBENAU

Youth center am Grünanger,
Theyergasse 22
Steiermark

**18:00 - 20:00****Memorial service**

Dramatic reading with actor Wolfgang DOBROWSKI (texts by Karl Kraus, Jura Soyfer, Bertolt Brecht), music by and with Christoph WUNDRAK (composer and jazz brass musician). Memorial addresses: Dr. Bettia VOLLATH, President of Landtag, Univ.Prof. Dr. Peter GSTETTNER, Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroska, representatives of the city of Graz and the Jewish Community, Dr. Rainer POSSERT, Memorial Initiative Graz-Liebenau.

SATURDAY, 6. APRIL 2019**PEGGAU**

Protestant parish Peggau,
Margaretenstraße
Steiermark

**09:00**

Workshops for the memorial service of confirmees with Bettina RAMP and Joachim HAINZL

Protestant parish Peggau,
Margaretenstraße
Steiermark

15:30

Memorial march - along the prisoners' path from their workplaces to the former camp rounds.

Memorial Hinterberg
Steiermark

**16:15**

Memorial ceremony with text and musical contributions, and reading of the names of victims.

SUNDAY, 7. APRIL 2019**HADERSDORF AM KAMP**

Friedhof, Hadersdorf am Kamp
Niederösterreich



13:00
Memorial event

STEIN AN DER DONAU

Friedhof, Stein an der Donau
Niederösterreich

15:00
Memorial event with subsequent ceremony at the main entrance to the prison in Krems

MONDAY, 8. APRIL 2019 UNTIL FRIDAY, 12. APRIL 2019**LINZ**

Arbeiterkammer OÖ,
Volksgartenstraße 40
Oberösterreich

08:30
Hermann Langbein Symposium 2019
For 38 years, the seminar "Ideology and Reality of National-Socialism", better known as "Hermann Langbein Symposium", has been an important module in training on the topic "Nazi Time in Austria". The seminar seeks to explain about Nazi crimes and provide extensive knowledge and information for antifascist instructional work for teachers of all school types. More information at www.langbeinsymposium.at.

WEDNESDAY, 10. APRIL 2019**ENNS**

Square at St. Laurenz Basilica
Oberösterreich



18:00
Memorial event "Never a number. Forever human."
Remembrance of the victims of the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunkirchen
Reports: David HERSCH, Barbara and Iganz FRIEDMANN – about the luck of a survivor and the civil courage of a married couple.

THURSDAY, 11. APRIL 2019**RIED IM INNKREIS**

Lern- und Gedenkort Charlotte-
Taitl-Haus
Oberösterreich

19:00
Presentation of the brochure "Foreign Children's Home Utzenaich (1944-1945) - Remembering for the future"
Dr. Johannes JETSCHGO of the Austrian Broadcasting System will interview author Gottfried GANSINGER. Musical accompaniment by instrumental group of BAFEP Ried. Hosts: municipality, parish and Rural Youth of Utzenaich; City of Ried and Volksbildungswerk (public training institute) Ried i. I.

FRIDAY, 19. APRIL 2019**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich

**14:30****Memorial ceremony and Way of the Cross****WEDNESDAY, 24. APRIL 2019****ANSFELDEN**

Kremsbrücke, Gh. Stockinger
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Memorial service "Against Forgetting" - "Never a number. Forever human."**

"Because forgetting evil allows it to return." Remembrance 2019: for humane coexistence, in remembrance of those murdered on the death marches of Jews from Mauthausen to Gunkirchen. Organizers: Plattform "Wider das Vergessen" [Against Forgetting]. Mauthausen Committee Ansfelden, Treffpunkt mensch & arbeit Nettingsdorf, ÖGB Linz-Land.

WELS

Jewish memorial Cemetery
Oberösterreich

18:30**Remembrance of the victims of the death marches of Hungarian Jews**

The inhuman ideology of the Nazis led to genocide of millions of innocents. All genuine democrats are therefore obliged to counter today's extreme right-wing trends. Memorial Speech: Gregor SEBERG, actor and cabaret artist.

