

Jewish Community of Prague (JCP)

Annual Report 2024

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I. Introduction from the Chairman

Dear and beloved members of the Jewish Community in Prague, friends,

The year 2024, reflected in this Annual Report, was for us a time of strong contradictions and challenges. On the one hand, we appreciate the stability and quality of life maintained in our community by all of us. On the other hand, however, we, both as individuals and as a community, face growing manifestations of hatred, intolerance and insecurity in a world where it is increasingly difficult to preserve the values of humanity and respect. With the historical experience borne in our DNA, many of us are concerned and worried about the future.

The events of 07 October 2023 and their painful reverberations have touched each of us. The attacks on Israel and the subsequent wave of antisemitism in Europe and elsewhere in the world have revealed the fragility of the certainties on which we thought we could rely. The hatred that we had hoped was but a dark memory of history has re-entered the public space – sometimes aggressively, sometimes in hints, which is all the more disturbing. Accordingly, I believe that it is important for our community to second the defence of democratic values, in solidarity with those who are under threat and to a dignified and open attitude that will turn into a response to fear and polarisation.

And from this respect, it is extremely valuable that the Jewish Community in Prague worked on a stable and solid basis in 2024. What is more, our community managed to maintain the continuity of its activities and to perform the tasks set by the community in a long-term perspective – in the areas of social services, education, religious life and care of our cultural heritage. Our Social Department provided high quality care to seniors and extended its assistance to people in difficult life situations. Lauder Schools offered education, interweaving knowledge of tradition with openness to the contemporary world. Care of monuments and public cultural activities recalled our history, taking our presence to the general public. Religious activities remained the soul of the community – an everyday expression of identity and support.

Let me express my gratitude to all who have contributed – employees, volunteers and active members of our community. We owe you our sincere thanks. I would like to extend my thanks also to the previous community management, whose work has formed solid foundations for our further development and stability that we can draw upon today. The present Annual Report describes the results of their work.

I was elected Chairman only a few month ago. I perceive this position as a service – to people for whom this community is their home, and also to the values on which our community is based. I will attempt to contribute to the continued development of our community, not only with respect to tradition, but also with an eye to the needs of the present time, with an outlook

to the future. I wish to listen, encourage dialogue, facilitate disputes, foster cooperation across the community and create an environment where everyone who belongs to the community will find their place.

Importantly, I believe that it is not enough simply to “work well”. We must reflect upon what we can do better. How to be more open to the ideas of those who intend to contribute to the community in a positive manner, how to develop voluntary activities, how to approach those who have so far held back. One of the key objectives of the upcoming years will therefore be to make the community more attractive for its members – we want everyone to feel welcome, respected and involved. Our aim is for the municipality to be more than just an institution, an office, or a building – we envision it as a true space for community life, sharing, and mutual support.

The year 2024 reminded us again that the world is forever changing and that the values we rely on must be cultivated and protected on a continuous basis. However, I believe that if we maintain cohesion, openness and accountability, ours will be a strong, healthy and inspiring community.

Thank you for your trust, for your efforts and everything you have contributed to the life of the Jewish Community in Prague.

Pavel Král

Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague

II. Basic information about the JCP

Mission

The Jewish Community of Prague brings together citizens from more than forty per cent of the territory of the Czech Republic who claim to be of the Jewish faith, nationality or origin, and who are not members of other churches or religious societies or other Jewish communities in the Czech Republic, and who have been accepted as members. The Community ensures the religious and cultural life of its members through the Social and Healthcare Department, providing social and psychosocial assistance to the members of the Jewish community and their family members who find themselves in unfavourable life situations. The Community supports the education of its members in Jewish traditions and contributes to general education in Judaism and Jewish history, in particular work with youths. The Community actively opposes all manifestations of anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, Nazism, Fascism, discrimination and intolerance, and protects the memory of Jewish victims.

On 31 December 2024, there were 1,416 regular members registered (639 men and 777 women), 258 extraordinary status holders (111 men and 147 women), and 31 guests (15 men and 16 women).

The average age of members has stabilized in recent years: 53 for men (48 for extraordinary status holders, and 45 for guests), and women 56 (53 for extraordinary status holders and 44 for guests).

A slight decline in the total number of members continues. The year-on year decrease by 22 members corresponds to 1.6% of the total membership, the average age of members increased by one year. However, there has been an increase by 6 extraordinary status holders, which corresponds to 2.4%. Their average age remained unchanged.

The year-on-year increase in the number of guests from 18 to 31 is mainly due to the arrival of refugees from Ukraine.

In the future, we can expect a higher proportion of members whose native language is not Czech.

Members' Assembly

On 06 October, the pre-election membership meeting of our community was held. The number of attendees was insufficient. Accordingly, the Mandate Committee was compelled to state that the meeting was not quorate, and the meeting then continued as a “discussion forum”. The Chairman F. Bányai gave a summary talk as to the Annual Report for 2023. The results of economic activities are stable, the Hagibor Social Care Facility is occupied in 95%, the Ezra Comprehensive Home Care provides reliable services, and the Social Department has performed its tasks excellently, managing the emergency aid to refugees from Ukraine and the aid to the needy from Israel. The Rabbinate operates well but cannot replace the limited number of believers. Tourists have returned and good cooperation was formed with the Jewish Museum. In conclusion, F. Bányai maintained that JCP had set up a good and sustainable development in all directions, stating that he had no doubts about its prosperous future.

As the next item of the assembly, Jaroslav Němec presented a report of the Review Committee for 2023.

The presentation of the individual candidates for the elections in December followed.

Elections to the JCP bodies in 2024

The year 2024 marked an important event – elections to the JCP bodies held on 01 December 2024. The elections were held in accordance with the valid Statutes of the JCP, approved on 11 November 2008, and the Electoral Rules of the JCP, approved on 14 May 2010.

The act of voting was carried out either by correspondence or in person. The newly introduced electronic voting was availed of by 368 eligible voters (81% of the electorate), 55 voters (12%) voted in person, and 31 (6.8%) by correspondence. A total of 454 out of 1,172 eligible voters (38.7%) took part in the elections.

At the subsequent first constituent meeting of the new JCP Representation held on 10 December 2024 in the presence of a Notary, Pavel Král was elected Chairman of the Jewish Community, Eva Lorencová was elected Second Deputy Chairwoman, Tomáš Pasternak was elected Second Deputy Chairman, Zuzana Veselá and Jindřich Svátek were elected management members, and the Secretary Michal Borges and Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter remained as ex officio members. The remaining member of the management was not elected.

The meeting was attended by all of the 24 newly elected members, ex officio members of the JCP Representation and all newly elected members of the JCP Review Committee. The proceedings were notarised in writing, and minutes were taken by an attorney-at-law. Before the constituent meeting of the Representation was opened, the Review Committee deliberated shortly in a separate meeting, electing Jaroslav Němec as its Chairman.

Elections were also held to the bodies of the Federation of Jewish Communities of the Czech Republic, where the Prague Community is represented by 15 representatives.

Subsidised associations

In 2024 the JCP financially contributed to the activities of the following associations, organisations and groups:

- Children's Theatre,
- Besamim,
- Rafael Institute,
- Moishe House,
- Youth Coordinator (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Children's Camps (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Limmud (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Mišpacha, Klezmerim,
- Bejachad,

- Terežín Initiative.

Lauder Schools attached to the JCP (and Jewish programme of the 1.B class of the Na Výšinách Kindergarten)

In 2024, the JCP also significantly subsidized the activities of the Lauder Schools (26.9% of the school budget). The Lauder Schools represent a unique educational project for children, pupils and students interested in education in the spirit of Judaism. The primary school was established in 1997, and since 1999 there has been a middle school and since 2009 a kindergarten. Teaching at all levels of education is based on the Le Chajim school educational programme, which is based on framework educational programmes for preschool, elementary and middle school education, enriched by Jewish education and Hebrew. The school profiles itself as community-based and inclusive and is currently facing a sort of overhang of demand that it unfortunately has to turn away applicants from the target group. By the end of 2024, 396 pupils and students attended the kindergarten, primary school and the grammar school within the Lauder Schools, with an additional 80 adult students and 50 child students in the online school.

As of 2021, the Jewish programme of the 1.B grade at the Na Výšinách Kindergarten was also transferred to the responsibility of the Lauder Schools. It is implemented in a classroom with a specific programme for Jewish children. The kindergarten run by the Prague 7 district has operated a class with this programme for twenty-eight years and is intended for preschool children belonging to the JCP. The JCP contributes financially to this class. The number of children is 25-28, the same as in the other classes. The children are guided together in Jewish traditions, history and holidays. Meals for the children are prepared in the preschool kitchen in a kosher style.

Marta Choděrová Endowment Fund

The Marta Choděrová Endowment Fund at the Jewish Community of Prague was founded in 2019. The fund's resources are intended to support and provide for the needs of the dignified life of children from the wider Jewish community who are medically or socially disadvantaged or are at risk of social exclusion and material deprivation, and whose family situation does not allow this disadvantage to be sufficiently compensated and for standard living conditions to be ensured for the child.

The resources from the fund are allocated on the basis of applications received by members of the committee. Those interested in a subsidy apply for support through one of the

following organisations: the Jewish Community of Prague - Social Department, Lauder Schools, Bejachad, z. s., the management of the Tuvja scout unit, and Beit Simcha, the management of the Jewish community.

In 2024 as many as 12 applications were submitted through the JCP Social Fund and the Lauder Schools. The final financial support in the amount of CZK 54,022 was given to a total of 10 children.

December saw the fund hold an online Hanukkah benefit auction. The proceeds from this auction totalled CZK 37,723. The fund raised CZK 32,830 in donations in 2024.

Our thanks are extended to all donors for their support.

Members of Statutory Bodies and Management of the JCP

In 2024, the following representatives worked in the highest bodies of the JCP:

Chairman - *statutory representative of the Community before the elections:*

František Bányai

after the elections:

Pavel Král

Management - *fulfils the role of Community Executive in the following composition before the elections:*

František Bányai, Chairman

Eva Lorencová, First Deputy Chairwoman

Tomáš Pasternak, Second Deputy Chairman

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

Tomáš Taussig

Tomáš Büchler

after the elections:

Pavel Král, Chairman

Eva Lorencová, First Deputy Chairwoman

Tomáš Pasternak, Second Deputy Chairman

Zuzana Veselá

Jindřich Svátek

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

The management held eleven regular meetings in 2024.

Representation – *is elected once every four years. The highest body of the Community after the Member's Assembly, representation fulfils the role of the community parliament. Meetings are accessible to members of the Community, and the dates are published on the Community website.*

In 2024, the JCP Representation worked in the following composition:

before the elections:

František Bányai

Tomáš Büchler

Ivana Hrubá

Martin Jelínek

Michal Klíma

Eva Kosáková

Tereza Kotláríková

Tomáš Kraus

Šimon Krýsl

Petr Kučera

Eva Lorencová

Marta Malá

Vida Neuwirthová

Jiří Pacovský

Tomáš Pasternak

Leo Pavlát

Jan Roubínek

Lior Sharafi

Tomáš Schäfer

Jindřich Svátek

Tomáš Taussig

Zuzana Veselá

Michaela Vidláková

Dominika Weiss Hošková

Ex officio members:

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

after the elections:

František Bányai

Jan Divecký

Martin Jelínek

Ester Karasová

Marta Kolská

Eva Kosáková

Vojtěch Košnar

Pavel Král

Šimon Krýsl

Petr Kučera

Eva Lorencová

Ondřej Novák

Jiří Pacovský

Tomáš Pasternak

Elise Peter Apelbaum

Daniel Polakovič

Lior Sharafi

Jakub Schwab

Jindřich Svátek

Martin Šmok

Tomáš Taussig

Tereza Váňová

Zuzana Veselá

Dominika Weiss Hošková

Ex officio members:

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

Eight regular meetings of the Representation were held in 2024, in the presence of members of the Review Committee.

Review Committee

In 2024 the JCP Review Committee worked in the following composition:

before the elections:

Jaroslav Němec, Chairman

Otto Herman

Hermína Neuner

Tomáš Pezl

Zdeněk Racek

Jakub Roth

Vít Šlechta

after the elections:

Jaroslav Němec, Chairman

Hana Dvořáková

Otto Herman

Petra Hrouz Špačková

Hermína Neuner

Tomáš Pezl

Jakub Roth

Synagogues and other monuments managed by the Jewish Community in Prague

The year 2024 marked a return to a full stable season for tourism in the monuments under the management of the Jewish Community in Prague. In the post-pandemic period and despite the geopolitical uncertainty, tourist traffic in the monuments remained high and the development in this area continued in accordance with strategic objectives of the JCP. A most significant step was the introduction of a single ticket for the monuments of the Jewish Town, which came into effect on 01 January 2024 and had a considerable impact on the operations and visitor experience.

