

# Jewish Community in Prague

Annual report 2018

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## **I. Introduction from the Chairman**

Dear community members and friends,

I must with great regret say that the Jewish Community of Prague has suffered a great loss, as its Chairman, PhDr. Jan Munk, has succumbed to a serious illness. After the election of the representation, I took his place with the knowledge that some wounds are hard to heal, and some people are difficult to replace. I am, therefore, submitting the introduction from the Chairman with the knowledge that I am presenting the work of my predecessor and the entire community management team.

From an economic, social and organizational point of view, the year 2018 was a good year for the community. Perhaps it would suffice to write that everything went according to plan, expectations and the budget. However, good results are not just a coincidence; there is a great deal of work done by both employees and volunteers, and we would especially like to thank all those who supported the activities of the community through their work, volunteering or contributions.

The community has long-term priorities, especially the traditional themes of all Jewish communities, from which we particularly emphasize the social services to which the community pays most attention and resources. As apparent from the economic reviews and the funding results, we are able to obtain a significant part of the costs from grants, subsidies and donations. It is important to recall the large share of the Claims Conference in financing home care and social services and a significant amount of Czech public funds to run Hagibor. Thanks to these institutions, our own social care expenses are stable.

An important goal of the community is to support the Lauder Schools. Everyone can be advised to visit the school's website, visit the open day or regularly learn about the school in *Obecní noviny*. This year we are already implementing the third completion and we will obtain the maximum possible extension. The school is an example of a dream that has come to life.

We pay maximum attention to our synagogues, cemeteries and other monuments. Systematic care has brought extraordinary results that we can be proud of. Here, too, we have been successful in obtaining grants and subsidies. Prague enjoys the significant interest of visitors, who are also a source for the restoration of monuments; however, our commitment is to keep more than one hundred and seventy non-Prague cemeteries and three dozen non-Prague synagogues in good condition. This is a more demanding and difficult commitment, as is the

care for the New Jewish Cemetery and other Prague Jewish cemeteries that are no longer as attractive to tourists.

How to best manage, where to save, where to invest, what to improve - these are the constant issues that arise in the care of our non-commercial and commercial properties, which are now the source of our financial flows, and this should continue to be the case. Restoration of a significant commercial monument on Dlouhá Street is slowly underway. While this reconstruction consumes a significant amount of our saved money, it will also secure future revenue. Apart from grants, subsidies and donations, we can only divide what we earn for our activities.

The Annual Report provides information on all the activities of the past year. *Obecní noviny*, also provides information with its reports from management and a number of separate articles dealing with some important topics. There is much to be improved in terms of how information and communication can be passed on. We will try to do so. We are very pleased that there is interest in what is happening in the community, and we would be even happier if this interest grows. The management is ready to provide information, is interested in responding to suggestions and proposals, with the issue being finding the right form and time to do so.

Thank you again for reading the annual report. You can find more detailed information about the economic activities in the economic tables that we prepare each year for the members meeting, to which we also cordially invite you.

We will continue to do our best to take care of the needs of our members, and your comments will certainly help in this endeavour. Thank you in advance for them.

On behalf of the JCP management, Chairman František Bányai

## **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 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 2018, there were 1,510 members registered (680 men and 830 women), 214 extraordinary status holders (93 men and 121 women) and 5 guests (4 men and 1 woman). The average age of members has stabilized in recent years: 51 for men (47 for extraordinary status holders, and for guests 49), for women 55 (53 for extraordinary status holders, and for guests 45).

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

The decrease in the number of members by 11 corresponds to 0.7% of the total number of members. The average age of members and extraordinary status holders is not changing. The number of extraordinary status holders has not changed year-on-year. In the future, we can expect a further increase in members whose native language is not Czech.

### **Member Meetings**

On Sunday, 18 November 2018, 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 130 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.

Another guest was Mark Feuerstein from the Vienna branch of the Claims Conference, who briefly recapitulated the history, meaning and activities of this organization. He also praised the good cooperation of CC with the Prague community and the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. The meeting agenda consisted of a community activity report and information on economic activities for 2017, the Rabbinate activity report, JCP Security activity report, information on the community's economic activities in 2017, reports of the review committee for 2017 and discussions. The report on the activities of the review

committee from the period from November 2017 to November 2018 was presented by Committee Chairman Michal Dostál.

This year's JCP meeting had a new format that responded to some previous critical remarks that this meeting did not provide more detailed information about the community's activities. Therefore, this time JCP Chairman J. Munk spoke in separate panels, while J. Pacovský commented on the economic activities, F. Bányai spoke about social care, Rabbi D. Peter about the activities of the Rabbinat, Rabbi Rappaport on work with youth, P. Karas about the Lauder Schools, and J. Král about security. The representations were accompanied by image projection with graphs, tables and photos from many events. However, the majority of respondents were unable to comply with the set time limit (for example, it is difficult to squeeze a comment on economic activities in a few minutes), so the meeting lasted until 13.30 and, in the end, due to a lack of present members, it was not possible to vote on the activity report or the report of the audit committee. All of the participants received a printed report on JCP activities for 2017.

