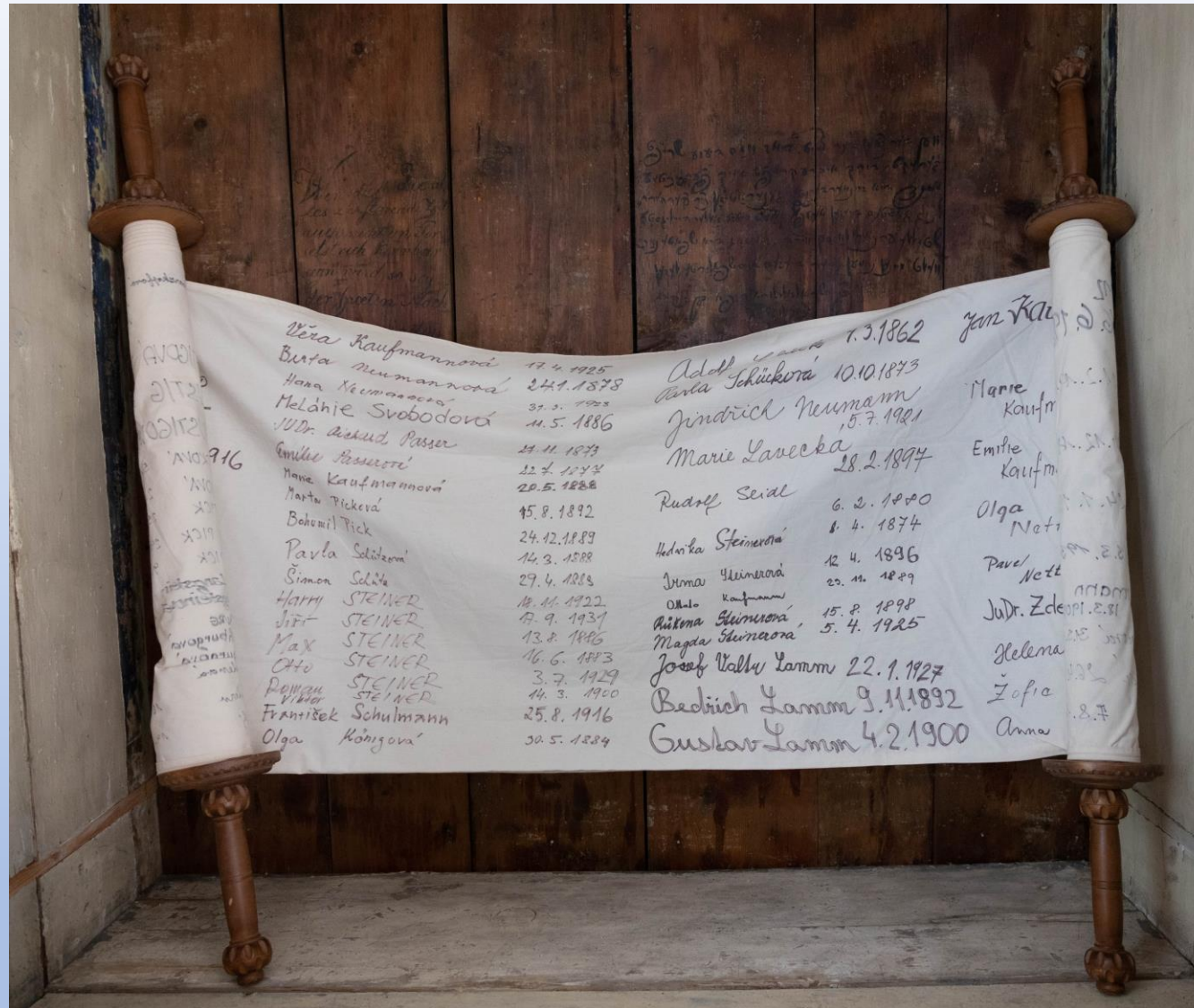


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# Light Beyond the Shadows

the journey of the Czech Torah  
Scrolls and its relevancy to  
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## My Journey



## Light Beyond the Shadows

Illuminated by the Legacy of the Czech Torah Scrolls and  
the Renewal of Jewish Life in Czechia

*Sheila Pallay  
Julius Müller*

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**Karen Koblitz** is a Los Angeles based artist, emerita professor and family genealogist researching her father's paternal line from Southern Bohemia and maternal lines from Belarus.

Koblitz is a founding member of Tikkun Pacov, a Czech non-profit, working on the restoration of a former synagogue where her great-great grandparents were married.

Koblitz is documenting the memory of family in a series of artworks that give an intimate portrait of lives lost in the Holocaust.

Karen at the entrance to the synagogue in Pacov

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Julius Müller talking to Libuše HODIKOVÁ,

head of NGO

„Saving the Synagogue in Nova Cerekev“

<http://prosynagogu.wz.cz/>



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## Historic preview

It is believed that leaders in the Jewish community in Prague somehow managed to persuade the Nazis to authorise them to bring all the Scrolls (and other artefacts) from countryside's synagogues to Prague where a band of expert curators catalogued them.

The Scrolls were identified by the town from which they had been received. Most of these brave curators perished, but the Scrolls and their records survived as their legacy.

The Scrolls were eventually stored in the synagogue in the Prague suburb of Michle, where they lay, to all intents and purposes forgotten, for many years.

*Reference and further reading :*  
*Czech & Slovak Torah Connections (NLPS, London, 2010)*



## Historic preview - *cont.*

In 1964, the Czechoslovak State sold 1,564 Czech Torah Scrolls to a British philanthropist who helped to create the Memorial Scrolls Trust in Westminster Synagogue, London.

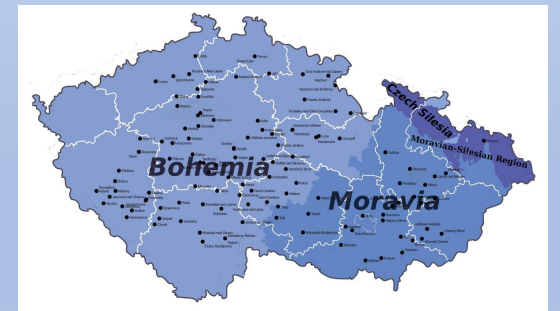
The Scrolls thus became Memorial Torah Scrolls.

The Scrolls were sorted, examined and catalogued, and a Memorial Scrolls Committee began to distribute them on loan to congregations and academic institutions around the world. Over 1,000 Torah Scrolls are in congregations throughout the US.

*Further reading :*

*Phillipa Bernard : Out of the Midst of the Fire (London, 2005)*

*Second Life of Czech Torah Scrolls (Prague, 2006)*



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## FRAMEWORK

This paper is to show the variety of resources available for family history research

We have visited 138 towns and villages

- collection points (109 places) and surrounds
- except Sudetenlands.



## Recent history (2019) - MST new project

We prepared the itinerary of our journey and we spent then 3.5 months by travelling throughout the Czech Republic; Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia.

This research project was launched to explore how the former homes to the Scrolls look today, and whether is there a memory of disappeared Jewish communities.

The journey brought enormous amount of information, original photographs, stories, and new findings. We made contacts with municipalities, local museums, schools, historians, and also with private citizens, churches and NGOs who care for and have reconstructed former synagogues.



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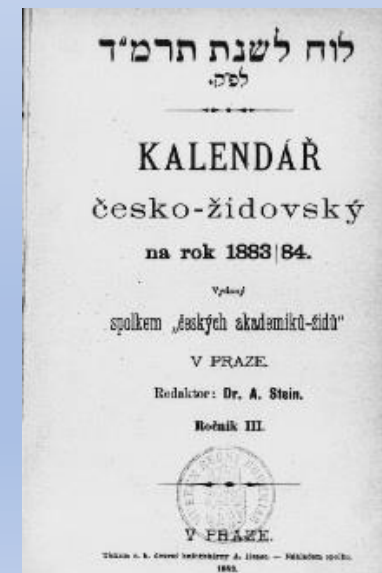
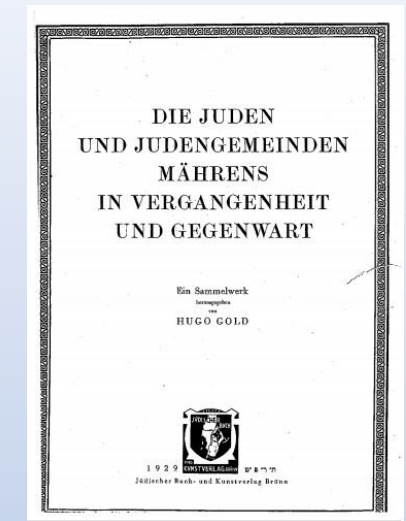
## Pre-WWII resources - reminder

1b The monumental work of Hugo Gold's team (1929, 1934)  
(Memorial book of lost Jewish communities in Moravia (Tel Aviv, 1974))

1b Czech-Jewish Calendar ( 1881 - 1939 )

[www.digitalniknihovna.cz/zmp/periodical/uuid:ae6ef6fc-435d-11dd-b505-00145e5790ea](http://www.digitalniknihovna.cz/zmp/periodical/uuid:ae6ef6fc-435d-11dd-b505-00145e5790ea)

1c Yearbook of the Society for Jewish History in the Czech Republic ( 1929 - 1938 )  
[sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/cm/periodical/titleinfo/2644300](http://sammlungen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/cm/periodical/titleinfo/2644300)

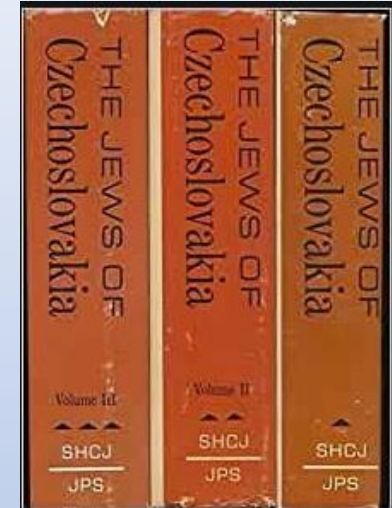
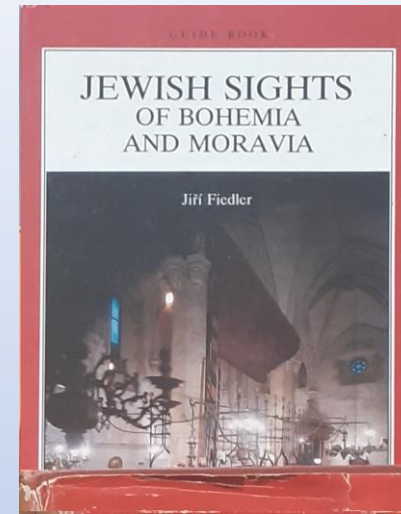


## Post-WWII resources

Encyclopedias ( Fiedler, Rozkosna, Klenovsky, Gruber)

Jews of Czechoslovakia ( 1968 )