The single ticket, which resulted from an agreement between the JCP and the Jewish Museum of Prague, allowed a more efficient access of visitors to the individual monuments and removed complications arising from different access modes. After a year of operation, it can be stated that the system has met our expectations. Concerns that the **Old-New Synagogue** might get overcrowded did not materialise – the number of visitors to the monument increased year-on-year to 544,841 persons, i.e. an increase by 192%; however, the situation was manageable. The introduction of separate entry and exit points and the presence of external security guards helped regulate visitor attendance during peak periods.

The season of the **Jerusalem Synagogue** also scored a noteworthy success, with a record 64,215 visitors in 2024. A positive impact was brought about by not only the extended opening hours, but also the cultural and education programmes – guided tours, exhibitions (*Vision of Kafka's Shadow*, *Behind the Curtain*), concerts, lectures and participation in the Prague Visitor Pass programmes or the Day of Jewish Monuments.

The Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov remains fully accessible in an unattended mode and continues to be developed. In 2024, six guided tours were held in the cemetery, of which four took place in the evening. By the end of the year, 16 significant gravestones were newly indicated, including QR code providing extra information. The next phase will be effectuated in 2025.

Similar to the last year, **the Historic Mikveh** was accessible on a limited basis in 2024 and was visited by 323 people.

The New Jewish Cemetery was involved in the Open House festival as well as the Days of Žižkov Cultural Heritage, within which guided tours were given and the preparation of an education trail began.

In individual regions, the JCP organised the seventh **Day of Jewish Monuments**, when dozens of regional buildings opened to the general public on the traditional date in August. The event met with positive response from visitors and owners of the monuments and has become an important tool to promote awareness of the Jewish cultural heritage outside Prague. Media partners Czech Television and Czech Radio were actively involved in the promotion of the above event.

Concerts and cultural events at the Jerusalem Synagogue

In 2024, the series of **organ concerts** continued for the twelfth year in a row, where a number of Czech organists performed. It was opened on 22 May 2024 by organist Václav Peter together with trumpeter Miroslav Laštovka. The series continued on 19 June 2024

with a concert of organist Jitka Chaloupková, who was accompanied by Václav Peter in compositions for two organs. On 10 July 2024, Jiřina Marešová performed, followed by organist Eva Flamínková-Moleková on 28 August 2024, organist Markéta Schley Reindlová 11 September 2024 and the last concert of the series was given by Přemysl Kšica on 30 October 2024. All concerts started at 06:00 pm and the musical programme did not exceed 70 minutes. Similar to the last year, the project was purely educational, with no entrance fee.

During the season, the Synagogue hosted two temporary exhibitions – *Behind the Curtain* – an exhibition of photographs by Jindřich Svátek (20 March – 29 May 2024) and *Visions of Kafka's shadow: Photography and Artistic Ties* – the work of Franz Kafka through the lens and work of Czech photographers and artists (03 June – 31 December 2024).

On 30 May 2024, the Jerusalem Synagogue hosted a benefit concert organised by the EZRA Comprehensive Home Care, featuring the chamber women's choir Carmina Bohemica under the guidance of choirmaster Věra Hrdinová. The proceeds of the concert were provided to the Israeli Kibbutz KFAR AZA.

On 29 May 2024, singer Erika Nováková performed at the Jerusalem Synagogue as part of the Khamoro Festival, accompanied by the musical group LAVUTARI DI PRAGA under the guidance of Ivan Herák. The repertoire offered classical compositions, infused with a modern touch and complete with Romani compositions.

On 03 June 2024, a concert entitled "*Transformations,*" commemorating the 100th anniversary of Franz Kafka's death, was held in the Jerusalem Synagogue. The concert featured soprano Markéta Fassati and her guests: Barbora Kolářová (violin), Stanislav Gallin (piano) and Václav Peter (organ).

On 06 October 2024, members of the Jewish Community gave a concert in memory of victims of the pogrom of 07 October 2023 in Israel. The performers included Petra Ernyeiová, Adam Tvrđý, Diego Bransburg, Peter Mešo, Václav Peter and Dominika Weiss Hošková. Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter and Rabbi Michael Dushinsky prayed for the murdered.

On 27 November, the Jewish Cultural Community Centre JCC Prague organised a unique concert in the Jerusalem Synagogue, during which the Israeli group Soularon performed (“ron” means “sing a song” in Hebrew), under the guidance of Rami Barber.

In 2024, the Jerusalem Synagogue celebrated the **Festival of Lights** on Monday, 30 December 2024, when the sixth candle was lit on the Hanukkiah. Before the actual celebration began, the organ resounded under the hands of Václav Peter. The programme was again engaging. As in previous years, the programme was presented by Milan Hein with poise and elegance. As per the tradition, candles were lit and a short speech was given by Chief Rabbi of Prague David Petr, then the children from the Feigele Theatre performed, singing and playing several Hanukkah songs together with their leader Vida Neuwirth. A breathtaking musical performance was provided by five lady harpists, called Harfičky, led by Pavla Vondráčková Jahodová. They were accompanied on the flute by her daughter Eliana Vondráčková, who also took on the role of conductor. A particularly delightful guest was Tereza Kostková. Together with Milan Sochor, they read several texts about Hanukkah and customs associated with this holiday – including those in the culinary domain. The three-member Melamed Klezmer Band, which gave a brilliant singing and playing performance, introduced the audience to the world of klezmer music.

Days of European Cultural Heritage

In September 2024, as part of the European Heritage Days, a tour of the former synagogue in Michle took place in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Hussite Church.

Day of Jewish Monuments

On 11 August, the seventh year of the Day of Jewish Monuments (DJM) event was held in the Czech Republic. The objective of the event was to make available and visible several dozen regional monuments, synagogues and cemeteries, which either are not open to the public or recently underwent reconstruction. For this reason, structures repaired within the Revitalization of Jewish Monuments - 10 Stars project, were also included in the Day of Jewish Monuments. All the buildings were accessible free of charge or for a voluntary admission fee. In total, 32 cemeteries and 30 synagogues as well as other monuments were made accessible at 45 locations across the Czech Republic (including the “10 stars” monuments).

III. Obecní noviny

Publication of the internal, news bulletin, not for sale, intended for JCP members called *Obecní noviny (ON, Community Newspaper)*, continued in 2024; eleven regular editions were published. The newspaper is published in both printed and electronic form, which can be found on the Community website. The online version of ON is in colour. The graphic design of the printed version is based on the JCP corporate design. *Rabínský list (Letter from the Rabbi)* was inserted into *Obecní noviny* as an independent supplement prepared by the Rabbinate.

Through its regular publishing of news from the Representation and the JCP management meetings, as well as information about social events and upcoming events, *Obecní noviny* facilitates greater awareness and better communication amongst the members of the JCP.

In 2024, a double-spread continued to be published regarding the information from the Laudre Schools, prepared by Irena Poláková and Kateřina Weberová. There was a steady stream of reflections of Chief Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon (*Announcement of a Book that is still being Written, Gaza under Siege, Integration of Israel, Shapira in a New Context, Seven Squared, Holiday o Shavuot and King David, From the Sermon of the Maharal of Prague on Shabbat Shuva, Without King Solomon, Sermons on Shabbat Shuva, Res publica*). Attention was paid to the work of the JCP Rabbinate: *News from the Rabbinate and TKC, We ask David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague*.

Readers were informed that more Stolpersteine, or “Stones of the Disappeared” had been laid in Prague and other cities of the Czech Republic (Mníšek pod Brdy, Kladno, Koloděje). The installation of the stones is carried out by the Public Benefit Association for the Support of Persons affected by Holocaust, headed by František Bányai and Hermína Neuner. Moreover, the newspaper published information about the completion of the memorial Return of the Stones at the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov. The memorial was completed with a separate column, composed of paving stones that indicated names of all important donors.

The newspaper regularly featured reports on cultural programmes of the Jewish Museum in Prague, in the Department for Education and Culture and in the Maisel Synagogue. Antonín Kurovec, curator of the First and Second Generation Witnesses collection with the Jewish Museum in Prague, informed the readers that the Jewish Museum in Prague systematically records, collects and makes available for scholarly purposes the personal testimonies of Holocaust survivors.

The newspaper also brought an interview with organist and script editor Václav Peter about the upcoming organ concerts in the Jerusalem Synagogue.

Readers learnt about activities of the JCP Social Department, whose staff, in addition to their regular social work, provided assistance to Ukrainian refugees, and, after 07 October 2023, their assistance was extended to refugees from Israel. Particular attention was paid to the war of Israel against Palestinian terror. On Tuesday, 30 January 2024, Mrs Boženka Kasíková, an employee of the JCP Social Department, was named the best social worker of 2023 within the National Award of Social Services, annually announced by the Association of Social Services Provider in the Czech Republic. Regular information regarding the Social Department included interviews with volunteers (Jana Vohryzková, Felix Ferbar, Marlene Meierhenrich, Debora a Michal Konečný, Pavlína Kučerová, MUDr. Irena Škodová, Jaroslava Srbková, Olga Voloshenko, Zuzana Koritschanová). The Psychology Hub of Mrs Golda and memory exercises continued to be published.

Marta Klimentová wrote an article on the 30th anniversary of Charles Jordan Guesthouse – Janovského 46, Prague 7.

The newspaper released information on the death of Henry Kissinger and Mark Podwal, who created a monumental collection of textiles for the Old-New Synagogue.

The Life Stories column featured the memories of Evelina Merová, Oskar Fischer and Alois Alzheimer. Readers were treated to an interview with Gabriela Bulišová and Marek Issac, two artists who address the theme of Shoah in a unique way, an interview with the Slovak historian, writer and poet Jozef Leikert, and an interview with the new Director of the Memorial of Silence, Pavlína Šulcová.

In 2024, the ON also brought information on new books as well as excerpts from selected books in the Welcome to the Library section.

The newspaper briefly reported on noteworthy projects, published contributions to current political issues and information on the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. Its readers were informed in detail of the financial performance of the JCP in the previous year and the approved budget for the following year. The editor-in-chief was Petr Balajka.

IV. Cultural and Social Events, Celebrations of Jewish Holidays, Commemorative Events, Important Visitors

Cultural and Social Events, Celebrations of Jewish Holidays

In 2024 the Coffee at Four discussions were held twelve times. The dates were adjusted to accommodate government hygiene measures, the availability of guests and lecturers, and to the Jewish calendar. Guests in 2024 included: actor Ondřej Vetchý, opera singer Ivan Kusnjer, physician Martin Voldřich, head of the Clinic of Infectious Diseases Milan Trojánek, director of the National Drug Control Centre Jakub Frydrych, obesity specialist and endocrinologist Martin Matoulek, physical chemist Pavel Jungwirth, politician and columnist Andrej Ruščák, principal of the Feigle Theatre Vida Neuwirthová, student of the University of Jerusalem David Shorf, Professor of Slavic languages at the University of Michigan and author of the book *Czech Jews and their 19th Century* Jindřich Toman, director of the Institute for the Czech Language Karel Oliva and actor Vladimír Polívka.

In 2024, the Charles Jordan Guesthouse hosted various cultural and discussion events:

- *Celebration of Tu Bi-Shvat* – 28 January
- *Meeting with Rabbi of Prague Peter David* – 11 January, 14 March, 11 April, 09 May, 06 June, 09 October, 19 December
- *Discussions at Request* with guests: Rut Sidonová: Where are you going, America? (19 March); Anna Bradíková: Life with Thread (18 April); Zuzana Vránová, social worker (16 May); Mgr. Tereza Weissová of IKEM (18 June); Jaroslav Kindl (20 June, presented by Zuzana Peterová).
- *Chair for our Guest with the subtitle Meet Interesting People of Today* – RNDr. Alena Lehovcová (27 February); Petr Karas, Principal of the Lauder Schools (28 March); Věra Roubalová, psychotherapist (28 May); Natalia Surkova, teacher of English from Kyiv (25 June); Michal Stránský, Chairman of the Terezín Initiative (24 September); Lior Sharafi, head of the JCP Rabbinate (29 October); Jaroslav Cienciala, student of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University, and guitarist (26 November). Presented by Ruth Sidonová.
- *Sitting together with Music and Discussion with Interesting People* – afternoon of singing and piano “Singing into Winter” (18 January); honouree Božena Kasíková “How I Met the First Lady of the Republic” (29 February); Welcoming Spring with Singing (21 March); Singing for Joy (25 April); Singing together – Jewish jokes and songs (23 May).
- *Exhibitions:*
 - until 31 January – Paintings, JUDr. Dana Římanová,
 - 06 February – Art from fabric remnants,
 - 10 July – Lenka Kocierzová: Paintings,
 - 10 December – Jana Dubová: Paintings.

In the Shalom Restaurant:

14 February – How to Make Coffee at 03:30 pm (zoom café);

12 November: Premiere of the chamber theatre production *Ottla – Franz Kafka's Favourite Sister*. A theatre play by Rimon Production based on the radio play by Petr Balajak, translated by Werner Imhof.

