

The Way to the »

Marko- Feingold- Steg

After his death on 19 September 2019, it quickly became clear that his life and its impact should be immortalised. The moment it was decided to name a street after him an intense debate was sparked off.

The decision was taken in September 2020. The Salzburg Municipal Council decided by a majority to change the name of Makartsteg (Makart Bridge) to *Marko-Feingold-Steg*.

During his life Marko Feingold was President of the Israelitische Kultusgemeinde (Jewish Community) and renowned well beyond the city's borders: he was the embodiment of Jewish life in Salzburg.

Marko Feingold frequently made public statements. He had a mischievously ironic and occasionally politically challenging manner that often caused people to stop and think.

Marko Feingold survived several concentration camps and was much sought after as a witness of the age he lived in; he invited hundreds of school classes to the synagogue. He lived to the age of 106 and received many awards.



Brother Ernst & Marko Feingold in
San Remo, Italy, 1930s
Private Photo



Who Was Marko Feingold?



Marko Feingold wearing Tracht, 1946
Private Photo



Born on 28 May 1913
as Marko Fuchs in Neusohl
(today Banská Bystrica, Slovakia)

until 1932
grew up in Vienna-Leopoldstadt,
commercial apprenticeship

since 1933
in Italy with his brother Ernst
as sales representative for
liquid soap and floor polish

1938–1939
arrested in Vienna and Prague,
transfer to the military prison
in Krakow

5/04/1941
arrival at Auschwitz
concentration camp with
his brother Ernst

25/04/1941
transfer to Neuengamme
concentration camp

30/05/1941
transfer to Dachau
concentration camp

12/07/1941
transfer to Buchenwald
concentration camp

June 1942
his brother Ernst Feingold was
murdered, gassed in the
Bernburg death camp

11/04/1945
freed in the Buchenwald
concentration camp; returned to
Austria, stayed in Salzburg

since 1945
organisation of the so called
Concentration Camp Kitchen for
concentration camp survivors
in Salzburg. Assisted in the
care and emigration of Jewish
survivors (DPs) from all over
Europe, most of whom emigrated
to Palestine. They were mostly
illegal immigrants until the
state of Israel was founded
in 1948

1946–1947
President of the Salzburg
Jewish Committee (surrogate
for the Israelitische Kultus-
gemeinde (Jewish Community))

1948
founding of the shop
»Wiener Mode« on
Wolf-Dietrich-Strasse 4a

1977
after his retirement, board
member of the Israelitische
Kultusgemeinde (Jewish Community)
of Salzburg

since 1982
Head and later President of the
Israelitische Kultusgemeinde
(Jewish Community) of Salzburg;
retained this function until
the end of his life

1991
awarded the professional
title of »Hofrat«

2000
publication of his autobiography
based on interviews: »Wer ein-
mal gestorben ist, dem tut nichts mehr weh.
Eine Überlebensgeschichte« (Nothing
can hurt those who already died
once. A survival story)

2001
On the centenary of the
existence of the Salzburg
Synagogue, Federal President
Thomas Klestil took part in
the ceremonies

2008
Presentation of the Honorary
Citizenship of the City
of Salzburg by Mayor Heinz
Schaden (SPÖ). Of all his many
distinctions and awards, this
one was particularly important
to him

since 2013
part of the Burgtheater
production »The Last Witnesses« by
Doron Rabinovici and Matthias
Hartmann

2018
birthday reception with Federal
Chancellor Sebastian Kurz (ÖVP)
and Vice-Chancellor Heinz-
Christian Strache (FPÖ)

2019
died on 19 September in
Salzburg, aged 106; was buried
in the Jewish Cemetery in a
grave of honor of the City of
Salzburg

2020
resolution of the Salzburg
Municipal Council to change
the name of Makartsteg (Makart
Bridge) to *Marko-Feingold-Steg*