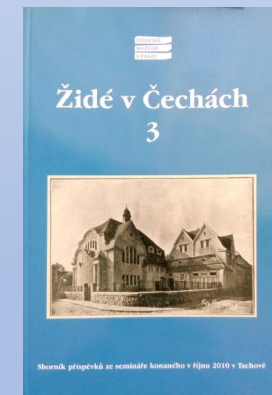
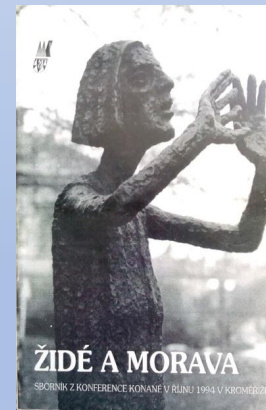
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## ***Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings***

*Jews and Moravia ( 1994 -*

*Jews in Bohemia ( 2000 -*

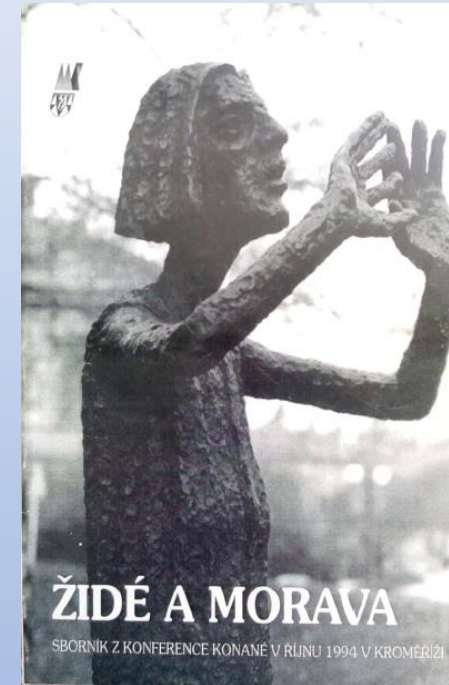


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## Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings

### Places in the proceedings of annual conference The Jews and Moravia.

Batelov, Bohumín, Boskovice, Břeclav, Brno, Bučovice,  
Dolní Bolíkov,  
Frýdek, Frýdlant nad Ostravicí,  
Holešov, Hranice, Ivančice, **Jihlava**,  
Kojetín, Krnov, Kroměříž, **Lipník**, Lomnice, **Loštice**,  
Markvarec, Michálkovice, Mikulov, Moravský Krumlov,  
**Olomouc**, Olšany, Ostrava,  
Písečné, Pohořelice, **Prostějov**, Přerov, Příbor,  
Rousínov, Rožnov,  
Slavkov, Slavonice, Staré Hobzí, Šternberk, Strážnice,  
Třebíč,  
Uherský Ostroh,  
Valašské Meziříčí, Velké Meziříčí, Vizovice, Vsetín.



## Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings

### **Family histories in the proceedings of annual conference The Jews and Moravia :**

Kwasník-Rabinowiczov family, Löw-Beer family (**Boskovice**),

L. Blum Otto Eisler, B. Tauber, H. J. Tauber, A.Ticho, I. Welisch, P. Winterstein-Gafni (**Brno**),

Kohn family (**Frenštát**),

J. Hoitasch V. Oppenheimer, F. Redlich (**Hodonín**),

J. Kulka, Shabatai haKohen (**Holešov**),

L.Kohn-Zerkowitz, M.Spitzer (**Hranice**),

E. Lichtblau-Leskly (**Hrušov**),

**Grünfeld, Mahler family, R. Weissenstein (Jihlava),**

S. Kolisch (**Koryčany**),

H. Lorm (**Mikulov**),

J. David, A. Donath, M. Spielmann (**Kroměříž**),

Lichtenstern family, H. Löw (**Koloredov**),

## Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings

### Family histories in the proceedings of annual conference The Jews in Bohemia (see handouts):

R. Bacher, Bäck family, L. Beer Ebner F. Ehrenstamm, W. Kohn, J. Neumann, I. Rottberger, M. Steinschneider, M. Zweig (**Prostějov**),

R. Feder, A. Fischl, B. K. Fisera, J. Gartner, E. Graf, Groag family, H. Iltis, T. Klein, T. Kohn, Z. Shek (**Olomouc**),  
S. Scharf (**Orlova**),

Gronner brothers, A. Hilf, H. Haas, A. Roth, A. Rysavy, W. Stiasny, M. Strassmann, J. Wechsberg (**Ostrava**),  
M. Böhm, I. Buchsbaum (**Přívoz**),

Neumann family (**Radvanice**),

Reiss family (**Strážnice**),

Nagl family (**Telč**),

L. Askenazy (**Těšín**),

Paul März-Meretz (**Uherské Hradiště**),

A. Schön (**Uherský Brod**),

Steinhardt family (**Valašská Bystřice**),

Wechsberg family, Weinberger family (**Znojmo**)

## Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings

### Places in the proceedings of annual conference Jews in Bohemia

Bezručice, Bílina,  
Český Krumlov, Chomutov, Chrudim,  
Duchcov,  
Havlíčkův Brod,  
Jablonec,  
Kladno, Klatovy,  
Litvínov,  
Most,  
Nýrsko, Pardubice,  
Planá, Postoloprty,  
Sobědruhy, Staré Město (Janštejn), Stříbro,  
Tachov, Teplice, Trutnov, Turnov,  
Udlice  
Žacléř.





## Booklets and Conferences' Proceedings

### Family histories in the proceedings of annual conference The Jews in Bohemia (see handouts ):

Heisler family (**Chrast**),

Katz family (**Jistebnice**),

K.Fischer Pollak (**Karlovy Vary**),

L. Hartman (**Kdyně**),

Ascherman family, Z. Feldman, Heller family, H.Polacek (**Kolín**),

Böhm family (**Kladno**),

Stross family (**Libava Udoli**),

Spitz family (**Most**),

A.Löwy (**Planá**),

Mandelik family (**Ratboř**),

Glaser family (**Velim**),

B. Steiner (**Zbraslavice**),

The family history in many places we visited was thoroughly studied and documented by various initiatives

by local NGOs

by institutions, namely by local schools

by local librarians and historians

by initiative named Missing Neighbours = Zmizeli Sousedé  
- initiated by Marta Vančurová from Prague Jewish Museum

by the congregations from abroad who visited the sites  
and who keep in contact



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## Structure of the presentation

We selected 22 places to present the audience how various resources - often overlapping for good - can bring a lot of family data - some are available online and some are available upon request or in bigger libraries and bookstores

Divišov

Heřmanův Městec

Horaždovice

Chotěboř

Jihlava

Kladno

Klatovy

Kolín

Ledeč nad Sázavou

Lipník nad Bečvou

Loštice

Louny

Milevsko

Olomouc

Náchod

Pacov

Prostějov

Přeštice

Slaný

Soběslav

Třešť

Vodňany



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## Divišov



Torah Scroll No.  
814

Scroll Holder  
Mount Zion Temple



1187  
1269  
1343

Temple Oheb Shalom  
MST Museum  
Congregation Beth El

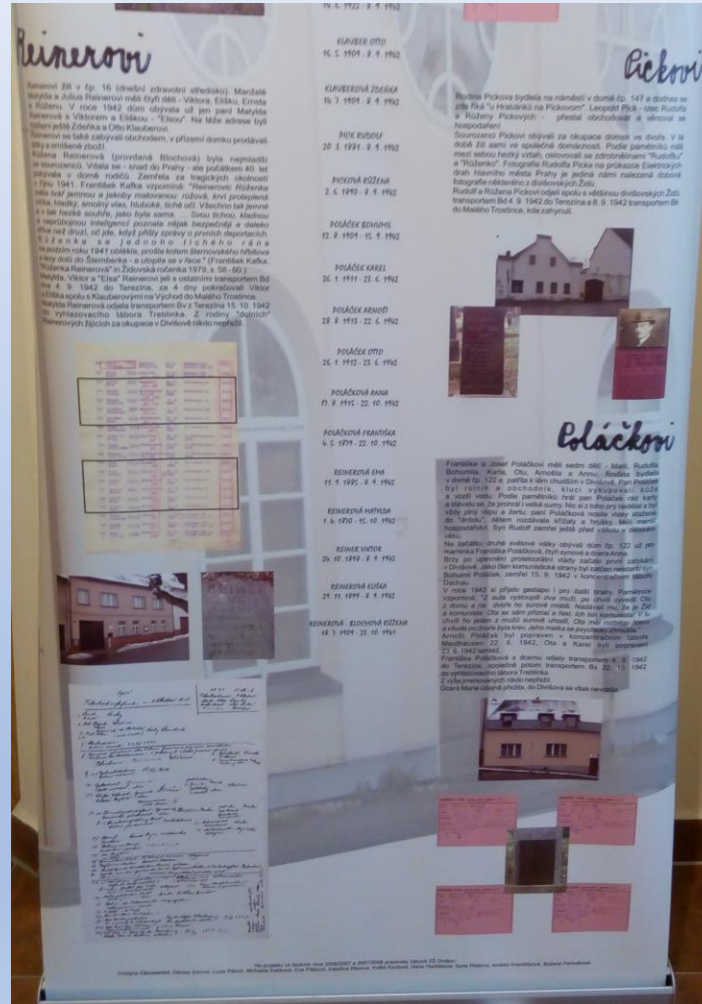
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# Divišov

## Panel commemorating family REINER, PICK, POLAČEK,

The stairs to women's gallery



The entrance to the former mikvah



# Divišov

Project Disappeared Neighbours - performed in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 by local pupils

<http://poceta-obetem.cz/zmizeli-sousedem/novinky/metodika2010/divisov.pdf>

## **Justicovi**

Rodina Justicových bydlela v Divišově čp. 8 (vedle dnešní mateřské školy směrem na Benešov). Podle pamětníků patřili k bohatším divišovským Židům. Karel Justic byl posledním starostou židovské náboženské obce v Divišově, dům "vyženil" a převzal po svém tchánovi Hynku Reinerovi ("horní" Reinerovi).

Kromě manželů Karla a Anny Justicových a jejich dětí Oty a Milady obývala dům neprovdaná starší sestra Anny Ema Reinerová. Pan Justic byl obchodník, v krámku v přízemí se prodávaly nitě, bavlnky, střížní zboží a konfekce.

Podle vzpomínek divišovských pamětníků byla "Miládka" velmi krásná dívka, pana Justice si pamatují ještě v době, kdy chodil po Divišově se žlutou hvězdou.

Karel Justic byl zatčen v roce 1942 pravděpodobně v souvislosti se svou funkcí a opatřeními následujícími po atentátu na zastupujícího říšského protektora R. Heydricha. Zemřel 16. 9. 1942 v koncentračním táboře Flossenbürg.

Ema, Anna, Milada a Otto přijeli do Terezína 4. 9. 1942, už 8. 9. 1942 pokračovali - stejně jako většina divišovských Židů - transportem na Východ do vyhlazovacího tábora Malý Trostinec.

Z rodiny nikdo nepřežil.

## **Reinerovi**

Reinerovi žili v čp. 16 (dnešní zdravotní středisko). Manželé Matylda a Julius Reinerovi měli čtyři děti - Viktora, Elišku, Ernsta a Růženu. V roce 1942 dům obývala už jen paní Matylda Reinerová s Viktorem a Eliškou - "Elsou".

