STEINE DER ERINNERUNG – 14.09.2017

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

SHALOM!

TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR YOU AND FOR ME!

WE TOGETHER ARE DESCENDANTS OF SHOAH.



WE TOGETHER ARE CONNECTED WITH AN INVISIBLE TAPE AND CARRY A COMMON BACKPACK AS WELL AS OUR DESCENDANTS.



TODAY YOU REMEMBER YOUR FATHER, GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDGRANDPARENTS: THIS ACT OF REMEMBRANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR/TO YOU, YOUR RELATIVES, THE VICTIMS OF HOLOCAUST ESPECIALLY OF YOUR FAMILIES AND IN GENERAL OF OUR SOCIETY.



TODAY I REMEMBER MY UNCLE, FRED FRIEDMANN, WHO WAS DEPORTED RIGHT TODAY 75 YEARS AGO FROM VIENNA TO MALY TROSTINEC. HE WAS KILLED AT THE AGE OF NINE!



AS AN AUSTRIAN POLITICIAN I NEVER TOLERATED ANTISEMITISM IN MY INDIVIDUAL AND POLITICAL LIFE. AND I CAN PROMISE THAT I WILL NEVER EVER TOLERATE ANY ANTISEMITISM AND FASCISM IN THIS COUNTRY AND NOWHERE IN THIS ENTIRE WORLD!



ON THE BEHALF OF VIENNA AND AUSTRIA I APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THAT HAPPENED TO YOUR/TO OUR FAMILY MEMBERS DURING THE NAZI REGIME.

BUT I APOLOGIZE ALSO FOR ALL THAT

HAPPENED AFTER THIS TIME!



ALL OF THE COMMON NAZI-PEOPLE OF SOCIETY AT THAT TIME LIVED THEIR LIVES HAPPILY AND WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS AFTER NAZI REGIME: THEY WERE STILL YOUR TEACHERS, YOUR DOCTORS, YOUR NURSES AND **EVEN YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**



HITLER HAD DIED. BUT HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF NAZIS HAVE BEEN LIVING TILL IN OUR SOCIETY TILL TODAY.



THAT IS WHY OUR FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTISEMITISM HAS TO BE CONTINUED. FOR NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE.

SHALOM!