2021
Inauguration of the
Marko-Feingold-Steg



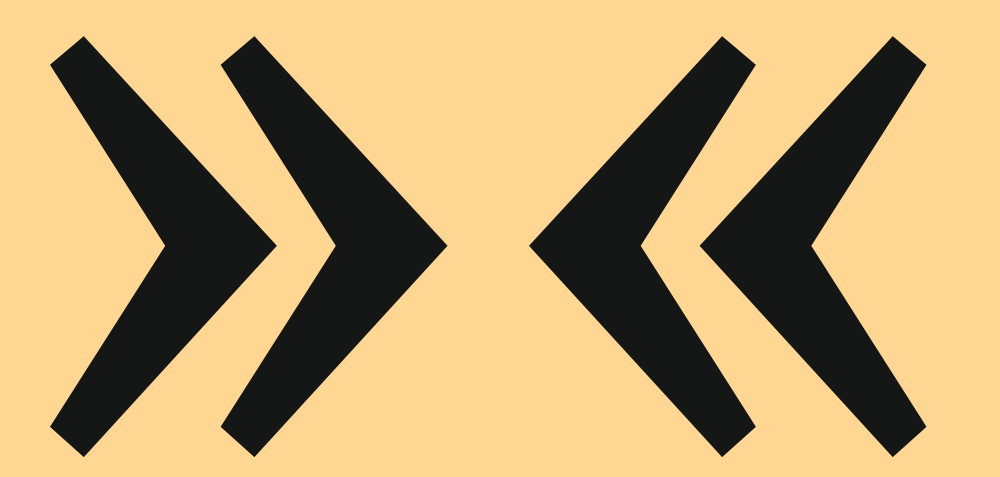


Marko Feingold after 1945
Private Photo



»Resolute in his criticism, *conciliatory in his demeanour*, Marko Feingold was an undeserved stroke of luck for Salzburg.«

Karl-Markus Gauß, author



»Marko Feingold's life testified to what connects people; he himself – *a man of dialogue*. We miss his warning voice and his endeavours for peace.«

Franz Lackner,
Archbishop



At the bestowal of Austria's Decoration of Merit in Gold
by Salzburg's State Governor Wilfried Haslauer sen. on 9 May 1988
Private Photo



»As an active and committed witness of his age, Marko Feingold has had a permanent influence on generations of Salzburg pupils with his vivid stories.«

Robert Obermair, State Coordinator
of _erinnern.at_ in Salzburg



»What he bequeathed
to us most generously
was reconciliation.
We wish to thank
this *indefatigable*
bridge-builder
with everlasting
remembrance.«

Helga Rabl-Stadler,
President of the
Salzburg Festival



Marko Feingold in Venice, 1952
Private Photo



»Marko Feingold's endeavours *to keep the remembrance of the Shoah alive*, his story-telling talent and thus his ability to impress countless young people, his subtle sense of humour, which he retained despite his fate – all this was remarkable.«

»Young people who were fanatical about sports and nature were not my type. I was more a fan of dancing – *dressing up smart and going dancing.*«

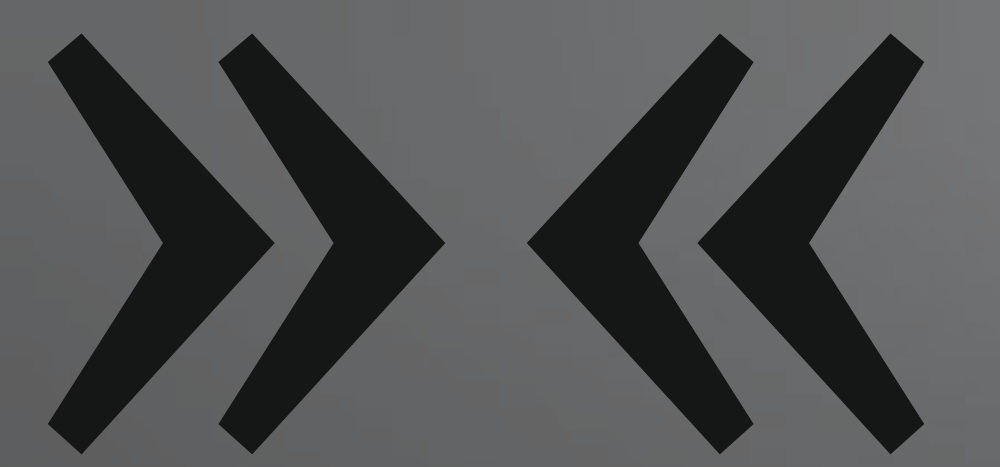


Hanna & Marko Feingold, 1992
Private Photo

Marko Feingold



Marko Feingold in company
Private Photo



»You stand there
stark naked while
they shave every hair
off your body. You had
the feeling of being
worthless; this killed
all human sensibility.«

»In 1948, I called
my shop in Salzburg
Wiener Mode. And
why? Because I am
Viennese at heart –
»I bin a Weaner!!«
But now I'd say, *I*
am a true citizen of
Salzburg!«

Marko Feingold



Marko Feingold with the »Wiener Mode« saleswomen on a works outing to Kitzbühel, 1958
Private Photo



»I was no good at school. My father would never believe I became President of the *Israelitische Kultusgemeinde* – Jewish Community – and *privy councillor*.«