THURSDAY, 25. APRIL 2019**ST. AEGYD/NEUWALDE**

Kulturstadel, Marktplatz
Niederösterreich

**18:30****Memorial service "Never a number. Forever human."**

The memorial ceremony with a focus on "Never a number; forever human" will be organized by pupils of the St. Aegydt middle school and the school choir with a subsequent traditional silent march to the memorial at the CC cemetery. Author Marlene GROIHOFER will read from the autobiography of eyewitness Gertrude Pressburger: "Gelebt. Erlebt. Überlebt." [Lived. Experienced. Survived.] Joint conclusion and snack at the Culture Barn in St. Aegydt.

FRIDAY, 26. APRIL 2019**STADT SALZBURG**

Ignaz Rieder Kai 21
Salzburg

**11:00****Memorial ceremony at memorial for Roma and Sinti**

Welcome: Christian KLIPPL, Chair of the Culture Organization of Austrian Roma; Prolog: pupils of grade 8 of the private secondary school MSC Gymnasium with their teachers Lisa KÖRNER and Oliver BAUMANN, Addresses: Rosa Gitta MARTL, daughter of CC survivor Rosa WINTER; Martina MASCHKE, Head of the Department of Bilateral International Affairs and International Cooperation in the area of remembrance culture; Representatives of government of the city and the province of Salzburg (invited); Wreath ceremony. During the Nazi reign of terror, Sinti and Roma were incarcerated at the former horse racetrack and taken from there to the "Gypsy Camp" Maxglan. The Auschwitz Decree dissolved the Maxglan camp late March / early April 1943. Most of the Sinti and Roma were deported to Auschwitz, and a smaller group to Lackenbach; few survived.

SUNDAY, 28. APRIL 2019**BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Cemetery in Eisenkappel
Kärnten

11:00

Memorial event in remembrance of the death of France PASTERK-LENART and all victims buried at the cemetery in Eisenkappel/Železna Kapla.

FRIDAY, 3. MAY 2019**LINZ**

Memorial Linz III, Lunzerstraße
74
Oberösterreich

10:00

Memorial event on the occasion of the liberation of satellite camp Linz III
Wreath ceremony

WIEN-FLORIDSDORF

Bezirksmuseum
Wien

**10:00**

Memorial ceremony

KIRCHDORF A.D. KREMS

Evangelische Kirche,
Steiermärker Straße
Oberösterreich

14:30

Memorial ceremony - Meeting with a hungarian delegation

Welcome: Vice Mayor Vera PRAMBERGER; Greetings: Pastor Mag. Waltraud MITTEREGGER and Pastor Mag. Pater Severin KRANEBITL; Presentation of the memorial: Dr. Elke MÜLLER; Wreath ceremony. Organizer: "Einhalt - Gedenkinitiative Kirchdorf" (memorial initiative)

SANKT GEORGEN A.D. GUSEN

"Bergkristall"
Oberösterreich

16:45

International Youth Exchange

SPITAL AM PYHRN

St. Leonhard church, Eggerweg
3
Oberösterreich

**17:00**

Memorial ceremony "Never a number; forever human."

In Spital am Pyhrn, from March 1943 until January 1945 the Nazi public welfare organization maintained an "Orphanage for Children of Alien Ethnicity" for the children of forced laborers. Here many women and children became forgotten victims of the Nazi regime. We commemorate them so that today we might not turn away when injustice occurs. Memorial address: Maria HASIBEDER, President of Catholic Action in Upper Austria; Reading of the known names of children who died in the orphanage; Music and wreath ceremony;
Organizer: Gedenkinitiative Spital am Pyhrn (memorial initiative)

SATURDAY, 4. MAY 2019**GUNSKIRCHEN**

Monument, Bundesstrasse 1
Oberösterreich

**10:00**

"Walk of Solidarity"

Together with survivors of Gunkskirchen concentration camp, we undertake the "Walk of Solidarity" to a shared liberation ceremony.

