

Jewish Community of Prague

Annual report 2017

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I. Introduction from the Chairman

Dear friends,

Before every New Year we look back and remind ourselves of what we did well, but also of what should and could have been better prepared. The members of the management and the Representation have long been discussing how the priorities of the Jewish community are changing. It is true that the generation that had to go through the horrors of the last World War is slowly going away. The world around us is changing, and the conditions of the functioning of the community and the lives of each of us are changing. After all the excited discussions, it turned out that the priorities of the community are still the same. It is the mission of each Jewish community to ensure the religious activities of its members, and to strive for the best possible fulfilment of cultural and social needs, especially for the first generation of survivors. In order for the community to be able to fulfil this, it must create economic conditions. It is therefore very important that it carefully manages its property and maximizes potential resources, thereby creating conditions for the generation of our children and grandchildren. The main thing is to give our successors the opportunity to use the resources that community property provides. This results in a balanced budget rule. Only respecting it will ensure that the next generation has similar conditions for community life.

Currently, we live in a time of great growth in the Czech economy. Together with the wage growth of most people, living standards are also rising, and pensions are regularly valorised. The external economic conditions are also reflected in increased community spending. When the state increases the salaries of teachers in public schools and medical staff in state hospitals, we need to respond adequately by raising the salaries of employees working in these fields in our country. This constantly forces us to focus on analysing possible savings and assessing the needs of various areas of community activities. Yes, our resources are also growing, but clearly slower than our needs.

All of the above must be remembered when we think about our future. We live in a period of economic growth, but it will stop one day. Years of fat are usually followed by lean years. We must be ready for all of the possibilities of further development, both economic and social. The main and good news for the members of the Jewish Community of Prague is that thanks to the intense efforts of the Representation and the management of the community, we are

successful in meeting the changing demands. And I am convinced that we will be doing well in the next period.

PhDr. Jan Munk

II. Basic Information about the JCP

Mission

The Jewish Community of Prague associates citizens from more than forty percent of the territory of the Czech Republic who claim to be of the Jewish religion, nationality or origin, and who are not members of other churches or religious societies or other Jewish communities in the Czech Republic and 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. It supports the education of its members in Jewish traditions and contributes to general education in Judaism and Jewish history, in particular in 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 2017, there were 1,521 members registered (682 men and 839 women), 214 extraordinary status holders (96 men and 118 women) and 5 guests (4 men and 1 woman).

The average age of members has stabilized in recent years: 51 for men (48 for extraordinary status holders, and for guests 50), for women 56 (52 for extraordinary status holders, and for guests 44).

Year-on-year, there has been no visible change in the total number of members and extraordinary status holders in recent years.

The decrease in the number of members by 8 is essentially offset by the increase in extraordinary status holders (by 5). The decrease in the number of members almost halted in previous years, and only a decrease in the number of visitors (by 5 persons) was registered. In the future, we can expect a further increase in members whose native language is not Czech.

Member's Meetings

On Sunday, 5 November 2017, the regular JCP Member's Meetings took place in the Great Hall of the Municipal Library in Prague. The program was standard, and all of the documents and the assembly itself were prepared on time. There were 131 regular JCP members present, and the assembly had a quorum. At the beginning, JCP Chairman Jan Munk greeted the attendees, officially launched the Member's Meetings and welcomed Israel's Ambassador Daniel Meron, who spoke briefly. Prior to discussing the program's points, a documentary on this year's bringing of the Torah scrolls to Old-New Synagogue was projected. The program

consisted of an activity report and information of the community's economic activities for 2016, information on the community's economic activities in 2017, Revision Committee reports for 2016, and a discussion. A report on the work of the Review Committee for the period from November 2016 to November 2017 was presented by committee member Ester Karasová. The Member's Meetings acknowledged the reports. All of the attendees received a report on JCP activities for 2016.

Meeting of new JCP members

A meeting between JCP management members and senior JCP employees JCP with new members took place in the cafeteria on 22 February. The activities of the rabbinate, health and social services, safety and cultural and social activities were primarily presented.

Subsidized associations

In 2017, JCP financially contributed to the activities of the following associations, organizations and groups:

- Children's Theatre,
- Mišpacha,
- Besamim,
- Terezín Initiative,
- Rafael Institute,
- Chinuch,
- Moishe House,
- Scout section.

JCP Lauder Schools

In 2017, JCP also significantly subsidized the activities of the Lauder Schools (28% of the school budget). Lauder Schools represent a unique educational project for children, pupils and students interested in Jewish education. The primary school was established in 1997, since 1999 there has been a middle school, and since 2009 a kindergarten. In September 2016, the 2nd level of grade school was restored. Teaching at all levels of education is based on the Le Chajim educational program, which is based on framework educational programs for

preschool, elementary and middle school education, enriched by Jewish specifics - Jewish education and Hebrew. By the end of 2017, there were 317 pupils and students in the kindergarten, grade and middle Lauder Schools.

Members of statutory bodies and management of JCP

In 2017, the following representatives worked in the top bodies of the JCP:

Chairman – *statutory representative of the community*

PhDr. Jan Munk

Management – *fulfils the role of community executive*

Jan Munk, Chairman

František Bányai, First Deputy Chairman

Eva Lorencová, Second Deputy Chairman

Michal Borges, Secretary

Jiří Pacovský

Tomáš Pasternak

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

Barbora Rappaport

In 2017, the management met at twelve regular meetings.

Representation – *is elected once every four years. After the Member's Meetings, it is the highest body of the community and 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 2017, the JCP Representation worked in the following composition:

František Bányai

David Bohbot

Marek Bouda

Jozef Braun

Jiří Daníček

Martin Jelínek

Ivana Jurečková

Daniel Köppl
Pavel Král
Tomáš Kraus
Šimon Krýsl
Petr Kučera
Eva Lorencová
Kateřina Moravcová
Jan Munk
Jiří Pacovský
Vida Neuwirthová
Tomáš Pasternak
Leo Pavlát
Barbora Rappaport
Jan Roubínek
Zuzana Skálová
Zuzana Veselá
Michaela Vidláková

Virile members:

Michal Borges, Secretary
David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

In 2017, ten regular and one extraordinary Representation meetings took place with the participation of members of the Review Committee.

Review Committee

In 2017, the JCP Review Committee worked in the following composition:

Michal Dostál, Chairman
Otto Herman
Petra Jurečková
Ester Karasová
Jana Kosáková
Tamara Pavlíčková
Tomáš Taussig

Synagogues and other tourist centres managed by JCP visited by tourists

Old-New Synagogue

Today, the Old-New Synagogue is the oldest monument of Prague's Jewish Town and the oldest surviving functioning synagogue in Central Europe, and since 1995, it has been a National Cultural Monument. Regular worship services and other religious ceremonies are held here. The trend of increased visitor numbers continued in 2017 with a total of 237,182 paying visitors coming to see the synagogue, which is an increase of 5.9% compared to the previous year.

Jerusalem Synagogue

In 2017, the Jerusalem Synagogue was open to the public not only during the summer months (April to October), but also in December. In 2017, the synagogue's visit rate increased by 38.2% compared to the previous year, which amounted to a total of 33,940 paying visitors. A total of 8 tours with commentary were given during the season, which more than 800 visitors took part in. The tours were accompanied by an organ intermezzo performed by organist Václav Peter. The year 2017 saw the fourth year of a series of organ concerts where a number of Czech organists performed: Přemysl Kšica, Miroslav Pšenička, Imrich Szabo, Josef Popelka, Václav Peter and Jitka Chaloupková. The series was organised with the financial support of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic. The concerts always began at 18:00 and the musical programme lasted no longer than 70 minutes. On average, 160 listeners attended the concerts. The project was purely educational and had no entrance fee. Restoration works also continued – the production of the remaining replicas of the original chandeliers were completed, and washrooms for visitors were modified and expanded. The vestibule was also provisionally insulated to enable December operations.

Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov

The Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov, the so-called First Jewish Cemetery in Olšany, was established in 1680 as a plague burial ground for the Jewish community of Prague. As of 1 January 2014, JCP resumed management of what remains of the cemetery. Since 1999, the cemetery was managed by the Jewish Museum in Prague, which was able to open it to the public in September 2001 once essential construction and basic restoration work had been completed.

Despite severe devastation suffered in the second half of the 20th century, the cemetery is a significant artistic and historical monument. Prominent Jewish personages and members of the Jewish community in Prague are buried here: Rabbis Ezechiel Landau, Eleazar Fleckeles, and the families of the first industrialists – the Jonases, the Jeiteleses, the Pribrams and the Dormitzers.

During the 2017 season, the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov was visited by approximately 19,000 visitors.

The cemetery is open every day, except Saturdays and Jewish holidays, from Sunday to Thursday from 9:00 to 17:00 (between November and March from 9:00 to 16:00), and on Fridays from 11:00 to 14:00. Entrance to the cemetery is free of charge.

Historic Mikveh

This is a unique ritual bathing complex dating to the turn of the 15th and 16th centuries, which was discovered during an archaeological survey connected with damp proofing works for the Pinkas synagogue in 1968. This area has been open to the public since 2014. In 2015, the reconstruction of the wiring, during which new lighting was installed, was carried out in historical Mikveh. During the 2017 season, access to the ritual bathing complex was accessible in two regimes – during the winter regime (November – March) viewing always once a day (more if there are interested groups) during the summer regime (April – October) from 10 am to 4 pm. At the end of the 2017 season a fixed kiosk operated by a third party was installed in front of the entrance to Mikveh, which provides the sale of tickets year round. In 2017, 2031 visitors viewed the structure of the historical Mikveh.

Concerts and Cultural Events at the Jerusalem Synagogue

The year 2017 was the fourth year when the cycle of organ concerts continued. Here, an entire range of Czech organists performed: Miroslav Pšenička (24 May), Václav Peter (28 June), Přemysl Kšica (26 July), Imrich Szabo (16 August), Jitka Chaloupková (21 September), Josef Popelka (5 October).

From 2 April to 28 May 2017, an exhibition of photographs by Jindřich Buxbaum “Life in the Diaspora” took place.

From 25 April to 28 May 2017, an exhibition titled “Aron Grünhut – a Saviour of Jews” was organized in cooperation with the Slovak Institute in Prague.