### **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 19 February. The activities of the rabbinat, health and social services, Lauder Schools, and safety and cultural and social activities were primarily presented.

### **Subsidized associations**

In 2018, JCP financially contributed to the activities of the following associations, organizations and groups:

- Children's Theatre,
- Mišpacha,
- Besamim,
- Terežín Initiative,
- Rafael Institute,
- Chinuch,
- Moishe House,
- Chess Group,
- Limud 2018 – youth coordinator (Federation of Jewish Communities).

## **JCP Lauder Schools**

In 2018, JCP also significantly subsidized the activities of the Lauder Schools (32% 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 is a grammar school, and since 2009 a kindergarten. In September 2016, the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of elementary primary school (secondary level) was restored. Teaching at all levels of education is based on the Le Chajim educational program, which is based on an educational programme framework for pre-school, elementary and grammar school education, enriched by Jewish specifics - Jewish education and Hebrew. By the end of 2018, there were 348 pupils and students in the kindergarten, elementary and grammar Lauder Schools.

## **Members of statutory bodies and management of JCP**

In 2018, 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 2018, the management met at ten 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 2018, 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 2018, nine regular Representation meetings took place with the participation of members of the Review Committee.

### **Review Committee**

In 2018, 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. In 2018, attendance at synagogue fell slightly due to external influences, but 218,742 paying visitors came to see the synagogue during the whole year, a fall of 8% compared to the previous year.

### **Jerusalem Synagogue**

In 2018, the Jerusalem Synagogue was open to the public from the first half of March until the end of the calendar year. In 2017, the synagogue's visit rate increased by 45.5% compared to the previous year, which amounted to a total of 49,391 visitors. A total of six tours with commentary were given during the season, which more than 590 visitors took part in. The tours were accompanied by an organ intermezzo performed by organist Václav Peter. In addition, six cycles of educational lectures from Judaism and the History of the Jews took place in cooperation with the Jewish Museum in Prague.

The year 2018 saw the fifth year of a series of organ concerts 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, 150 listeners attended the concerts. The project was purely educational and had no entrance fee.

In order to allow year-round operation, heating in the lobby was put into operation. At the end of the year, a sound system was installed in the synagogue, which will enable the quality of the spoken word to be reproduced during social or educational events.



## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 season, the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov was visited by approximately 18,190 visitors. In addition, during 2018 there were nine evening guided tours with a total attendance of 158 people.

The cemetery is open year-round free of charge.

## **Historic Mikveh**

This is a unique ritual bathing complex dating to the turn of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 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) the Historic Mikveh building was open from 10 am to 4 pm. In 2018, 1,180 visitors visited Mikveh.

## **Concerts and Cultural Events at the Jerusalem Synagogue**

The year 2018 was the sixth year when the cycle of organ concerts continued. Here, an entire range of Czech organists performed: Václav Peter and trumpeter Tomáš Hrbáček (30 May),

Jitka Chaloupková (27 June), István Nagy (25 July), Martin Moudrý (15 August), Jan Hora (12 September), Josef Kšica (10 October).

From 22 March to 10 June 2018, an exhibition of photographs by Karel Cudlín “Stigmatizovaná místa” (Stigmatized Places) took place.

From 14 June to 31 August 2018, in cooperation with the Documentation Centre for Property Transfers of Cultural Assets of WW II Victims, p. b. o., the exhibition entitled “Uloupené umění” (Stolen Art) was organized.

From 6 September 2018 to 13 January 2019, the exhibition of pictures by Eva Kosáková “Iviš: Více méně čtyři” (Iviš: More or Less Four) was in the synagogue .

Regular evening commented viewings of the Jerusalem Synagogue with brief music performances by organist Václav Peter were held on Thursdays - on 31 May, 28 June, 26 July, 30 August, 31 August, 27 September.

On 17 July, the five-part series of educational lectures was launched on the topics of: Basics of Judaism; 31 July: The Jewish Year; 14 August: The Jewish Family and its Life; 17 September: The History of Jews in Bohemia 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century; 23 October: The Jewish Community during World War II.