GUNSKIRCHEN

CC-cemetery
Oberösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

Welcome: Mayor Josef STURMAIR of Gunskirchen. Memorial addresses: Daniel CHANOCH, CC survivor, Miguel HERZ KESTRANEK, György FRISCH as representative of Hungarian Jews, and Dr. Robert EITER, Mauthausen Committee Austria board member. In cooperation with the Gunskirchen Middle School, Gunskirchen Provincial Middle School, and the Choir of Edt bei Lambach.

EBENSEE

CC victim cemetery
Oberösterreich

**10:30**

International Liberation Ceremony - Memorial speech: Marlene STREERUWITZ

FÜRSTENFELD

City park Fürstenfeld (monument
to the victims of death marches
of April 1945)
Steiermark

**12:00 - 13:00**

Mahnwache "Never a number. Forever human." - K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg Fürstenfeld

PERSENBEUG A.D. DONAU

Parking lot at bridge head
Niederösterreich

**14:00****Commemoration of the massacre of Hofamt Priel**

In memory of the 228 Hungarian Jewish forced laborers who were murdered in Persenbeug/Hofamt Priel on 3 May 1945, this year again a memorial tour will take place, where together we will visit the last stations of the victims and their monument.

SANKT GEORGEN A.D. GUSEN

Brunnenweg
Oberösterreich

**15:00****Wreath ceremony at entrance of tunnel known as "Bergkristall"**

The remaining shaft of the former-shaft-system "Bergkristall" can be viewed on 2, 3 and 4 May. An introduction to the hourly tours occurs in the Museum of Local History St. Georgen, Färbergasse 4. Registration: tel. +43 7238 226 952

LANGENSTEIN

Memorial Gusen
Oberösterreich

**17:00**

International liberation ceremony "Never a number. Forever human." In the outer courtyard of the memorial, followed by wreath ceremony at the crematorium. Thematic focus: "We were degraded to numbers, but we managed to remain human." Speaker: Univ. Prof. Dr. Szabolcs Szita

SUNDAY, 5. MAY 2019**MAUTHAUSEN**

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Monument for Roma and Sinti
Oberösterreich

**09:00****Memorial ceremony**

Representatives of Austrian Roma and Sinti organizations will commemorate their Nazi victims with a wreath ceremony at the monument for Roma and Sinti

CC Memorial Mauthausen -
Wailing Wall
Oberösterreich

**09:15****Memorial Ceremony**

from the CC-Verband/VdA OÖ for 42 resistance fighters killed on the 28.-29. April 1945.

KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen -
Leopold Figl Denkmal
Oberösterreich

**09:30****Memorial ceremony at Leopold Figl memorial**

Minute of silence with Federal Secretary Mag. Karoline EDTSTADLER

KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen -
Jüdisches Mahnmal
Oberösterreich

**10:00****Memorial Ceremony**

Joint event by the Jewish Community, the Jewish Religious Community of Austria, and the Association of Jews Persecuted by the Nazi regime, on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp

KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen -
Gedenktafel
Oberösterreich

10:00**Memorial ceremony at Richard Bernaschek Memorial**

Memorial ceremony of Bundes Sozialdemokratischer FreiheitskämpferInnen (Union of Social Democratic Freedom Fighters), Opfer des Faschismus (Victims of Fascism) and active antifascists. Memorial Speech: NAbg. Sabine SCHATZ

MAUTHAUSEN

KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen
Oberösterreich

**10:00****International Youth Commemoration Ceremony****MELK**

KZ-Gedenkstätte Melk,
Schießstattweg 8
Niederösterreich

**15:30****Memorial hike to the monument "CC stopping point Roggendorf"**

From the CC Memorial Melk, we will hike together ca. 5 km via the former "CC stopping point Melk" to the "CC stopping point Roggendorf". Duration: ca. 1.5 hours. Conclusion at memorial Roggendorf. Return transportation to Melk is available.