From 2 June to 31 August 2017, an exhibition of photographs by American photographer Mark Wiedorn “The Gypsy Soul” took place in the Synagogue. The exhibition was a part of the 19th annual multi-cultural Khamoro festival, which was held in Prague from 28 May to 3 June 2017. A concert of classical music took place during the opening night at the Jerusalem Synagogue, with renowned artists performing - singer Bohumila Sommerová, German violinist of Romani origin Michale Jelden, and Istvan Denes, a Hungarian pianist working in Germany. The exhibition originated with the financial support of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and the Prague City Hall.

From 5 September to 31 October 2017, an exhibition of photographs by Jan Dobrovský “The Faces of the Street” was held.

Regular evening commented viewings of the Jerusalem Synagogue with brief music performances by organist Václav Peter were held on Thursdays, on 25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 17 August, 31 August, 28 September and 19 October.

8 June – a concert by singer Delilah Gutman and violinist Raphael Negri: Jewish songs from antiquity until this day. The concert was organized in cooperation with the Italian Cultural Institute.

19 December – Festivals of Lights in Jerusalem Synagogue with Milan Hein and Václav Peter (organ) performing. Esteemed guests included actor Petr Kostka and singer Irena Budweiserová. Chanukah songs were sung by children from the Feigle Theatre under the management of Vida Neuwirthová and accompanied by the Šarbilach band, Eliana Vondráčková played a composition by Israeli composer Boris Levenberg titled Kasdish, Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter said the blessing and lighted the Chanukah candles. The ambassador of the Israeli state J. E. Daniel Meron said a brief greeting to the attendees.

Days of the European Cultural Heritage

A commented viewing of the Jewish cemetery in Uhříněves, attended by about 50 people, took place as part of the Days of the European Cultural Heritage in September 2017.

The Day of Jewish Monuments

On 13 August 2017, the first of the events, The Day of Jewish Monuments, was held in the Czech Republic. The purpose of the event was to make available and visible several dozen

regional monuments, synagogues and cemeteries that either are not open to the public or recently underwent reconstruction. For this reasons, structures repaired within the Revitalization of Jewish Monuments – 10 Stars project, were also included.

In total, 30 cemeteries and 21 synagogues were made accessible during The Day of Jewish Monuments (including the structures of the Revitalization of Jewish Monuments – 10 Stars project).

The estimated number of visitors to the structures that were made accessible was about 2,250 people.

Celebration of Bringing In New Torah Scrolls

On Sunday 19 March, a unique celebration of bringing in new Torah scrolls in the Old-New Synagogue was held at the JCP town hall.

I perceive the “Welcoming of the New Torah Scrolls and Their Bringing in the Old-New Synagogue” as one of the most important moment I have experienced during the decades-long interconnection with the Prague Jewish community. It was very inspiring to watch the love, sensitivity, enthusiasm and Joy its members showed during the celebration. It was the culmination of the renewal and revitalization of the Jewish life which took place in Prague over the last twenty-seven years. It was also an awesome challenge for the further development of the community and its interconnection with the Torah and good deeds. I am hoping and praying that the joy and unity shown at this event will be an inspiration for everyone for the future,” said Rabbi Herschel Glück, describing his feelings about the celebration.

Sefer Torah, the Torah scroll used at the Synagogue during all church services and ceremonies, is an essential and irreplaceable part of the spiritual life of all Jewish communities, and it shows that despite infrequent disputes, the Prague community and its members perceive it as such. And that is not all - it showed that if we find a common aim and the desire and good will to participate in it, we can cooperate. In other words, it distinctly showed that the community lives and perceives the historical heritage and that it has its identity strength for it further development.

In 2015, it was obvious that the lifespan of the Torah scrolls in not infinite – after decades coming into a state which does not allow for their further use, and it was necessary to get new ones. In 2016, new scrolls were ordered from Israel from sofer Daniel Halamish and a fundraising campaign for the acquisition was started.

On Sunday 19 May, the two new Torah scrolls were first finished and then brought into the Old-New Synagogue. One of them was acquired on the basis of the donations of the community members; the second one was presented by two Israeli donors. Nearly four hundred people attended the festive afternoon at the town hall. Thanks to the Chinuch association, children also head their own programme. Pupils and students of the Lauder School actively participated in organizing and securing the course of the entire afternoon. The Sunday celebration was preceded by the extraordinary Para Sabbath, attended by renowned guests and all of the current Israeli shaliachs who met on Friday 17 March in the afternoon with JCP Chairman Jan Munk and Petr Papoušek, the Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. Among the most important guests were Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu, Chief Rabbi of the Cfat City and a member of the Council of the Israeli Supreme Rabbinate, as well as Rabbis Noach Landsberg and Iser Klonski, members of the bejt dinu.

On Saturday 18 March 2017, a programme for women followed. The wives of Rabbis Tova Eliyahu, Elisheva Ben David, Malki Kalcheim and Oshra Yesharim spoke about a woman's role, child rearing and relationships between husband and wife in a Jewish family. A panel discussion of the Rabbis on the topic of "From Israel to Prague and from Prague back to Israel" followed after lunch. Here, Rabbis Klonski, Landsberg, Deshe, Ben David, Yesharim and Kalcheim presented their views of the life in Prague and experiences they brought from their Prague stay to Israel.

The celebration also presented an important outwards message on the life of the community, and it enjoyed an extraordinary response from the media. Thanks to the attending television crew and a photographer from the Reuters agency, most of not only the Czech media, but also worldwide media published the news that Prague and the Old-New Synagogue has two new Torah scrolls.

III. **Obecní noviny (Community Newspaper)**

Publication of the internal, free news bulletin intended for JCP members, *Obecní noviny (Community Newspaper)*, continued in 2017. Eleven regular editions were issued. 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. *The Rabínský list (Letter from the Rabbi)* was inserted into *Obecní noviny* as an independent supplement prepared by the rabbinate.

With its regular publishing of news from the Representation and JCP management meetings and information about social events and upcoming events, *Obecní noviny* facilitate greater awareness and better communication among members of the JCP.

In 2017, it continued to include a double page containing information from the Lauder Schools compiled by Petr Karas and Irena Poláková. Reports from the rabbinate were published regularly prepared. The reflections of Chief Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon continued (*Člověk je polní strom (Man is a Field Tree)*, *Podivný spáč (A Strange Sleeper)*, *Terezínská tryzna (The Terezín Remembrance Ceremony)*, *Důvody pro šabat dnes a vždycky (Reasons for Sabbath Today and Always)*, *Slyš, Jisraeli! (Hear, Israel!)*).

Space was provided for what was new at the Jewish Museum in Prague: on 12 October 2017, the evening projection of photographs of the holocaust victims on the gable over the Mikveh building at the Pinkas synagogue site was launched. Reports on cultural programmes of the Jewish Museum in Prague in the Department for Education and Upbringing and in the Maisel Synagogue, and on exhibitions in the Robert Guttmann Gallery were periodically published (*Labyrintem normalizace (Through the Normalization Labyrinth)*). Attention was also given to the new on-line exhibition prepared by the Department of the JCP Shoah History titled *Do boje s modlitbou. Příběh Rabbi Hanuše Rezka (To Fight with Prayer: The Story of Rabbi Hanuš Rezek)*.

Readers were regularly informed about the activities of the JCP social department, of the periodical events in the Na balkoně cafe and of JCP seniors' fitness stays. The psychic talk show of Mrs Golda continued.

The monthly newspaper also informed about the exhibition about the Jewish community in České Budějovice, prepared by Matana, which is permanently located at the place of the former České Budějovice synagogue. In 2017, the essay by Karel Šling (*Popírání holocaustu v Čechách (Denial of the Holocaust in Bohemia)*) was published.

Anniversaries of important members Míša Vidláková and Zuzana Růžičková were commemorated.

In the Osudy (Life Stories) column, memories of assistant professor MUDr. Oldřich Vinař and DrSc., Zdeněk Pošusta were published, as well as the memory of RNDr. Marek Petráš of the important immunologist and virologist, assistant professor MUDr. Dimitrij Slonim and memories of Pavel Hořák, Jana Herrmannová, František Frištenská, Gerta Solanová.

Attention was paid to awards: Zuzana Růžičková took over the award The First Lady of Czech Culture from the Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, Daniel Herman. The

success of the chess team Steinitz Makabi, which won its group in the third class of the Prague competition and advanced to the second class, was mentioned.

Interviews with personages from social, religious and cultural areas brought to the readers a wide range of information and new facts: with the playwright and actor Arnošt Goldflam on his family, with the director of JCC Krakow Jonathan Ornstein, with the director of the Jewish museum in Prague Leo Pavlát on contemporary anti-Semitism and the situation in Israel, with Jitka Radkovičova on Jewish scouting and with s Martin Turek, the director of Matana.

In 2017, *Obecní noviny* also published short stories from the Jewish environment written by Rut Sidonová (*Černovické pohádky a povídky* (*Černovice Fairy Tales and Stories*), *Voda v Mikveh*, (*Water in Mikveh*)), Zuzana Peterová (*Zvláštní dovolená* (*A Special Vacation*)) and Eva Frantinová (*Na co si vzpomenu* (*What I Remember*), *Šabat Shalom dva tisíce jedna* (*Sabbath Shalom Two Thousand and One*)).

The newspaper briefly informed about significant projects, commented on current political affairs and provided information concerning the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. The bulletin reported in detail on JCP economic results for the preceding year and on approval of the budget for the following year. Regular information about new books, interesting exhibitions and theatre productions appeared in the newspaper. The editor in Chief was Petr Balajka.

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

Cultural and Social Events, Celebration of Jewish Holidays

In 2017, talk show *Káva o čtvrté* (*Coffee at Four*) continued with thirteen editions. The dates were adapted to suit the guests and lecturers and the Jewish calendar. The guests in 2017 were: Pavel Fischer, diplomat, Barbora Tachecí, anchor; Zdeněk Lukeš, architect; Lenka Bradáčová, Chief Prosecutor; Jaroslav Petr, biologist and publicist; Petr Fischer, editor-in-chief of ČRo Vltava; Tomáš Pojar, diplomat; JUDr. Jiří Pehe, political scientist; doc. Marie Rakušanová, art historian; Jana Šrotová, editor-in-chief of Živa magazine; MUDr. František Koukolík, senior consultant; Martin Voldřich, senior consultant of ARO Central Military Hospital; Karol E. Sidon, Higher Regional Rabbi; prof. Pavel Kolář, physiotherapist.

