

World Class Swimmer Markus Rogan Supports HAKOAH and Competitive Swimming.

“I’m glad that HAKOAH is building this new sports center. Of course I’m particularly pleased about the new pool, which will create additional training and competition facilities.

This promotes competitive swimming in Austria. HAKOAH swimmers are successful competitors in championships. With the sports center, they will be able to host competitions and continue a fascinating tradition, which has been buried in oblivion in Austria for much too long.

In order to build and run the swimming facilities, HAKOAH requires support from commercial and private donors. The club does not have adequate means to cover the 2.25 million euros on its own.“ *

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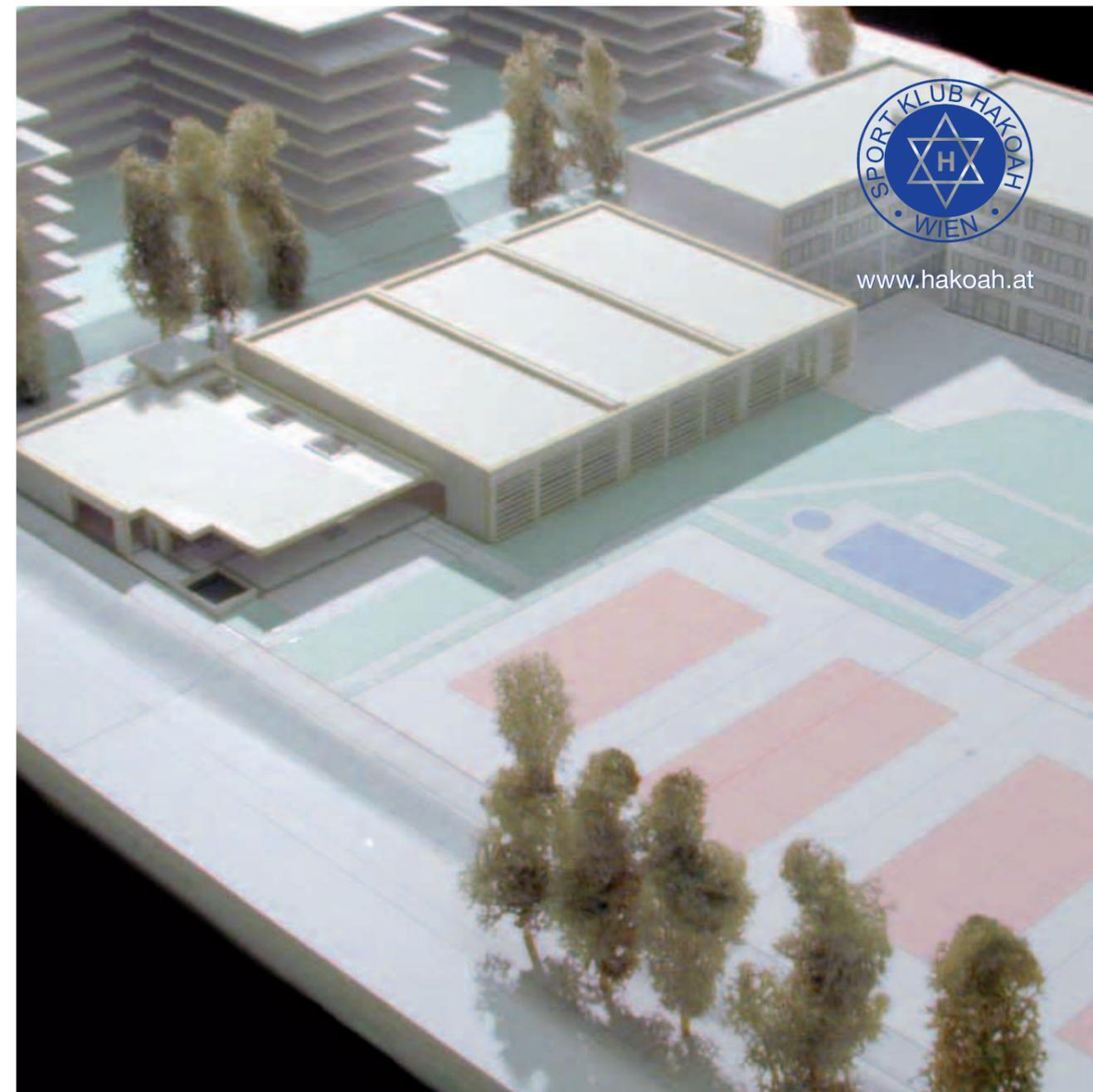
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New Strength for HAKOAH

HAKOAH'S NEW SPORTS CENTER

Hakoah (Hebrew for strength) was once the world's leading sports club. Winners of international championships and Olympic awards in soccer, water polo, wrestling, and swimming, the club sponsored youth groups, top level sports training, cultural events, and enjoyed state-of-the-art athletic facilities. Destroyed in 1938, the current construction of the new Hakoah Sports Center on the former HAKOAH square in Vienna's Prater signals that once again, Hakoah is gaining strength.