27 November – Artificial Intelligence with Jakub David (zoom café).

The Purim evening celebration for adults took place on Saturday 23 March 2024. The celebration programme was again directed by Petra Ernyeiová, who also took on the role of a presenter, inviting the screenwriter and writer Miroslav Adamec to cooperate on the programme. The short introductory speech was given by the Rabbi of Prague David Peter. Then entered the performers. The Feigle Children's Theatre of Vida Neuwirthová performed a new original Purim spiel. Next came a musical performance of students of the Lauder Schools, then girls of the Girls Vocal Trio or Ella Fábry, Hanka Stránská and Lea Králová, demonstrated their musical skills. Entertaining sketches were presented by the ladies' part of the Sklep Theatre L. Vychodilová, H. Kušiaková Pařková and T. Kučerová.

Treasures of the Jewish Soul were introduced by the Nešama group and radio editor and presenter Štěpán Pokorný. Eliška Tkadlčiková and Anna Gaálová played a selection from Antonín Dvořák's Slavonic Dances on the piano, four-handed. After the end of the programme, the Shum davar band played music to dance to – or simply enjoy while relaxing.

The third floor hosted a disco in the spirit of the 1990's. The Disco Purim Party 90's on the third floor was mainly directed for the young people. Boasting a proper atmosphere, the disco was presented by Halka Jeřábek Třešňáková and DJ Hlava was behind the music desk.

The evening programme earned much success, the hall was packed, the programme entertaining, the music played long into the night, and the masks were tremendous.

24 March – **Purim for children** at the JCP. As the tradition goes, the celebration of Purim features an event organised especially for children and their parents. This year's children's Purim was kicked off by a workshop for children and games with madrichot. The actual celebration was then opened by Rabbi David Peter, the theatre troupe of Vida Neuwirth played a Purim spiel, and also Aleš the clown appeared. There was also time for the best mask competition.

29 December 2024 – The community Hanukkah celebration for children was hugely successful. The programme started as early as 02:00 pm with Hanukkah workshops with instructors on the 3rd floor of the Jewish Town Hall. This was followed by a theatrical performance of the Feigele troupe of Vida Neuwirthová, entitled About Mordechai Maisel and the mysterious Treasure, and a performance of magician Ondřej. After this, Omer Tal had the kids dancing in no time.

The annual **Hanukkah** celebration ranks among the most popular and attended events. To mark the event, the Jewish Community in Prague traditionally organised a social evening on Saturday, 28 December. The programme was packed with highlights, there was good food and drink, entertainment was held both downstairs in the main hall and on the third floor.

Opening the evening with an introductory prayer, Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter lit four candles on the Hanukkah menorah. He spoke about the tradition of Hanukkah; he took the opportunity to thank Francis Bányai for the work he had deduced to our community as Chairman, guiding us, *inter alia*, through the difficult years of coronavirus pandemic and the refugee wave after the invasion of Ukraine.

The musical programme was opened by Diego Bransburg with his children Dalioa, Naomi and Ben. Their performance included the popular Hanukkah song Ma'oz cur. Dominika Weiss Hošková then read an excerpt from her grandmother Helga Weissová's Terezín diary about the celebration of Hanukkah in the ghetto. The Břevnov children's choir Dobroton of the Jan Hanuš Music School rendered several pieces from Krása's Brundibár, an opera for children. Flutist Tomáš Hnízdil, a graduate of the Jan Deyl Conservatoire and Secondary School, played Mozart's Andante with piano accompaniment by Professor Ivan Klánský, and Ivan Klánský and his daughter, violinist Klára Klánská, performed two icon pieces: Williams' theme from Schindler's List and Yellen's My Yiddishe Momme. Viktorie Jackson, who took the audience through the Hanukkah evening, spoke briefly about the holiday and the dreidel. Then two Deyl Conservatoire graduates took the stage: saxophonist Daniel Klement and flutist Tomáš Hnízdil, who were accompanied on piano by teacher Hana Tenglerová when playing Catherine Rollin's Suite Detroit. Harpist Pavla Vondráčková Jahodová also appeared with her talented pupils of this beautiful instrument and her daughter, flutist Eliana. Several classical and Jewish compositions were accompanied by one jazz piece. Opera singer Bronislava Smržová Tomanová rendered songs by "Terezín composers", Gideon Klein and Erwin Schulhoff. She was accompanied on the piano by Aneta Majerová Dorůžková. The following set belonged to Jiří Hošek and Dominika Weiss Hošková. First,

Jiří Hošek and Dominika played Jewish melodies on their cellos, then three of Dominika's musically talented children joined them to sing several famous Jewish songs in an entirely captivating way to their own musical accompaniment. The baroque piece *Le Basque* by Marin Marais for flute, whistle and piano was rendered by Daniela Leitermannová, Tomáš Hnízdil and Hana Tenglerová. The musical programme was concluded by the swing band of charismatic singer Kateřina Steinerová & Her Swing Boys.

IZRO DISCO on the third floor was aimed especially at the younger crowd.

Commemorative events

On the evening of 25 January 2024 a commemorative concert was held in the Spanish Synagogue to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day. The opening speeches were given by Director of the Jewish Museum in Prague Pavla Niklová and the JCP Chairman František Bányai. Soloists of the Berg Orchestra made an impressive appearance at the concert, rendering compositions of contemporary musical composers the themes of whose works are related to the Holocaust. A piece by the Israeli composer Gideon Lewensohn, *Odradek*, and a piece of one of the most important representatives of American minimalism Steve Reich: *Different Trains*, were performed. The musical composition of the evening was accompanied by the photographic projection by Karel Cudlín. On 27 January 2024, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, in cooperation with the Office of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, held a traditional commemorative meeting in the main hall of the Senate on the occasion of Holocaust Remembrance Day and the Prevention of Crimes Against Humanity. The meeting was held under the auspices of the President of the Senate, Miloš Vystrčil, who in his opening speech addressed the importance of remembering and commemorating the Holocaust. The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Petr Fiala also emphasised the importance of commemorating the Holocaust and criticised manifestations of anti-Semitism.

Next, Mrs Doris Broulová, a survivor of the Terezín ghetto and the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp, delivered a speech, stressing that she was filled with sadness that after 95 years of her life, she had gain seen the rise of anti-Semitism. The floor was then taken by Michal Mižigár, a representative of the Roma community, who especially praised the construction of a memorial in Lety u Písku, which would be opened in April this year. He called upon legislators and politicians to urge the adoption of a definition of antigypsyism. The Chairman of the Management Board of the Holocaust Victims Foundation addressed a

great increase in anti-Semitism the world over and the protests directed at the very existence of the State of Israel after the Hamas attack on 07 October 2023. The event was concluded by the Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, Petr Papoušek. The ceremony was accompanied by songs rendered by Mackie Messer Klezmer Band. This year's commemorative meeting also featured an exhibition by Martin Korčok, Tragedy of the Jews from Slovakia.

On Friday, 08 March 2024, the Terezín Initiative organised a traditional memorial service at the Pinkas Synagogue to commemorate the largest mass murder of our citizens during World War II. The opening speech was given by the Chairman of the Terezín Initiative, Martin Stránský, while candles for all the murdered were lit by two students, descendants of survivors. The memorial service was attended by several survivors, Ambassador of the State of Israel, Anna Azari, representatives of the diplomatic corps of Germany and Austria, members of the community, students of the Lauder Schols and other guests. The closing prayer was delivered by Chief Rabbi of the Land E. K. Sidon. The main speech was given by Eva and Josef Lustig, daughter and son of Arnošt Lustig.

On 06 May 2024, the traditional Yom HaShoah commemoration was held at the Pinkas Synagogue for victims of the Jewish genocide. The ceremony was opened by Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague František Bányai. The main speech was delivered by Fedor Gál. The next part featured the performance of Melamed Klezmer Band, which was followed by Bára Hrzánová and Eliana Vondráčková, who recited several poems by Josef Čapek and Ilsa Weberová with much emotion. Radek Holub then joined the reciters to read the names of victims of the Shoah together. The Chief Rabbi of the Land Karol E. Sidon recited a prayer for the deceased, and the Israeli hymn Hatikvah was sung at the end.

Terezín Memorial Service 2024

The traditional commemorative event to honour victims of Nazi persecution, held on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of the liberation, took place at the National Cemetery in Terezín on Sunday, 19 May 2024. The memorial service was attended by the highest state officials, headed by President Petr Pavel and other state officials, representatives of Jewish Communities and organisations. After the wreath-laying ceremony, the memorial service was opened by the national anthem, after which the director of the Terezín Memorial, Jan Roubínek, welcomed the guests. The main speech was given by the President of the Chamber

of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Markéta Pekarová Adamová. Next came Dita Krausová, who spoke on behalf of survivors. The Chief Rabbi of the Land Karol Efraim Sidon recited a Jewish prayer for the dead; a Christian prayer was delivered by the Vicar of the Litoměřice Diocese Radek Jurnečka. The memorial service was concluded with a performance by the Litoměřice girls' choir Puellae Cantates. Members of Jewish Communities then gathered at the Star of David, where Rabbi K. E. Sidon prayed for the murdered. President Petr Pavel was also present.

On 24 November 2024, a regular memorial service for those who perished on the Patria was held at the New Jewish Cemetery. Mrs Kateřina Moravcová thanked everyone who came to commemorate this sad event. The Chief Rabbi of the Land Efraim K. Sidon delivered a prayer for the dead.

V. Report on the Activities of Individual JCP Departments

1. Rabbinate

The powers of the Rabbinate include: ensuring all of the religious activities of the JCP, organising holidays, keeping a register of Jewish marriages and other documentation and issuance of relevant affirmations, supervision over the religious guidance and education of JCP members (regular religion classes from the Midrash and special courses), preparing for bar and bat mitzvahs, education of women (Rosh Chodesh party); supervision of acceptance of new members into the JCP, supervision of operation of ritual baths, making decisions in matters of Kashrut, issuing hechshers (certificates of compliance with Kashrut requirements), supervision of catering both inside and outside the JCP, ensuring that synagogues are equipped, supervision of the condition of ritual items, responsibility for the used ritual items and their condition, co-decision-making on the use of consecrated buildings owned by the JCP, close cooperation with the Lauder Schools and the Bejachad citizen's association, and cooperation with the Czech Union of Jewish Youth. The Rabbinate is also responsible for the inspection of kosher foods at production facilities, composing lists of kosher foods for the needs of the JCP members, and for the operation of the New Jewish Cemetery and the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov.

The Rabbinate publishes a monthly supplement to *Obecní noviny* titled Rabínské listy (Letter from the Rabbi), kosher list and Pesach Guide.

Chief Rabbi of Prague: David Peter

Head of the Rabbinate: Lior Sharafi

Rabbis: David Peter (Chief Rabbi of Prague), Menachem Kalchheim (responsible for Kashrut), Efraim K. Sidon

Rabbinate Secretary: Dagmar Dushinsky

Kashrut Coordinator: Chaim Kočí

Teachers in Midrash: r. Michael Dushinsky, r. Efraim K. Sidon, r. David Peter, Zeev Breiner, Elilse Peter Apelbaum

Mashgiachs: Václav Bittner, Marie Goldbergerová, Jakub Peter, Milan Walter, Hátá Dejmalová

Balanit in the Mikveh: Dagmar Dushinsky, Marta Polakovičová, Ojuna Sidonová, Pavla Nohjlová

Shameses: Andrej Weissman (Old-New Synagogue and High Synagogue), Milan Walter (Jerusalem Synagogue), Václav Peter (Hagibor Social Care Facility)

Prayers: weekday morning and afternoon prayers in the High Synagogue, Shabbat and holiday prayers in the Old, Jerusalem and High Synagogues

Circumcisions: 1

Bar Mitzvah: 9

Bat Mitzvah: 3

Funerals: 7

For the year 2024, the JCP accepted 45 fully-fledged members, 18 special status holders, 15 guests and renewed the membership of 7 persons, and membership was extended for 10 persons.

Tours and commemorative events: representatives of the Rabbinate participated in 12 events.

Kashrut: in our daily routine, we ensured the kosher operation of the JCP catering facilities - the Shalom Restaurant, Lauder Schools and Hagibor. On a daily basis, we also kosher supervised the Mamacoffee café chain, Terpet's Trdelník and the Mizlala kosher restaurant in Hybernská Street. Cooperation with the King David Hotel and the ChocoCafé and Cafe Ebel cafés continued. We maintained our cooperation with Le Caveau and Mansson bakeries in Prague, as well as with dairies in Polná and Velké Meziříčí to provide basic food for our members. We updated the kosher list for our members within the overview of kosher products in the retail network. Special attention was paid to providing the necessary products in kosher quality for the needs of the Hagibor Social Care Facility.

We managed the portfolio of 35 companies, for which we provide follow-up kosher certification of their products. The portfolio was expanded by two companies – the corn mill Konkordia and the oil producer Avena.