RIED/RIEDMARK

Monument "Mühlviertler
Hasenjagd"
Oberösterreich

**15:30****Memorial Event****MONDAY, 6. MAY 2019****GLEISDORF**

Shoah Memorial, Rathausplatz
Steiermark

**10:00****Celebrating the Commemoration Day against Violence and Racism in Remembrance of the victims of Nazi terror**

Memorial address: Dr. Edda ENGELKE, historian; Guest of honor: Gabriele GOLDMANN, eyewitness, holocaust survivor; Music: Bernd KOHLHOFER, Gleisdorf Music School. In April 1945, thousands of Hungarian Jewish forced laborers were driven through our villages. Even today, most of the names remain unknown. Never again!

AMSTETTEN

Memorial, Eisenreichdornach
Niederösterreich

**10:00****Ecumenical prayers and wreath ceremony**

Addresses: Elisabeth ASANGER, City Councilor for Culture of the city of Amstetten; Yolande THONET representing Willy PYPEN (Pres. Amicale de Mauthausen Belgium) and representatives of the Initiative Amstetten. Culture and music program by Amstetten schools (Ostarrichi Gymnasium, HAK, HLW, BafEP, vocational school).

MELK

CC Memorial, Melk Memorial
Niederösterreich

**10:30****Liberation ceremony**

In the realm of the ceremony, pupils of the Gymnasium Melk will address the topic "Never a number; forever human" and provide musical accompaniment.

STEYR

CC Memorial, Haagerstraße
Oberösterreich

**17:30****Liberation ceremony**

Welcome: Mag. Karl RAMSMAIER, Mauthausen Committee Steyr, Greetings: Gerald HACKL, mayor of the city of Steyr, Memorial speech: Dr. Franz KÜBERL, president of Caritas (retired), Graz, Words of remembrance: Daniel SIMON, Amicale de Mauthausen, Music: Valentin KONECOVSKI (accordion), Valeri KOSTADINOV (saxophone), Contributions: Sierning Middle School, "Grannies against the Right", Wreath ceremony and minute of silence at CC memorial.

In the event of bad weather, the venue moves to fire station Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a, 4400 Steyr.

REDL-ZIPF

Monument
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Wreath ceremony "Never a number. Forever human."**

WIEN-MARIAHILF

Top Kino, Rahlgasse 1
Wien



19:30

Austria Premiere "Destination Unknown"

"Destination Unknown" tells the story of CC survivor Ed Mosberg. This Austria premiere will be opened by CC survivor Ed MOSBERG, Mauthausen Committee Chair Willi MERNYI and director Llion ROBERTS. Wine and bread will be served after the movie! Registration: www.topkino.at

TUESDAY, 7. MAY 2019**WIENER NEUSTADT**

Serbenhalle, Pottendorferstraße
Niederösterreich



Wiener Neustädter Altes Rathaus
Niederösterreich

11:00**Wreath ceremony****17:30****Memorial ceremony**

Speaker: Dr. Gerhard BAUMGARTNER, scientific director of the DÖW

ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM

Memorial at train station
Oberösterreich



Phönixsaal
Oberösterreich

18:30**Wreath ceremony**

Music: Franciscan School Vöcklabruck; Address: Frederik SCHMIDSBERGER, Mauthausen Committee Vöcklabruck

19:00**Memorial ceremony**

Welcome: Rudi LOIDL (Mauthausen Committee Vöcklabruck); Greetings: Mayor Peter GROIß; Music: MOEM (more empathy) jazz band from Upper Austria; Contributions: Vocational School Attnang-Puchheim "Europe", Franciscan School Vöcklabruck "From Weimar to Buchenwald"; Franciscan School Vöcklabruck "Education: quo vadis?"; Memorial address: Florian SCHEUBA (cabaret artist, columnist, author, moderator)

