

Guest Lecture by Dr. Rachel Blumenthal

Starting Over: Jewish Refugees in Postwar Upper Austria and Salzburg

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Almost 200,000 Jewish refugees entered Austria after the Second World War. The Holocaust had robbed them of their families and uprooted them from their homes. Restrictions on immigration to Palestine, the United States and elsewhere thwarted their plans to leave Europe. Instead, they found themselves trapped in the Austrian Alps for months and years. Dr. Blumenthal's lecture will examine how refugees from different backgrounds began to rebuild their lives, in transit, in the wake of a catastrophe.



Dr. Rachel Blumenthal is a lawyer and a historian. Born in England, she has lived in Israel for forty years and is currently a fellow at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her research focuses on the cataclysmic consequences of the Second World War.

In August 2021, Lexington Books published her book, *Right to Reparations: The Claims Conference and Holocaust Survivors, 1951-1964*. The University of Vienna awarded her the Salon and Jeanette Baron Junior Scholar Award in 2021.



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