Our mashgiachs also arranged for special kosher productions, 18 kosher productions for Extrudo Bečice, a. s., 2 special productions for Rupa, spol. s r. o., and one production of kosher nachos for Nuevo Progreso, s. r. o.

New Jewish Cemetery/Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov

The New Jewish Cemetery (NJC) is a protected historical building. Since this cemetery has been used continually for funerals of deceased persons of the Jewish faith since 1890, it requires constant and increasingly costly care. Operation of this cemetery and the urn depository are subject to the regulations for non-public cemeteries applicable as of 01 January 2002 and by the religious customs of the Jewish community.

In 2024, we conducted 7 traditional funerals in observance orthodox religious practice, yet with every effort to accommodate the wishes of the bereaved, who are often not practitioners themselves. Two of those funerals were, by the nature of circumstances of death, held in a special mode. Before each funeral, we consulted the bereaved families to ensure that the meaning and process of traditional funerals were understood. We also provided assistance in dealing with the authorities and other follow-up activities. The preparation and conduct of traditional funerals were conducted in cooperation with the cemetery team and the Chevra Kadisha of the Czech Republic in carrying out the ritual preparation of the deceased – tahara.

Thirteen urns were also placed during this period, depending on the practice and wishes of some of the dying and survivors, either in special urn graves or, in rare cases, in existing family graves. These burials were also carried out with the utmost reverence and with the addition of spiritual content if the survivors agreed.

During the period under review, three meetings were held to mark death anniversaries and the erection of new headstones, a practice that is traditionally related to the family's wishes and religious sentiments. Furthermore, the tragedy of the Patria was commemorated.

The NJC Ritual Administration cooperated with Matana a. s. on the maintenance of the greenery and the gradual renovation of damaged gravestones including the addition of missing gravestones. The new cemetery database was continuously updated to correspond as closely as possible to the contemporary situation.

Close cooperation continued with Chevra Kadisha Czech Republic, a key partner for cooperation in the field of ritual matters associated with cemeteries and burials. Members of

Chevra Kadisha are also actively involved in the creation of the necessary Minyans, they visit the sick, participate in the ritual preparation of the deceased and assist in other ritual acts.

We provided consultations to individuals and educational institutions and several guided tours were held during the year.

Ritual oversight of the preserved area of the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov was also conducted, with special emphasis on the protection of the rest of the cemetery as a hole and emphasis on yahrzeit of Rabbi Yechezkel Landau.

Three-generation Community Centre (TGCC)

The Three-generation Community Centre continued both with the Rabbinate and independently in the social, educational and cultural fields in close cooperation with the Social Department of the JCP, the Lauder Schools, JCC, Beyhad Association, Federation of Jewish Communities, Feigele, Hakoach, Mishpacha and Czech Union of Jewish Youth.

In 2024, TGCC events of the TGCC were funded by the JDC, JCP, Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims and Metropolitan Authority of the Capital City of Prague.

The major events of 2024 included:

- Tu bi-shvat
 - workshops for children
 - Tu bi-shvat dinner
- Purim
 - joint celebration for children at the JCP (preparation of mishloach manot, workshops for children, programme for parents with children – theatre, clown, carnival)
 - Purim disco party on the 3rd floor
- Pesach
 - Pesach programme for children + picnic and programme for families and children
 - Pesach trip
- Yom haacmout – celebration at the ZOP (workshops for children, prayer, concert, party in the dining room)
- Lag baomer – barbecue on the island of Štvanice with workshops for children
- Shavuot
 - decoration of the Old-New Synagogue
 - programme for children, picnic
- Memorial Service Kever Avot – programme for the youth

- Rosh Hashanah
 - festive prayer and workshops for children
 - joint lunch at the JCP followed by tashlich and madrichah programme
- Sukkot
 - Sukkah decoration with creative workshops
 - festive prayer and programme for children in the sukkah
- Simchat Tora – holiday programme for children in the Synagogue and the Community
- Hanukkah
 - pre-Hanukkah market
 - children’s party at the JCP – workshops for children, theatre, contests
 - Hanukkah party on the 3rd floor
- Shabbatons with shaliach (four times a year)
- Community Shabbat evenings (four times a year)
- World Shabbat Project
- Sports day at Hagibor for children from Bejachad and Lauder Schools and seniors
- Workshops at Hagibor for children from Bejachad and Lauder Schools and for seniors
- Rosh Chodesh party for women
- Jewish Theatre Club (once a month)

2. JCP Social and Medical Facilities

The main objective of the work pursued by the facilities is to provide social and medical services at a professional level according to the individual needs of users.

The target group of all of the provided services are people in need, with special attention paid to the needs of survivors of the Shoah.

The individual facilities work in mutual cooperation and are divided according to the service user target group and type of social or medical service. These include:

1. Ezra Comprehensive Home Care - social and medical care in the field,
2. Social Department - social activation services for senior citizens and persons with a medical disability, community social work for JCP members,
3. Care service at the Charles Jordan Pension,
4. Hagibor Social Care Facility, day care and Relief Services - residential and outpatient social care,
5. Vehicle Transportation Centre,

6. General Practitioner Centre - medical care.

2.1. Ezra Comprehensive Home Care

Ezra Comprehensive Home Care (hereinafter as the “Ezra CHC”) is a non-state medical facility and registered in-field “Personal Assistance” social service. Since 2002, it has provided the users of the service with an interconnected form of medical and social care in their natural social environment based on individual needs. The main aim of this comprehensive care is to support and extend the life of users in their own home environment for as long as possible, and safely.

Services were provided to those in need - users with reduced independence due to age, chronic illness or medical disability whose situation requires the help of another person.

Comprehensive social and medical services were provided to clients in their natural social environment in the activities that they need and, with special attention focused on Shoah survivors, erstwhile victims of Nazi violence, whose personal goals are rooted in Jewish traditions and roots.

Personal Assistance services were provided within the City of Prague for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in observance of the clients’ individual needs.

In **2024**, Ezra CHC attended to 87 clients. These clients were provided with social, medical and occupational-therapeutic care.

Comprehensive services provided by Ezra CHC in 2024:

- home medical care - expert medical care according to specialisation 925;
- social care services - basic social consulting and provision of personal assistance pursuant to Section 39 of Social Services Act No. 108/2006 and Decree No. 505/2006 Coll., Section 5;
- occupational therapy - expert medical care pursuant to Decree No. 55/2011 Coll.;
- compensatory aid rental.

The costs for the services were financed using several resources - the JCP, Claims Conference grant, state and private grants and subsidies (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, Municipality of Prague 6 and 10), health insurance companies, grant from the Endowment Fund for Holocaust

Victims, financial assistance from the Association for Persons Affected by the Holocaust, and clients' financial involvement.

The EZRA CHC team, led by Director Ing. Eva Jelínková, is composed of the following positions: head nurse, nurses, social workers, personal assistants, occupational therapists and administrative workers. In **2024** the team consisted of 28 employees.

More information is available on the JCP website: www.kehilaprag.cz and www.ergoterapiepraha.cz.

In the autumn of 2024, EZRA CHC organised a benefit concert in the Jerusalem Synagogue, the proceeds of which were sent to Israel in aid of Kibbutz KFAR AZA.

2.2. Social Department

The Social Department provided two types of social services in 2024:

- social activation services for the elderly and people with disabilities,
- care service.

Social activation services for senior citizens and persons with medical disabilities are mainly intended for persons belonging to the Jewish community and their close families who find themselves in an adverse social situation either due to reasons of age, loss of independence, illness, crisis situation or a health condition.

The following activities are provided as part of these services:

Social consulting was primarily related to information in the area of compensation, social services, social benefits, work consultations and the options of follow-up services. Social workers also provide assistance with writing and submitting claims for compensation, social benefits, and the handling of other official matters. They mediate health and social services and help with the home care reimbursement agenda from the Claims Conference grant. The counselling was provided in the Town Hall building, and assistance in dealing with the authorities and institutions and with the personal affairs of the clients was done in the field at the relevant offices or at home.

Dusiach Help - psychotherapeutic services, crisis intervention over the phone and in person, memory training and brain jogging, positive thinking training. Group activation was also expanded to include regular conversation classes in English and German.

Health Club – exercise at Janovského, Maiselova and the DSP Hagibor gym, individual physiotherapy at home and at the JCP Town Hall, trips and outdoor walks, reconditioning and wellness stays (Šumava, Hejnice, Českomoravská vysočina).

In 2024, a **total of 165 persons (31 men, 134 women)** utilized these services and **4,854 hours of direct care** was provided.

Community social work for members of the JCP

In 2024, the assistance to newcomers from Ukraine and Israel continued to be provided, especially in connection with support in integration and help in returning home or leaving for other countries. Though the number of families decreased, individual work and efforts to integrate our clients into the community life turned more intensive. The year 2024 saw us support approximately 35 families from Ukraine and 10 families from Israel.

Volunteer programme for local volunteers and volunteers from abroad. The programme is accredited by the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic and its main activities primarily include the Miriam Volunteer Café in Klub Na balkoně, visits to clients' homes. In 2024, **45 volunteers** had a volunteer contract, **with approximately 30 more** volunteering on a one-off or informal basis by reason of their connection to the Jewish community, where volunteering is one of the basic mitzvot of Judaism.

In 2024, a **mentoring program** continued in which volunteers help refugees from Ukraine in specific areas of their lives – learning Czech, finding a job, dealing with everyday life matters.

In 2024, four foreign volunteers worked at the department - two from Germany and two from Austria. These young volunteers visit our clients on a regular basis and provide them with accompaniment during walks, small home help and lunch delivery.

The Social Department team worked in the following composition: centre manager, four social workers, psychotherapist, administrative assistant, financial assistant, volunteer coordinator, community activation workers, two physiotherapists and trainers.

2.3 Care Services

The care services are provided in clients' homes in Prague and mainly involve assistance in coping with common tasks of personal care, assistance with hygiene and household care, providing meals, shopping, errands, accompaniment. The care services are rendered by social workers, a care service coordinator and a lunch delivery coordinator, as well as nine caregivers and one caregiver who also runs the laundry. The team further includes lunch delivery staff and employees who directly provide lunch to clients. Services for clients in the field are available on business days from 8 am to 8 pm. In 2024, we rendered services to **165 clients (130 women, 34 men)** with restricted self-sufficiency, especially in levels 1 and 2 of

dependency, and as many as **7,586 hours of direct care** were provided. The objective pursued by us is for our clients to live at home, in familiar and safe surroundings, for as long as possible, with support that helps them stay as self-sufficient and independent as possible.

2.4. Hagibor Social Care Facility

The Hagibor Social Care Facility (HSCF) is a social care facility that provides registered social and other services.

The following registered social services were provided in 2024: Retirement Home with 47 beds, Relief Services with a capacity of 15 beds and a Day Care Centre with a capacity of 5 places.

The **Retirement Home** residential service offers permanent accommodation, full board, and social care pursuant to Section 49 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., Section 15 of Decree No. 505/2006 Coll., and medical care to senior citizens in the scope under specialisation 913. The service is rendered to senior citizens who, owing to their age, impaired state of health and reduced independence, are no longer able to look after themselves in their natural environment and need the help of another person all day long.

In 2024, the services of the Retirement Home were used by a total of 57 clients, of whom 44 were women and 13 men. A total of 18 clients were admitted in the above year. Nine clients died - 2 in the hospital and 7 at the HSCF. The average age of clients of this service was 88.

The residential **Relief Services** provide essential rest for families or persons caring for one of their members - a close person in the household. The clients of these services may be either senior citizens who need help of another person all day long due to reduced independence and impaired health, or adults with a medical disability who need the daylong help of another person. The scope of social care is stipulated by Section 44 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., and Section 10 of Decree No. 505/2006 Coll. The maximum length of stay is three months.

A total of 61 clients used the Relief Services in 2024, 43 of whom were women and 18 men. Some clients used the Relief Services repeatedly, whilst a total of 15 clients went over to the Retirement Home services. Five clients died. The capacity of the relief beds was fully utilized. The average age of clients of this service was 87.

The outpatient **Day Care Centre** is intended for senior citizens who have reduced independence due to age or a medical disability, and persons with chronic mental illness whose condition requires the regular help of another person. Clients come to the centre from

their homes. The service is provided on business days between 8 am and 4 pm. The scope of social care is stipulated by Section 46 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., and Section 12 of Decree No. 505/2006 Coll.

The Day Care Centre had a maximum capacity of 5 clients in 2024. A total of 5 contracts were registered.

One client died.

All the services are provided with special attention paid to the needs of Shoah victims and persons whose personal goals are based on Jewish traditions and roots.

Professional care of clients

The care of HSCF clients is provided in accordance with Act on Social Services No. 108/ 2006 Coll., and Act on Health Services No. 372/2011 Coll.

All services are provided with special emphasis on the needs of Shoah survivors and persons whose personal goals are based on Jewish traditions and roots.

During 2024, the HSCF provided a shelter for several clients for post-hospitalisation care, suffering from infectious diseases. The treatment of clients in the acute phase of illness must be carried out under increased hygiene measures, which was reflected on the consumption of disinfectants, protective and medical aids and plastic utensils.