WEDNESDAY, 8. MAY 2019**VIENNA**

Monument Morzinplatz
Wien

**10:00****Wreath ceremony**

at memorial for the victims of the Gestapo, at Morzinplatz

Heldenplatz
Wien

**20:00****Festival of Joy**

On the occasion of the 74th anniversary of Austria's liberation from the Nazi terror regime, Mauthausen Committee Austria announces the 7th Festival of Joy. In 2019 the Festival of Joy also dedicates special emphasis on Europe and human rights. The highlight of the festivities will be the address by eyewitness and CC survivor Shaul SPIELMANN. Festival speakers: Mauthausen Committee Chair Willi MERNYI and Austrian President Dr. Alexander VAN DER BELLEN. The Vienna Symphony, directed by Eva OLLIKAINEN of Finland, will perform a free open-air concert.

VÖCKLABRUCK

Memorial, Bezirkssporthalle
(regional gym)
Oberösterreich

**14:00****Memorial service "Never a number. Forever human."**

Jointly organized with students of the vocational school in Vöcklabruck

THURSDAY, 9. MAY 2019**LENZING**

Memorial in Pettighofen
Oberösterreich

**18:00****Wreath ceremony and Memorial service "Never a number. Forever human."**

Parish hall
Oberösterreich

19:30**Reading with Franzobel**

FRIDAY, 10. MAY 2019**ST. VALENTIN**

Anna-Strasser-Platz
Niederösterreich

**17:00****Memorial ceremony**

On the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the liberation of the prisoners of the former satellite camp of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, this year's memorial ceremony will address the topic "Never a number; forever human". Speakers include Austrian National Councilwoman and Speaker for Remembrance Culture Sabine SCHATZ, actress and author Konstanze BREITEBNER, and the head of the Franz und Franziska Jägerstätter Institute Dr. Andreas SCHMOLLER. Contributions by pupils of the New Middle School Schubertviertel and the music group Widerstand [resistance] round out the ceremonies.

BRAUNAU

Memorial in Braunau, Szbgger
Vorstadt 15
Oberösterreich

**18:00**

Celebration at memorial for victims of war and Nazi terror
Memorial address: Ludwig LAHER

VILLACH

Monument of names,
Widmannngasse
Kärnten

18:00**Commemoration of the victims of the Nazi reign of terror in Villach**

Welcome: Hans HAIDER; greetings: Mayor Günther ALBEL; address: Helga GLANTSCHNIG, author; wreath ceremony; reading: Yulia ISMAJLOWA and Felix STRASSER of the Free Theater Vada on "Odilo Globočnik and the Reinhard Action"; music: Martin RANEG, accordion

SATURDAY, 11. MAY 2019**WEYER-DIPOLDSAU**

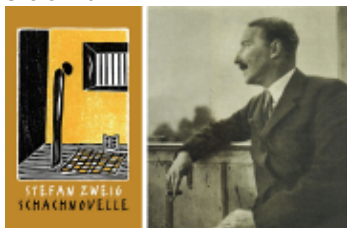
Memorial
Oberösterreich

**16:00**

Memorial walking-tour from the Weyer market square to the Enns River.
Dedication of the new memorial plaque commemorating the death march of Hungarian Jews through Weyer.

NEUMARKT

Schloss Lind
Steiermark

**20:00****Seasonal opening of Schloss Lind, the different museum of local history**

ECHOS, multimedia performance with Gunda KÖNIG and Ulrich KAUFMANN. Concept: Ulrich KAUFMANN, Andreas STAUDINGER. In cooperation with Mauthausen Committee Austria.