In 2017 periodical cultural events were held as part of the “Tvůrčí balkon”(Creative Balcony) project at the Na balkoně cafe:

4 January – Discussion and author’s reading by Jan Jelínek from the book *Jizvy na duši (Scars on the Soul)*

7 February– opening of the exhibition of paintings Bohumír Bob Hochman

23 February– Creative Balcony Hana Hnátová: My life with brother Arnošt Lustig; moderated by Zuzana Peterová

20 April – Creative Balcony with writer Ivan Klíma; moderated by Zuzana Peterová

15 June – opening of the exhibition of Jana Dubová *Hra tvarů a barev (Playing with Shapes and Colours)*

29 June – Creative Balcony with RNDr. Alena Lehovcová on the topic of “From my Laboratory or What is Happening with Our Blood”; moderated by Zuzana Peterová

15 August – opening of the exhibition of paintings by Hana Alisa Omer *Spojení Jeruzalém – Praha (Connection between Jerusalem and Prague)*

14 September – Creative Balcony with PharmDr. Jindřiška Angelini, Ph.D. on the topic of “How You Can Help Yourselves without Medicines”; moderated by Zuzana Peterová

17 October – celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Na balkoně cafe

30 November – Creative Balcony with Petr Lakron on the topic of “How to Make Leather Clothing”; moderated by Zuzana Peterová

14 December – Hanukkah of the Health Club at Na balkoně cafe

17 January – festive benefit evening **Společná naděje (Our Common Hope)** for the benefit of planting the Czech forest in the Negev desert, held in the Černín Palace

11 February– celebration of the Tu BiShvat holiday, the Jewish New Year of Trees.

13 April – presentation of the book *Láska v mnoha podobách (Love in Many Forms)* by author Zuzana Peterová; parts of the book were read by Miriam Kantorková.

14 February– a discussion evening in Maislovka on the topic of: “JCP: What now?”, guests: Jiří Daniček, Kateřina Moravcová, Leo Pavlát and Tomáš Pasternak, members of JCP Representation; moderated by Irena Kalhousová.

11 March – a Purim evening celebration for adults with a programme. The evening prepared by the Ernyei Art agency was opened by Chief Prague Rabbi David Peter. Purim songs accompanied by music were sung by children from Feigele Theatre and the choir under the management of Helena Divecká. This was followed by the pantomime of Martin Sochor, classical music was played by pianist Olga Hrachovcová and the evening culminated with the performance of flutist Jiří Stivín, accompanied by guitarist Jaroslav Šindler. The evening was presented by Vida Neuwirthová and Petr Vacek. After the end of the programme, the band of singer Petra Ernyei played for listening and dance.

12 March – Purim for children with the Purim workshop, organized by the Chinuch association.

28 March – a discussion evening in Maislovka on the topic of “Plurality rabbinate: more directions under one roof?”; guests David Maxa, student of the progressive Rabbi Seminar of the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin, David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague, Lior Sharafi, leader of the JCP rabbinate, Aleš Weiss, graduate of the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. Moderated by Irena Kalhousová.

24 May – a discussion evening in Maislovka on the topic of “J. Fingerland talks with T. Halík”; guest professor Tomáš Halík, priest, theologian, sociologist. Moderated by Jan Fingerland, Czech Radio commentator.

16 October – Bubnování pro Bubny (Drumming for Bubny). An event commemorating the anniversary of the first transport of the Jews from this railway station. Many witnesses from our community attended.

26.–29 October – The Shabbat Project Prague / Sabbath Together

From 29 October to 1 November – an international meeting of the representatives of B'nai B'rith International and B'nai B'rith Europe was held in Prague under the title The Future of Jewish Communities and the Western Democracy. The host of this forum was the B'nai B'rith Renaissance Lodge in Prague.

11 December – a discussion evening in Maislovka on the topic of “Do We Have What We Wanted? The State of the Czech Democracy in 2017”; guests Helena Langšádlová, MP for TOP 09, Lenka Kozlová, MP for the Czech Pirate Party, Hyato Okamura, interpreter, politician for KDU-ČSL, Karel Schwarzenberg, MP for TOP 09; moderated by Irena Kalhousová.

14 December – Hanukkah of the Health Club

16 December – Hanukkah entertainment for adults in the social room of the town hall. Actor Petra Špindlerová was the MC of the evening. After the traditional candle lighting, Rabbi David Peter spoke and the children choir of Lauder Schools sang. This was followed by a musical performance by singer and teacher Tomáš Fingerland. Among the stars of the programme was singer Lucia Šoralová, who brought the audience to a standing ovation. Playwright and actor Arnošt Goldflam excellently read his short story with horror and absurd humour elements. Pianist Ahmad Jafar Hedar brought singer and dancer Jana Karfusová, who sang arias from Puccini’s opera Gianni Schicchi and Dvořák’s Rusalka. The dance trio of the Prague Salon Orchestra played popular and well-known melodies, and there was also a raffle with plenty of prizes. The Rejbele klezmer band played in the third floor hall.

17 December – Hanukkah Together – associations and organizations Bejt Simcha, Hakoach, Chinuch, the Three-generations community centre Hagibor and Vida Neuwirthová with the Feigele Theatre organized a joint Hanukkah afternoon, which started with a Hanukkah run from Parkhotel to Maislovka. One of the runners eventually passed on the Hanukkah torch on the stage in the JCP dining room to Rabbi Peter, who used the torch to light a candle – servant on the Hanukkah candlestick and said the blessing with his son. The Šarbilach orchestra played several Hanukkah songs and the children sang them with the musicians. Younger and older actors practiced the story of Abraham in the Feigele Theatre with Vida Neuwirthová, and after the performance of illusionist Aleš, the children and their parents freely moved to Hagibor where a further programme followed with workshops for children, the Hanukkah competition, an illusionist performance and the Vousy band playing at the end.

Commemorative Acts

On 26 January, a concert was organised to mark the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and prevention of crimes against humanity in cooperation with the Jewish Museum in

Prague at the Spanish Synagogue. The concert featured songs from Maurice Ravel adapted by Otomar Kvěch and the works of Paula Hindemith, Günther Raphael and Gideon Klein performed by harpist Kateřina Englichová and oboist Vilém Veverka.

On 27 January, in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Foundation for Holocaust Victims organized a meeting for the tenth time to mark the Memorial Day for the Victims of the Holocaust and Prevention of Crimes against Humanity in the Parliament of the Czech Republic. This year's commemorative meeting was exceptional by the fact that the guests included the members of the Bavarian Landtag, headed by Chairman Barbara Stamm from the Christian-Social Union of Bavaria (CSU). Senate Chairman Milan Štěch had the introductory speech. Another speech was presented by the Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic Petr Papoušek. The Vice-Chairman of the Czech Chamber of Deputies, Jan Bartoška, spoke for the Chamber. One of the last representatives of the resistance movement, pilot colonel Pavel Vranský, a fighter from Tobruk, spoke as a witness. Singer and composer Radoslav Banga spoke on behalf of the Romani community. The Chairman of the NFOH Board of Governors Michal Klíma then took over the speaker's place and the Chairman of the Bavarian Landtag Barbara Stamm spoke in closing. Young virtuosos of the Clavio Trio Jana Černohouzová (clarinet), Lucia Fulks Kopsová (violin) and Lucie Valčová (piano) provided an exceptional musical interlude, playing two Hebrew songs by the contemporary Romanian composer Serban Nichifor.

On 8 March, a remembrance ceremony for the family camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau, whose inmates were slaughtered during the night of the 8th and 9th March 1944, was held in the Pinkas Synagogue. Leo Pavlát lighted up six candles in memory of the mass murder, contemporary witness Evelina Merová presented an emotional personal memory and Rabbi Michael Dushinsky said a prayer for the martyrs the El male rachamim. In addition to witnesses and representatives of the JCP and the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, ambassadors of the State of Israel and the USA also took part in the event.

A remembrance to the victims of Jewish genocide, Yom HaShoah 5777 (2017), was held on 24 April in the Pinkas Synagogue. A prayer for the dead was delivered by Chief Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon. Candles in memory of the murdered persons were lit by JCP Chairman Jan Munk. Mrs Eva Pokorná gave the main speech which informed the attendees about her war and post-

war life. Jan Kačer presented a philosophically-aimed reflection and later, together with the pupils of Lauder Schools Alexandra Nosková and Atur Efrati, he read some of the names of the Shoah victims. Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon said the El male rachamim prayer. Zuzana Wirthová and Josef Gušlbauer from the Menorah group took care of the musical accompaniment. The guests included Mr Daniel Meron, ambassador of the Israeli state with his wife.

The afternoon reading of the names of holocaust victims was organised for the twelfth time by the Terežín Initiative Institute and the Foundation for Victims of the Holocaust, this time at Jiřího z Poděbrad square. Minister of Culture Daniel Herman took over the country-wide patronage over the event.

On 26 November, a regular remembrance ceremony for people who died in the Patria ship was held at the New Jewish Cemetery.

V. Report on the Activities of Individual JCP Departments

1. Rabbinate

The powers of the Rabbinate include: providing all of the religious activities of the JCP, organisation of holidays, organisation and convening of the special Rabbinic Court, keeping a register of Jewish marriages and other relevant 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), youths (Pizza and Tora), education of women (Rosh Chodesh party); supervision of acceptance of new members into the JCP, supervision of operation of ritual baths, supervision of the activities of religion teachers, 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 which works with pre-school children, and cooperation with the Czech Union of Jewish Youth, inspection of kosher foods at production facilities and composing a list of kosher foods for the needs of JCP members. The Rabbinate is responsible for the operation of the New Jewish Cemetery and Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov.

The Rabbinate publishes a monthly supplement to *Obecní noviny (Community Newspaper)* titled *Rabínské listy (Letter from the Rabbi)*. Currently, regular lectures are underway in the JCP Midrash, such as an introduction to Judaism, and preparation courses for a Bar Mitzvah, Gemara, Halacha, Mishnah and Maharal.

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: Olga Stloukalová

Cantors: Alexandr Putík (Jerusalem Synagogue) until 30. 10. 2017, Bryan Wood (Old-New synagogue)

Teachers in Midrash: r. Michael Dushinsky, r. Efraim K. Sidon, r. David Peter

Mashgiachs: Václav Bittner, Marie Goldbergerová, Jakub Peter, Chaim Kočí, Tomáš Pulc, Marcela Horvátová, Milan Walter

Balanit in the Mikveh: Dagmar Dushinsky, Marta Polakovičová

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

Prayers: Daily morning and afternoon prayers take place in the Tall Synagogue, daily evening prayers in the Old-New Synagogue, Sabbath and holiday prayers take place in the Old-New and Jerusalem Synagogues.