Most importantly, patients' age increases, with a related growth in the number of their illnesses. All of them developed geriatric frailty syndrome, which itself requires a more intensive attention on the part of the staff, regardless of how many other illnesses the patients have. The composition of our clients is now more similar to an aftercare facility compared to a typical home for the elderly. These aspects place high demands not only on the number of the attending staff, but also on the number of nurses, as the frequency of specialist medical procedures increases proportionally. The upward trend of acute admission of clients in a poor physical health condition has not changed, when palliative care has already been prescribed, including the administration of opioids, or palliative care is introduced without delay. Accordingly, it is still the case that the composition of clients in rooms changes frequently, a fact that has very challenging for all the nursing staff, not least for the reason that clients most often need a more intensive care. When a client "leaves", direct care staff cooperate a lot with the family, enable the family members stay with their loved one in the room until the end, and even afterwards, the staff makes effort to provide psychological support to the family. A memorial corner with the client's photo is always created in one of the community rooms of the HSCF.

In 2024, 60 clients were admitted (an average of 5 clients per month), of which 18 clients were admitted to the Home service and 42 to the Respite Care Stay service. The total of 14 clients died, of which 10 in the HSCF and 4 in hospital. The frequency of changes is therefore rather high for the nursing staff.

Since the clients are provided quality care, pressure ulcers occur only rarely in the HSCF. Pressure ulcers occur mainly in clients in the last days of life, when their vital signs significantly fail, or, as the case may be, clients are admitted to the HSCF already suffering from decubitus ulcers. The nursing staff manages to heal the vast majority of decubitus ulcers. In one case, a younger senior was admitted to the HSCF with a combination of many very serious diagnoses, including paralysis and numbness of the lower extremities, which in fact together predicted the development of decubitus.

The increased demands on the provision of care by nurses and carer givers were obviously reflected on the staff fatigue, resulting in a growth of the employee fluctuation rate in the area of direct care, which rose by 10% to 31% compared to the last year. In addition, the increased demands on the level care rendered translated in the recruitment of new employees for direct care, which is increasingly difficult, both due to the overall shortage of competent applicants for jobs in social services, the nationwide shortage of general nurses and practical nurses, and our high expectations of applicants so that the high level of care in the HSCF is maintained. Out of the total number of 174 applicants for jobs of social services workers, approximately 100 of them were shortlisted and contacted by us, from which only 10 new such workers joined us during the year. Circumstances were similar in terms of time in the case of general and practical nurses, since 7 new nurses were selected from the original 48 job applicants – 4 general nurses in social services and 3 practical nurses. The aforesaid shows that the recruitment of new employees is rather demanding time-wise, since the direct care department is constantly onboarding new staff, a fact that places a burden on the whole team. Filling nurse posts is challenging to a considerable extent as a certain proportion of those nurses must be maintained.

With respect to the demanding nature of care, not only are the positions of methodologists who lead teams of caregivers becoming increasingly important, but also the position of a general nurse on morning shifts, now the position of a charge nurse, who works very closely with the HSCF physicians during rounds on both floors, and then communicates with specialist physicians, processes and organizes specialist examinations and visits, arranging for their accompaniment. Thanks to the nurse's continuous cooperation with physicians and her overview of both departments, nurses working in shifts have more time to provide the actual

healthcare. To a partial extent, the charge nurse sometimes replaces the nurse from the general practitioner's surgery in her absence.

Increased attention is paid to work with the staff at the HSCF. As part of the prevention of burnout syndrome, interviews with PhDr. Peterová are held several times a year. In spring, when employment of several caregivers terminated and new caregivers were recruited, the situation in the yellow floor team became rather unstable and the external consultant support had to be sought. After a few weeks, the team stabilised again. Thanks to the replacement of several employees and everyone's efforts to maintain a positive approach, relationships between the direct care department and the Day Activity Centre have also greatly improved through mutual cooperation.

The excellent cooperation between the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University – Faculty of Nursing and the Faculty of Medicine continued, with their students coming to our establishment in the first year of their studies for internship and summer practice. The feedback from the students and the schools as such was again excellent, when students praised the staff's approach to clients, to the students themselves and the overall higher level of care.

System of healthcare within the social services provided

In accordance with the Organisational Rules, our clients provided care on a 24-hour basis by 10 nurses (8 general nurses and 2 practical nurses) as well as 2 medical orderlies. Healthcare in social services is registered as specialty 913 for health insurance companies. The nurses carried out specialised procedures as directed by physicians, reporting these procedures to health insurance companies. Specialty 913 – contractual relationship with health insurance companies, i.e. VZP, OZP, VOZP, ZPMV and ZP Škoda.

Pursuant to the Organizational Rules, we have 2 full-time physiotherapist, 1 half-time physiotherapist, 1 occupational therapist, 1 nutritional therapist, and a geriatrician, a psychiatrist and a psychotherapist. For a clientele fully dependent on our care, the continuous and regular provision of physiotherapy and occupational therapy is very important, in accordance with the physician's orders. All specialised procedures, as prescribed by physicians, were reported to health insurance companies VZP, OZP, VOZP, ZPMV. For physiotherapy, the contractual relationship with VZP is only allowed for 1 physiotherapist, a fact that immediately fills the capacity for our clients; accordingly, it is impossible to treat external patients. We managed to extend the contract, see "Contract" no. 1910P350 Article VI – Term of the Contract. The regular medical care of the clients of the HSCF was provided by the general practitioners of the JCP, MUDr. Přemysl Šubrt and MUDr. Karin Taussig. Geriatric Surgery was attended

to twice a week by MUDr. Zdeněk Kalvach. In addition, geriatric psychiatrist MUDr. Mira Babiaková attended the HSCF once a week. To ensure a greater comfort for our clients, also a neurologist, a surgeon, a dermatologist and a dentist also came to the HSCF at regular longer intervals.

Multidisciplinary meetings

Multidisciplinary meetings addressing the development of the overall condition and individual needs of the HSCF clients were held regularly once a week, or once a month for each client, or also once a week if necessary. The meetings also provided an opportunity for medical consultation with a geriatrician on pre-selected clients. These clients mostly included persons whose health had deteriorated significantly, and the geriatrician suggested a different, optimal and most gentle method of nursing care, including palliative care, if necessary. A system of consultation meetings with a wider team, with physicians and family members, operated in a family-friendly manner. The meetings pursued the objective of informing the family of the client's health condition and the related details of individual care. An intervention meeting was convened in emergency cases.

Intervention meetings

Intervention meetings (immediately – up to 48 hours) were convened if a serious problem occurred in the client's care, the resolution of which could not be delayed. The meetings were attended by everyone who could assist in resolving the problem, including the social worker, head nurse, manager and director of the Central Administration of Emergency Services (ÚSZS), psychologist, also sometimes a general practitioner and geriatrician, psychiatrist, client, and family members.

Palliative care

Our clients continued to be provided general palliative in collaboration with a general practitioner. We also availed of the expertise of geriatrist MUDr. Kalvach. Family members were duly kept informed by our physicians. The option of expert consultation, collaboration and support is arranged for in the organisation Cesta domů [Journey Home]; however, this opportunity has so far not been used.

Biography – life story

Compiling a client's life story is rather time demanding, for the staff and family members alike. Also in 2024, thanks to extraordinary activities of a few members of our staff, we managed to compile other life stories for several clients, available, for instance, in individual plans.

Reminiscence

On a long-term basis, we have utilised the option of reminiscence, which helps use knowledge about a person's past to enrich his/her present. Reminiscence therapy brings to life positive stories and their recall through various objects as well as non-verbal communication. Reminiscence was associated with the Namaste care programme.

Namaste care

Namaste care is held regularly in small common rooms of B and D departments. This approach to care is intended for people suffering from advanced dementia who are unable to participate actively in other activities on account of their condition. Namaste care is based on principles of intensive individual attention to individual clients in a specially adjusted environment.

Professional cooperation with other entities

Hairdressing and chiropody services were provided by external staff at the HSCF.

Moreover, cooperation with secondary or higher education institutions continued:

- First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University – occupational services
- Third Faculty of medicine, Charles University – general nursing
- MAVO, s. r. o. – social services worker – practical training
- Lauder Kindergarten, Primary School and Grammar School attached to the Jewish Community in Prague
- Humanitas Philia Pragensis University – psychology
- Střední průmyslová škola dopravní, a. s. [Secondary Technical School of Transport] – business

Overview of cultural events in HSFC in 2024

The Centre for Day Activities (CDA) continues to maintain a high standard and professional management of activities for the highest possible number of clients. In 2024, the activities offered to clients saw a further improvement in services. This development is thanks to new projects as well as the ongoing training of professional staff. Regular dance activities, continue to be very popular. The ball was held twice as planned. As a novelty, we ushered in week-long

projects in collaboration with the Bejachad Kindergarten, and another new development consisted in the formation of collaboration with Lauder Schools. The project is titled “Together across Generations”, lasts a week and takes place four times a year. The canister therapy provided by Iva Myslivcová with her dog Angel continues and enjoys extraordinary popularity. Canister therapy is also provided by Mrs Tučná with her female dog Stella. NCHK loaned us dolls for memory programmes and individual sessions with clients. Mgr. Jan Peller still comes to the HSCF and regularly gets our clients singing on the occasion of various holidays and celebrations. Success was earned by the year-long event organised by the Atelier Golem in the CDA. Clients who had not previously been engaged in creative work began to attend the Atelier Golem, and a whole new group was formed, now working and creating in the atelier. Its leader and our clients worked throughout the year to prepare several exhibitions of paintings, which are displayed in the HSCF premises on a continuous basis. The project enabled our clients to dabble into various artistic techniques. Rabbi David Peter visits our clients in the HSCF every month. The Rabbi leads discussions with the HSCF residents on interesting topics every third Thursday in the month, tackling especially topics that relate to Jewish holiday. He also visits clients individually in their rooms. Dr. Zuzana Peterová holds lectures at the CDA and introduces interesting books on Jewish topics. We went on several trips, one of which was together with children from Bejachad to the Botanical Garden in Malešice and another led us to Stromovka, without children that time. Our trips enjoy much popularity. We organised talks and lectures on music, in collaboration with musicologist Igor Wasseberger, our client, and Petr Jambor. On one occasion, we threw an extraordinary fashion show of period clothing. Most of the programmes during late spring and summer took place with clients on the terrace and in the garden. Our aim is for our clients to get out-of-doors as much as possible. In August, we formed a collaboration with creators of the project Degenerated Music (Bremen). The collaboration allowed us to organise a second ball. Last but not least, we also newly established a collaboration with the organisers of Brno Štetl fest.

Namasté takes place as part of direct care at the individual departments.

In addition to the usual weekly practice, programmes are also offered on Sundays once a month. Activities are also available during Jewish holidays, if permitted by religious regulations.

All activities are carried out as sensitively as possible, with respect to diagnoses, if any. An appropriate selection of activities offered gives clients a sense of unconditional acceptance, cohesiveness, safety, stability and humour. The activities are primarily aimed at mental well-being as well as the motivation for further cooperation with occupational therapists,

physiotherapists, direct care and other specialists. For clients who, for whatever reason, are unable or unwilling to participate in group programmes, individual implementation of activities in the clients' rooms was provided in 2024 whenever an interest was expressed. In this respect, we are helped by volunteers and students.

Overview of the main activities and programmes provided:

Baking together with clients and children, music programme with active participation, AAA (Animal Assisted Activities), Atelier Golem - art workshop, dance individual activation, memory training, creative activities (bead stringing, jewellery making), cognitive training, literary and musical cafés, film meetings, café with a guest, lectures, readings, discussions, board games - individually, computer work – individually, moderated debates, celebrations of Jewish holidays, birthday celebrations, exhibition openings, concerts, theatre performances, balls, group and individual singing, shopping including optional outings, common activities with children from Bejachad, trips, programmes held in the garden and on the terrace in spring and summer.

In 2024, collaboration with the JCP Social Department continued, in particular in the volunteer area. The volunteering scheme has been divided to ensure that volunteers are deployed in all areas where possible. Engagement with volunteers is now on a more individual basis and flexible. In addition, the Wednesday Miriam Café, run by volunteers, was reinstated. Occasionally, we join our larger cultural events with Café Miriam, which results in a brand new style of programmes. Some volunteers also visit clients in their rooms, accompany them on walks, play board games with them, read to them, keep them company and bring them birthday presents. International students have also made a significant contribution to volunteering at HSFC and are very popular with our clients.

The Tree-Generation Centre was also involved in the joint activities of CDA, Bejachad and the Lauder Schools.