THURSDAY, 16. MAY 2019**LINZ**

Chapel of the Pedagogic
University of the Diocese Linz,
Salesianumweg 3
Oberösterreich

19:00**"Never again! now again?" - Memorial service for satellite camp Linz II****SATURDAY, 18. MAY 2019****GREIFENBURG**

Monument/Train Station
Kärnten

**17:00****Memorial service for persecution victims of Nazi terror in the upper Drau Valley**

Speaker: Brigitte ENTNER on her book about resistance and persecution in Dorf Zell/Sele.
Music: Rudolf KATHOLNIG (accordion)

SUNDAY, 19. MAY 2019**GALLNEUKIRCHEN**

Monument for Peace, Anton-
Riepl-Straße
Oberösterreich

**18:30****Memorial ceremony at the Monument for Peace**

"Never a number; forever human" with speaker Susanne Scholl

WEDNESDAY, 22. MAY 2019**LOIBLPASS**

Gedenkstätte Loibl Nord,
Zollamtsvorplatz
Kärnten

13:00**Festival ceremony to hand over the large art installation by Seiji KIMOTO**

by Mauthausen Committee of Carinthia in the presence of the provincial governor and the artist. The monument reminds us of the death, suffering and resistance of the CC prisoners from Mauthausen during the construction of the Loibl Tunnel 1943 to 1945.

FRIDAY, 24. MAY 2019**NEUMARKT**

Schloss Lind
Steiermark

20:00**"Chess Novella" by Stefan Zweig with Maximilian ACHATZ.**

Director: Peter EBNER Waltzwerk Theater. In cooperation with Mauthausen Committee Austria.

SUNDAY, 26. MAY 2019**STRASSHOF**

Monument, Helmahofstraße
Niederösterreich

**11:30**

Memorial ceremony for the victims of the transit camp for foreign forced laborers in Strasshof.

WEDNESDAY, 29. MAY 2019**LINZ**

Pfarre Marcel Callo, Auwiesen
Oberösterreich

08:00**Parish excursion**

to sites of Marcel Callo's work in Germany. Registration: 0732/300 117

FRIDAY, 7. JUNE 2019**HIRTENBERG**

Gemeindepark, Bahngasse 3
Niederösterreich

18:00

Memorial ceremony at the site of the former satellite camp Hirtenberg
Welcome: Mayor Karl BRANDTNER; addresses: Dr. Irmgard ASCHBAUER, head of Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors, and Mag. Andreas BAUMGARTNER, Mauthausen Committee Austria. Prayer: Krzysztof SZCZESNY . Music: Mittelschule Hirtenberg. In the event of inclement weather, in the Kulturhaus [culture center], small hall, Hirtenberg:

Gelände des ehemaligen
Außenlagers Hirtenberg
Niederösterreich

19:00

"Remembering some 400 incarcerated women"

Installation: "412 Names" by Rosa ANDRASCHKEK; a project of the "Viertelfestival NÖ - Industrieviertel 2019" [Festival of Lower Austria's Industrial Region]; more information at <http://412namen.at> (German).

Guided Tour to former satellite camp Hirtenberg with Mag. Andreas BAUMGARTNER, Mauthausen Committee Austria; information at <http://www.mauthausen-guides.at>

SATURDAY, 8. JUNE 2019**LOIBLPASS**

Gedenkstätte Loibl Süd,
Slowenien
Kärnten

11:00**Memorial and liberation ceremony****FRIDAY, 14. JUNE 2019****WARTBERG OB DER AIST**

Monument
Oberösterreich

**15:00****Memorial event about "Mühlviertler Menschenjagd"**

15:00: Meet at municipal center, drive to CC Memorial Mauthausen, 15:45: Tour under the title "Flight from the death block" (ca. 2 hours), 18:30: short ceremony at the memorial to the Mühlviertel Manhunt in Wartberg ob der Aist.