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

5 December – Festivals of Lights in Jerusalem Synagogue with Milan Hein and Václav Peter (organ) performing. Esteemed guests included actors Klára Melíšková and Jiří Štrébl, singer Lucie Šoralová and group Neřež. Those present were welcomed by Chairman Jan Munk, and greetings were said by Amitai, Deputy Ambassador of the State of Israel. Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter said the blessing and lighted the Chanukah candles. Eliana Vondráčková presented the poem of Norbert Frýd and Hanukkah songs were sung by children from the Feigele Theatre led by Vida Neuwirthová.

### **Days of European Cultural Heritage**

A commented viewing of the Jewish cemetery in Malvazinky, attended by about 40 people, took place as part of the Days of the European Cultural Heritage in September 2018.

### **The Day of Jewish Monuments**

On 12 August 2018, 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 reason, structures repaired within the Revitalization of Jewish Monuments – 10 Stars project, were also included. All of the buildings were accessible free of charge.

In total, 33 cemeteries and 24 synagogues were made accessible (including the buildings of the 10 Stars project) at 45 locations during this event.

The estimated number of visitors was about 5000.

### **III. Obecní noviny**

Publication of the internal, free news bulletin intended for JCP members, *Obecní noviny* (*Community Newspaper*), continued in 2018. 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 2018, 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 regularly published. The reflections of Chief Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon continued (*Slyš, Jisraeli!*, *Dvojí srdce, Čtyři děti, Sedmdesát let státu Izrael, Sedm a jedna nit, Svobodný člověk, Několik úvah o naději*) (*Hear, Israel!, Two Hearts, Four Children, Seventy Years of the state of Israel, Seven and One Thread, Free Man, Several Considerations of Hope*).

Readers were informed about the ceremonial opening of traffic safety posts in Maiselova Street. A separate article was devoted to the Old-New Synagogue, where Ing. Daniel Kosta

describes 10 years after the end of a major reconstruction that dealt with, among other things, the problem of degradation of the marlstone elements of the synagogue.

Attention was given to what is new at the Jewish Museum in Prague: *Missing rare print returns to the Jewish Museum in Prague* on the successful return of a rare print from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, which in the past disappeared from JMP's book collection. At the same time, it draws attention to other successful (but still open) return of items that have disappeared from JMP's collections. 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 (*Jiří Sliva: Můj šálek Kafky...*) (My cup of Kafka). Attention was also paid to the revitalization project of the Pinkas Synagogue. Information on the activities of the Publicly beneficial Association to Support People Affected by the Holocaust, which subsidizes JCP social and health services, was published. The activities of the Feigele theatre association were presented in the JCP Associations section.

Readers were informed about the activities of the JCP social department, of regular events at the Na balkoně cafe and of JCP seniors' fitness stays. The psychic talk show of Mrs Golda continued. Interviews with SD volunteers (Ing. Galina Borovičková, Petr Brandejský, Alena Ehrlichová, PhDr. Lenka Holasová, PhDr. Diana Chrátková, Andrea Bartošová, Jana Coufalová, Mgr. Helena Dvořáková, Hana Honická) were also part of regular information from the Social Department, and ON also thanked Vlasta Rut Sidonová for 25 years of dedication to JCP.

The monthly magazine paid attention to the visit of the Ambassador of Israel in the Czech Republic, J. E. Daniel Meron in Jewish monuments outside Prague (Golčův Jeníkov, Heřmanův Městec, Polná, Jihlava).

In the *Osudy* (Life Stories) column, memories of Zdenka Freundová, Marta Šépková (The Fateful Story of Hugo and Cilli Lachs), Dagmar Bröderová, Jana Herrmannová, Jan Hál were published, and the memoirs of Riva Kriegelová and Dagmar Liebelová were also published. Interviews with personages from social, religious and cultural areas brought to the readers a wide range of information and new facts: with PhDr. Diana Chrátková on work with seniors, with organ player Václav Peter on organ concerts in the Jerusalem Synagogue, with professor Jiří Holý on the study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature at the Faculty of Arts.

In 2018, *Obecní noviny* also published the memoirs of Alexandr Goldscheider, an interview with Dan Černý on synagogue and the Rabbinic House in Žatec, stories from the Jewish environment written by Arnošt Goldflam (*Na zahrádce*) (in the Garden), Zuzana Peterová

(*Viróza*) (Virus), Rut Sidonová (*Údolí řešetláků*) (Valley of Buckthorns) and Eva Frantinová (*Z Izraele..., Stepní ptáci*) (From Israel... Steppe Birds).