The major events included:

- Celebration of Tu bi-shvat– internal celebration
- Purim celebration - internal celebration, including a Purim parade and distribution of gifts (prepared by parents and children of Beyhad) to clients;
- Pesach celebration - internal celebration;
- Yom Ha'atzmaut - celebration of the establishment of the State of Israel
- Celebration of Yom HaShoah
- Celebration of Yom HaZikaron

- Celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut
- Celebration of Lag BaOmer
- Celebration of Jerusalem Day
- Celebration of Shavuot
- Celebration of Rosh Hashanah – New Year’s celebration for HSFC clients
- Sukkot - internal celebration – internal reminder for HSCF clients;
- Simchat Torah - internal reminder for HSCF clients;
- Hanukkah - joint candle lighting with clients, concerts, theatrical performances, joint workshops
- HSCF balls
- Weekly project Together across Generations

Staff professional development

Training of employees in social services and social workers is defined by the Social Services Act No. 108/2006 Coll. The planned training for 2024 was implemented as proposed. The training team of HSCF professionals prepared a programme throughout the year compulsorily for all direct care workers. Regular supervisions with PhDr. Zuzana Peterová were held.

Training of HSCF employees beyond the plan set

Training specialty 913:

- Nursing care in geriatrics
- Reporting of specialty 913
- How to communicate bad news
- Conference for nurses in social services

Chief nurse:

- Healing of wounds in social care facilities
- Conference for nurses in social services
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for nurses:

- Healing of wounds in social services
- Peaceful death
- Care provided to patients with derivation and nutritional stomas
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for physiotherapists:

- International conference – organised in honour of prof. MUDr. Jan Pfeiffer, DrSc. and prof. MUDr. Olga Švestková, Ph.D. – Rehabilitation from different perspectives – 14th Pfeiffer Days
- Stress management based on experience from real situations
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for occupational therapist:

- What is intelligence? Benefits and risks of artificial intelligence
- Creativity in a memory trainer's work
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for social workers:

- Fundamentals of general psychiatry with a focus on social services
- Stress management based on experience from real situations
- Crisis intervention in social services
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for a nutritional therapist:

- Know how to prepare and serve meals in social services
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training for social services workers and methodologists:

- Know how to prepare and serve meals in social services
- Namaste
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Training of the Day Activity Centre:

- Therapeutic programmes for the elderly
- Stress management based on experience from real situations
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

Worker of the HSCF secretariat:

- Highly flexible Amendment to the Labour Code and other changes
- Computer literacy – training: Word, Excel, Power Point

The website <https://www.kehilaprag.cz/cs/dsp-hagibor> was operated by the HSCF.

2.5 JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre

The JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre offers its services to members of the Jewish communities of the Czech Republic, JCP employees and members of associated groups. The

Vehicle Transportation Centre's services are linked to services provided by the JCP social and medical facilities, thereby sharing in the provision of comprehensive care of senior citizens.

The head of the JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre in 2024 was Dr Radek Roule.

In 2024 the Vehicle Transportation Centre had one passenger car equipped with a platform. One driver of the car transport centre handled client orders together with external contractors Taxi Kužel, Tick Tack Taxi and Pragotour.

The total costs of the centre in 2024 were CZK 1,892,135, and 1,221 orders were handled.

Vehicle transportation in 2024 was funded from the following sources:

6% - client payments and GG fund (in 2023 - 8%),

86% - JCP centres (in 2023 - 91%),

8% - JCP (i.e., to the extent of economic losses; in 2023 - 1%).

The largest costs were incurred for lunch deliveries (77%, i.e., CZK 1,459,724; in 2023 - 80%) and for clients' trips (7%, i.e. CZK 136,376; in 2023 - 9%). The cost of travel for both of these purposes is supported by the Claims Conference according to the rules of the currently announced projects.

2.6 General Practitioner

The main activities of the general practitioner for the JCP at Hagibor is the provision of quality individual care of registered JCP patients, clients of Hagibor SCF and employees as part of the facility care system.

The office of the general practitioner works full time. Care was provided by MUDr Přemysl Šubrt, MUDr. Karin Taussig and nurse Kateřina Čítková.

The office currently cares for 2,760 patients, 1,320 of whom are registered.

We provide the following care:

Operation of a classic general practitioner's office for adults

Every day we provide medical, preventive, visiting and occupational care /ŽM, Matana, MAPO group, JJ group, Hartenberg group etc./ (for patients at the Hagibor doctor's surgery). We perform blood sampling, and for patients, we perform basic CRP monitoring, swabs, etc. We have also arranged for procedures for the monitoring of uncomplicated metabolic diseases (diabetes, thyroid disorders...), as well as lung and prostate diseases, cardiological diseases. For persons suffering from hypertension, treatment success was monitored with the Holter BP.

Care of the residents of Ch Jordan Home

This care is provided through regular visits every week with the possibility of checking the health status of the residents as needed or required. Here, the procedure is coordinated with home care agencies (Ezra, Jaroš, s. r. o., Monada), the Social Department and the on-site care service.

Care of clients at the Hagibor SCF

We make daily visits where we check the health condition of clients whose health has deteriorated or need their treatments to be adjusted.

Multidisciplinary meetings are held weekly – with occupational therapy, rehabilitation and social workers and other representatives of various medical specialties, where a common and coordinated approach to the care of clients has been set.

3. Library and Information Centre, Pre-archival Care Centre

The Library of the Jewish Community of Prague is a public library that serves not only members and staff of the community, but also readers from the general public.

For our library, we purchase, process and lend out books by Jewish authors and books with Jewish themes, primarily fiction, but also professional literature including Judaica and topics related to the Holocaust. In 2024, the library purchased a total of 152 new books which were processed and included in the library collection. Of these, 99 titles were purchased, and 53 titles were donated. This year, we purchased 3 new additions for our child readers.

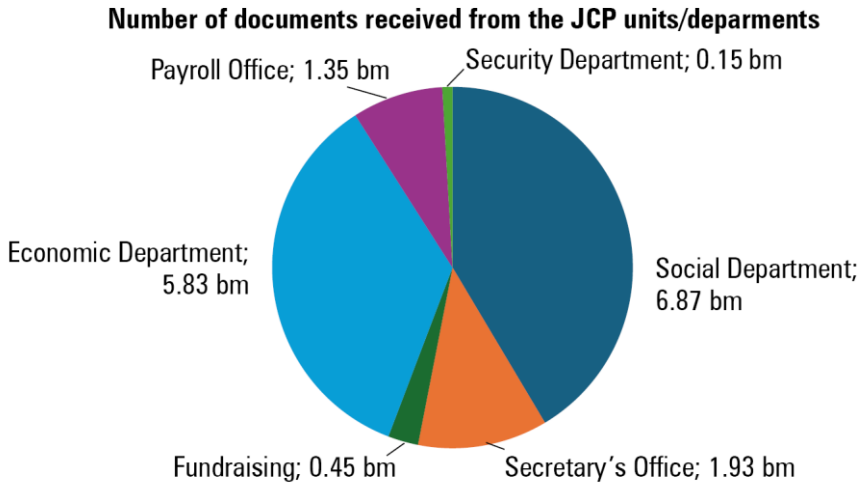
This year 160 readers visited the library, 16 of whom were new registrants. A total of 321 books were borrowed. Readers are regularly informed about new books through *Obecní noviny* or the library website, where we publish our newly purchased books once a month.

The library collection of the Jewish Community Library is now available through the online catalogue Jáchymka from the web link: <https://jachymka.jabok.cuni.cz>. At this link, readers can check whether the desired book is included in the collection and under which mark. The year 2025 will see the launch of an on-line borrowing protocol, which will enable users to manage their reader accounts and to order the books searched for.

The role of the **Information Centre and Pre-Archival Care Centre** (hereinafter as the “PCC”) is to respond to researchers’ queries that are sent to the Community’s address or directly to the PCC. Those queries vary, and most often include requests for information for survivors

or documents needed for the Stones of the Disappeared, known as Stolpersteine. The more complex searches consist in those for living descendants. Thanks to the Geni World Family Tree and the database at Holocaust.cz, our searches are mostly successful. The total of **30 queries** were received last year. In four instances, it was necessary to examine documents stored in the depository.

In 2024, the PCC also took over documents from the JCP individual units and departments. In that year, documents in the total volume of **16.58 bm** were taken to the depository. By the individual units or departments, the composition of the material transferred was as follows:



In 2024, the first part of documents to be placed in the selection of the archives outside the shredding procedures was determined. Provisionally, cash documents from 1995-2006 were selected, in addition to original accounting records from ZF CC from 2001–2007 were selected. Accordingly, **21.5 bm** of documents had been prepared for shredding by the end of 2024. These activities will continue at the pre-archival unit also in 2025.

4. Centre of Catering Services, Shalom Restaurant

The year 2024 brought with it a great success to the Centre of Catering Services, thus promoting our mission to provide quality kosher catering and to support the community life of the Jewish Community in Prague. Our focus was on expanding services, boosting community activities and creating a pleasant environment for gathering.

Mission and vision

Our mission is to become an integral part of the Jewish Community in Prague, to provide kosher meals and create a safe environment for community members. Our vision is to develop

community catering, modernising the operations and adapting to the needs of the community to maintain the stability and quality of our services.

Shalom Restaurant

Kosher dining is the linchpin of our activities. The Shalom Restaurant served over 20,000 meals in 2024, with catering and external services experiencing significant growth, and sales exceeding the plan by 32%. Popular with tourists, businesses and event organisers, these services have fostered our role of the key provider of kosher catering. Our collaboration with the Rabbinate and the Department of Culture made sure that Shabbat dinners and holiday meals went smoothly, promoting the Jewish culture and community cohesion.

A new system of work shifts has been devised to streamline the organisation of work and increase availability of our services, beginning from 2025.

Kosher shop and Café on the Balcony

The Kosher Shop expanded its product range and remained friendly for all of its customers thanks to wheelchair access. The Café on the Balcony started its full operations, becoming a popular community space. Workshops were held there, in addition to themed meetings, which have attracted the community as well as the general public. The café proved to be an ideal venue for sharing traditions and encouraging social bonds.

Support of community life

In 2024, community activities constituted the key pillar. Regular Shabbat dinners, Jewish cuisine workshops and themed days with coffee and cake met with positive responses. The “Free Coffee and Cake”, held once a week at the Café on the Balcony, attracted especially older members of the community to meet and share their stories. Becoming the heart of those gatherings, the revived café reinforced the community bonds and helped preserve the Jewish legacy.

Outlook to 2025

The year 2025 will see us continue to develop the community catering and cultural activities. The new shift systems and streamlined operations will enable us to improve responses to the needs of the community. Our plan is to expand the range of workshops and themed events to ensure that the Café on the Balcony remains a vibrant centre of the community life.

Conclusion

The year 2024 marked a year of growth for the Centre and strengthening of our role within the Jewish Community. Many thanks are extended to our employees and volunteers for their commitment that has made these achievements possible. We look forward to further development in 2025.

Departmental Head: Andrea Ernyeiová

5. Economic Department

In 2024, the Financial Department performed all the necessary duties of a legal entity. It employed seven permanent full-time employees in the following positions: Head of the Financial Department, chief accountant, payroll accountant, three financial accountants and a cashier. An external expert provided IT management.

6. Security Department

Security remained one of the priorities of the Jewish Community in Prague in 2024. Similar to the previous year, the year 2024 saw a worsened security situation following the war of the State of Israel on terror following the Palestinian massacre in Israel on 07 October 2023. As in previous years, events in Israel spilled over to the rest of the world, including Europe and the Czech Republic, and brought with it a marked increase in anti-Semitism.

In addition to the normal operation of the individual protected facilities of the JCP and holiday and Sabbath services, the Security Department (OB) provided security for approximately 200 community, religious, cultural and public events. Security personnel served more than 20,000 hours last year.

As in previous years, a team of security analysts was dedicated to the systematic data collection on anti-Semitism in the Czech Republic. More than 4,700 anti-Semitic incidents were recorded in 2024, mainly in the virtual environment. In a year-on-year comparison over the past five years, there has been a significant and constant increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents. The Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic prepared annual reports on the manifestations of anti-Semitism and arranged for their media coverage on the basis of input from the JCP. The Jewish Museum in Prague used the annual reports on manifestations of anti-Semitism in its educational programmes for pupils, students and teachers.

Through the OB, the JCP continued to participate in the fulfilment of the aims of the *Memorandum on Cooperation in Providing Security to Jewish Institutions (soft targets)*. The Memorandum was concluded on 05 April 2016 between the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, the Police of the Czech Republic and the City of Prague as one party, and the Federation of Jewish Communities, JMP and Chabad Lubavitch as the other party. By coordinating the joint security activities mainly during important Jewish holidays, we managed to continue in the good practice, connected to the Memorandum.

7. Operations Department

The main tasks of the Operations Department include:

ensuring the trouble-free operation of the organisation's equipment and the proper condition of buildings directly used by the JCP,

ensuring the periodic course of inspections of technical equipment and carrying out inspection and control activities in fire prevention and occupational safety.