BADEN

Kunstverein Baden
Niederösterreich

19:00

Vernissage "412 Names", by Rosa ANDRASCHKEK; a project of the "Viertelfestival NÖ - Industrieviertel 2019" [Festival of Lower Austria's Industrial Region]; more information at <http://412namen.at>

SATURDAY, 15. JUNE 2019**LOIBLPASS**

Memorial, Zollamtsvorplatz
Kärnten

**09:00****International memorial and liberation ceremony**

The memorial event is in the tradition of efforts to anchor this long forgotten satellite camp of Mauthausen in the cultural memory of Austria and Carinthia. As event organizer, Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška feels obliged to the CC victims of Loibl Pass to tell their story of suffering and death, but also to remember and honor the story of their courageous resistance and survival. Memorial address: Paul GULDA, pianist and composer, and Guy DOCKENDORF, President Comité International de Mauthausen; voices of eyewitnesses: Anna HACKL (née Langthaler); voice of youth: Action of Critical Pupils of Carinthia; musical accompaniment: Paul GULDA and "M con voce" choir of the Music High School Viktring led by Karin KRASSNITZER

BRETSTEIN

Gedenkstätte KZ-Nebenlagers
Bretstein
Steiermark

**11:00****Memorial ceremony**

Speaker: Univ-Prof. Dr. Anton Haider-Grabner

SUNDAY, 30. JUNE 2019**BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA**

Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof
Kärnten

14:00**Memorial ceremony at Peršmanhof**

In remembrance of the victims at Peršman and Hojnik. From 1942, the mountain farm of the Carinthian-Slovenian family Sadovnik was an important base camp of the resistance movement, which spread from Yugoslavia into Carinthia. Shortly before the end of the war, the families Sadovnik and Kogoj paid for their support of resistance with the deaths of 11 family members. In the last days of the war, members of the SS and Police regiment 13 conducted a massacre at Peršmanhof that became a symbol of the family's collective suffering. The crime was never judicially unpunished.

WEDNESDAY, 3. JULY 2019**PRÄBICHL**

Ski-Arena
Steiermark

09:45**Peace March**

Meet for the march along the path of former prisoners via Almhäuser to the pass.

Monument
Steiermark

11:00**Memorial ceremony****SATURDAY, 6. JULY 2019****GOLDEGG**

Schloss Schernberg-Schwarzach
Salzburg

17:00**Special guided tour on the occasion of the memorial ceremony**

by Dr. Josef NEUMAIER and with key note speaker Mag. Friedrich FORSTHUBER, President of the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna, at the memorial for the 123 euthanasia victims

GOLDEGG

Monument
Salzburg



'Russenfriedhof', St.Johann im
Pongau
Salzburg

17:00

Memorial ceremony in remembrance of the victims of the Gestapo raid on July 2nd, 1944.

17:00

Special guided tour on the occasion of the memorial ceremony

by Mag. Annemarie ZIERLINGER and with key note speaker Mag. Friedrich FORSTHUBER, President of the Regional Court for Criminal Matters in Vienna, of the History *Workshop St. Johann* concerning Stalag XVIII C "Markt Pongau" and over 3700 Soviet prisoners-of-war who died there

SATURDAY, 14. SEPTEMBER 2019**BRETSTEIN**

Gasthaus Beren
Steiermark

**19:00**

Concert: Berndt LUEF

FRIDAY, 20. SEPTEMBER 2019**HINTERBRÜHL**

KZ-Gedenkstätte,
Johannesstraße
Niederösterreich

**10:00**

Blessing-Commemoration Ceremony

FRIDAY, 27. SEPTEMBER 2019**TERNBERG**

Parish barracks, Spielfeldstr. 1
Oberösterreich

**18:30**

Memorial ceremony

Organizer: Catholic Youth of the Region Ennstal with their partners the municipality and parish of Ternberg and other local associations and initiatives, Musical accompaniment: Music club of Ternberg.

TUESDAY, 1. OCTOBER 2019**ALKOVEN**

Lern- und Gedenkort Schloss
Hartheim
Oberösterreich

**17:00****Memorial ceremony**

Annual memorial ceremony for the victims of Nazi euthanasia in Schloss Hartheim.

SATURDAY, 5. OCTOBER 2019**ST. PANTALEON**

Memorial site, Moosachstraße
Oberösterreich

18:00**Memorial ceremony and wreath ceremony**

20th memorial ceremony at the memorial site for the victims of the camp Weyer-St. Pantaleon with subsequent event in the municipal center St. Pantaleon: Rosa Gitta MARTL, daughter of a camp victim, will read from her new book "Bleib stark" [stay strong] (Löcker 2019); author will be available for discussion.