Na téže adrese byli hlášeni ještě Zdeňka a Otto Klauberovi. Reinerovi se také zabývali obchodem, v přízemí domku prodávali látky a smíšené zboží.

Růžena Reinerová (provdaná Blochová) byla nejmladší ze sourozenců. Vdala se - snad do Prahy - ale počátkem 40. let pobývala v domě rodičů. Zemřela za tragických okolností v říjnu 1941. František Kafka vzpomíná: "Reinerovic Růženka měla tvář jemnou a jakoby malovanou: růžová, krví proteplená víčka, hladký, smolný vlas, hluboké, tiché oči. Všechno tak jemné a v tak hezké souhře, jako byla sama. ... Svou tichou, kladnou a neprůbojnou inteligencí poznala nějak bezpečněji a daleko dříve než druzí, oč jde, když přišly zprávy o prvních deportacích. Růženka se jednoho tichého rána na podzim roku 1941 oblékla, prošla kolem štemovského hřbitova a lesy dolů do Štemberka - a utopila se v řece." (František Kafka: "Růženka Reinerová" in Židovská ročenka 1979, s. 58 - 60.)

Matylda, Viktor a "Elsa" Reinerovi jeli s ostatními transportem Bd dne 4. 9. 1942 do Terezína, za 4 dny pokračovali Viktor a Eliška spolu s Klauberovými na Východ do Malého Trostince. Matylda Reinerová odjela transportem Bv z Terezína 15. 10. 1942 do vyhlazovacího tábora Treblinka.

Z rodiny "dolních" Reinerových žijících za okupace v Divišově nikdo nepřežil.

## **Poláčkoví**

Františka a Josef Poláčkoví měli sedm dětí - Marii, Rudolfa, Bohumila, Karla, Otu, Arnošta a Annu. Rodina bydlela v domě čp. 122 a patřila k těm chudším v Divišově. Pan Poláček byl rolník a obchodník, kluci vykupovali kůže a vozili vodu. Podle pamětníků hrál pan Poláček rád karty a stávalo se, že prohrál i velké sumy. Nic si z toho prý nedělal a byl vždy plný vtipu a žertu, paní Poláčková nosila vlasy stažené do "drdolu", dětem rozdávala křížaly a hrušky. Měli menší hospodářství. Syn Rudolf zemřel ještě před válkou v dětském věku.

Na začátku druhé světové války obývali dům čp. 122 už jen maminka Františka Poláčková, čtyři synové a dcera Anna. Brzy po upevnění protektorátní vlády začalo první zatýkání v Divišově. Jako člen komunistické strany byl zatčen nejstarší syn Bohumil Poláček, zemřel 15. 9. 1942 v koncentračním táboře Dachau.

V roce 1942 si přijelo gestapo i pro další bratry. Pamětnice vzpomíná: "Z auta vystoupili dva muži, po chvíli vyvedli Otu z domu a na dvoře ho surově mlátili. Nadávali mu, že je Žid a komunista. Ota se sám přiznal a řekl: Ich bin komunista! V tu chvíli ho jeden z mužů surově ušákl, Ota měl rozbitou hlavu a všude po dvoře byla krev Jeho matka se psychicky zhroutila."

Arnošt Poláček byl popraven v koncentračním táboře Mauthausen 22. 6. 1942, Ota a Karel byli popraveni 23. 6. 1942 tamtéž Františka Poláčková s dcerou odjely transportem 4. 9. 1942 do Terezína, společně potom transportem Bx 22. 10. 1942 do vyhlazovacího tábora Treblinka. Z výše jmenovaných nikdo nepřežil. Dcera Marie údajně přežila, do Divišova se však nevrátila.

## Heřmanův Městec



*In the garden area next to the synagogue is a memorial to the children who perished in the Shoah.*

# Heřmanův Městec

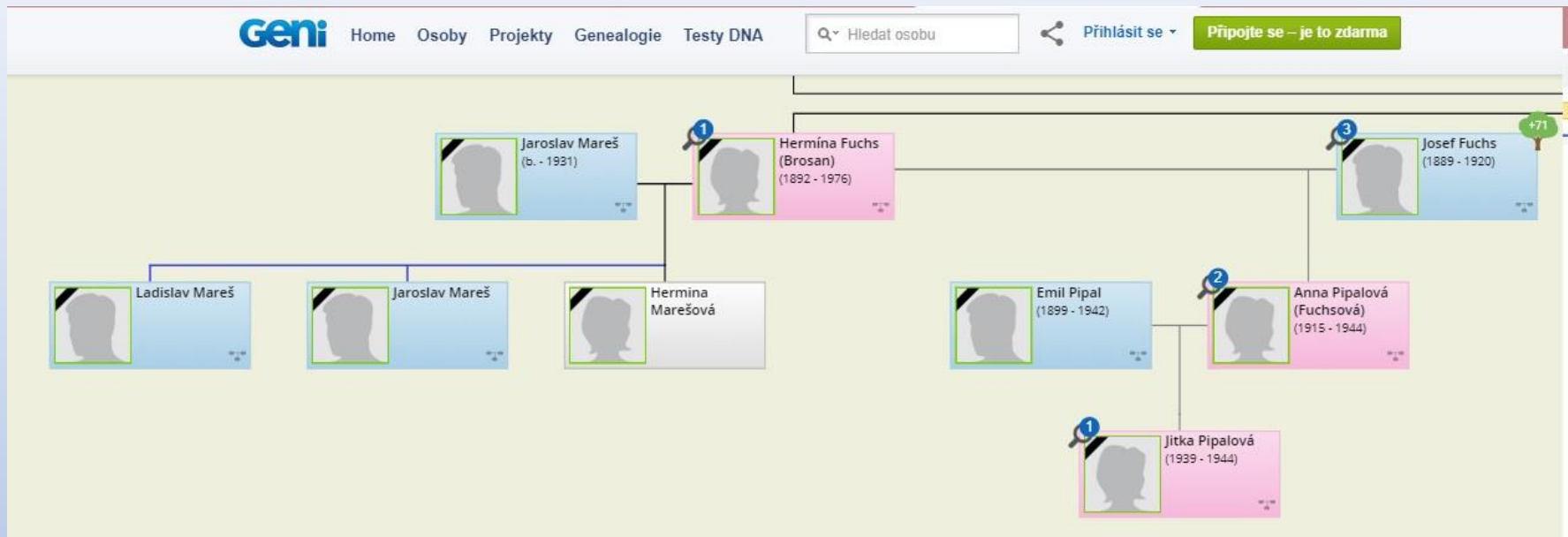
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Isak BROZAN u. Marie née SCHÜCK  
i Hermine (1892 - 1976)  
Josef FUCHS  
i Anna  
Jaroslav MAREŠ  
ii Jaroslav  
iii Ladislav





# Heřmanův Městec



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# Horažďovice

Scroll 931 (Czech. No. Cz23999) was issued on loan to Westminster Synagogue in 1968. It stands in the fourth position in the Ark and is a poignant reminder of this lost community that lives on through WS



SCROLL 931 WAS WRITTEN IN 1841

The 9 other Horažďovice scrolls on loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust can be found in the following communities – a number of which will be holding a Memorial Service each year.

Scroll 19	Congregation Ezrath Israel	Ellenville, NY	USA
Scroll 375	Park Avenue Synagogue	New York, NY	USA
Scroll 461	Temple Sinai of Dresher	Dresher, PA	USA
Scroll 476	Congregation Kol Emeth	Palo Alto, CA	USA
Scroll 558	Temple Beth Ora	Edmonton, AB	Canada
Scroll 1178	Temple Emanuel	Orange, CT	USA
Scroll 1274	B'nai Israel Congregation	Wilmington, SC	USA
Scroll 1272	Ministry of Religious Affairs	Jerusalem	Israel
Scroll 1559	Young Israel of Hollywood	Hollywood, FL	USA

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Reference :

The lives of the Jews of Horažďovice, Westminster Synagogue, London, 2010

Special thanks belong to rabbi Thomas Salomon

# Horažd'ovice

<http://www.zanikleobce.cz/index.php?detail=99872>

Perhaps the best known Jewish business in Horažd'ovice's was the vinegar and spirits company "Münz Brothers" founded by Simon Münz in 1831 and famed for its "Münzovka" whiskey. Expanded by his sons, Eduard and Karel Münz, and later by František and Pavel Münz, it became the largest distributor of spirits and vinegar in the region and was the sole distributor of almost all foreign wines and domestic mineral waters. The company continues to operate today.

MÜNZ family - brief family sketch

Simon MÜNZ u. née

i Eduard MÜNZ (1840-1916) u. Bertha née

i Frantisek MÜNZ, killed in Mathausen KL in 1942

ii Pavel MÜNZ, escaped to US

## Horažďovice



Family picture of Porges family (cca1913)  
Eleonore (née MÜNZ) PORGES,  
son Viktor PORGES,  
daughters Růžena (PISINGER), Anna (WIENER)  
Siegfried PORGES

## Rabbis of Horazdovice

Abraham Winternitz	1839 - 1840
Zachariáš Spitz	1853 - 1858
Isak Troller	1858 - 1860
Dr. Bernard Altar	1861 - 1862
Moses Rosenstrauch	1862 - 1864
Daniel Kohn	1867 - 1871
Leopold Müller	1872 - 1875
Mojžiš Stark	1875 - 1879
Martin Friedmann	1887 - 1931
Adolf Popper*	1931 - 1941

*\* lay leader*

# Chotěboř

The former synagogue ( - 1912)



The prayer room in the 1stF ( - 1939)



# Chotěboř

[http://poceta-obetem.cz/zmizeli-sousedem/oprojektu/metodika\\_chotebor.pdf](http://poceta-obetem.cz/zmizeli-sousedem/oprojektu/metodika_chotebor.pdf)



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# Chotěboř

Bedřich BONDY surrounded by his grandchildren (1934)  
standing : Ludmila (RAND), Jindřich, Ludmila LÖWIDT  
sitting : Maja, Karel Tommy, Hana



Bedřich BONDY (1864-1943) u. Luisa née BECHYNSKI (1890-1944)  
i Anna LÖWIDT (1893-1943)  
Ludmilla (1923-1944)  
Jindřich (1925-1944)  
ii Karel (Valerie née ?) BONDY (1894-1944)  
Eva (1938-1944)  
Irene Ludmila (1942-1944)  
iii Otakar (Hana née DIAMANT) BONDY (1897-1944)  
Karel Tommy (1932-1944)  
Jan (1941-1942)  
iv Matylda RAND (1900-1980)  
Ludmila (1923-1944)  
Maja (1928; survived)

## Jihlava



That is where synagogue once stood (Park of Gustav Mahler)