Kashrut: In addition to ritual provision of JCP catering facilities (Shalom Restaurant, Na balkoně Café, Lauder Schools, Hagibor) and restaurant Dinitz, **6 new kosher certificates** were issued to food companies and **30 certificates were extended**, including a co-certificate for hechsher at the King David hotel.

Over the course of the year, production of basic kosher foods was arranged: e.g. cheese from dairies: Polná, Olešnice, Příbyslav (Hermelín cheese), Lacrum Velké Meziříčí, Otinoves (blue cheese), Orrero Litovel (Gran Moravia – parmesan type cheese). Cooperation with United Bakeries and the Penam bakery, soft-cheese maker Loštice, dairies OLMA and TATRA, Spak (mayonnaise and ketchup), Mokate (children's sponge biscuits), AGRIMEX Vestec and AGRO Jesenice (frozen fruits and vegetables), Alibona and Hamé (canned fruit and vegetables, baby food and jams), Nowaco (frozen fish) successfully continued. Cooperation

with bakeries Le Caveau, Mansson, Mamacoffee and Nofech, ChocoCafé and with the PURO GELATO ice-cream maker continues on the local level.

Circumcisions: 4

Bar Mitzvahs: 5

Weddings: 4

Divorces: 0

New members: JCP accepted a total of 71 regular members for 2017, as well as 23 holders of extraordinary status and 1 guest

Memorial and commemorative acts: the representatives of the Rabbinate attended eleven events

Lecturing: daily teaching of Judaism at the JCP Midrash, lectures at Hagibor, at the Charles Jordan Pension, at Lauder Schools, Pizza and Tora (for youths), and Rosh Chodesh party for women

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New Jewish Cemetery

The New Jewish Cemetery (NJC) is a protected historical building. Since it is a cemetery that has been used continually for the funerals of deceased persons of Jewish faith since 1890, its condition requires constant and increasingly costly care. Operation of this cemetery and urn depository is subject to the regulations for non-public cemeteries applicable as of 1 January 2002, and by the religious customs of the Jewish community.

In August 2010, administration of the NJC was divided into two parts - the ritual part, which is subordinate to the JCP Rabbinate, and the technical administration went to Matana, a.s.

Under the new administration, a work team comprising four workers in manual professions (cemetery labourers, gardeners and maintenance workers). During 2011, management of greenery, buildings, roads and gravestones was the full responsibility of this technical administration. The ritual administration staff was enlarged in August 2011 by a manager who, as a delegate of the JCP Rabbinate for technical administration, organised all of the activities associated with funerals, urn storage, archiving, and overseeing compliance with ritual rules. Two jobs in the position of doorman were maintained for contact with the public, provision of basic information and securing access to the cemetery premises.

During 2017, 15 traditional funerals took place, which was a small increase, and 17 urns were deposited. Growth was recorded also with the renewed habit of putting up new macevots;

there were seven cases during this period. Traditional pieta events were held as well. Overall administration of the NJC continued this year with greenery maintenance and gradual renovation of damaged gravestones and replacement of missing gravestones. Great attention was paid to the removal of ivy cover from grown woody plants and cleaning of areas from self-seeding and resistant grasses. Re-cultivation and arrangement of the space of the old and new urn department, as well as the continuous updating of the new cemetery database continued so that it could match the actual status.

Marking of unmarked graves, both from the wartime and recent, receives great care. In this we are cooperating with BCA Matana, a. s., and with Chevra kadiša ČR, which is an important partner for cooperation in the field of ritual matters.

The cemetery site was integrated into the Day of Jewish Monuments and Events Prague 3.

2. JCP Social and Medical Facilities

The main aim of the work of 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 families with children, senior citizens and those with a medical disability,
3. Care service at the Charles Jordan Pension
4. Hagibor Social Care Facility, day care and relief services – residential and outpatient social care,
5. Three-generation community centre,
6. Vehicle transportation centre,
7. General practitioner centre – medical care

2.1. Ezra Comprehensive Home Care

Ezra Comprehensive Home Care (hereinafter Ezra CHC) is a non-state medical facility and registered in-field “Personal Assistance” social service. Since 2002, it has been providing users of the service an interconnected form of medical and social care in their natural social

environment according to 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 it is 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. The range of social and medical services was 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 aims originate from Jewish tradition 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 according to the individual needs of the clients.

In 2016, 151 clients were cared for by Ezra CHC. These clients were provided with a total of about 14,360 hours of care – social, medical and ergo-therapeutic.

Range of Services Provided by Ezra CHC in 2017:

- 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 the Social Services Act No. 108/2006 and Decree No. 505/2006 Coll., Section 5,
- ergo-therapy – expert medical care pursuant to Decree No. 55/2011 Coll.
- compensatory aid rental.

The costs for the services were financed using several resources – JCP, state grants and subsidies, health insurance companies, NFOH grant, subsidies from Claims Conference and client deductibles.

New Ezra CHC projects

Last year, Ezra CHC implemented the Reading to Seniors project where the Lauder School students were reading to seniors their favourite books and magazines. This project also positively influenced the creation of new relationships between seniors and the young generation.

Another project implemented by EZRA CHC in 2017 was Care for Caring, where the direct care workers help the family members of clients in the form of personal and other contacts care for their close relatives, which helped them to better manage this, often very demanding work.

As part of the Tablets project, Ezra CHC bought for seniors the three devices that serve to improve the physical and mental functions and to teach them to handle the devices.

The following persons worked for the Ezra CHC team led by director Ing. Eva Jelínková in 2016: chief nurse, medical nurses, social workers, personal assistants, ergo-therapists and administrative workers. In 2017, the team consisted of 31 employees.

More information is available on the Ezra CHC website: www.dpezra.cz.

2.2. Social Department

The Social Department provided three social services in 2017:

Social acquisition services for senior citizens and persons with medical disabilities. These services are mainly intended for persons belonging to the Jewish community and their close family who find themselves in a negative social situation either for reasons of age, loss of independence, illness, crisis situation or a medical condition.

Significant emphasis was also placed on support for the family and family relationships, child upbringing, partner coexistence, family and intergenerational conflicts. The programmes are aimed mainly at young families with children as part of **social acquisition services for families with children**. The services are aimed at supporting married and unmarried couples who belong to the Jewish community and who, in addition to the usual partnership and parenthood questions, also tackle matters of identity.

A **care service** is provided to permanently accommodated clients at the **Charles Jordan Pension**.

Social acquisition services for families with children and for senior citizens:

Social consulting primarily related information in the area of indemnity, social services, social allowances, work consultations and the possibility of follow-up services. Another implemented activity in 2017 was the support of cognitive functions using the Feuerstein method of instrumental enrichment (FIE) provided to clients (individually to children and groups – families) with various types of deficits. Consultations were provided in the Town Hall building and in the Jáchymka club where, in addition to social and debt advisory centre, other club programmes took place, mainly for seniors.

Dusiach Help – psychotherapeutic services, crisis intervention over the phone and in person, memory training and brain jogging, positive thinking training.

The following services were provided in 2017:

Health Club – swimming at the AXA pool, exercise in the Hagibor SCF gym, trips and walks in the countryside, summer and winter re-conditioning stays (Vysočina, Šumava, South Bohemia), boat trip.

Summer curative stays and suburban camps for children – leisure time activities are rather additional activities. Forty-nine children stayed at regular camps, 43 children at suburban camps.

Volunteer programme for local volunteers and volunteers from abroad. The programme is accredited with the Ministry of Interior and its main activities include the Miriam volunteer café, house calls to clients by volunteers at the Charles Jordan Pension and at the Hagibor SCF.

Employment support programme: In 2017, the SD continued helping persons endangered by long-term or repeated unemployment, disabled persons, unemployed persons older than 50 and other endangered groups on the labour market. Training positions were available at the Na balkoně café, the Becalel workshop, in the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov and in the New Jewish cemetery on Izraelská Street and at the reception of the Charles Jordan Pension. This service is meant primarily for younger clients. A total of 21 employees worked in individual positions.

In 2017, the Becalel Social workshop project was launched. It was supported by the Growth Pole Operating Programme aimed at the support of social entrepreneurship. Thanks to this financial support, the Becalel workshop was expanded with a cardboard and bookbinding workshop.

Claims Conference Funds – financial contributions for medicines and medical aids, and contributions health and social home care and transportation for holocaust victims were provided. In 2017, 277 persons, 65 men and 212 women used the services of the Social Department. They received 11,273 hours of direct work.

The team of the Social Centre consisted of: centre manager, four social workers, a psycho-therapist, a financial assistant, a coordinator of volunteers, an ergo-therapist, two physiotherapists, work assistants and job consultant.

Three foreign volunteers from Germany and Austria, as well as forty-three volunteers from the Tmicha group, worked for the centre.

Charles Jordan Pension

The Charles Jordan Pension is another of the JCP Social Department projects and provides permanent accommodation and care services to its clients. In this five-storey building there are 28 flats – studios with a hallway and bathroom with shower and toilet, and one double studio. The double studio is intended for two people – a married couple, or for one physically disabled person who needs numerous compensatory aids, and therefore more room as well. One flat is used for short-term stays and is intended for Social Department clients who, due to a sudden medical or social emergency, require social services to be provided for a limited time.

Clients also have available a social room, a multi-purpose gym and a bathroom with a washing machine, and they may also use the balconies and seating in the courtyard.

The building is managed by Matana, a. s.

At the Charles Jordan Pension in 2017, clients were provided with care services and social acquisition services for senior citizens and for persons with medical disabilities. In terms of care services, they mainly consisted of help during performing of ordinary acts of care for oneself, help in maintaining personal hygiene, help in care for a household, provision of meals, shopping, outings, and escorts. A very important part of this was cultural and social activities, such as in the Jordan Café: joint birthday celebrations and Jewish holiday celebrations. With regard to social activation services, the following activities are implemented: memory training, group and individual exercise with an ergotherapist, advice on the use of appropriate compensatory aids, professional work of a physiotherapist, trips and swimming with the Health Club and regeneration stays.

Home medical care in 2017 was provided by Ezra CHC and Naděje Home Care, and regular care from a Monada physiotherapist and Naděje Home Care

In 2016 the care service also operated in the field with a capacity of 60 clients at the homes of client in all parts of Prague. The most frequent acts for these clients is help with care for their household (shopping, cleaning), provision of food and accompaniment.