The Operations Department coordinates the work performed by Matana and collaborates in project preparation. The Operations Department collaborates with JMP on the registration and execution of loans of collection items. In technical and personnel terms, the department arranges for social and cultural events for the JCP. The Operations Department also ensures the purchase of technical and protective material.

VI. Matana, a. s.

Matana, a. s.

Sídlo: Malá Štupartská 1/646, Prague 1

Company ID No.: 41 69 12 11

Matana, a. s., whose exclusive and sole owner is the Jewish Community of Prague, operates as an independent commercial company separated from its founder, in charge for the management of real estate and care of Jewish monuments. Powers of the General Meeting are exercised by the Jewish Community in Prague. The company is headed as a statutory body a Board of Directors, whose members are elected by the sole shareholder, who also appoints the Supervisory Board. Implementation of the decisions of the Board of Directors and the General Meeting is provided by the company director with a team of employees. The average number of employees in 2024 was 25, of whom 3 were managers.

In 2024, the composition of the company's statutory bodies was as follows:

Board of Directors: JUDr. Alice Güttlerová – Chairwoman of the Board of Directors

Ing. Mojmír Malý

Ing. Zdeněk Skála

Ing. Daniel Kosta

JUDr. Ludovít Katuščák

Supervisory Board: JUDr. Tomáš Pezl – Chairman

František Bányai

Tomáš Hruša

Also in 2024, the main activity performed by Matana a. s. was the management of the properties owned by its founder and 100% owner, the Jewish Community of Prague. Matana also performs this activity for the Jewish Community of Prague Foundation, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, and the Hagibor Foundation. This involves not only the management of commercial buildings mainly in Prague but also the management of 273 Jewish cemeteries (181 belonging to the JCP), 40 synagogues (30 belonging to the JCP) and 150 cemetery buildings of all shapes and sizes throughout the Czech Republic.

Non-residential premises

In 2024, the situation was stable, and no major tenants terminated their contracts in our clients' homes. Slightly higher rental income was achieved compared to our expectations. The majority of our tenants' establishments kept operating without major problems, while energy-demanding scopes of business were partially affected. The JCP considered, this includes fitness centres, hotels, healthcare centres and especially restaurants. Restaurant businesses were compelled to raise prices to a considerable extent, which resulted in a decline in clients.

Energy prices fell during 2024, but we believe that these prices are bound, most certainly, to rise gradually in the future, whether as a result of the threat of armed conflict or the energy policies being pursued by the EU.

Apartments

Rental income from apartments in Prague in 2024 was stable; however, high interest rates on mortgages evoked an increased interest in rental apartments, hence a gradual growth in rents.

In 2024, we continued to repair vacant apartment. The repaired apartments were then leased at higher rents. The total of **CZK 16.1 million** was expended on repairs and renovations of apartments owned by the JCP in 2024.

The **Rental income** from residential and non-residential premises in the amount of **CZK 106.4 million** was **higher by 2.1% (CZK 2.14 million)** compared to the budget approved for 2024.

The construction activity plan for 2024 was prepared at the customary level commensurate with the current situation.

Major construction projects in 2024 included in particular:

Reconstruction of the villa in the Urn Grove at the NJC for commercial rental	CZK 4,757 thousand
Reconstruction of security systems as the HSCF	CZK 3,108 thousand
Preparation for reconstruction of Dlouhá 37 continued	CZK 1,813 thousand
Replacement of roof atelier windows at Dlouhá 37	CZK 1,959 thousand
Repair of the façade to the courtyard at Kamecká 51	CZK 2,591 thousand
Repair of the façade of Tahara at the NJC	CZK 1,289 thousand

Moreover, necessary maintenance and emergency repairs were carried out. The need for unplanned repairs was significantly higher in 2024 than expected; however, overall, the construction activity plan was not exceeded.

Regarding the total operating expenses in the buildings used by the Jewish Community in Prague, savings were achieved compared to the approved budget.

As a consequence, it may be stated that the financial performance of Manana, a.s., in the management of the commercial real estate owned by the Jewish Community in Prague as well as the real estate used by the JCP yielded positive results in 2024.

Activities of the MBC

The Management of Buildings and Cemeteries (MBC) is a separate department of Matana, a.s., which is primarily responsible for the care of Jewish monuments owned by the JCP, located in an area virtually as large as half of the entire Czech Republic. In its activities, staff of the MBC strive to make maximum use of additional sources of funding, especially to obtain funds from various subsidy programmes and donations.

In 2024, the total amount of subsidies, donations and other income stood **CZK 3,719 thousand** (compared to CZK 5,148 thousand in 2023), which represents 27.0% of the full-year expenditure of **CZK 13,726 thousand**. The decrease in the value of the funds obtained is rooted in the fact that in 2024, the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic temporarily suspended its most widespread subsidy programme for 2024, which considerably restricted the activities of the MBC.

New Jewish Cemetery (NJC) - the activities of the technical administration in 2024 continued in a reasonably economical mode, only the most important of the planned activities were implemented, some were postponed or limited in scope. As in the previous years, the

most important project was the next stage of a long-term project to save the tombstones in a static state of emergency, and the overall revitalization of greenery also continued. The major construction projects included the repair of the façade of the Tahara, coupled with the renovation of the work team's sanitary facilities, and for the needs of EZRA CHC, the first phase of the complete replacement of windows in the gatehouse was initiated. Part of the costs related to the above work was covered from subsidies, donations and other income in the aggregate amount of CZK 3,852 million (Capital City of Prague, ČNFB, Municipal District of Prague 3, Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, insurance benefits, 18 private donors). Simultaneously, routine maintenance of the cemetery area and buildings was carried out by our own employees. The total costs incurred on the aforesaid activities, less all income, stood at CZK 7.98 million, while 99.7% of the planned expenditure of the JCP was actually expended, resulting in savings of CZK 28 thousand.

Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov (OJC) - The most important project in the technical management and maintenance of the compound in 2024 was the restoration of 47 damaged and erosion-threatened historically valuable tombstones selected primarily in the central part of the cemetery area. These included gravestones damaged by overturning, toppling, cracking or breaking, as well as gravestones with interesting symbolism and artwork. Several of these headstones were damaged by natural events when parts of the tree tops broke off and fell during a windstorm, and other were removed from the improperly constructed concrete lapidary and then reconstructed and installed in their original locations on the basis of historical records.

Detailed documentation of tombstone inscriptions also continued, with a particular focus on the identification of the personal data of the buried and the registration of this data into an electronic database. As in previous years, professional care of trees was also carried out. Routine activities (grass cutting, cleaning of litter, leaves and fallen branches) were undertaken by an external collaborator with the support of the NJC work team. In addition, survey and project work was carried out in relation to the prepared repair of the structurally defective section of the northern boundary wall. Part of the overall expended costs in the amount of CZK 1,661 thousand, associated with the above activities, was covered by subsidies, donations (NFOH and 3 private donors) and insurance benefits in the total amount of CZK 654 thousand. The initially approved budget was not exceeded, since it was used up to 73.8%, resulting in a saving of CZK 358 thousand.

The Return of the Stones Memorial was completed and complemented by a freestanding structure featuring the names of the donors who contributed to the funding of the Memorial in 2022. The paving stones from the cut tombstones were also used for its construction and the structure was again authored by Lucie and Jaroslav Róna.

Care of monuments outside Prague

The most noteworthy construction and renovation projects in 2024 included the continual of gradual construction and restoration of the cemetery complexes of **Golčov Jeníkov, Habry, Hroubovice, Kladno, Kolín** – both the old and new cemeteries, **Litomyšl – Lány, Načeradec, Neveklov, Nový Bydžov** – the old cemetery, **Pardubice, Písek, Polička, Polná, Protivín, Přistoupim** and **Staré Město p. L.** Extensive work was carried out on repairs and reinforcement of fence walls in the cemeteries in **Jičín, Malešov, Mladá Boleslav** and **Prague-Uhřetěves**. The total reconstruction and reoccupation of the gravedigger house in **Liteň** will constitute a major task, so far, preparatory work, probes and designing work has been carried out. Further progress was also made in the construction and restoration of the synagogue in **Čáslav**, undertaken through the Dagmar Lieblová Foundation.

In addition to the above work, a number of other events took place, smaller in scope or importance, but no less important. These mainly concerned the removal of unwanted vegetation and waste, emergency chopping, clean-up after natural disasters, healthy pruning of trees and creation of documentation (cemetery plans, photo documentation of tombstones, transcriptions and translations of epitaphs), and last but not least, the securing of technical operations of the synagogues renewed in the **10 hvězd** (10 stars) project (www.10hvezd.cz) also continued.

The originally planned budget of the MBC for 2024 was not exceeded for several objective grounds, which led to the total savings of **CZK 803 thousand**, while the budget was used up to **92.6%**. The main reason for this underutilization was the austerity measures in the state budget sector, which resulted in the temporary suspension of the most frequently used subsidy program of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and the related limitation of expenditures for the owner's financial co-participation. The subsidy programme was reinstated for 2025.

In 2024, the ratio of the amount of received subsidies and donations to the available funds of the JCP (the total budget minus administrative expenses) reached the level 1.04, meaning that every CZK 1 expended from the funds of the JCP as participation in subsidies and donations brought extra CZK 1.04.

VII. JCP Website

No changes were made to the JCP website during 2024. The website is divided into two levels - the public section offers not only general information about the JCP but also a selection from daily news and cultural events.

The section that is accessible only to JCP members, JCP special status holders and JCP employees, publishes minutes of management and representation meetings, important announcements, and an overview of events organised for members of the community. *Obecní noviny* and the *Letter from the Rabbi* in colour PDF format can also be downloaded here. The website of the Jewish Community of Prague can be viewed at: <http://www.kehilaprag.cz>. The JCP has continued to improve communication with its members - since 2018, members are informed electronically via e-mail, and they receive a weekly Newsletter each week. Members are informed about social, cultural and religious events, and the associations' activities.

VIII. Grants, Subsidies and Donations provided to the JCP in 2024

Foundations and institutions

a) seated in the Czech Republic:

Altioire Services, s. r. o.,

Czech-German Fund for the Future,

DAP,

Epstein Executive, s. r. o.

Federation of Jewish Communities,

GUEHL (gravestone marking),

South Bohemian Region,

JK KLIMA – Krušina, s. r. o.,

Prague City Hall,

Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic,

Prague District 3,

Prague District 6,
Prague District 10,
ČEZ Foundation,
EP Corporate Group Foundation,
Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims,
Pardubice Region,
Public benefit association to support people affected by the Holocaust,
Municipal Authorities of
Dvůr Králové, Golčův Jeníkov, Habry, Hroubovice, Kolín, Lány, Litomyšl, Nový Bydžov,
Polná, Polička, town of Vysočina.

b) seated abroad:

Claims Conference (USA),
EPSTEIN EXECUTIVE, s. r. o., Lakewood, Miami,
HIAS Europe,
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation (USA),
WJC (World Jewish Congress).

Individuals (donations over CZK 10,000):

Michal Borges,
Eliška and Petr Bor,
Z. Breslin (donation for a Kibbutz)
Eva Camp,
Michal Dostál,
Věra Dvořáková,
Jiří Frankl,
Karel Frankl,
Michal Frankl,
Jan Geschmay,
Martin Gerstman,
Petr Janda,
Violeta Jiráčková,
Jitka Jonáková,

Vilma Jurková – donation for Israel,
Tomáš Kaiser,
B. Kirnbauer,
Marie Konětopská (Kostelec u Křížku),
Katharina Lederer,
Lucie Lederer,
Peggy Lichter,
Josef Lustig,
Annabel and Matěj Machů,
Jan Mandelík,
Jiří Malý,
Petr Neuwirth,
Natalie Reinsch,
Jakub Schwab,
Vladimír Singer,
Zdeněk Skála,
Zuzana Skálová,
Dagmar Šabatová,
Norbert Šafanda,
Mrs L. Šindelářová,
Taycher Vitali,
Jiří Vytlačil,
Petr Weiss,
Helena and Charles Wiener,
Michael Wiener,
Karel Witz
and many others who did not wish for their names to be published.

Donors (donations up to CZK 10,000):

In 2024, the JCP received financial donations from more than a hundred donors, mostly for social purposes, repairs of Jewish cemeteries, or as donations focused on equipping the HSCF.

Fund-raising campaign of Jewish Community in Prague

for the benefit of victims in Israel brought CZK 692 thousand and CZK 426 thousand in 2023 and 2024, respectively. As agreed with the Federation of Jewish Communities of the Czech Republic, the amounts were donated to Kibbutz Kfar Aza.

We thank all donors for their donations.

IX. Economic Results of the JCP in 2024

The 2024 financial year ended with a surplus (profit) of CZK 24.707 million. The profit after tax stood at CZK 1.748 million

In terms of budgeted revenues and expenses before depreciation, the budgeted surplus amounted to CZK 3.8 million.

The main contributor to the aforesaid result was the growth in revenue, both in the tax and non-tax centres of the Community.