## Jihlava



His last series of books : Houses also die upright

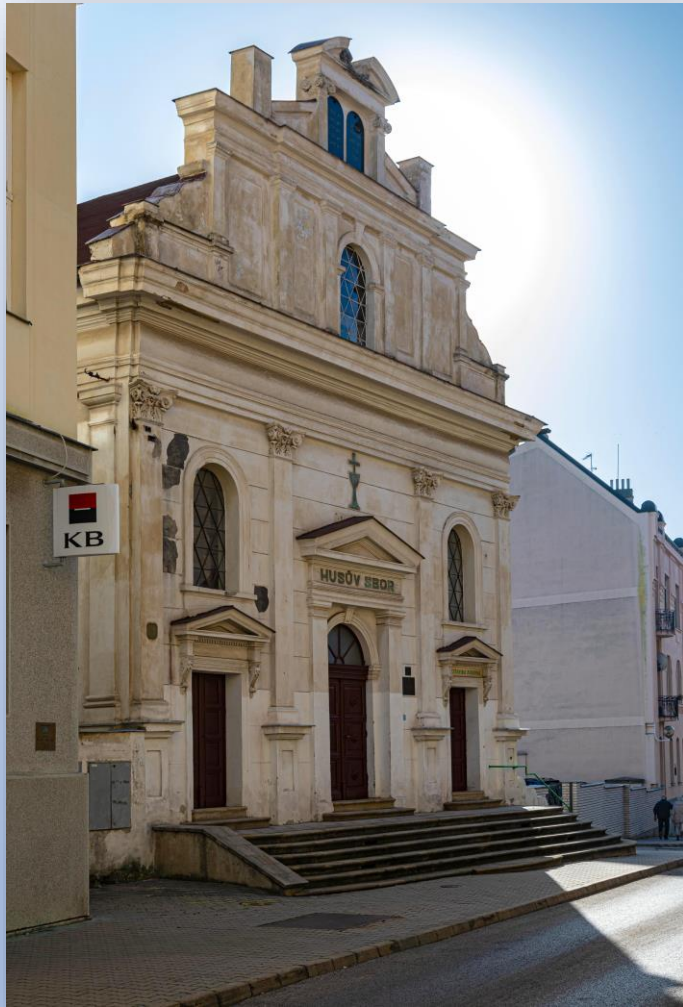
A doyen of Jihlava's Jewish history Ladislav VILÍMEK

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# Kladno



Congregation Beth El of Fairfield, Connecticut recognizes the strength and courage of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church of Kladno in preserving the story of their Jewish community.

We thank you for your bravery in sheltering the Torahs of the Kladno Synagogue through the dark period of the Holocaust. We are honored to be a steward of one of these scrolls, which has now been restored and returned to its original purpose.



קהילת בית-אל בפיירפילד, קונטיקוט, מזדהה עם העוז והאומץ של כלסיית ההוסיים הצ'כית בקלדנו בשמירתם על ספור יהודי הקהילה.

אנו מודים לכם על גבורתכם בתוכם מחסה לספרי התורה של בית-כנסת קלדנו בתקופת השואה החשוכה. כבוד הוא לנו לשמר אדום אדום מספרי התורה בקהילתנו, ולעדה הספר שוקם ומחזר לתפקידו המקורי.



The  
Kladno Torah  
Re-Dedication  
Ceremony

*from Light to Darkness to  
Light Once Again*

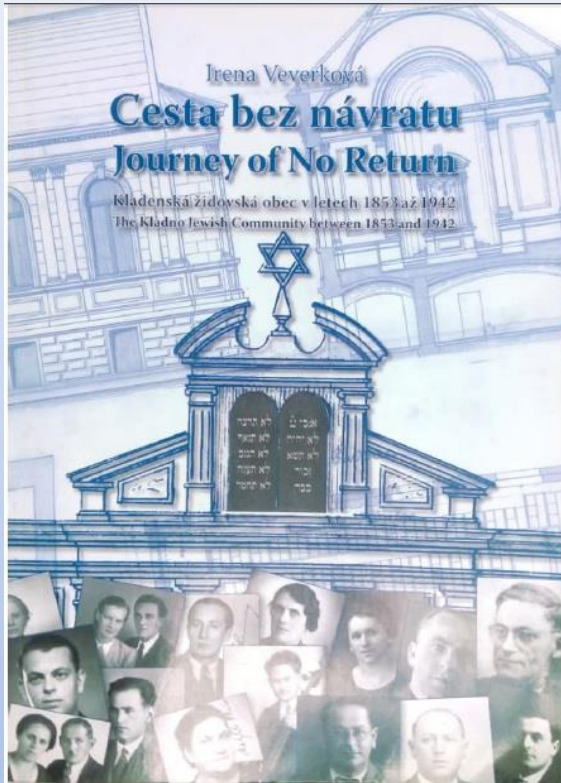
Sunday,  
June 8, 2008  
2:00 p.m.

5 Sivan, 5768

Congregation Beth El  
1200 Fairfield Woods Road  
Fairfield, Connecticut

Panels in the former synagogue : Your names shall never be forgotten

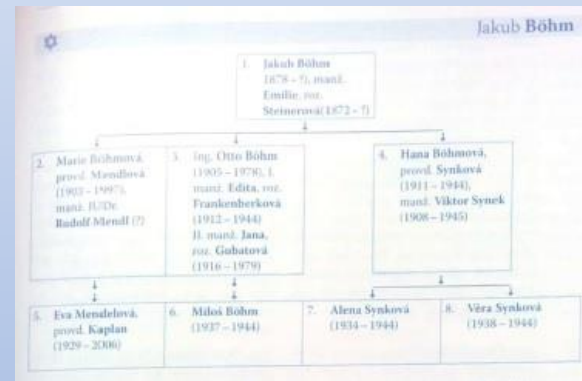
# Kladno



A bi-lingual book published by local archivist  
- hundreds of photographs  
- 38 family trees

## incl. family trees

ARNSTEIN, BAUM, BECK, BÖHM, BONDY, BUDLOVSKY, EISERT, FISCHL, FRÄNKL, GUTH, HECHT, HEITLER, HERMANN, KAFKA, KOPIDLANSKY, KUSY, LÖWNER, LÖWY, REIMANN, SALUS, SEIDL, SCHWARZKOPF, TAUSSIG, WEIL, WOLF



Jakub BÖHM (1878-?); survivor  
wife Emilie née STEINER  
(1872-?); survivor

i Marie (Rudolf) MENDEL née BÖHM (1903-1997)

i Eva KAPLAN (1929-2006)

ii Otto BÖHM (1903-1978)

1st wife Edith née FRANKENBERG (1911-1944)

2nd wife Jana née GUBAT (1916-1979)

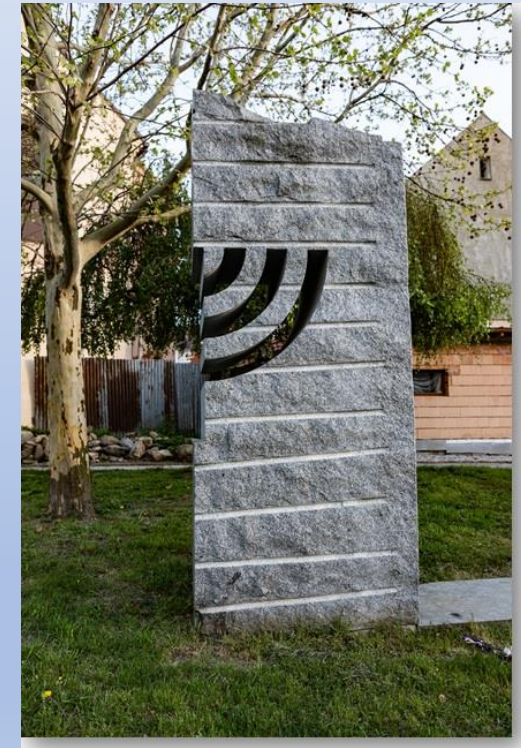
i Miloš BÖHM (1927-1944)

iii Hana (Viktor) SYNEK (1911-1944)

i Alena (1934-1944)

ii Věra (1938-1944)

## KLATOVY



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## KLATOVY



Sefer Torah in Ramsgate, UK

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/SynagogaKlatovy/posts/>  
local NGO

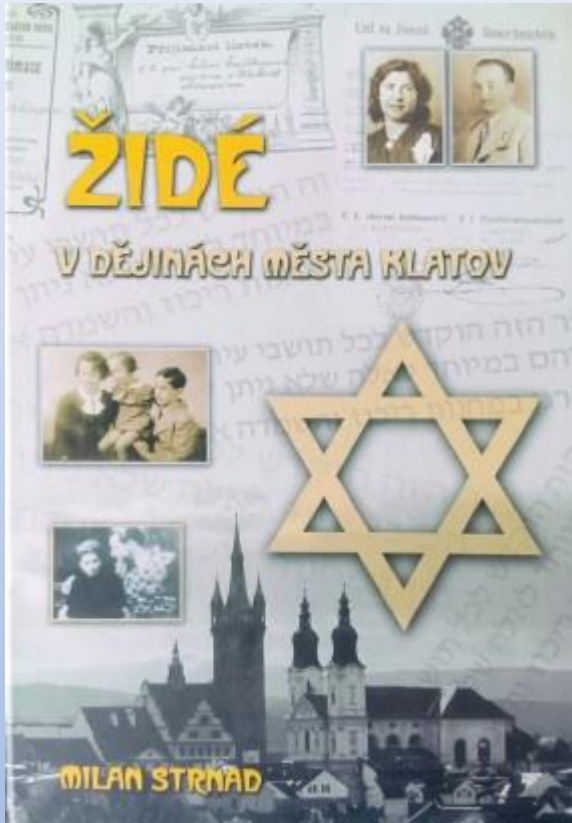


„yom ha-shoah“ in Klatovy in 2019

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## KLATOVY



- hundreds of family photographs
- family trees
- all 374 shoa victims listed incl. survivors
- memoirs :  
HAMMERSCHLAG, GOTTLIEB  
LÖWY, KAFKA, SICHER, WEINER

A book published by the local teacher



- Moritz (-1933) u. Johanna (-1922) SUCHARZIPIA
- i Sophie
  - ii Marie (SCHWARZ) / [geni.com](https://www.geni.com)
  - iii Elsa
  - iv Karl (1893-1943)
  - v Rudolf RIPA (1891-1978),  
escaped to Chile in 1939



# Kolín

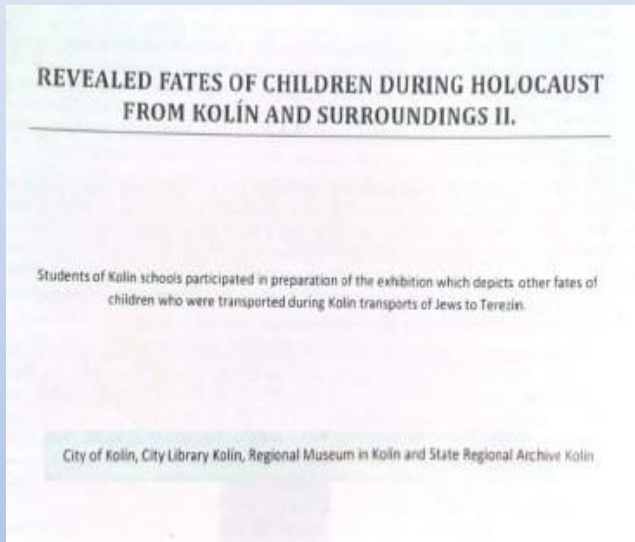


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# Kolín

The result of student's research (cca 2010)



BONDY,  
BUDLOVSKY,  
DEUTSCHMANN,  
DOBROVSKY  
FREUND  
GRAF  
HELLER  
HOFFMANN  
HYBŠ, KOHN, KORNFELD, KODIČEK, LAMPL,  
MAUTNER, PACOVSKY, PICK, POLAČEK  
ROUDNICKY, RUŽEK, SEGER, ŠIDLOF, TELLER

Stolpersteine were layed down in 8 locations so far.