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 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 2018, talk show *Káva o čtvrté (Coffee at Four)* continued with nineteen editions. The dates were adapted to suit the guests and lecturers and the Jewish calendar. The guests in 2018 were: Veronika Pehe, journalist and political scientist; Martin Hilský, professor of English and translator of William Shakespeare; Jaroslav Dušek, actor; Petr Balajka, writer and editor; Karel Hvizďala, journalist; Karel Oliva, linguist and mathematical linguist; Jan Foll, film critic and publicist; Jiří Přibáň, philosopher, professor at Cardiff University; Vlastimil Vondruška, writer; Eva Bendová, curator and art historian; Daniel Kolský, café owner; Martin C. Putna, critic, translator and educator; Helena Suková, tennis player and psychologist; Chantal Poullain, actor; Daniel Meron, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel to the Czech Republic; Robert Lischke, Head of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Department of Surgery of the 1<sup>st</sup> faculty of Medicine, Charles University Prague and Motol University Hospital; Michal Prokop, singer, musician, former politician, moderator; Bára Hrzánová, actor; Michael Žantovský, Director of the Václav Havel Library.

In 2018 periodical cultural events were held as part of the “Tvůrčí balkon”(Creative Balcony) project at the Na balkoně cafe:

16 January – opening of the exhibition of Eva Frantinová: *Životem křížem krážem* (Crisscrossing Life);

18 January – Veronika Čábelková: *Jak jsem cestovala po Austrálii* (How I travelled in Australia); hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

22 February – Klára Šípková: Jak vznikají šperky (How jewellery is made); hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

1 March – opening of the exhibition of Marek Podwal: Deset hvězd (Nine Stars);

15 March – Hayato Okamura: Život s japonštinou (Life with Japanese); hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

26 April – Patrik Pařízek: Flašinet je stále s námi (The Barrel Organ is still with us); hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

17 May – Petr Eidler Balajka: Smrt konvertity, nová detektivka z židovského prostředí (Death of a Convert, a new detective story from the Jewish environment); hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

14 June – Klára Šípková, jewellery creator for Madeleine Albright; hosted by Zuzana Peterová;

11 June – opening of the exhibition of paintings by Dagmar Jelínková;

16 September – opening of the exhibition of collages of Eva Kosáková: Butterflies;

1 November – opening of the exhibition of Natálie Hošková: Drawings, Photographs;

1 November – Petr Eidler Balajka: How Obecní noviny is created; hosted by Zuzana Peterová.

30 January – celebration of the Tu BiShvat holiday, the Jewish New Year of Trees.

20 February – presentation of the newly prepared exhibition of the Jewish Museum in Prague in the Spanish Synagogue took place in the JCP dining hall.

28 February – Purim evening celebration for adults with a program. In the evening, Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter initiated the celebration, shedding light on the importance of the holiday. The program was rich and varied: children from the Feigele Theater sang the Purim songs and played the new Purim spiel, and musical compositions were sung by the opera and musical performer Marián Vojtko, juggling with cones was performed by Bratři v tri(c)ku and the young ballet dancers from the Adéla Pollertová Academy danced the Chinese dance from Nutcracker. Alma from the Lauder Schools played the flute, and students from the Jan Hanuš Elementary Art School played clarinets and a more experienced group of saxophonists also performed. Excellent klezmer band Rejbele also played, which enthusiastically played music until the end of the program. The entire evening was accompanied by Viktorie Hásková.

4 March – Purim for children at the Jewish Community of Prague, the Feigele Theater played the story of Ester and a puppeteer with lots of puppets came.

25 April – presentation of the book *Láska a její rozmary (Love and its Whims)* by author Zuzana Peterová; parts of the book were read by Miriam Kantorková.

10–13 May – ninth meeting of *Děti Maislovky (Maislovka Children)*, which began in 1991, and 150 participants have gradually become involved.

3 June – celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the State of Israel - Israeli Ambassador Daniel Meron gave an introductory speech, followed by a performance by pianist Marina Kantor. A number of songs were sung by the Lauder Schools Choir under the guidance of Ester Divecká accompanied by guitarist Jarek Cienciala, and an Israeli dance was performed by Ondřej Novák's Besamim group. On the third floor was a children's workshop organized by Chinuch.

25 July – discussion evening in Maislovka on the topic of Czech Jews at a Crossroads? Or the petition "Jews for Righteous Peace"; panellists: Tamara Moyzes, Vít Strobach, Ester Karasová and Petr Papoušek; discussers: Jan Fingerland, Adéla Hořejší, Peter Mandl, Gafna Váňová and Aleš Weiss; hosted by Irena Kalhousová.

2 December – the Hanukkah Hakoach run took place despite bad weather, and the start was in front of Rudolfinum and the sports part finished at the Shoah Victims Memorial by the Parkhotel.

6 December – Hanukkah of the Health Club headed by Rut Sidonová, rabbi Michael Dushinsky lit the candles, said the prayer, and sang the songs with the guests.