S.C. HAKOAH Wien – a Jewish Sports Club with a Worldwide Reputation.



Univ. Prof. Dr. Paul Haber
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HAKOAH was founded in 1909. At that time and until the 1930s, there were approximately 200,000 Jewish residents in Vienna. The influx of members to the club was remarkable. Numerous sports sections were formed; the club's most famous ambassador was the soccer team. The HAKOAH players even advanced to win the Austrian championship in the 1924/25 season. The swim team also added to the club's prestige with numerous national and international achievements. In many sports, HAKOAH athletes achieved top rankings. That applies to the table tennis team as well as the handball team. One member of the tennis team, for example, became an Austrian women's champion. The ice hockey and field hockey teams also had their heyday among Austria's top contenders. HAKOAH wrestler Micky Hirschl won two Olympic bronze medals in 1932.

In the period between the wars, HAKOAH had roughly 3,000 active athletes, the largest membership of any sports club in the world. HAKOAH square in Vienna's Prater became a social and cultural nexus for many Viennese Jews. One of the most famous members of the swimming section was the writer and avid water polo player Friedrich Torberg. In his novel *Die Mannschaft*, the passionate HAKOAH athlete described club life at the time. Originally he had wanted to join the soccer section. In 1921 the rush to join the club was so great that no new members could be admitted for a time. Therefore, the young Torberg ultimately ended up in the swimming section.

In 1938, HAKOAH Vienna's sports facilities were "aryanized" (confiscated) by the Nazis. The name HAKOAH was banned and Jewish athletes fled to other countries. Many remained active as athletes and functionaries in their new homes. HAKOAH athletes often served as pioneers for sports that were at a fledgling stage in their countries of immigration.

Shortly after World War II, several returning members breathed new life into HAKOAH Vienna. Although the number of Jews in Vienna had been drastically reduced to approx. 6,000, it was possible to rebuild a few of the sports sections. HAKOAH members are again winning medals, especially at the Maccabi games, the largest international Jewish sports event.

For a long time the athletic facilities confiscated during the Nazi reign were not returned. Only after restitution negotiations in 2001, known as the "Washington Agreement," could HAKOAH again lease the majority of the old grounds. The City of Vienna and the Republic of Austria made available financial means for rebuilding an athletic center. Unfortunately, the present means are not sufficient for a swimming center suitable for training and competition. For such a facility, which makes good sense from an athletic perspective, we rely on the generous support of our sponsors.

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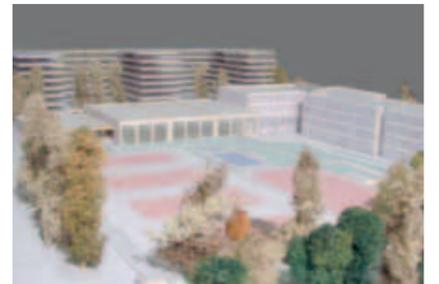
New Strength for and from HAKOAH: The Sports Center.

After more than sixty years, HAKOAH will return to Vienna's Prater. On a site of approximately 20,000 square meters near the Ernst Happel stadium, a new sports center will emerge, including a multipurpose sports hall and hard court, tennis courts, and fitness/wellness area with adjacent club. Also planned is a swimming center with a 25 meter pool for the ca. 200 active athletes in the swim section. This should create the base for a continuation of HAKOAH swimmers' amazing achievements before World War II, nationally and internationally.

The sports center marks the start of a new, promising era for the traditional club. For the first time in seventy years, HAKOAH will no longer be merely a "guest" around town, but instead, can host a variety of sports events and club activities.

The center will offer training and instruction for sports enthusiasts of all ages. Competitive athletes will find state-of-the-art training equipment as well as top trainers, physiotherapists, and doctors specializing in sports medicine. The ambiance of first-class technical furnishings offers additional room for "wellness freaks."

The new HAKOAH sports center will be located in the immediate vicinity of the Jewish school and Jewish nursing home "Maimonides Zentrum," both also newly built. As a recreation center, it is a meeting point for members of the Jewish community and people from all other faiths:



- a three-part multifunctional gym with spectator stands
- weight room
- fitness area
- wellness area
- solarium
- massage
- café restaurant
- child care
- seminar/multipurpose room



- an outside area
- multifunctional court
- beach volleyball court with spectator area
- track with adjacent long jump area
- four tennis courts
- swimming facility (optional with warranted funding)