FEDER family members



KRAUS family members

# Kolín

(ref. Czech Slovak Torah Connection, NLPS, London)



Mrs Kодиček  
the last Jewess in Kolin



rGOLDSTEIN visits Kolin every year

Kolin's Torah Scroll back in aron ha-kodesh

## Ledeč nad Sázavou



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## Ledeč nad Sázavou



I.S. as a child

### Mapování židovské komunity v Ledči nad Sázavou a okolí

*Diplomová práce*

Brno 2016

Vedoucí práce: doc. PhDr. Zlatica Zudová – Lešková, CSc.  
Autor práce: Bc. Zuzana Ulrichová



Zdenek and Elsa POPPER

The Jewish Community in Leděč n.S.

PhD Thesis (2016)

(MASAŘIK (Bučovice), POPPER (Praha))

Survivors : BUKOVA, FENIK, GOLDSTEIN, HERMANN, MORAVEC, NETTL, STEINER, VESELA

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# Ledeč nad Sázavou



Sinai Temple, Champaign, IL



One of family history panel in the synagogue

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## Lipník nad Bečvou

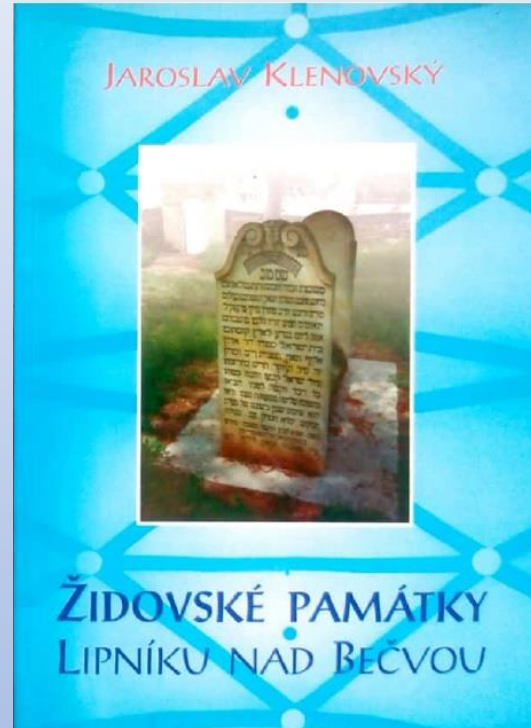
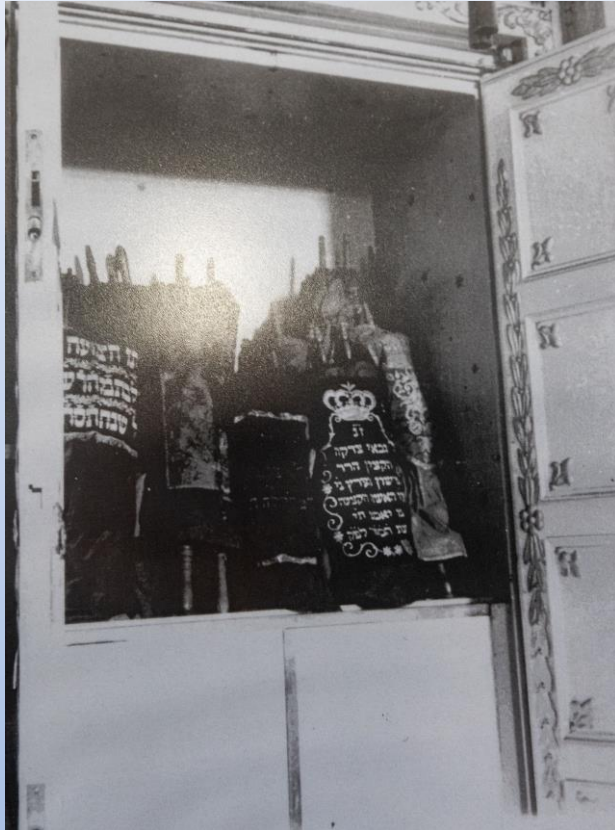


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# Lipník nad Bečvou



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# Lipník nad Bečvou



Emil SCHREIBER  
i Jiří SCHREIBER  
(1925-2012)



# Loštice



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## Loštice - NGO Respect and Tolerance

<http://www.respectandtolerance.com/en/lostice.html>



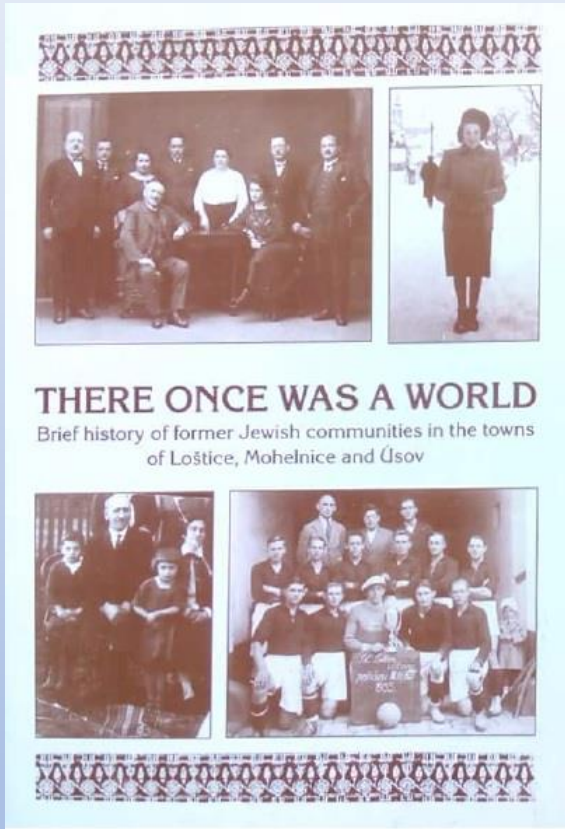
Hakafa Congregants in Loštice (2005)



rabbi ELDER

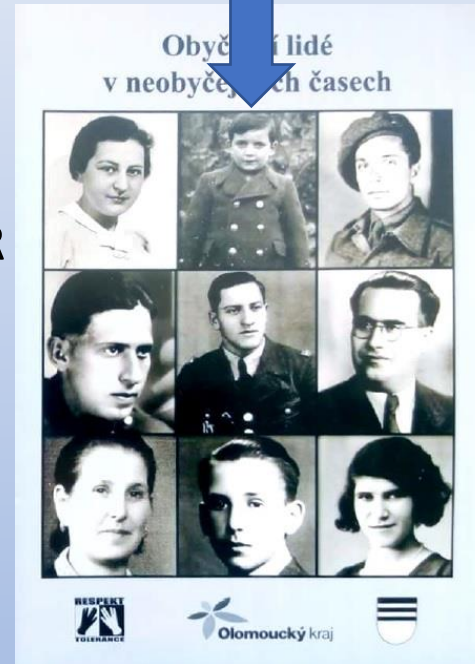
*„In this little town, from ashes of Holocaust, the embers of humanity continue to glow, and one day this summer, burst into a glorious flame ....*

# Loštice



„The regular people in irregular times“

Jiří FISCHER



E. CARTER  
-KNOPFELMACHER

E.ZIEGLER

MORGENSTERN  
brothers

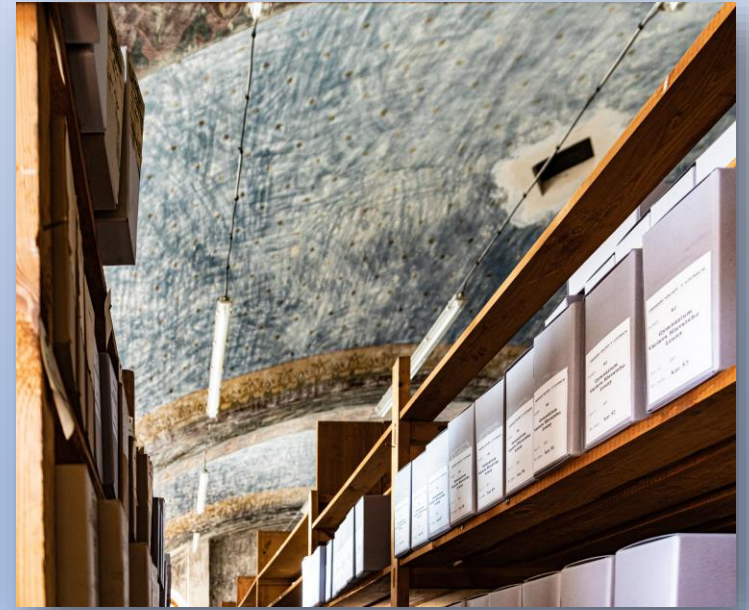
E.KARTER

E.FISCHER  
née GRÜNBAUM

*Published by Respect & Tolerance*

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# Louny



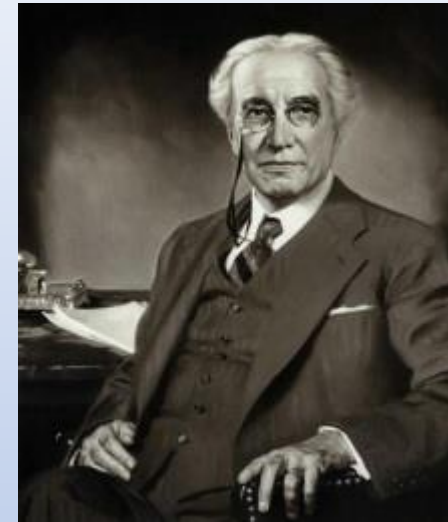
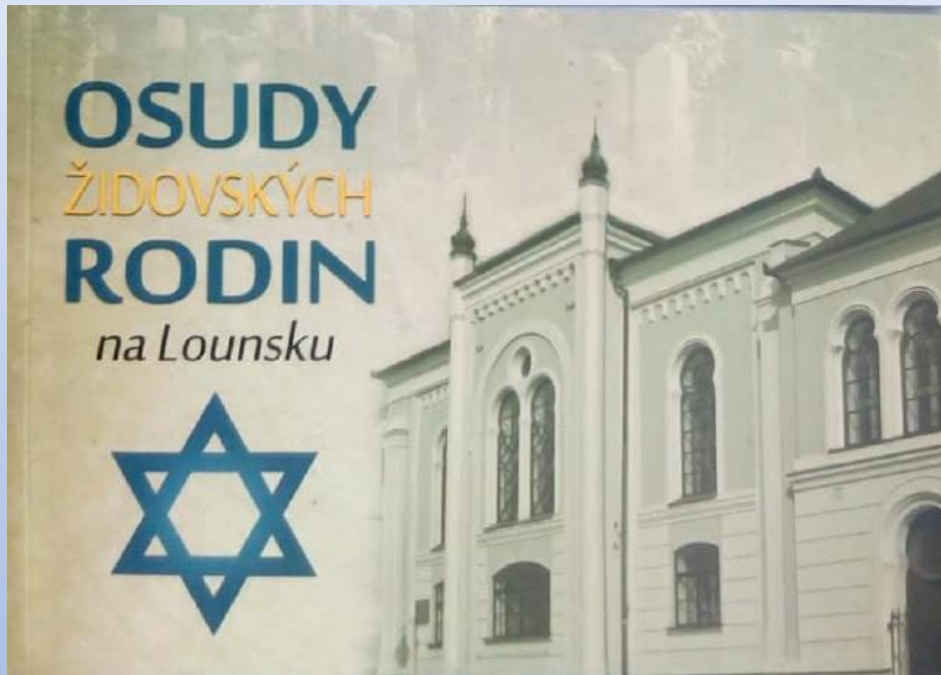
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Louny