8 December – Hanukkah entertainment for adults in the social room of the town hall. After the traditional candle lighting, Rabbi David Peter spoke, and the children's choir of the Lauder Schools sang under the guidance of Helena Divecká. This was followed by a musical performance by eight young harpists, the ninth being their teacher Pavla Vondráčková Jahodová, and everything was conducted by her talented daughter Eliana. She then performed with the Novy Šarbilach orchestra. Actor Kajetán Písařovic read the Hanukkah story retold by Leo Pavlát. Basbarytonist Daniel Klánský performed a top singing performance, and with a

piano accompaniment, he performed opera arias by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and by Bedřich Smetana. A ballet performance by Nikola Márová, a soloist of the National Theater Ballet, followed, and one of the most talented young jazz musicians, Lauder Schools graduate Daniel Bulatkin, sat down at the piano. The end of the cultural program traditionally belonged to Petra Ernyeiová and her JAZZ Quartet.

9 December – Chanukah for children (...this year again together), first at City Hall, podveuka at Hagibor; the Feigele Theater performed with *Příběhem o Golemovi* (The Story of the Golem), the story of clown Aleo GolemFeigele and with igele sBengas; doplAleo GolemoviFeiFeigele zahrálo i i leáki i ILauderovych audeách, a výkon mladých hercdeodměnili diváci velkým potleskem.

### **Commemorative Acts**

On 25 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 Henry Purcell, Joaquín Rodrigo, Maurice Ravel, Manuela de Falla and George Gershwin performed by the Prague Guitar Quartet.

On 26 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 eleventh time to mark the Memorial Day for the Victims of the Holocaust and Prevention of Crimes against Humanity in the Senate. This year's commemorative event met with considerable media interest, as the entire process was broadcast by public television. In the introductory part, speeches were made by Chairman of the Czech Senate Milan Štěch and Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Radek Vondráček. Professor Tomáš Radil, a former prisoner of the extermination camp in Březinec, spoke as a witness this year. Růžena Ďord'ová spoke for the Roma community. The Chairman of the NFOH Board of Governors Michal Klíma then took over the speaker's place and Prague Archbishop Cardinal Dominik Duka gave a short reflection. Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Czech Republic Petr Papoušek spoke at the end. Singer Annamaria d'Almeida, flutist Robert Fischmann, cellist Petr Nouzovský and pianist Peter Györi, of which two samples from his Jewish Symphonies were heard, took care of the musical component.



On 8 March, a remembrance ceremony for the family camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau, whose inmates were slaughtered during the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 1944, was held in the Pinkas Synagogue. Leo Pavlát lighted up six candles in memory of the mass murder, Michal Stránský briefly spoke for the Terezín Initiative, Jana Dubová spoke for the survivors and Efrain Karol Sidon said a prayer for the martyrs the El male rachamim.

A remembrance to the victims of Jewish genocide, Yom HaShoah 5778 (2018), was held on 12 April in the Pinkas Synagogue. At the beginning, Zuzana Stivínová emotionally sang the traditional Jewish song, and JCP Chairman Jan Munk continued with the opening words and the lighting of six candles. Michaela Vidláková subsequently spoke for the witnesses. Viktor Preiss read the reflections of Václav Havel on the Holocaust, and Zuzana Stivínová and Eliana Vondráčková then read the selected names of murdered Jewish citizens. Hatikvah was then heard and the final prayer was spoken by rabbi Michail Dushinský. Harpist Pavla Jahodová Vondráčková took care of the musical accompaniment.

The afternoon reading of the names of holocaust victims was organised for the thirteenth time by the Terezín Initiative Institute and the Foundation for Victims of the Holocaust, this time at Jiřího z Poděbrad square. Ambassadors of Austria, the United States of America and the State of Israel joined in reading the names of Shoah victims.

On 2 December, a regular remembrance ceremony for people who died on 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, keeping a register of Jewish marriages and other documentation and issuance of relevant affirmations, supervision over the religious guidance and education of JCP members (regular religion classes from the Midrash and special courses), 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, making decisions in matters of kashrut, issuing hechshers (certificates of compliance with Kashrut requirements), supervision of catering both inside and outside the JCP, ensuring that synagogues are equipped,

supervision of the condition of ritual items, responsibility for the used ritual items and their condition, co-decision-making on the use of consecrated buildings owned by the JCP, close cooperation with the Lauder Schools and the Bejachad citizen's association, and cooperation with the Czech Union of Jewish Youth.

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, continuous lectures are underway in the JCP Midrash, such as an introduction to Judaism, and preparation 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 Breiner

Cantors: Bryan Wood (Old-New Synagogue)

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

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 provision of Kashrut JCP catering facilities (Shalom Restaurant, Na balkoně Café, Lauder Schools, Hagibor) and restaurant Dinitz, 6 new year-long kosher certificates were issued to food companies and 34 certificates were extended, including a co-certificate at the King David hotel. In addition, kosher certificates were renewed for two companies that had been certified in the past and returned to certification after a longer period

of time. At the beginning of 2018, the supervised production of kosher batch of Becherovka also took place, and during the year there were five supervised exports productions for export to Israel at EXTRUDO Bečice (gluten-free sandwiches).