BAD EISENKAPPEL, ŽELEZNA KAPLA

Koprein, Petzen 3, Peršmanhof
Kärnten

18:00 - 01:00**Long night at Peršman Museum****FRIDAY, 18. OCTOBER 2019****WIENER NEUDORF/NEU GUNTRAMSDORF**

Volksschule Neu-Guntramsdorf
Niederösterreich

**13:30 - 21:30****Commemorative excursion 2019 to NÜRNBERG and DACHAU from 18.10 to 20.10.2019**

to the former Reichsparteigelände, court of the Nürnberg Trials, Historic Town of Nürnberg and the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial.

Departure: Friday, October 18, 2019; 13:30 at elementary school Neu-Guntramsdorf and 13:45 at elementary school Europaplatz.

Return: Sunday, October 20, 2019; about 21:30

Information and registration: office@gedenkverein.at or Tel. : +43 664 / 200 02 60

SUNDAY, 20. OCTOBER 2019**MAUTHAUSEN**

KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen -
Klagemauer
Oberösterreich

**11:00****Memorial ceremony on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial plaque**

For Alois Buder, August Egger, Karl Rupitsch und Kaspar Wind, who were hanged on 28 October 1944; hosted by the Association of the Friends of the Deserter Memorial in Goldegg, Platform for regional remembrance culture. Subsequent joint lunch, and at 2 p.m. a guided tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial.

MONDAY, 28. OCTOBER 2019**GOLDEGG**

Gedenkstein beim
Erholungsheim der Salzburger
Gebietskrankenkasse
Salzburg

17:00**Commemoration of the dead**

For Karl Rupitsch, August Egger, Kaspar Wind and Alois Buder, military deserters and their supporters who were murdered on 28 October 1944 in CC Mauthausen

FRIDAY, 1. NOVEMBER 2019**HINTERBRÜHL**

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich

**18:00****Memorial ceremony on All-Saints Day**

created by participants

SATURDAY, 2. NOVEMBER 2019**PICHL BEI WELS**

Parish church
Oberösterreich

**19:00****Memorial ceremony for the victims of the Orphanage for Children of Alien Ethnicity in Etzelsdorf Palace**

All Saints Day service; 20:00 memorial ceremony at the cemetery for the victims of the Orphanage for Children of Alien Ethnicity in Etzelsdorf Palace, followed by the memorial address by Prof. Dr. Anton PELINKA and encounter in the parish center.

FRIDAY, 8. NOVEMBER 2019**VILLACH**

Protestant church, Stadtpark
Kärnten

19:00**Remembrance of the November Pogrom of 1938****SATURDAY, 9. NOVEMBER 2019****WIEN-LANDSTRASSE**

Platz der Opfer der Deportation -
Leon Zelman Park
Wien

18:00**Vigil and ceremony** at monument in front of former Aspang train station**SATURDAY, 16. NOVEMBER 2019****LACKENBACH**

Memorial
Burgenland

**11:00****Memorial ceremony**

at the monument for Roma and Sinti. On 23 November 1940 in a former farm, the Nazis set up the "Gypsy camp" Lackenbach. Of some 4000 Roma and Sinti imprisoned in camp Lackenbach, in Autumn 1941 2000 were deported to the ghetto Lodz/Litzmannstadt and murdered. Only 300 to 400 prisoners survived until the April 1945 liberation by Soviet troops.

TUESDAY, 10. DECEMBER 2019

AFLENZ

CC Memorial, Römersteinbruch
Steiermark



10:00

Memorial ceremony "Human Rights Day" with wreath ceremony

TUESDAY, 31. DECEMBER 2019

HINTERBRÜHL

Memorial, Johannesgasse
Niederösterreich



18:00

Memorial ceremony at turn of year