NGO

<http://historie-zidu-perucko.hys.cz/>



Nathan BULLOWA u. Barbara née KRAUS  
i Josef BULOVA (1851-1933)  
i Arde (1889-1958)

The Fate of Jewish Families in Louny Area

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## Louny region

### Family ECKSTEIN

### Family BRILL

Abraham BRILL (1828- 1907) u. Anna née STEIN (1822-1882)

i Karel (1853-1932)

spouse Johanna née KATZ

i Berta, nar. 13.1. 1877<sup>12</sup>

iv Emil (1886)

ii Regina (1856-

spouse Leopold KATZ (-1879)

i Anna (1879-

2nd Adolf FLOR

ii Josef (1886

iii Rudolf (1888-1889)

iv Richard (1890

Spouse Ludmila née Löwi

i Rudolf (1924-1942)

ii Otto (1925

iii Emilie (1858

spouse David Lövit

### Family VOHRYZEK

<http://historie-zidu-perucko.hys.cz/>

### Family GETREUER



Family ROSENBAUM

# Milevsko



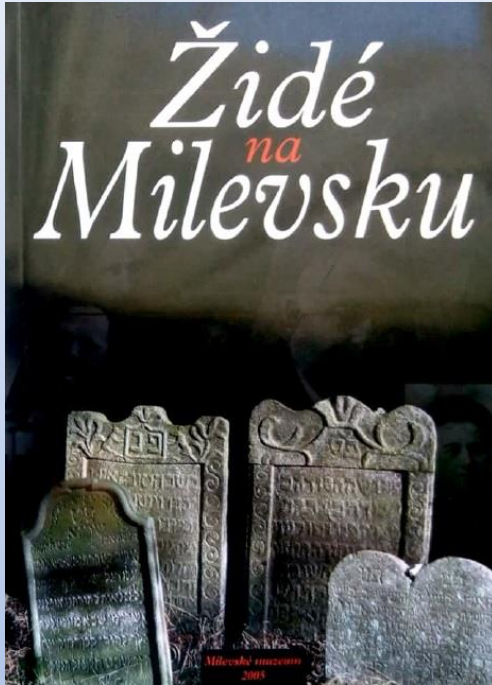
<https://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/The-Milevsko-Scroll>

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# Milevsko



Published by Museum of Milevsko (2005)

- list of shoah victims and shoah survivors (ASCHERMAN, BLOCH, DUŠEK, KAUFMANN, KLEIN, KOHN, MICHLOVÁ, POLLAK, REINIS, VLCKOVA, WEINER

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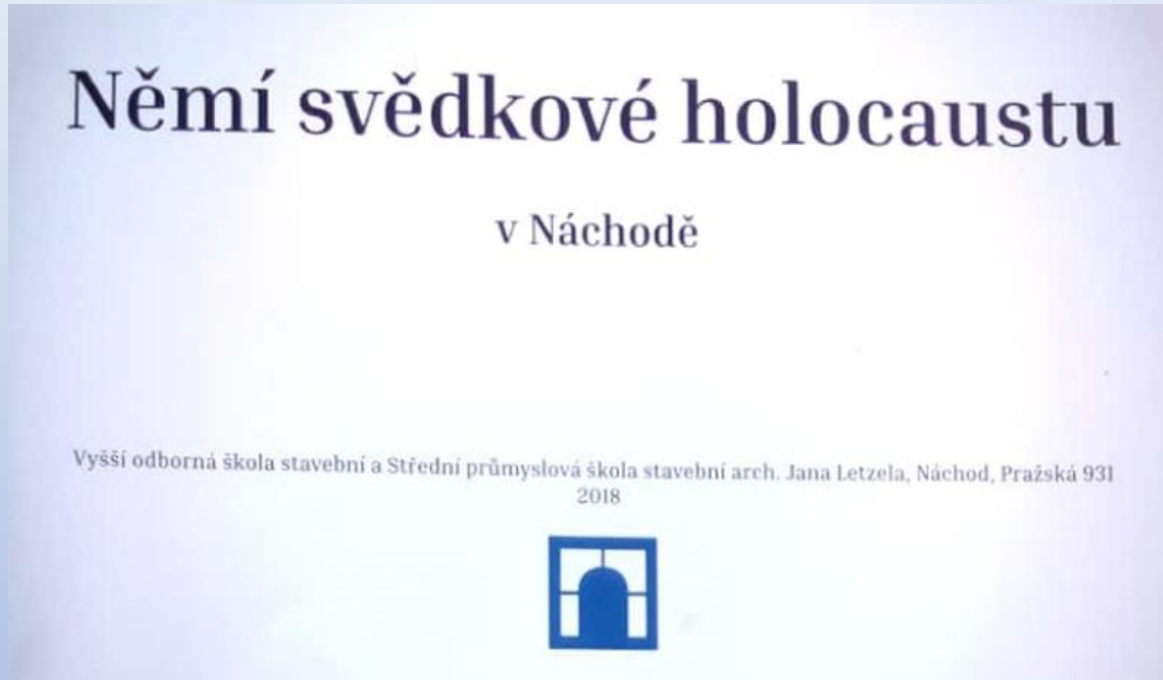
# Náchod



Memorial to shoah victims at the New Jewish Cemetery

Synagogue (1778-1964)

## Náchod



247 people were killed  
18 people survived

i Hanuš GOLDSCHMIED (1891-1966)  
wife Alice née

i Max Michael (

ii Lilly HAAS (1884-1942)

iii Lotte KRAUS (1898-1942)

iv Jenny SCHUR (1878-1942)

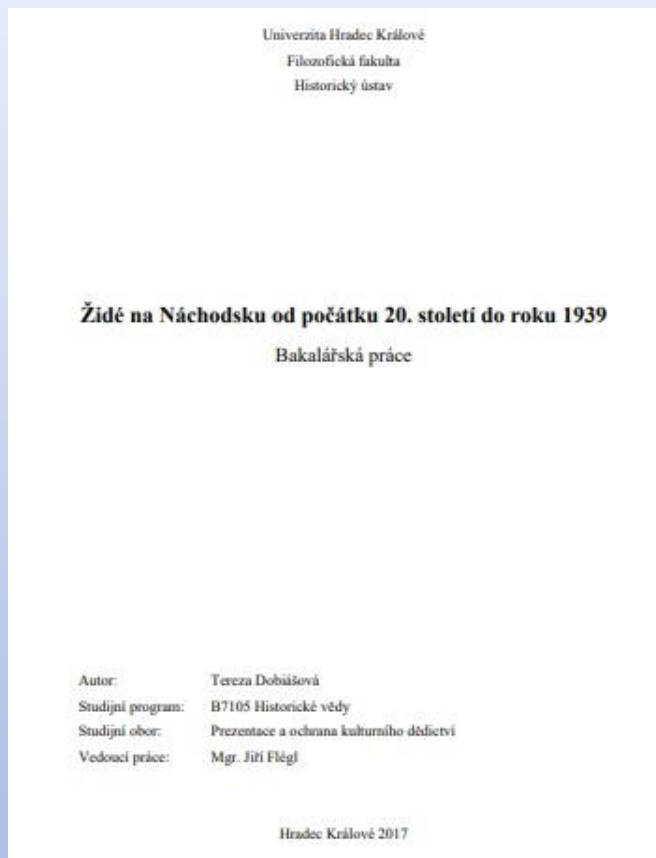
v Alice SCHWABACH (1881-1942)

vi Mariana STEINER (1888-1942)

The Silent Witnesses of Holocaust (2018)

A research project by the high-school students

# Náchod



Eduard DOCTOR (1858-1926) + Olga née WERTHAUER  
i Yella (Hugo DUKES)  
ii Hilda (Ernst ZUCKER)

Isak MAUTNER (1824-1901) + Julie née ROSENFELD  
i Isidor MAUTNER (Jenny née NEUMANN)  
ii Jenny (Moritz SCHUR)  
iii Adelheid GOLDSCHMID

Julius LÖWENBACH (1868-1928) + spouse Erna née BERAN  
i Bedřich; escaped to US  
ii Jindřich (1899-1945)  
spouse Vera née BONDY (1910-2001)  
i Jan (1933-1945)  
ii Eva (1938-1944)  
iii Zdenka (Karl MAUTNER) (1895-1968)  
iv Karl (1903-1943)



PhD. Thesis (2017)

Jews in Nachod area from beginning of 20th century to 1939

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## Olomouc



... where the synagogue once stood



Sefer Torah back „home“

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# Olomouc

<http://poceta-obetem.cz/zmizeli-souseded/novinky/metodika2010/olomouc.pdf>



Edith's Memoirs



The Memorial at New Jewish Cemetery

# Olomouc

The entrance to Community Centre



<https://kehila-olomouc.cz/rs/soucastnost/stolpersteine-2/herbert-abel/>

More in the book Light Beyond the Shadows (to be published soon)

# Pacov



NGO Tikkun Pacov est. 2015  
<http://tikkun.cz/?lang=en>





Pacov



Torah Scroll number **74**, *Congregation B'nai Israel*, Fairlawn, New Jersey

Torah Scroll number **235**, *Shore Parkway Jewish Center*, Brooklyn, New York

Torah Scroll number **498**, *Temple Beth Torah*, Fremont, California

Torah Scroll number **970**, *Milton Keynes & District Reform Synagogue*, Milton Keynes, UK

Torah Scroll number **1032**, *Congregation B'nai Yisrael*, Armonk, New York

Torah Scroll number **1163**, *Congregation Beth Tikvah*, Farmingdale, New York

## Pacov



KOBLITZ family reunion,  
Cleveland 2019



LEDERER, BRUCK family story



Nelly PREZMAH, née GUTTMANN,  
daughter of last Pacov's rabbi

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## Prostějov



Beit ha-midrash

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## Prostějov

[www.prostejov.eu/cs/volny-cas/o-meste/historie/holocaust-v-prostejove.html](http://www.prostejov.eu/cs/volny-cas/o-meste/historie/holocaust-v-prostejove.html)