Over the course of the year, production of basic kosher foods was arranged: e.g. cheese from dairies: Polná (steamed cheese, Balkan cheese, Zlatá Prague), Příbyslav (Hermelín cheese) and Lacrum Velké Meziříčí (edam). Cooperation with United Bakeries and the Penam bakery, dairies OLMA and TATRA, Spak (mayonnaise, mustard and ketchup), Agrimex Vestec and Agro Jesenice (frozen fruits and vegetables), Hamé (canned fruit and vegetables, baby food and jams), Nowaco (frozen fish) BonaVita (breakfast cereals) and Nominal (gluten-free instant puree and bread mix) successfully continued. Cooperation with bakeries Le Caveau, Mansson, Mamacoffee, ChocoCafé and with the PURO GELATO ice-cream-making company continued on the local level. A new booth with Trdelník on U Starého hřbitova street came under our supervision.

Circumcisions: 4

Bar Mitzvahs: 1

Weddings: 3

New members: JCP accepted a total of 58 regular members for 2018, as well as 11 holders of extraordinary status and 1 guest

Memorial and commemorative acts: the representatives of the Rabbinate attended 11 events

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

### **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.

There were 16 traditional funerals during 2018, which is only a slight increase. The change from previous years is mainly due to the fact that deaths of lower age people are more frequent. In addition to organizing traditional funerals, 18 urns were stored, most often in new urn graves. There were also traditional reverent events and, in addition to them, 8 commemorative acts associated with the anniversary of death and erection of new tombstones. 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. In this period, the planting of new trees also began to balance the necessary felling. 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 also 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 Kadisha Czech Republic, which is an important partner for cooperation in the field of ritual matters. Members of Chevra Kadisha are also actively involved in the creation of the necessary Minyans and help in other ritualistic activities.

The NJC Ritual Administration has repeatedly commented on the issue of the possibility of non-halachic burials.

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

## **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 Guest House
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 2018, 149 clients were cared for by Ezra CHC. These clients were provided with a total of about 13,090 hours of care – social, medical and ergo-therapeutic.

Range of Services Provided by Ezra CHC in 2018:

- 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.

Last year, Ezra CHC conducted *the Senior Care - Get Inspired!* conference under the auspices of the MLSA. Czech and foreign experts spoke at conference and it was intended for professionals in social services. The main topics were the courage to change established practices, the willingness to inspire others, motivation through stories, and practical and material workshops. Furthermore, the objective of expanding awareness of high-level social services in JCP was met.

Another project implemented by Ezra CHC in 2018 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.

The following persons worked for the Ezra CHC team led by director Ing. Eva Jelínková: chief nurse, medical nurses, social workers, personal assistants, ergo-therapists and administrative workers. In 2018, the team consisted of a total of 31 employees.

More information is available on website: JCP: [www.kehilaprag.cz](http://www.kehilaprag.cz).

## **2.2. Social Department**

The Social Department provided three social services in 2018:

- social activation services for seniors and people with disabilities,
- social activation services for families with children,
- care service.

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

We also place significant emphasis on support for the family and family relationships, child upbringing, partner coexistence, family and intergenerational conflicts. The programmes are intended mainly for 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.

Both of these services are among the preventive services that offer first contact and help in managing common life situations.

These services provide the following activities:

**Social consulting primarily related to information in the area of** indemnity, social services, social allowances, work consultations and the possibility of follow-up services.

Social workers also provide assistance with writing and submitting claims for compensation, social benefits, and other official matters. They mediate health and social services and help with the home care reimbursement agenda from the Claims Conference grant. The counselling was provided in the town hall building, and assistance in dealing with the authorities and institutions and assistance in dealing with the personal affairs of the clients was done in the field at the relevant offices or at home.

Another implemented activity in 2018 was support for cognitive functions using Feuerstein's Method of Instrumental Enrichment provided to clients (individually to children and persons of all ages) with different types of deficits. The counselling was provided in the town hall building, and assistance in dealing with the authorities and institutions and assistance in dealing with the personal affairs of the clients was done in the field at the relevant offices or at home.

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

**Health Club** – swimming at the AXA pool, exercise in the Hagibor SCF gym and at the Charles Jordan Guest House individual physiotherapy and occupational therapy at home and at the JCP town hall, trips and outdoor walks, reconditioning and wellness stays (Hejnice, Vysočina, Šumava, South Bohemia).

In 2018, a total of 240 persons (178 women, 62 men) utilized these services and 9,072 hours of direct care were provided.

