



## AUSTRIA THROUGH THE AGES

■ General timeline

■ Jewish timeline

- 976-1246** — The Babenberg's are the first ruling dynasty of Austria
- 1278-1918** — The Habsburg's become the second ruling dynasty of Austria
- 1294** — A synagogue is mentioned for the first time on this square
- Since the **end of the 12th century** Jews are settling in the area that is nowadays called "Judenplatz"/Jewish square
- Around 1400** — 800 Jews live in the city (about 5 % of the population)
- 1421** — "Viennese Gesera": end of the 1st Jewish community of Vienna (the poor are expelled, 200 rich are burned alive)
- 1529** — First siege of Vienna by the Ottoman empire (first Turkish siege), they leave due to food shortage and the coming of winter
- 1624** — The 2nd Jewish community is formed in the nowadays 2nd district
- 1670** — the 2nd Jewish community is expelled
- 1683** — Second siege of Vienna by the Ottoman Empire (second Turkish siege), the city is saved by a united army at the last minute
- 1718** — A Sephardic community is established in Vienna (they are citizens of the Sultan). A treaty between Austria and the Ottoman Empire makes this possible
- 1852** — The Viennese Jewish community is formed
- 1867** — Jews and non-Jews have the same rights, all restrictions fall
- 1867** — Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy is formed
- 1918** — The Austrian Monarchy falls apart at the end of the first WW
- 1934-38** — Austrofascism, authoritarian rule
- 12 March 1938** — Austria joins Germany ("Anschluss")
- 1938** — Before the war the Jewish community in Vienna consists of about 180.000 people
- 1938-45** — 65.000 Jews of the Austrian community are murdered during WW 2
- 1945** — Only about 5.500 Jews survive the war in Vienna
- 1945-55** — Austria is divided into four zones (American, English, French, Russian), in 1955 Austria gets a state treaty, and ever since is considered a neutral country
- 1991** — Chancellor Franz Vranitzky acknowledges Austria's share of responsibility (until this time, official Austria had portrayed their country as the "First Victim")
- Today** — The Jewish community consists of about 8.000 official members, with an estimation of 12.000-15.000 Jewish people living in Austria in total