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Impressive portraits of Jewish emigrants as a mirror of their story of life

In his work *Witness* Meinrad Hofer explores the life circumstances and experiences of Austrian Jews who, between 1938 and 1945 under Nazi oppression, left their homeland and emigrated to the USA. His portraits bear irrefutable visual testimony to their life – to what they had lost, but also to what they built up for themselves in exile. He photographs his models as »objectively« as possible, forthrightly, and at the same time with utmost attentiveness. The harsh lighting traces each of their features lovingly and yet precisely and thus creates a cartography of their unique experience. Maps, however, conceal the »truth« of a place in the degree to which they unveil its topography, and therefore inherent to these faces is the powerful beauty of what, in them, must remain wordless and unrecognizable.

The portraits are indestructible testimony to experiences and at the same time constitute an indispensable recollection of their personality and their story, before they fall silent forever. Eric Kandel, Martin Karplus, Anitta R. Fox, Edith Harnik, Kurt Sonnenfeld, Eric Pleskow are just some of those portrayed. Together with the portraits there are autobiographical essays written by the persons, pictured in the book.

Meinrad Hofer was born and raised in Austria. He studied photography at the school of Photography and Audio-Visual Media in Vienna and started his professional career in 2003. In 2010 he moved to New York, where worked with Steven Klein, CraigMcDean and others. Meinrad Hofer portrayed amongst others the Dalai Lama, Karl Markovic, Anitta R. Fox, Erwin Wurm, Leonard Cohen, Lionel Richie, Karl Lagerfeld, Diane von Fürstenberg und John Malkovich.

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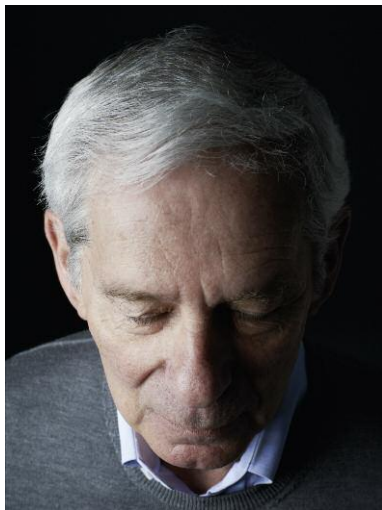
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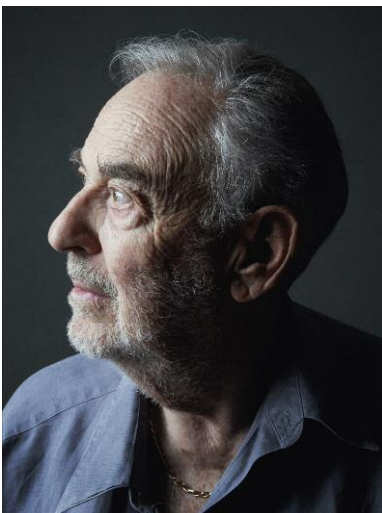
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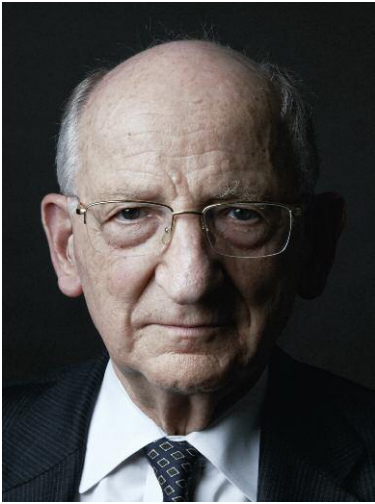
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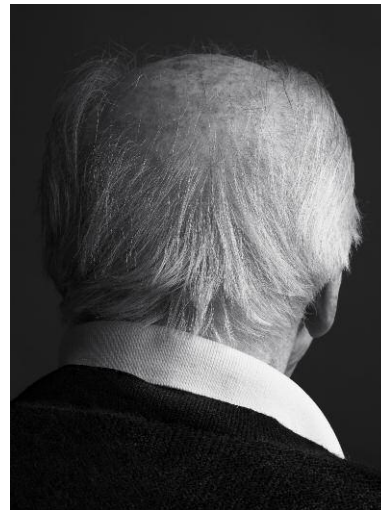
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