Seven caregivers work under the management of the social worker and coordinator of care service; one of them looks after the laundry operation. Employees in charge of lunch distribution also work here. Pedicure and hairdressing services are regularly available. The care service for the Pension operates every day from 8 am to 8 pm, and the reception service is provided by 8 employees 24 hours a day. Field services for clients are available on weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm.

In 2017, a total of 127 clients used the care service and more than 11,468 hours of direct care were provided.

2.4. Hagibor Social Care Facility

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

The following registered social services were provided in 2017: home for the elderly with 47 beds, relief services with a capacity of 10 beds and a day care centre with a capacity of 5 places.

The **home for the elderly** service offers permanent accommodation, full board and social care in accordance with 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 provided to senior citizens who, due to 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 2017, the services of the home for the elderly were used by a total of 59 clients, of whom 50 were women and 9 men. A total of 13 clients were accepted, 12 clients died, 4 in hospital and 8 at the HSCF. The average age of clients of this service was 92.

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 for these services may be either senior citizens who need the help of another person all day long due to reduced independence and impaired health, or adults with a medical disability who need the all-day 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 3 months.

A total of 44 clients used relief services in 2017, 34 of whom were women and 10 men. Some clients used relief services repeatedly and some subsequently went over to the home for the elderly services. The capacity of relief beds was fully utilized. The average age of clients of this service was 90.

The outpatient **day care centre** is aimed at 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 places in 2017. Nine contracts were on record, three contracts were terminated during the year and four new contracts were entered into.

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

In 2017, cooperation continued with the JCP social department, and volunteers met clients of HSCF “Cafe Miriam” at the HSCF cafeteria. The Three-Generation Community Centre once again organized its events in cooperation with the Bejachad registered association (z. s.) and the “Sunday Café” was held.

Volunteer activities continued at the Hagibor Social Care Facility in 2017. The regime of the activities was divided in such a way that volunteers applied themselves in all of the areas that were possible. To HSCF came a total of 17 volunteers, 3 of whom helped in daytime activity programmes, and 9 volunteers visited clients in their rooms, accompanied them on walks and to cultural events, played board games with them, read to them and generally kept them company.

Other services provided at the HSCF included: ergotherapy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, psychotherapy, general practitioner’s office, geriatric office and services provided by other specialist doctors, as well as canistherapy and cat therapy. In 2017, 144 patients visited the rehabilitation centre for physiotherapy as outpatients. These were primarily cases requiring therapeutic physical education, magnetotherapy, hydrotherapy and machine lymph massages. A total of 56 clients from the HSCF attended rehabilitation.

Regular hairdresser and pedicurists services were provided at HSCF

Palliative care

Since 2016, preparation of provision of palliative care for our clients began, and it is a priority in 2017. We started professional cooperation with the Cesta domů (The Way Home) mobile hospice and, in collaboration with this organisation we started providing specialised palliative care at HSCF in the form of shared care with the Cesta domů mobile hospice. When providing the general palliative care, we used the professional experience of MUDr. Zdeňek Kalvach.

We still consider the education of palliative care employees a high priority, both in the general and special parts. The HSCF employees actively attended the accredited lectures of the founder on palliative care. The lectures were directly focused on care for our clients. Our nurses completed professional internships at The Way Home organisation and at the Hospice Dobrého Pastýře (Good Shepherd Hospice) in Čerčany. Employee education in palliative care will continue next year.

Cultural programs at HSCF in 2017

Discussions

Vzpomínka na Arnošta Lustiga (Remembering Arnošt Lustig) – Hana Hnátová and Dr. Markéta Mališová

Meeting with professor Zuzana Růžičková

Jeruzalém nejen pod sněhem (Jerusalem not only under the snow) – Jan Neubauer

Křeslo pro hosta (Chair for a Guest) – Jan Kačer

Svět brýlí (the World of Eyeglasses) – optometrist, optician and photographer Jan Šimeček

Concerts

Concerts of the Prague Conservatory students – Prof. Libor Nováček

Sunday concerts – Martina Hévrová and Patrik Hévr

Concerts of students of Secondary School and Music School of Prague – Prof. Věra

Langerová, Prof. Jitka Vlašánková, Prof. Hana Louženská

Matinee concerts – Prof. Ivan Klánský, Igor Tausinger, Prof. Libor Nováček

Concerts of children of the Roth and Konečný families

Concerts of children from classes of Pavla Jahodová Vondráčková and husband and wife Slivanský

Concert of a boy choir from Pennsylvania– Keystone State Boy Choir

Chanson concert – Zlatka Bartošková and Jiří Toufar

Klezmer Mazltov – Elsa Dunajová, Milan Kostiuk, Pavla Přerovská

Solo pro clarinet – Menaše Cibulka

Exhibitions

Playing with Shapes of Colours – graphic arts works by Jana Dubová

Colours – paintings by Dana Římanová

Fotoinformel – paintings by Eva Hubatová
Paintings by Stanislav Dušek
Two Worlds under One Roof– paintings by Oldřich Pražan
Bygone Fame – photographs by Viktor Vácha
Jews through the eyes of photographer Jindřich Buxbaum
Photographic works by Alena Šourková
Paintings by Lojza Štyndl
Co se do Obecních novin nevešlo IV (What could not make it into Obecní noviny IV) –
Photographs by Petra Balajka
Paintings by Jana Holubová
Book illustrations – Bob Rakušan
Synagogues – The promised land – paintings by Oldřich Pražan

Miscellaneous

Meetings and discussions with the Supreme Rabbi Karol Efraim Sidon on the topic of Jewish holidays – Pre-Purim meeting,
Pre-Passover meeting,
Fasting days in the Jewish culture,
Meetings before major holidays,
Meeting on the topic of the Sukkot holiday.

All of the aforementioned cultural and social events were very well appreciated by both clients and visitors and co-created the HSCF atmosphere and environment.

The HSCF website www.dsphagibor.cz was in operation.

In 2017 the HSCF cooperated with the following educational facilities as a specialised work experience workplace for students:

Charles University, 1st Medical Faculty, Prague – ergotherapy, physiotherapy, nutritional therapist;

Charles University, 3rd Medical Faculty, Prague – general nurse,

Charles University, 3rd Medical Faculty, Prague – general medicine,

Charles University, Hussite Theological Faculty of Prague – social work;

Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem –physiotherapy, ergotherapy;

Waldorf Primary and Secondary School Semily - social practice

Vocational College of Nursing and the Secondary Nursing School - 5. Května, Prague – nurse

SEDUCA – CZE, s. r. o. – social services worker

Charles University – Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové

Middle School - Waldorf Lyceum

University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

Erasmus – Qualo training @ mobility – Study agreement, student mobility, professional internships.

According to the organisation structure of HSCF, there are a total number of 84 employees. In 2017 the team comprised of the following staff: Director Mgr. Martin Roth, Director's Assistant, 2 section managers, 62 employees in the social and medical services section, 18 employees in the finance and operations section.

In 2017, HSCF staff participated in several professional conferences and seminars:

11th European Annual of Jewish Social Welfare – Berlin – social therapist;

The seventh Czech-Slovak congress on basal stimulation with international participation – ergo-therapist;

Montessori symposium – Aging and dementia in a new perspective – direct care workers;

Internship at University Hospital Motol – Prevention and treatment of decubitus and other non-healing wounds – nurses;

Educational seminar for teachers and rectors of the Jewish educational organisations– workers of the Centre for Daily Activities;

Quality care for holocaust survivors and for the second generation – workers of the Centre for Daily Activities;

International conference “Quo Vadis physiotherapy” – physiotherapists;

Conference of APSS Czech Republic – Education, competence and activities of medical employees in social services – matron.

2.5 Three-Generation Community Centre

In 2017 we succeeded in preparing joint events for the wide Jewish community, and thus in fulfilling the TGCC aim – inter-generation meetings and strengthening the community life within JCP.

Celebrations of Jewish holidays offer an excellent opportunity for gatherings. All of the prepared events and projects were very successful; the plentiful attendance of people of all generations is evidence of this fact. We managed to combine activities for adults with those for children. The biggest events included:

the celebration of Purim connected with the reading of children's megillah, a magician's show, a theatre performance and whirl of masks,
the Sukkot celebration with joint meeting in the sukkah and the Sabbath dinner,
the Lag Baomer celebration

The Chanukah market fairs, workshops for children, the Chanukah run and lively entertainment with musical accompaniment took place as part of the Chanukah warm-up.

Successful projects also continued this year: a joint creative workshop for pre-school children from Bejachad and the Lauder Schools with monthly periodicity.

Joint baking, various lectures and a course of Hebrew were also popular.

The joint events and projects of seniors and children lead to mutual understanding and respect. Positive responses from participants of all generations are a strong impulse for further work within the Three-generation Centre and inspire us toward subsequent joint activities.

List of Events held under the TCC:

Hanukkah

Jom Haacmaut

Lag Baomer

Jerusalem Day - holiday café,

Passover markets

Passover – celebration of the Passover holiday, Passover creative workshop for children and seniors

Rosh Hashanah

Shavuot

Simchat Torah

Sports Day

Sukkot – celebration of the holiday, afternoon meeting in sukkah, Sabbath dinner

Tu BiShvat – celebration of the holiday

Dancing performance

Chanukah warm-up

Purim – celebration of the holiday for children, celebration for seniors, the Purim creative workshop for children and seniors

Passover

Děti z Výšin (Children from the Highlands), performance

The TCC events in 2017 were funded by the JDC, the JCP, the Foundation for Holocaust Victims and from the Prague City Hall subsidy programme.

2.6 Vehicle Transportation Centre

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

The equipping of vehicles and operations of the centre are adapted so that primarily clients with restricted mobility can use the services, especially seniors, for trips to the doctor, regular trips to the HSCF Day Care Centre or to the Centre for Daily Activities and home again, to public offices, cultural events, and for excursions and regeneration stays. The vehicles are also used for delivery of kosher lunches to individual households.

The vehicle transportation centre's services are linked to services provided by JCP social and medical facilities, thereby sharing in provision of comprehensive care for senior citizens.

Every client may book vehicle transportation at the facility that cares for him or her, or directly with the vehicle transportation dispatcher.

The head of the JCP vehicle transportation centre in 2017 was Mgr. Martin Roth.

In 2017 the vehicle transportation centre had three private cars, one minibus (16 seats) and one minibus with a ramp (11 seats). In August 2017, a passenger car with a Renault Kangoo platform was acquired with the help of a grant from the Ministry of Work and Social Affairs.