**Summer curative stays and suburban camps for children** – leisure time activities are rather additional activities. 40 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 primarily include the Miriam volunteer café, house calls to clients by volunteers at the Charles Jordan Guest House and at the Hagibor SCF, assistance at the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov. In a year, 42 Tmicha group volunteers worked 2,727.5 hours. During 2018, four foreign volunteers worked in the department - two from Germany and two from Austria. These young volunteers visit our clients on a regular basis and provide them with accompaniment during walks, small home help and lunch delivery.

**Employment support programme:** aid to 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 cafe, the Becalel workshop, in the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov and at the reception of the Charles Jordan Guest House. This service is meant primarily for younger clients. A total of 21 employees worked in individual positions.

In 2018, the Becalel Social workshop project was concluded. 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, and from 1 July 2018 the workshop became independent and was transferred to another operator – social cooperative Ben Becalel, community and production cooperative.

**Claims Conference Funds** – provided financial contributions for medicines and medical aids, and contributions to health and social home care and transportation for holocaust victims were provided.

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.



## Care service

Care service is provided in clients' homes in Prague and at the Charles Jordan Guest House. This Guest House is another of the JCP Social Department projects and is intended for permanent housing of seniors and people with disabilities. 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. The entrance to the building is secured by the staff of the gatehouse, which operates 24-hours a day.

At the Charles Jordan Guest House in 2018, 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 2016 was provided by Ezra CHC and Naděje Home Care, and regular care from a Monada physiotherapist and Naděje Home Care.

In 2018 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.

In the Guest House, seven caregivers work under the guidance of two nursing social care workers, and one caregiver also provides laundry service. The team is complemented by lunch delivery staff - a coordinator and employees who provide lunch to clients. Services for clients

in the field are available on business days from 8 am to 4 pm. The care service in the Guest House is open every day from 8 am to 8 pm. In 2018, a total of **137 clients (115 women, 22 men) utilized the care service** and **12,603 hours of 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 2018: 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 2018, the services of the home for the elderly were used by a total of 62 clients, of whom 51 were women and 11 men. A total of 17 clients were accepted, 14 clients died, 7 in hospital and 7 at the HSCF. The average age of clients of this service was 93.

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 42 clients used relief services in 2018, 31 of whom were women and 11 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 93.

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 2018. Nine contracts were on record, 2 contracts were terminated during the year and 2 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 2018, 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.

Collaboration with the JCP social department continued in terms of volunteer activities. The regime of volunteer activities was divided in such a way that volunteers applied themselves in all of the areas that were possible. A total of 8 volunteers, 2 of whom who also helped in daytime activity programmes, came to see clients. The volunteers mainly visit clients in their rooms, accompany them on walks, play board games with them, read to them and generally keep them in good company. Foreign students also played a significant role in volunteering at HSCF.

### **Overview of cultural events at HSCF in 2018:**

As part of CDA, in 2018 extraordinary debates with Jewish Community of Prague leaders also took place, which has received a positive response both among clients and staff.

### **Meetings with discussions**

Život s flašinetem (Life with a Barrel Organ) – Patrik Pařízek spoke about the history of the game; with Eva Kosáková about her path to painting and Jewish traditions; writer and journalist Petr Balajka; Ten Stars - Ten Synagogues with writer Jan Žáček and architect Jan Soukup.

### **Concerts**

Concerts of students from the Prague Conservatory from the piano class of prof. Libor Nováček; violin matinée – Terezie Šofránková and Ráchel Skleničková, concerts of children from Pavla Vondráčková Jahodová’s and Ada Slivanská’s class; concerts of students of the Grammar and Music School of the City of Prague - prof. Věra Langerová; Klezmer Mazltov - Elza Dunajová and Milan and Pavla Kostiuk; Sunday concerts - Martina and Patrik Hévr; piano matinée with prof. Ivan Klánský; piano afternoon with Božena Steinerová; piano morning with Igor Tausinger; morning concert - Aneta Majerová and Stanislava Mihalcová;

Israeli Galilee Choir; Nofit choir from Israel.

### **Exhibitions**

Abayudaya aneb Židé na rovníku (Abayudaya or the Jews on the Equator) – photographs by Ivana Nepalová; T. G. Masaryk a Svatá země (T. G. Masaryk and the Holy Land); paintings by Andrea Skálová; photographs by Jindřich Buxbaum; photographs by Bohumil Landisch; photographs by Petra Balajka – Co se do Obecních novin nevešlo (What did not fit into Obecní noviny; Telavivské lavičky (Tel Aviv Benches) – photographs by Pavlína Schultz; Ohlédnutí (Looking back) – paintings by Lojza Štyndl.