Family panels in former synagogue

### Families :

ALTAR

BANDA, BAUER, BEAMT, BELEICHFELD, BERGER

DONAT, DRESCHER

FRISCH, FUCHS, FUHRMANN

GADIEL, GELB, GREIF, GRÜNFELD, GRÜNWALD

HEILIG, HOLLANDER, HUSSERL

JAHODA

KLEINER, KORNFELD, KURZ

LANG, LAMPL

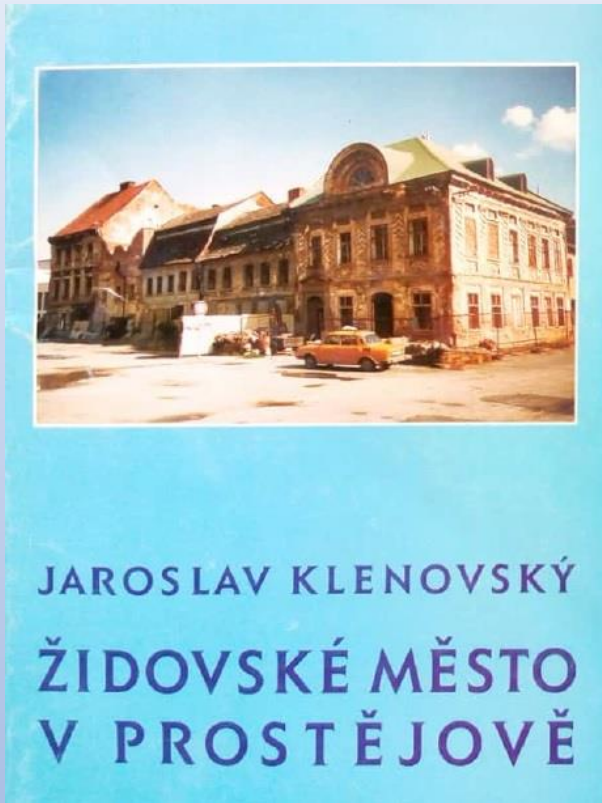
PASTERNAK, PLACZEK, PLATZER

REICH, ROSENZWEIG

SCHMIDT, SINAIBERGER, SPERBER, SPIELMAN, STECKELMACHER

TANDLER

# Prostějov



Klenovský, Jewish Town in Prostějov (1997)  
- a historic reading

kolem 1590	Isak Chajut ben Abraham
1603	Jehuda, zvaný Lób Chajut Naftali Kohen ben Isak
1643	Menachem Mendel ben Abraham Krochmal (1600 Krakov- 1661 Mikulov), pozdější moravský zemský rabin
1650	Geršon Ulif Aškenazi
do 1678	Kaleb Feivel (zemel 1678 v Prostějově) Šaltiel (ben Naftali Kohen)
1693	Jechiel Michl ben Abraham ha-Kohen Rapaport, ze Lvova (z. 1699 v Prostějově)
	Jechiel Michl ben Abraham ha-Levi Epstein, ze Lvova
1702	Meir ben Isak Aškenazi (Meir Eisenstadt), (nar. 1660 v Eisen- stadtu)
1710-17	Isachar Bär (Bernard) Eskeles, z Krakova, (z. 1753 ve Vidni), poz- dější zemský rabin v Uhrách
1720	Jomtob ben Salman Bondi (z. 1729 v Praze)
1722-28	Alexandr ben Menachem Mendel ha-Levi Deutsch
1731-41	Abraham ben Menachem Mendel ha-Levi Deutsch
1743-64	Isachar Bär, z Holešova (z. 1764 v Prostějově)
1767-70	Mattijahu Neugroschel (z. 1778 v Praze)
1785	Jirmia, z Mattersdorfu (zvolen, ale nedostal se)
od 1786	Wolf Boskowitz, (z. 1818 v Bonyhádu, Uhry)
1791	Arje Lób ben David, z Osoblahy (z. 1797) Aron Spitz Josua Charif Horowitz (z. 1816)
1826-30	Nachum Trebitsch (nar. 1799 v Praze), pozdější moravský zem- ský rabin
1831-36	Lów Schwab (nar. 1794 v Moravském Krumlově)
1836-52	Hirsch B. Fassel (1802 Boskovice- 1884 Nagykanizsa, Uhry)*
1853-69	dr. Adolf Schmiedl
1870-97	dr. Emil Hoff (z. 1897 v Prostějově)
1897-1935	dr. Leopold Goldschmied (1869 Lučenec- 1935 Prostějov?)
1935-40	dr. Albert Schön (umučen v březnu 1945 ve Wambrunnu)
1940-42	Ludvik Schap (1878 - 1945 Terezín)

List of rabbis (1590-1942)

Stolpersteine mounted at 7 places  
BRENNER family members  
FRIEDMANN  
GELB, GOTTLÖB  
MAYER  
SPITZER



## Přeštice



By holding our annual service to commemorate the memory of the Jews of Horažďovice and Přeštice, the Westminster Synagogue ensures they will never be forgotten. At the same time we honour all the Jews murdered in the Holocaust. May their memory never be forgotten.

We are fortunate to house the Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust with its important museum, in our building. Although most of the 1564 scrolls that were brought to the synagogue in 1964 have now been distributed around the world, the museum has a number on display together with other Judaica of the destroyed communities. The work of the MST and their museum helps to keep the memories of so many alive. Thank you for joining us today. We grieve for the loss of so many innocent people, however, at the same time we celebrate the survival of the Sifrei Torah and the fact that they can be seen, touched, read and passed on to the next generation, including those in our own *Or Shabbat*.

Jeffrey Ohrenstein, Chairman, Westminster Synagogue  
Czech Scrolls Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Ohrenstein".

# Přeštice

## PŘEŠTICE MEMORIES

Interview with Holocaust survivor, Pavel Fried

Pavel Fried, the grandson of Samuel Waldstein and currently head of the Brno Jewish community in the Czech Republic, provides a window into Přeštice Jewish life in excerpts from an interview in 2004:

*“My grandfather on my mother’s side, Samuel Waldstein, was born in 1878 in Přeštice near Plzeň and his wife Matilda Waldstein, née Vogel, in Dolní Kralovice...I can only with great difficulty estimate how many Jews lived in Přeštice. But the village had a synagogue, and so I think that their number may have been around a hundred.*”

Scroll 178 (Czech No. 32348) was issued on loan to Westminster Synagogue on the 6th October 1964. In early 2010, the scroll underwent substantial repairs. It now lives in the *Or Shabbat* Ark and is used in all their services.

The 13 other Přeštice scrolls on loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust can be found in the following communities – a number of which will be holding a Memorial Service on this *Shabbat*:

Scroll 185	Congregation Beth Or	Maple Glen, PA	USA
Scroll 222	Shalom Day School	Sacramento, CA	USA
Scroll 655	Temple Sinai of Sharon	Sharon, MA	USA
Scroll 993	Wilshire Boulevard Temple	Los Angeles, CA	USA
Scroll 1020	Temple Beth El Co-op City	Bronx, NY	USA
Scroll 1029	Temple Israel	Sharon, MA	USA
Scroll 1030	North Country Reform Temple	Glen Cove, NY	USA
Scroll 1254	Temple Beit Hayam	Stuart, FL	USA
Scroll 1263	Ministry of Religious Affairs	Jerusalem	Israel
Scroll 1265	Ministry of Religious Affairs	Jerusalem	Israel
Scroll 1433	Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation	Evanston, IL	USA
Scroll 1463	Jewish Federation of Hawaii	Honolulu, HI	USA
Scroll 1532	Congregation Beth El	Yardley, PA	USA

Reference :

The lives of the Jews of Přeštice, Westminster Synagogue, London, 2013

Special thanks belong to rabbi Thomas Salomon





## Slaný



## Memorial on the main square

- Osvětim
- Dachau
- Buchenwald
- Mathausen
- Rawensbrück
- Terezín
- Pankrác



School's project Crocus

# Slaný

Project Missing neighbours

<https://3-zsslanstizmizelisede.webnode.cz/blog/zidovske-rodiny>

Židovské rodiny
Rodina Benešova
Rodina Winternitzova
Rodina Popperova
Rodina Ecksteinova
Rodina Neumannova
Rodina Langweilova
Rodina Kohornova
Rodina Hellerova, Berta
Rodina Propperova
Rodina Libecajtova
Rodina Schwarzova
Felix Arnošt Heller
Rodina Frankenbuschova
Rodina Fantova



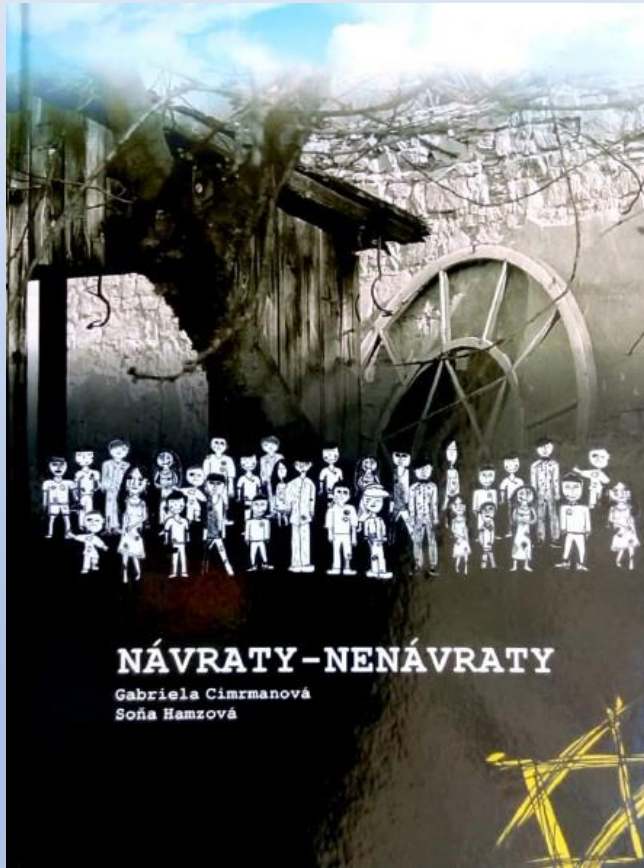
Richard LANGWEIL (1854-1941)  
wife Marie née THIEBEN (1865-1942)  
i Arthur (1887-?) left to US  
ii Rudolf (1889-1942)  
wife Lili née BAAR (1893-1942)  
i John (1920-?) left to US

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## Slaný

- a book Returns-Nonreturns; published in 2012 by elementary school teachers and their students



- memoirs and interviews
- many family photographs
- family trees :  
BENESCH  
ECKSTEIN-ELIÁŠ  
FANTA, FRANKENBUSCH  
HELLER  
KELLNER, KORETZ, KOHORN / ROTH  
LANGWEIL  
NEUMANN  
POPPER, PROPPER  
SALUS, SCHWARZ, STEINER - LIEBEZEIT  
WINTERNITZ