The existing minivan with a platform and the Škoda Fabia Combi car were sold due to their age and the acquisition of a new vehicle. Client jobs were dealt with by two vehicle

transportation drivers together with external contracted carriers Profi Taxi and AAA Taxi.

Collaboration with external carriers made it possible to cater to the travel needs of clients in the late afternoon and evening hours, on weekends and on public or Jewish holidays. External carriers mostly provided transport and lunch delivery as part of their orders.

The total costs of the centre in 2017 were 4,039,171 CZK, and 8,013 orders were handled.

Vehicle transportation in 2017 was financed from the following sources:

39% – client payments (in 2016 – 19%),

40% – JCP facilities and GG Fund (in 2016 – 55%),

1% – external clients outside of JCP (Bejachad, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, TI, etc.; in 2016 – 1%),

20% –JCP (i.e. to the extent of losses; in 2016 –25%).

The largest costs were incurred for lunch deliveries (28%, i.e. 141,878 CZK; in 2016 – 25%) and for clients' trips (55%, i.e. 2,230,955 CZK; in 2016 – 40%).

Development in recent years is shown in the following tables:

Year	Total number of bookings	Of which:	
		JCP drivers	JCP drivers
2008	3 311	48%	52%
2009	3 977	56%	44%
2010	3 903	52%	48%
2011	3 696	48%	52%
2012	3 734	51%	49%
2013	4 179	38%	62%
2014	4 200	33%	67%
2015	4 573	30%	70%
2016	6 280	19%	81%
2017	8 013	15%	85%

Year	Total number of bookings	Of which:	
		JCP drivers	External drivers
2008	1 997 392	74%	26%
2009	1 939 594	68%	32%
2010	1 960 512	72%	28%
2011	1 850 879	60%	40%
2012	1 894 318	64%	36%
2013	1 965 793	50%	50%
2014	2 041 630	47%	53%
2015	2 465 940	41%	59%
2016	3 482 161	26%	74%
2017	4 039 171	20%	80%

We hope that in 2018 the vehicle transportation centre will provide its services to clients to their satisfaction.

2.7 General Practitioner

The main reason for the activities of general practitioner for JCP is the provision of quality care for registered patients, clients of Hagibor SCF and employees within the company care system. The existence of “our own” general practitioner is especially important for treatment of the Hagibor SCF clients. The location of the doctor's office directly in the DSP building is an advantage.

The office of the general practitioner for adults works full time. Care is provided by head doctor MUDr. Daniela Macháčková, MUDr. Karin Taussig, MUDr. Marie Zunová and nurse Kateřina Čítková.

The office currently has 1,271 patients, 697 of whom are registered. The office is equipped with an ECG, a POCT device to determine CRP, INR, occult bleeding and a glucometer. MUDr. Zunová provides consultation in the nephrology and angiology fields. The clients of Hagibor SCF and the Charles Jordan Pension in Prague 7 are provided regular care and a house-call service operates for registered patients. Collaboration in particular with EZRA CHC and NADĚJE is continuing; and we utilize the possibilities of home rehabilitation care and assistant services. The Gerontology Outpatient Department extended the office hours to 4 days a week. MUDr. Kalvach and MUDr. Elischer have office hours at Hagibor DSP. A number of consultants continue to work at Hagibor DSP - neurologist MUDr. Hlinková, diabetologist MUDr. Houdová, dermatologist MUDr. Kostková, ORL MUDr. Hoňková, and psychiatrist MUDr. Babiak. Rehabilitation care for DSP clients is successfully ensured, and physiotherapists can also devote their time to outpatient patients. Rehabilitation physician MUDr. Švestková attends regularly.

Thanks to the mutual cooperation of everyone, it is possible to keep patients with significant health restrictions in a home environment. Emphasis is placed not only on the care of patients after surgery and patients with temporary deterioration of state of health, but also on so-called palliative care, which alleviates difficulties and improves quality of life for people with irreversible health disabilities and the sick at the end of their lives.

The office also provides company care for JC employees and affiliated organizations.

3. Library and Information Centre, Centre for Pre-Archival Care

The Library of the Jewish Community in Prague purchases, processes and lends books, magazines and the music fund. As a public library we carried out one inter-library book loan with the Municipal Library in Prague this year. In 2017, 26 new readers registered with our library, and the library was visited by 211 readers who borrowed 349 books. This year, the library had a total of 261 new additions that were processed and added to the library

collection. Of these, 165 titles were purchased and 96 titles were received as a donation. We established a special bookcase for our small readers and youth, where we keep 76 titles.

Readers are regularly informed about new books through *Obecní noviny*, in which we publish our new additions once a month. Readers may verify in the complete catalogue of the Czech Republic on the National Library website whether we have the required title in our fund and under what mark it is stored.

The Information Centre (hereinafter IS) provides information and seeks answers to questions. The composition of inquiries changes with time, no longer consisting only of questions concerning the survivors of WW2. The search concentrates on both the victims of this war and on their offspring. The inquiries come from this country and from abroad. Lately, the number of questions about the original owners of land plots and buildings keeps growing as the ten-year time period during which the descendants of the original owners may apply for the property. This concerns real estate and land without owners. Answers to such questions can be usually found in the original Terezín card index with file cards, in the databases of the Institute of the Terezín Initiative or in the respective archives. The IS monitors an overview of daily press. It registers the occupation of the conference room.

JC Centre for Pre-Archival Care in Prague

In 2017, the Centre for Pre-Archival Care (hereinafter SPP) took over a total of 15.75 standard meters of documents. As every year, the largest part, 7.4 sm went to the economic and personnel departments. Materials from the Social Department were taken over to a lesser extent (3 sm), secretariat (2.1 sm), Jewish Community Foundation of Prague (1.7 sm), Grant Department (1 sm) and the Shalom Restaurant (0.55 sm).

A great part of 2017 was dedicated to organization works and filing of documents taken over to SPP now or during the previous years. Most documents transferred from the Social Department, including materials of the Claims Conference medical fund were organized, in the total scope of 18 sm.

As it did during the preceding years, the SPP participated in the activities of the Library and Information Centre as a unit by answering research inquiries and search for relevant documents.

During the course of the year the SPP archivist attended three conferences. In January, there was a seminary at the Malach Centre of Visual History, in April she attended the country-wide archivists' conference in Liberec, in October it was a conference called "Co po nás zbude 2017 (What is left after us)", which took place at the National Archive.

At the end of the year, preparations began for the implementation of the GDPR Directive for JC, and the SPP archivist was invited to collaborate.

The head of library, information centre and the centre for pre-archiving care is Eva Fantová.

4. Shalom Restaurant

The main mission of the Shalom Restaurant is the preparation of kosher meals and the sale of kosher food for members, JCP employees and their families. This also includes catering services.

In 2017, the restaurant had ten employees and made a total of 31,176 portions of food both for JCP members in the restaurant, and for the residents of the Charles Jordan Pension.

At the same time, and with the help of the JCP social department and volunteers, kosher lunches were also delivered to the homes of JCP members.

1,642 portions of food were made for tourists in 2017.

As every year, the Shalom Restaurant was involved in provision of refreshments at various social and cultural events organised by the JCP. One of the particularly distinguished tasks was the provision of refreshments for the needs of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, JCP societies, the Senate of the Parliament and other private events.

The centre also sells kosher food, where one of the most challenging events is comprehensive provision of Passover foods.

The current restaurant manager is Marek Holík.

5. Programme of the Lauder Kindergarten in Prague at the Charles University Pedagogical Faculty Nursery School

The Lauder Kindergarten in Prague programme is implemented at the Na výšinách Faculty Nursery School in a class with a specific programme for Jewish children. At the Faculty Nursery School at the Charles University Pedagogical Faculty, one of the classes is meant for children from Jewish families and the Jewish Community of Prague contributes to it. This

programme established by the Council of the Prague 7 City District has been implemented for 22 years and is meant for pre-school children belonging to the JCP.

Education and upbringing are targeted on individualised care and optimum development of children ages three to seven. To adapt, youngest children, age three, stay with their teacher in the classroom, while older children playfully learn Hebrew in groups. All of the children from class 1B are jointly led to Jewish traditions, history and holidays. Older children may choose English, graphic arts, dance or drama education, playing flute, a group for young scientists and work in a ceramic workshop with Jewish traditions. As part of speech development, logo-plays are prepared for some children. Optional activities are paid by parents in addition to tuition.

The class education programme includes the Jewish year and seasons. Last year we were in the Spanish synagogue and in the New Jewish cemetery, to which each child brought a pebble. Children's signing for seniors at Hagibor and for the Bejachad children organised by the Three Generations Centre and a performance of the Feigele Theatre with older children from the kindergarten connect children with the activities of the Jewish community.

The number of children in 1B Lion Cubs equals the number in other classes, i.e. twenty-eight.

Staffing of operation. Two experienced teachers are engaged with the 1B children who know them from previous years. PhDr. K. Bíglová is responsible for the fulfilment of the Lauder Kindergarten programme.

In the kosher kitchen of the kindergarten, a cook prepares kosher meals according to dietary standards.

Cooperation with parents continued on an ongoing basis during the school year. Parents were informed about the education programme and teaching of Hebrew and they participated in some of the activities (Hanukkah, Purim, birthday celebrations).

As in other state pre-school facilities, the **financing** of the class operation is organised by the state with an important contribution from the founder, i.e. the Prague 7 City District. It is also provided by sponsors, parents and the Jewish Community in Prague.

Current situation and outlook

The class for Jewish children has a maximum number of pupils. The environment and equipment are suitable not only for pre-school children, but also for students of the Charles University Pedagogic Faculty who practice teaching here. Suitable didactic toys and aids co-create the stimulating background for the benefit of the entrusted children.

The Lauder School in Prague programme is a granted part of the community life. There are now ten children attending the kindergarten who have graduated from the Lauder Schools, which means this is already the second generation.

7. Financial Department

In 2017, the Community's financial department performed all of the necessary duties of a legal entity. It employed seven permanent employees, one of whom worked on a part-time basis, in the following positions: [head of the Financial Department](#), head accountant, wage accountant, two financial accountants, a cashier and a checking-analysing specialist. One DPP employee supported IT administration for all of the community's centres.

The Financial Department provided IT administration via long-term contractual cooperation with two experts and methodologically managed the care for the development of the software of JCP provided by one of these experts.

