



The shortlist for the Simon Wiesenthal Prize 2021

**Nominated for the main prize for civic
engagement to combat antisemitism and to
educate the public about the Holocaust are:**

Lily Ebert

Lily Ebert was born in Hungary in 1923 and deported to Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944, where her mother, younger brother and sister were murdered. After four months, Ebert and two of her other sisters were put to work in a munitions factory near Leipzig, where she was liberated by US troops. Via Switzerland and Israel, she arrived in England in 1967 with three children. Today, her great-grandson, Dov Forman, runs a TikTok account for Lily Ebert with over 1.6 million followers and has also published a book with her.

Zwi Nigal

Born in Vienna in 1923, Zwi Nigal fled to Palestine in 1939 and fought in the British army against Nazi Germany. His father was murdered in the Holocaust. In 1946, Nigal returned to Vienna as a British soldier, but did not want to live there anymore. He joined the underground paramilitary organisation Haganah and fought in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948. Since his retirement, he has lectured as a contemporary witness to an average of 1,500 schoolchildren each year in Germany and Austria.

Karl Pfeifer

Karl Pfeifer was born in Baden near Vienna in 1928 and fled to Hungary with his parents in 1938. He managed to escape to Palestine and returned to Austria in 1951. Pfeifer is active as a journalist and was editor of the "Gemeinde", the official organ of the Jewish Community of Vienna. Until 2005, he worked as a Vienna correspondent for Israeli radio and as a freelance journalist for magazines. He is active in his work against antisemitism.

Liliana Segre

Liliana Segre was born in Milan on 10 September 1930. In 1944, at the age of 13, she was one of 776 Italian children deported to Auschwitz. Only 25 survived. To this day, Segre remains active as a contemporary witness on television, in theatres and in schools. She has become one of Italy's most important moral authorities. Segre is president of the Special Committee against Intolerance, Racism and Antisemitism and a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Children and Adolescence. She is also the author and co-author of numerous articles and books. She is particularly concerned about communicating with children and young people.

Nominated for the award for civic engagement to educate the public about the Holocaust are:

Central Austrian Investigative Office for Post-War Justice

In 1998, the Central Austrian Investigation Office for Post-War Justice was founded with the aim of documenting the Austrian judiciary's involvement with Nazi crimes by recording and indexing the files of public prosecutors' offices and courts. It is intended to contribute towards safeguarding this part of Europe's legal cultural heritage and to bring historical experience to bear on the debate about war crimes and human rights violations of the present day. In this respect, its work is particularly close to that of Simon Wiesenthal in terms of both content and difficulties faced.

RE.F.U.G.I.U.S.

With the visualisation of the death marches of Hungarian Jews, the "Holocaust on our doorstep", the project touches on a taboo subject and has been working against great hostility and resistance for decades. Since 1991, RE.F.U.G.I.U.S. has been campaigning for the Kreuzstadl in Rechnitz (near which approximately 180 Hungarian-Jewish forced laborers were murdered and buried on the spot in March 1945) to be preserved as a memorial.

Racism, antisemitism, radicalisation of society, exclusion and xenophobia are issues that are addressed in all activities and events of the project with the aim of raising awareness about the dangers and emphasising the value of a democratic society.

ZikaronBaSalon

The ZikaronBaSalon social initiative takes place on Holocaust Remembrance Day and other dates throughout the year around the world. The idea, which literally means "remembrance in the living room" in Hebrew, grew out of the understanding that modern society's connection to Holocaust remembrance has deteriorated significantly. ZikaronBaSalon is a new, highly personal way to commemorate and address the Holocaust and its impact through discussions at home with family, friends and guests. The organisation is now active in 55 countries.

Nominated for the award for civic engagement to combat antisemitism are:

Jewish Forum for Democracy and Against Anti-Semitism

In 2008, the Jewish Forum for Democracy and Against Anti-Semitism (JFDA), initiated by Levi Salomon, was founded with the support of Lala Süsskind and the Jewish Community of Berlin. It aims to strengthen democratic governance, promote interreligious and intercultural exchange, and help those persecuted on political, racial, or religious grounds. This includes the fight against antisemitism and racism. In addition to carrying out educational, public relations and cultural work, the JFDA conducts independent monitoring and records and evaluates antisemitic incidents and tendencies as well as other incidents directed against German Basic Law (constitutional law) and human rights.

The Swedish Committee against Antisemitism

The Swedish Committee against Antisemitism uses the digital information and educational material "Antisemitism - Then and Now" to convey knowledge about antisemitism from a historical and contemporary perspective and thus create an understanding of the problems and dangers of antisemitism. The aim is also to strengthen the ability to recognise and react to anti-Jewish ideas and attitudes. The target group is primarily high school students, but the materials are also available to other types of schools and the general public.

Andreas Kahrs and Daniel Lörcher for their work at Borussia Dortmund

Borussia Dortmund is a role model for many football clubs due to its remembrance work in the fight against antisemitism. In recent years, Daniel Lörcher and Andreas Kahrs have made a significant contribution to the expansion of this work in football through their conceptual activities, inter-club projects and extensive training program. The Borussia Dortmund educational projects which they developed have attracted international attention and set standards. By taking a public stance in the fight against antisemitism, BVB serves as a role model for many other clubs.