# Soběslav



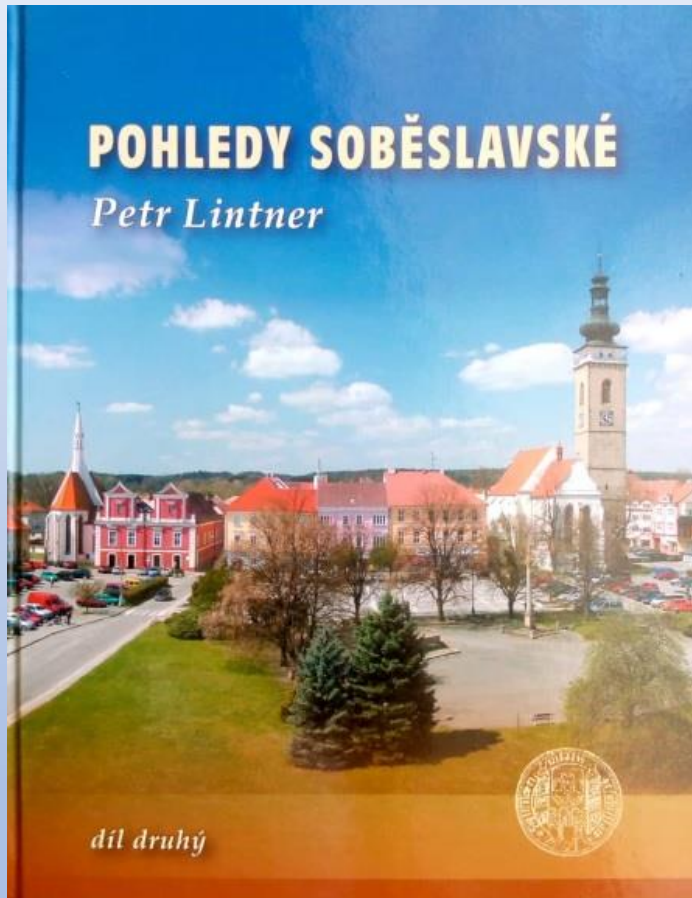
Jewish street circa 1920



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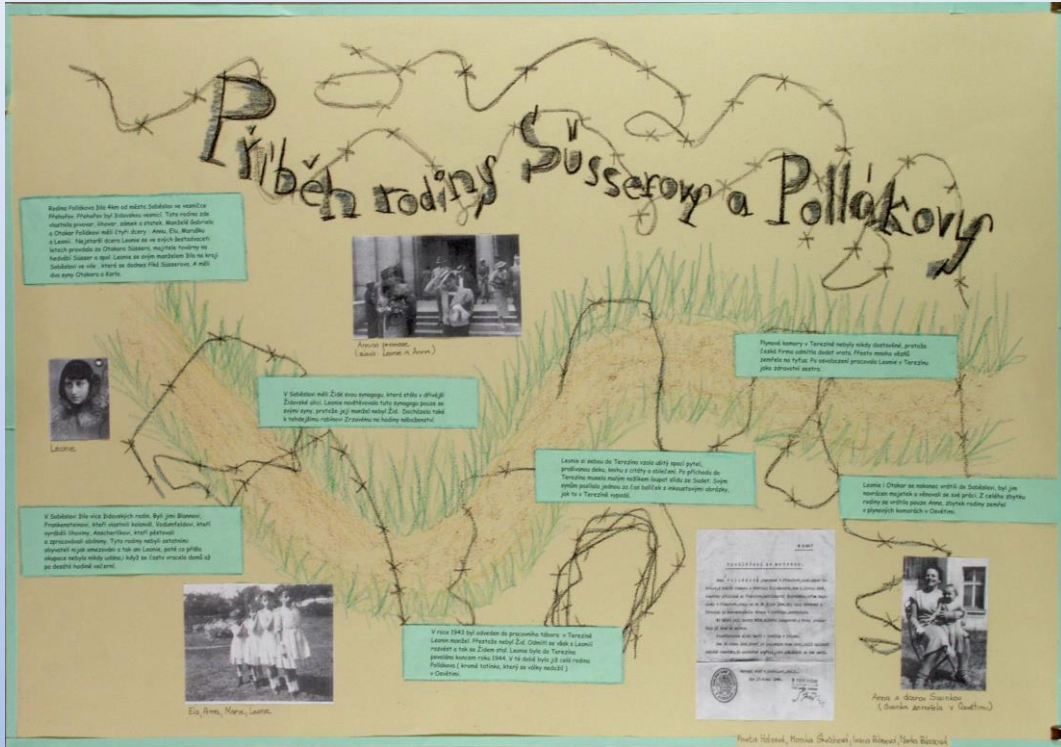


A book published by head of gymnasium

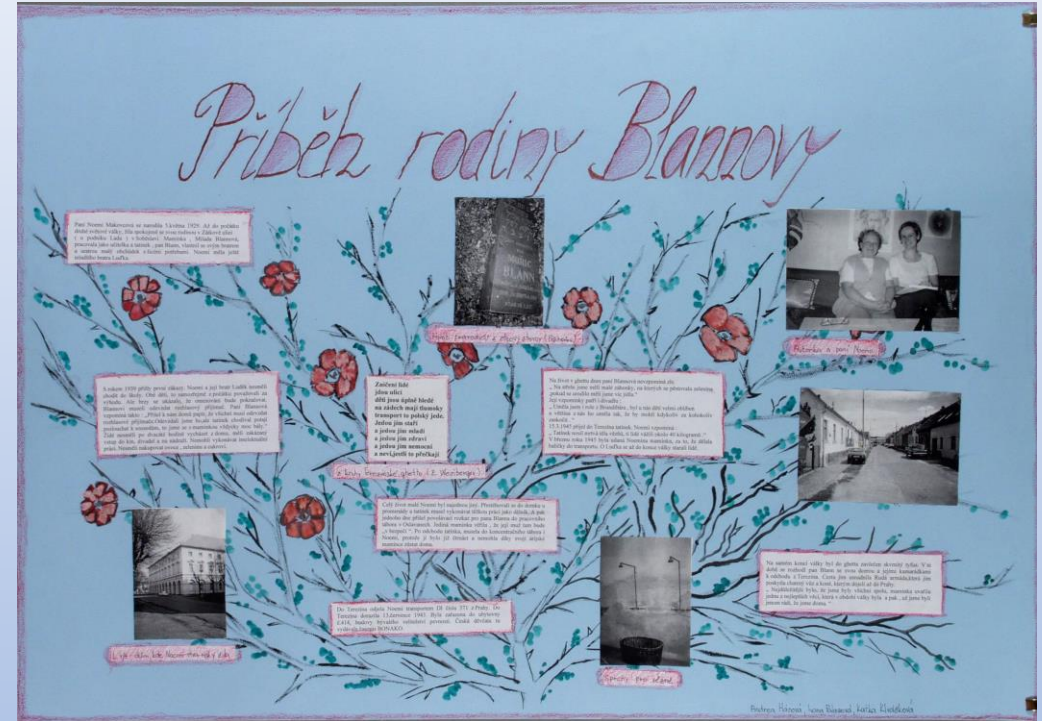


A local teacher – head of Missing Neighbours project

# Soběslav



Family SÜSSER and POLLAK



Family BLANN

# Třešť



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Třešť

Missing Neighbours project



the guests - survivors : BÖHM, MÜNCH, MEISSNER, NEWMANN

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Třešť



GRÜNBERGER  
ISTERNITZ  
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MEISSNER  
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SCHÜLLER  
ŠIŠA  
SINGER  
STRAUSS

# Třešť

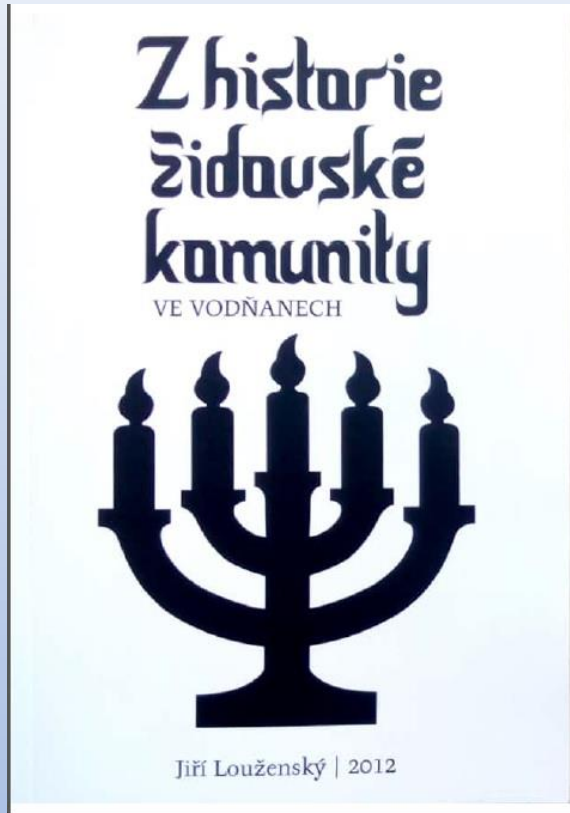


## Vodňany



The building built up in 1852 is still standing but the interior is completely refurbished.

## Vodňany



Joseph KOHN (1863-)

spouse Charlotte née HERZ (1872-

i Richard (1898-

ii Robert KALENSKÝ (1902-1943)

spouse Miroslava née REBAN

i Zdeněk (1931

ii Josef (1933

iii Otto (1935

iii Otokar KALENSKÝ (1906-1987)

spouse Božena née

i Daša (1936

ii Petr (1937

iii Věra (1946

Herman KARPELES (1865-1942)

spouse Karoline (1875-1942)

i Jindřich KARPELES-KÁRNÍK (1913-1996)

From the history of Jewish Community of Vodňany  
written by local historian (2012)

We collected the names of last rabbis, shameses, and the stories of family members  
- both shoa victims and survivors.

We wanted to show the audience that a large variety of resources are available today  
- some online, some offline but still available upon request

A new generation of scholars (teachers, historians, archivists) became interested  
in Czech Jewish heritage.

Along with other projects like

Gemeinde View at Czech-Austria SIG and/or

Geni-based Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia, CR,

we can provide the interested parties with relevant contacts, historic background and the present state. DON'T HESITATE.

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Our journey resulted in a book *Light Beyond the Shadows*

(to be published soon)

#### Ivančice



The former ghetto is delineated by cobblestones with Magen Davids and several stolpersteine (memorial cobblestones embedded in the sidewalk).



During WWII, the synagogue was used as a storage house. The municipality has plans to renovate the synagogue and use it as a library.



Věra Jelinková, a descendant of a Jewish family, focuses her energy on projects that keep alive the memory of the Jewish people in Ivančice. She continues to reside in same house in which her family has lived for 300 years.



The ceremonial hall houses an exhibit about the history of the Jewish community including portraits of those who left the country and fought the Nazis in the Czech International Brigade.