8. Security Department

Due to the current threats, security has gradually become one of the priority topics of community life. The JCP Security Department (SD) therefore continuously worked on improving the resistance of guarded buildings and provided regular repairs, revisions and new projects of physical security's technical elements. In addition to conceptual and planning activities the SD cooperated with all JCP centres and departments and with many other Jewish associations and organisations, as well as with state and community institutions, under whose responsibility security falls. One of the practical outputs is the use of concrete barriers as protection against driven vehicles in the vicinity of synagogues during important church ceremonies. The intention to build security posts in the area of Maiselova Street saw significant progress. With the support of the Prague City Hall, the Prague 1 City District took over the initiative in the implementation of this project. In December 2017 the construction site was officially transferred, and preparatory works began.

Through the SD JCP participated in the fulfilment of the aims of the Memorandum on cooperation in providing security to Jewish institutions (soft targets). The Memorandum was concluded on 5 April 2016 between the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, the Police of the Czech Republic and the City of Prague, JMP and Chabad Lubavitch as the other party.

It was possible to continue in the good practice of coordinating the joint security activities during important Jewish holidays. Such coordination is connected to the Memorandum.

Security officers served a total of 36,161 hours in 2017 as part of 4,299 shifts. In addition to the routine operation of independent protected JCP buildings and holiday and sabbatical worship, the SD provided security for nearly 200 community events. Of the logistically and the most demanding events in terms security, we can mention e.g. the traditional project day of Lauder Schools in the U hasičů Theatre (January), ceremonial bringing of the new Torah scrolls into the Old-New Synagogue (March), public reading of the names of holocaust victims in Jiřího z Poděbrad Square (April) or the annual Festivals of Lights in the Jerusalem Synagogue (December). In September 2017, at the very beginning of the school year the SD prepared a training for a crisis situation at Lauder Schools; in December 2017 the JCP representatives attended a seminar on crisis management organised for the representatives of Czech Jewish communities by the World Jewish Congress.

VI. Matana, a. s.

Registered office: 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 in Prague, operates as an independent commercial company separated from its founder. The company is headed by a Board of Directors. The General Meeting consist of a sole shareholder, the Jewish Community in Prague, which also appoints the company's 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 2017 was 25, of which 3 were managers.

Board of Directors: Ing. František Tomášek, BSc. – Chairman

Ing. Mojmír Malý

Mgr. Alice Güttlerová

Ing. Zdeněk Skála

Ing. Daniel Kosta

Supervisory Board: František Bányai – Chairman

JUDr. Tomáš Pezl

Tomáš Hruša

The main activity performed by Matana a. s. in 2017 was management of the properties owned by its founder and sole owner, the Jewish Community in Prague. Matana also performs this activity for the Jewish Community in Prague Foundation, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Hagibor Foundation. This involves not only management of so-called commercial buildings mainly in Prague, but also management of 273 Jewish cemeteries (181 belonging to JCP), 40 synagogues (30 belonging to JCP) and more than 150 cemetery buildings of all shapes and sizes in the territory of the Czech Republic.

Situation in 2017

Non-residential premises. Office spaces represent a great portion of non-residential premises owned by the Jewish Community in Prague. Their price per m² remained stable in 2017.

The volume of the new offer of offices in Prague maintained a growing trend during 2017. A total of 135,000 m² of office spaces were finished. At the end of the calendar year there were more than 304,000 m² of unfinished office spaces in the capital. At the end of 2017, the rate of office vacancies was 7.5%. In 2017, the largest volume of concluded business deals was shown by the information technologies sector.

From the viewpoint of real estate leases secured by a. s. Matana, the situation was stabilized and did not show any abrupt deviations. With regard to commercial spaces with shop windows (stores), the situation was stable and good as in previous years, and the demand in the city centre permanently exceeds the offer.

Apartments. In 2017, Matana continued with repairs of vacated apartments. The repaired apartments were subsequently newly leased for higher rents. Based on the decision of the JCP representation from 19 January 2015, the JCP reserve created in the amount of **50 million CZK**, which resulted from the sale of a house in Krakovská Street 13, was used for the financing of these costs.

In total, **9.1 million CZK** were spent on the repairs of 10 apartments.

The revenues from rents from accommodation and non-residential spaces in the amount of **86,578,000 CZK** were higher compared to the approved budget for 2017 by **386,000 CZK**

(fulfilment percentage **100.45**). Total revenues reached the amount of **86,716,000 CZK**, not including subsidies. This amount includes indemnification and other revenues.

The most important of the construction events for commercial buildings in 2017 includes the completion of the repairs to the courtyard façade and roof of the largest commercial building - Dlouhá 33/Haštalská in the total amount of 4.725 million CZK, repair of the courtyard façade of the building at Na Bojišti 16 for 1.998 million CZK, replacement of boilers and pumps of the gas boiler room in the Charles Jordan Pension (Janovského) for 1.35 million CZK, repair of part of the roof of the Hlobětín mansion (1.57 million CZK) and the completion of the expansion and repair of washrooms in Jeruzalémska Synagogue (1.3 million CZK). Project preparation of reconstruction and completion of the house at Dlouhá 37 continues, total expenses for the project preparation reached 1.74 million CZK in 2017. A number of medium and smaller projects were completed.

In total, the plan of construction activities was exceeded at first glance, but if we deduct the funds used from the JCP reserve for apartment reconstruction, the 2017 plan of construction activities amounted to savings.

New Jewish Cemetery (NJC). The activities of the technical management of the cemetery were very extensive in 2017. Like in the previous year, mainly the rescue of tombstones in statically serious disrepair continued, as well as the repair of architecturally important family tombs (Kubinzky, Fuchs, Lederer, Weltsche), revitalization of greenery, repair and renovation of the interior of the small ceremony hall and the long-term project of marking unmarked graves. A part of the costs related to the emergency repair and restoration of tombstones and tombs was covered from subsidies, in particular from the so-called Norwegian Funds in the amount of 2,120,000 CZK. In addition, the technical administration of buildings and cemeteries succeeded in acquiring more gifts and donations in the total volume of 736,000 CZK (Prague 3 City District 3, Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, MHMP and private individuals).

The other construction projects included, for example, the repair of the roof of the tahara building (long-term leaking, damaged ceiling), technical measures were installed for the purpose of lowering the risk of forced entry of unauthorized persons to the work squad locker rooms, office of church administration (Chaim Kočí) and Matana – BCA. For easier handling the main entry gate hinges were adjusted, new equipment for the gatehouse was delivered and the first stage of the transition from uneconomic heating of the Matana – BCA offices from

electricity to natural gas was implemented. The last modifications related to the overall reconstruction of the spaces for the needs of EZRA CHC were finished.

Again, it was confirmed that since 2010, when a. s. Matana took over the management of NJC, the situation significantly improved practically in all areas of maintenance and management.

Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov (SŽHŽ) – In 2017, the most important event related to technical administration and maintenance of the site was the reconstruction of the inscription board on the tomb of Supreme Prague Rabbi Solomon Judah Rapoport (according to archive documentation), the repair of the roof of the Kubinzky burial chamber and covering the gable of the Zappert well with sheet metal. A detailed topographic cemetery plan with the marking of all tombs was made and several of the most endangered tombs were restored.

As every year, trees were pruned to maintain their health. The normal maintenance of the cemetery area (grass mowing, removal of waste, leaves and fallen boughs) was provided directly by JCP through clients of the social department, and it was carried out at a very good level. Part of the costs for the work was covered from the NFOH contribution in the amount of **40,000 CZK**.

Care for Monuments outside Prague

The Building And Cemetery Administration (BCA) is an independent division of Matana a.s., which, among other things, organises care for Jewish monuments owned by the JCP found in an area about half the size of the Czech Republic. In their activities, BCA employees attempt to use subsidiary sources of financing as much as possible, mainly by obtaining funds from various subsidy programmes and donations.

The total volume of acquired subsidies, donations and other income during 2017 amounted to 4,655,000 CZK, which represents 33.3% of expenditures for the whole year totalling 13,987,000 CZK.

The ratio between received subsidies and donations and against the available JCP funds (total budget minus administrative expenses) was 1.11, which means that for each CZK 1 paid out of JCP funds as a deductible for subsidies and donations brought in **1.11 CZK** extra. The sum of received subsidies and donations reflects the great efforts made by BCA employees to gain such funding and in its subsequent administration. This amount consists of **82 separate entries**, most of which reflect the very complicated administrative, negotiation and justification process.

The most significant construction and restoration projects in 2017 included continuation of the building and restoration of the synagogue in **Písek** and mortuary in **Černovice**, cemetery areas in **České Budějovice**, **Golčuv Jeníkov**, **Polná**, **Prague 5 in Smíchov - old cemetery**, in **Vlachovo Březí** or restoration of an original burial car in **Jindřichův Hradec**.

Rescue, preservation or restoration work was carried out on selected tombstones in 2017 on historically significant cemeteries threatened by long-term erosion influences or violent vandalism, e.g. in **Bechyně**, **Bosyně**, **Brandýs n. L.**, **Březnice**, **Čáslav**, **Čichtice**, **Čkyně**, **Dobříš**, **Dřevíkov**, **Habry**, **Horní Cerekev**, **Hořepník**, **Hořice v Podkrkonoší**, **Hroubovice**, **Humpolec**, **Jindřichův Hradec**, **Kolín - old cemetery**, **Košetice**, **Markvarec**, **Měchnov**, **Mirotice**, **Myslkovice**, **Nový Bydžov - old cemetery**, **Pacov**, **Pardubice**, **Písečné**, **Přistoupim**, **Rakovník**, **Sepekov**, **Třebotov**, **Tučapy**, **Vamberk** and **Žamberk**. Cemetery walls were extensively repaired in 2017 in **Čichtice**, **Hostomice**, **Malešov**, **Mirotice**, **Nová Cerekev**, **Prague 5 in Smíchov - old cemetery**, and in **Radenín**.

In addition to the above, a number of other events took place, which were smaller in size, but no less important. This concerned namely the removal and disposal of unwanted vegetation and waste, emergency chopping, healthy pruning of trees and creation of documentation (cemetery plans, photo documentation, transcribing epitaphs).

The originally planned BCA budget for 2017 was exceeded in the end, although the finances paid out were used for their intended purpose without exception, either as compulsory co-funding with subsidies, or for urgent works due to unexpected natural disasters and accidents.

VII. JCP website

No changes were made to the JCP website in 2017. The website with general information is divided into two levels – the public section offers not only general information about the JC, but also a selection from news and cultural events.