From a budgetary perspective, the centres as a whole not only succeeded in maintaining budgetary discipline, but they also managed to increase the overall positive economic result of the Community. The use of assets, especially for necessary repairs, was carried out with due respect to the budget. For objective reasons, investments progressed at a slower pace, which is particularly true of the Dlouhá 37 project. During the year, based on the standpoint of the advisory body and directions of the JCP management, the funds needed for the above major investment project were again partly relocated for appreciation in the form of tax-exempt bonds. The value of the Community's financial assets stood at CZK 262 million at the end of 2024.

The management of the JCP in 2024 was audited in accordance with the applicable rules. Based on the audit opinion "Unqualified" of the auditor Ing. Ivo Rambousek, (AUDIT FINANCO, spol. s r.o., KAČR [Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic] No. 418) it can be stated that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the subject matter of the accounts.

Let us conclude that the described favourable economic results could not have been achieved without the support of donors (both legal and natural persons), subsidy providers,

cooperating persons and last but not least the employees and volunteers of the JCP. Great credit is due to all of them.

Overview of the economic result of the whole Community as reported in the official profit and loss statement:

Ministry of Finance

under Regulation No. 504/2002 Coll.

valid for accounting units using the chart of accounts for non-profit organizations

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT in full format

as of 31 December 2024

(in whole thousands of CZK)

Company Identification Number
00445258

Name, registered office and legal form of the accounting unit

**Jewish Community in Prague
Maiselova 18
Prague 1, 110 00
State-registered Church**

Name of indicator	Activities		
	Main	Economic	Total
a	b	c	d
A. COSTS	x	x	x
I. Consumed purchases and purchased services	57,537	57,900	115,437
1. Consumption of material, energies and other non-stockable supplies	19,934	4,857	24,791
2. Goods sold	0	12	13
3. Repairs and maintenance	16,496	39,320	55,816
4. Travel costs	447	28	475
5. Entertainment costs	259	10	269
6. Other services	20,401	13,672	34,073
II. Changes in inventory from own activities and capitalisation	0	0	0
7. Change in inventory form own activities	0	0	0
8. Capitalisation of material, goods and intra-organisational services	0	0	0
9. Capitalisation of fixed assets	0	0	0
III. Personnel costs	138,880	19,275	158,155
10. Payroll costs	104,307	14,627	118,934
11. Statutory social insurance	34,573	4,648	39,221
12. Other social insurance	0	0	0
13. Statutory social costs	0	0	0
14. Other social costs	0	0	0
IV. Taxes and fees	145	874	1,019
15. Taxes and fees	154	874	1,019
V. Other costs	34,933	1,717	36,650
16. Contractual fines, default interest, other fines and penalties	5	0	5
17. Bad debt written off	70	101	171
18. Interest paid	0	0	0
19. Exchange rate losses	21	0	21
20. Donations	14,843	0	14,843
21. Shortage and damage	41	0	41
22. Miscellaneous other costs	19,953	1,616	21,569
VI. Depreciation, goods sold, additions to and use of reserves and adjustments	0	31,111	31,111
23. Depreciation of fixed assets	0	29,844	29,844
24. Fixed assets sold	0	1,317	1,317
25. Securities and shares sold	0	0	0
26. Material sold	0	0	0
27. Creation and use of provisions and adjustments	0	-50	-50
VII. Contributions provided	116	0	116
28. Membership contributions provided and contributions accounted for among organisational components	116	0	116
VIII. Income tax	0	22,959	22,959
29. Income tax	0	22,959	22,959
Total costs	231,611	133,836	365,447

Prepared on:
02 June 2024

Signature of responsible person:
by proxy [signature]

Signature of person responsible for preparing the profit and loss statement: Batovec Milan

Telephone: 224800815

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Name of indicator a	Activities		
	Main b	Economic c	Total e
B. REVENUES	x	x	x
I. Operating subsidies	53,472	190	53,662
1. Operating subsidies	53,472	190	53,662
II. Contributions received	48,421	32	48,453
2. Contributions received accounted for among organisational components	0	0	0
3. Contributions (donations) received	46,933	32	46,965
4. Membership contributions received	1,488	0	1,488
III. Total revenues from own operations and goods	49,593	193,926	243,519
IV. Other revenues	8,483	106	8,589
5. Contractual fines, default interest, other fines and penalties	0	0	0
6. Payments for written-off receivables	0	0	0
7. Interest received	3,045	0	3,045
8. Exchange rate gains	48	0	48
9. Clearing of funds	26	0	26
10. Miscellaneous other revenues	5,364	106	5,470
V. Revenue from sale of assets	10,351	2,621	12,972
11. Revenue from sale of intangible and tangible fixed assets	0	2,621	2,621
12. Revenue from sale of securities and shares	0	0	0
13. Revenue from sale of material	0	0	0
14. Revenue from short-term financial assets	10,351	0	10,351
15. Revenue from long-term financial assets	0	0	0
Total revenues	170,320	196,875	367,195
C. PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	-61,291	85,998	24,707
D. PROFIT (LOSS) AFTER TAX	-61,291	63,039	1,748

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**BALANCE SHEET
as of 31 December 2024**

(in whole thousands of CZK)

Company Identification Number
00445258

Name, registered office and
legal form of the accounting
unit

**Jewish Community in
Prague
Maiselova 18
Prague 1, 110 00
State-registered Church**

ASSETS

	First day of reporting period	Last day of reporting period
a	c	d
A. Total fixed assets	914,300	934,235
I. Total intangible fixed assets	1,747	1,747
1. Research and development	0	0
2. Software	211	211
3. Valuable rights	0	0
4. Low-value intangible fixed assets	719	719
5. Other intangible fixed assets	817	817
6. Intangible fixed assets in progress	0	0
7. Advance payments for intangible fixed assets	0	0
II. Total tangible fixed assets	1,585,583	1,585,622
1. Land	240,331	240,298
2. Works of art, fine art articles and collections	3,111	3,111
3. Structures	1,310,418	1,305,502
4. Tangible movable things and their groups	10,643	8,812
5. Perennial crops	0	0
6. Mature animals and their groups	0	0
7. Low-value tangible fixed assets	0	0
8. Other tangible fixed assets	2,541	2,541
9. Tangible fixed assets in progress	18,539	25,358
10. Advances paid on tangible fixed assets	0	0
III. Total long-term financial assets	172,946	210,565
1. Shares – controlled or controlling entity	2,000	2,000
2. Shares – decisive influence	0	0
3. Debt securities held to maturity	170,946	208,565
4. Loans to organisational components	0	0
5. Other long-term loans	0	0
6. Other long-term financial assets	0	0
IV. Total adjustments to fixed assets	845,976	863,699
1. Adjustments to research and development	0	0
2. Adjustments to software	134	134
3. Adjustments to valuable rights	0	0
4. Adjustments to low-value intangible fixed assets	2,900	720
5. Adjustments to other intangible fixed assets	579	579
6. Adjustments to structures	830,232	852,586
7. Adjustments to tangible movable things and their groups	10,307	7,856
8. Adjustments to perennial crops	0	0
9. Adjustments to breeding and draught animals	0	0
10. Adjustments to low-value tangible fixed assets	0	0
11. Adjustments to other tangible fixed assets	1,824	1,824

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ASSETS

	First day of reporting period	Last day of reporting period
a	c	d
B. Total current assets	136,714	125,393
I. Total inventory	4,471	2,151
1. Material in stock	4,451	2,122
2. Material in transit	0	0
3. Work in progress	0	0
4. Semi-finished products	0	0
5. Finished products	0	0
6. Young and other animals and their groups	0	0
7. Goods in hand	20	29
8. Goods in transit	0	0
9. Advance payments on inventory	0	0
II. Total receivables	57,569	65,449
1. Accounts receivable (customers)	696	796
2. Bills of exchange receivable	0	0
3. Receivables for discounted notes	0	0
4. Advance operating payments provided	0	0
5. Other receivables	30,550	40,011
6. Receivables from employees	24	49
7. Receivables from social security and health insurance institutions	0	0
8. Income tax	0	0
9. Other taxes	0	0
10. Value added tax	0	0
11. Other taxes and fees	0	0
12. Claims to subsidies and other receivables from the state budget	0	0
13. Claims to subsidiaries and other receivables from budgets of bodies of regional administrative units	0	0
14. Receivables from partners in the association	0	0
15. Receivables from long-term-term transactions and options	0	0
16. Receivables from bonds issued	0	0
17. Other receivables	6,688	9,401
18. Estimated accrued revenues	21,162	16,693
19. Adjustments to receivables	1,551	1,501
III. Total financial short-term assets	74,646	52,004
1. Petty cash	442	464
2. Valuables	0	0
3. Bank accounts	74,204	51,540
4. Equity securities for trading	0	0
5. Bonds, debentures and similar securities for trading	0	0
6. Other securities	0	0
7. Cash in transit	0	0
IV. Total other assets	28	5,789
1. Deferred expenses	-2,483	-651
2. Accrued revenues	2,511	6,440
TOTAL ASSETS	1,051,014	1,059,628

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LIABILITIES

	First day of reporting period	Last day of reporting period
a	c	d
A. Total internal resources	1,016,301	1,017,959
I. Total equity	1,010,099	1,016,211
1. Equity	798,965	798,859
2. Funds	211,134	217,352
3. Gains or losses from revaluation of financial assets and liabilities	0	0
II. Total profit (loss)	6,202	1,748
1. Profit (loss) account	6,202	1,748
2. Profit (loss) to be approved	0	0
3. Retained profit, accumulated losses from previous years	0	0
B. Total liabilities (external resources)	34,713	41,669
I. Total provisions	0	0
1. Provisions	0	0
II. Total long-term payables	0	0
1. Long-term bank loans	0	0
2. Bonds issued	0	0
3. Leasing payables	0	0
4. Long-term advance payments received	0	0
5. Long-term bills of exchange to be paid	0	0
6. Estimated accrued expenses	0	0
7. Other long-term payables	0	0
III. Total short-term payables	30,841	34,177
1. Accounts payable (suppliers)	0	2,188
2. Bills of exchange to be paid	0	0
3. Advance payments received	7,481	7,747
4. Other payables	0	0
5. Employees	265	225
6. Other payables to employees	0	0
7. Payables to social security and health insurance institutions	4,547	4,666
8. Income tax	6,963	7,972
9. Other direct taxes	911	1,036
10. Value added tax	987	1,051
11. Other taxes and fees	0	0
12. Payables to the state budget	0	0
13. Payables to budgets of bodies of regional administrative units	0	0
14. Payables from subscribed outstanding securities and ownership interests	0	0
15. Payables to partners in the association	0	0
16. Payables to long-term-term transactions and options	0	0
17. Other payables	9,322	9,540
18. Short-term bank loans	0	0
19. Discount loans	0	0
20. Short-term bonds issued	0	0
21. Own bonds issued	0	0
22. Estimated accrued expenses	365	-248
23. Other short-term financial assistance	0	0
IV. Total other liabilities	3,872	7,492
1. Accrued expenses	1,308	2,281
2. Deferred revenues	2,564	2,211
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,051,014	1,058,628

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X. Auditor's Report

Auditor's Report on the audit of Financial Statements 2024 – abridged

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE AUDITOR'S OPINION

I. PURPOSE:

This Report is issued in order to support the auditor's opinion for auditing the Financial Statements for 2024 in the "Annual Report of the Jewish Community for 2024".

II. FORMAL ESSENTIALS

2.1 Recipient of the report:

- Person authorised to act on behalf of the accounting unit in matters of the audit:

- Reporting period:

- Audit conducted by:

Pavel Král

Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague

Ing. Michal Borges – Secretary

01 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

Statutory auditor:

AUDIT FINANCO, spol. s r.o.

U Trojice 1042/2

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KAČR [Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic] 418

Ing. Ivo Rrambousek

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III. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The audit was conducted in accordance with the Contract dated 06 June 2024 after the auditor was approved by the representation of the Jewish Community.

- The order party is the statutory representative – Chairman of the Jewish Community

- Contact persons: Mgr. Petr Hrdina – Economist of the Jewish Community in Prague
Milan Batovec – Accountant of the Jewish Community in Prague

IV. AUDITOR'S OPINION AND STATEMENT

The structure of the property and financial situation in the prescribed accounting records is reported in accordance with the applicable legal framework of financial accounting and financial reporting within the meaning of Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, and Regulation No. 504/2002 Coll., which implements certain provisions of the Act on Accounting, including the Notes to the Financial Statements.

The audited financial statements for the reporting period of 2016 present a *true and fair view* of the subject of accounting in all significant aspects in the sense of Section 7(1) of Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, as amended, while offering reliable information to legitimate users regarding the assets and liabilities, financial situation, cash flows and profit (loss), after the tax liability was determined and settled. The authenticity was verified by an inventory of assets in accordance with Sections 29 and 30 of the above Act.

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2.1 OPINION

The foregoing statements is understood as an

UNQUALIFIED OPINION

Prepared on: 04 June 2025

Auditor's signature:

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