The section accessible only to JCP members, JCP special status holders and JCP employees publishes minutes from Management and Representation meetings, important announcements, and an overview of events organized for members of the community, and *Obecní noviny* and the *Letter from the Rabbi* in colour PDF format can also be downloaded here. You can view the Jewish Community in Prague at <http://www.kehilaprag.cz>.

VIII. Grants, subsidies and donations provided to JCP in 2017

Foundations and Institutions

a) with headquarters in the Czech Republic:

B'nai B'rith,

Czech-German Future Fund,

Federation of Jewish Communities,

Prague City Hall,

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the CR,

Ministry Culture of the CR,

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the CR,

Ministry of Finance of the CR - Norwegian Funds

Ministry of Health of the CR

Ministry of Health of the CR - Czech-Swiss Cooperation Fund

Ministry of the Interior of the CR

Prague District 1,

Prague District 2,

Prague District 3,

Prague District 6,

Prague District 7,

Prague District 8,

Prague District 10,

Agrofert Foundation,

Charter 77 - Barriers Account Foundation,

Antonika Simona Krainová Foundation,

Foundation for Holocaust Victims,

Labour office – KP Prague,

Labour office – KP Ústí nad Labem,

Public Benefit Society for Supporting People Affected by the Holocaust,

Goodwill Committee - Olga Havel Foundation

Život 90,

South Bohemian Region,

Vysočina Region,

Pardubice Region,

Municipal councils of Bechyně, České Budějovice, Golčův Jeníkov, Habry, Horní Cerekev, Hroubovice, Kolín, Písek, Polná.

b) with headquarters abroad:

Claims Conference (USA),
Columbus Jewish Federation,
Eclaireurs Israelites de France,
Haldor Impport + Wholesale of Steel Products Ltd.,
RAV IZI AZI Foundation,
The Israel Experience,
The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation (USA),
Rothschild Found,
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
WJC.

Individuals (donations above 10,000 CZK):

Michal a Eva Hlter- Arend,
Gerard Apfelbaum.
Helena Becková,
Petr Bielický,
David Bohbot,
Martin Čakrt,
Michal Dostál,
Věra Dvořáková,
Hana Hofmeistrová,
Martin Gerstman,
Artur Grünzweig,
Doron Halperin,
Iritz Salomon Richard,
Itzok Levy,
Judita Krejsová,
Jan Krušina,
Evan Z. Lazar,

Hana Neuwirth,
Peter Neuwirth,
Božena Petrlíková,
Joachim Rindler,
Juliana Růžička,
David Shelef,
MUDr. Singer,
Leonid Speranskyi,
Zuzana Skálová,
Dagmar Šabatová,
Jiří Vytlačil,
Charles Wiener,
Michael Wiener,
Helena Wienerová,
Israel Yahakov,
Václav Zajíc
and many others who did not wish for their names to be published.

Donors (donations up to 10,000 CZK):

In 2017, the JCP received financial donations from more than a hundred donors, mostly for social purposes, repairs of Jewish cemeteries or as donations towards equipping the HSCF.

IX. Financial Results of JCP in 2017

The document was discussed by the JCP representation on 25. 6. 2018. The economic activities in 2017 can be labelled as very successful, and economic development was good in all regards. The economic activities brought a total surplus of 13.7 million CZK in the fulfilment of all of the tasks set out by the JCP budget for 2017. Thanks to the surplus, it was not necessary to cover the budgeted deficit in the amount of 2.9 million CZK. This result already includes the budgeted creation of the fund for the future maintenance of monuments in the amount of 3 million CZK.

After an overall evaluation of the financial results supported by an audit of accounts conducted by Ing. Danuše Prokúpková, KAČR no. 0712, the Representation approved the final results for 2017. The extra funds created in fulfilling the budget in the amount of **13.7 million CZK** were assigned to the Large Reconstruction Fund.

Summary of JCP financial results for 2017 (in thousands of CZK) from the official profit and loss account, known as the balance sheet, are indicated in this chart:

Item		Activities 2016			Budget (*)
		Main	Financial	Total	
B.I.	Operational subsidies	38 313	53	38 366	
B.II.	Contributions received	40 268	56	40 324	
B.III.	Revenues from special acts and for goods	34 885	166 181	201 066	
B.IV.	Other revenues	3 869	186	4 055	
B.V.	Revenues from property sales, clear. res. etc.	0	402	402	
B.	TOTAL REVENUES	117 335	166 878	284 213	265 636
A.I.	Consumed purchases and purchased services	52 298	47 626	99 924	
A.II.	Change inventory status and activation	-60	0	-60	
A.III.	Personnel costs	101 294	13 953	115 247	
A.IV.	Taxes and fees	266	346	612	
A.V.	Other costs	28 502	1 391	29 893	
A.VI.	Depreciation, property sold, Reserve creation	0	31 010	31 010	
A.VII.	Provided contributions	56	0	56	
A.	TOTAL COSTS	182 356	94 326	276 682	235 264
C.	Financial result before taxation	-65 021	72 552	7 531	30 327
	Income tax		17 287	17 287	15 800
D.	Financial result after taxation	-65 021	55 265	-9 756	14 572

Commentary: Economic activities in 2017 incurred loss of 9.8 million CZK. Compared to 2016, total losses increased by 2.1 million CZK

Summary of development in JCP assets as of 31. 12. 2017 (in thousands of CZK) from the official profit and loss account, known as the balance sheet, is indicated in this chart:

Item	Changes between 2009 and 2015	Status as of 31.12.2015	Changes in 2016	Status as of 31.12.2016	Changes in 2017	Status as of 31.12.2017	Growth 17/16 in %
Assets							
Fixed intangible assets	579	1 432	238	1 670	0	1 670	100,0%
Fixed tangible assets	77 595	1 439 594	26 582	1 466 176	10 293	1 476 469	100,7%
Long-term investments	2 000	2 000	0	2 000	0	2 000	100,0%
Fixed asset adjustments	198 944	602 387	30 961	633 348	30 713	664 061	104,8%
Total fixed assets	-118 770	840 639	-4 141	836 498	-20 420	816 078	97,6%
Stocks	2 379	3 948	729	4 677	-92	4 585	98,0%
Receivables	674 248	685 646	126 414	812 060	114 845	926 905	114,1%
Liquid assets	103 747	193 048	-15 662	177 386	11 632	189 018	106,6%
Total other assets	12 954	15 737	-12 322	3 415	-297	3 118	91,3%
Cash and cash equivalents	793 328	898 379	99 159	997 538	126 088	1 123 626	112,6%
TOTAL ASSETS	674 558	1 739 018	95 018	1 834 036	105 668	1 939 704	105,8%

Item	Changes between 2009 and 2015	Status as of 31.12.2015	Changes in 2016	Status as of 31.12.2016	Changes in 2017	Status as of 31.12.2017	Growth 17/16 in %
Liabilities							
Equity	31 998	1 043 516	5 781	1 049 297	-7 110	1 042 187	99,3%
Financial result	-15 078	13 609	-3 758	9 851	-2 320	7 531	76,4%
Own capital	16 920	1 057 125	2 023	1 059 148	-9 430	1 049 718	99,1%

Reserves	-6 244	0	0	0	0	0	-
Short-term debts	652 687	667 228	101 323	768 551	113 293	881 844	114,7%
Bank loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other liabilities	11 195	14 665	-8 328	6 337	1 805	8 142	128,5%
External capital	657 638	681 893	92 995	774 888	115 098	889 986	114,9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	674 558	1 739 018	95 018	1 834 036	105 668	1 939 704	105,8%

Commentary: The summary shows that the **value** of the Community's **movable and immovable property** increased in 2017 as a consequence of investments by 10.3 million CZK to a total value of 1,476.0 million CZK. In combination with intangible assets and after deduction of depreciation, fixed assets total 816.1 million CZK; **long-term investments** amounting to 2 million CZK consisted of Matana, a. s. shares at a value of 2 million CZK. The **level of receivables** in short-term activities rose year-on-year by 114.8 million CZK. Currently, the Community's **property (assets)** as a whole total **1,939.7** million CZK. The **Community's equity** in liabilities decreased by 7.1 million CZK, while short-term liabilities increased by CZK 113.3 million. The financial result is 7.5 million CZK before taxation

X. Auditor's report

AUDITORSKÁ ZPRÁVA O VÝROKU

I. ÚČEL:

Tato zpráva se vydává pro doložení výroku auditora za ověření Účetní závěrky za rok 2017 ve "Výroční zprávě Židovské obce za období roku 2017.

II. FORMÁLNÍ NÁLEŽITOSTI

2.1. Příjemce zprávy:

Dr. Jan Munk
Předseda Židovské obce v Praze

Osoba oprávněná jednat za účetní jednotku ve věci auditu:

Ing. Michal Borges-tajemník,

Účetní období:

1.1.2017 – 31.12. 2017

Autor ověření:

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III. PRÁVNÍ RÁMEC

Ověření bylo provedeno na základě smlouvy ze dne 6.11.2017, po schválení auditora reprezentací ŽO

Objednavatelem je statutární zástupce - předseda Židovské obce
Kontaktní osoby: Mgr. Petr Hrdina - ekonom ŽOP
Milan Batovec – účetní ŽOP

IV. STANOVISKO A VÝROK AUDITORA

Struktura majetkové a finanční situace v předepsaných účetních výkazech je vykázána v souladu s daným platným právním rámcem finančního účetnictví a účetního výkaznictví ve smyslu ustanovení Zákona č. 563/1991 Sb., o účetnictví a vyhlášky č. 504/2002 Sb., kterou se provádějí některá ustanovení zákona o účetnictví, včetně přílohy k účetní závěrce.

Ověřená účetní závěrka za účetní období 2017 ve všech významných ohledech podává **věrný a poctivý obraz** o předmětu účetnictví ve smyslu ustanovení § 7 odst. 1, zákona č. 563/1991 Sb., o účetnictví v platném znění a poskytuje oprávněným uživatelům **spolehlivé informace** o majetku a závazcích, finanční pozici, peněžních tocích a výsledku hospodaření, po stanovení a zúčtování daňových povinností. Průkaznost byla ověřena inventarizací majetku ve smyslu ustanovení § 29 a § 30 tohoto zákona.

2.2. VÝROK

Výše uvedené stanovisko se pokládá za

VÝROK BEZ VÝHRAD

Zpracováno dne: 28.5.2018

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