### **Miscellaneous**

Meeting with Supreme Rabbi Karol Efraim Sidon before the High Holidays, Tu Bishvat, Purim, Purim celebrations with children and Feigele Theatre of Vida Neuwirthová, Shavuot and the Ten Commandments with Chief Rabbi of Prague David Peter and rabbi Daniel Meier, meeting for the Sukkot holiday with rabbi Michael Dushinský, the tenth anniversary of the opening of HSCF – photo vernissage with musical accompaniment by klezmer group Trombenik.

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

In 2018, a total of 41 various cultural events and many other smaller events took place, and canistherapy, felinotherapy and regular hairdresser and pedicurist services were also provided. The HSCF website [www.dsphagibor.cz](http://www.dsphagibor.cz) was in operation.

### **Professional care**

#### **Palliative care**

In 2018, in cooperation with a client, family and doctor, palliative care was provided to our clients. We have professional cooperation ensured with the Cesta domů organization. Our expectation from 2016 to provide specialized palliative care at HSCF via shared care with the Cesta domů mobile hospice was fulfilled. Educating staff in palliative care is still one of our top prioritised, both in the general and special areas.

#### **Biography – life story**

In 2018, attention was paid to biography and reminiscence. We try to work with family members on a life story. A biography was prepared for 16 clients and is being prepared for 8 clients.

### **Reminiscence**

Working with memories enhances human dignity and can affect the quality of life of seniors. We have also long worked with reminiscence. In 2018 we created five reminiscence corners.

### **Healthcare system**

In 2018, HSCF also collaborated with the General Health Insurance Company (VZP), Military Health Insurance Company (VOZP), the Health Insurance Company of the Ministry of Interior (ZPMV), the Occupational Health Insurance Company (OZP) and the Škoda Employee Insurance Company.

Multidisciplinary meetings were held once a week (relating to the needs of HSCF clients), and an intervention meeting was convened in acute cases.

Other services provided at the HSCF included: ergotherapy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, psychotherapy, general practitioner's office, geriatric office and services provided by other specialist doctors. In 2018, 235 patients were treated the rehabilitation centre for physiotherapy and ergotherapy as outpatients.

Fall statistics have been monitored since 2011 and there were 65 recorded falls in the past year, which indicates a significant decrease compared to the number of falls in the previous year. These are clients who are trying to be as self-sufficient as possible, often trying even more demanding tasks and activities without the assistance of staff.

### **Expert collaboration with other entities:**

Collaboration with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Faculty, Charles University Prague at Albertov continued. As part of their studies, nursing, physiotherapy and occupational therapy students visit HSCF for experience.

Overview of professional collaboration (experience, internship):

Charles University, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Faculty, Prague – Clinic of Rehabilitation Medicine

Charles University, 2<sup>nd</sup> Medical Faculty, Prague – nursing

Charles University, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Faculty, Prague – general nurse

Charles University, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medical Faculty, Prague – general medicine

Charles University, Faculty of Arts – social work

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

University of West Bohemia in Pilsen – general nurse, ergotherapy

Prague College of Psychosocial Studies

Vyšší odborná škola sociálně právní (Higher Professional Social Law School) – social work

Upper Secondary School - Waldorf Lyceum

VOŠZ and SZŠ 5. května, Prague – certified nutritional therapist

MAVO, s. r. o. – social service worker

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

### **Professional development of employees**

Training of employees in social services and social workers is defined by the Social Services Act No. 108/2006 Coll. The planned training for 2018 was fulfilled on the dates stated in the training plan. The HSCF professional training team continuously trained direct care staff in the area of professional nursing care. Great emphasis is always placed on prevention of the burnout syndrome.

### **Overview of professional conferences and seminars**

#### **Seminars:**

- “Meeting on the Behaviour Disorder Clients” – regular seminars 4 times a year for all employees.
- How not to burn out or Theory and Practice of Coping with Stress and Stress Situations I, II, III - burnout prevention.
- MLSA Round Table on measures to restrict the movement of people.

#### **Excursions:**

- visit to the Lanškroun Senior Home,
- visit to Hospice u Dobrého pastýře in Čerčany.

#### **Conferences:**

- “Stáří spojuje” (Old age brings us together) – 30<sup>th</sup> National Occupational Therapy Conference.

#### **Workshop:**

- Jewish Care – creative art, social services, group therapy, crisis intervention.

## **HSCF employee training above the set plan**

- **Management training** – social facilities inspections, work with information, health and social documentation and personal data protection, Health Conference 2019;
- **training expertise 913** – reporting of nursing and rehabilitation care in residential facilities, first aid 7 First Minutes, cooperation in palliative care, comprehensive patient care;
- **training for nurses** – first aid 7 First Minutes, nursing care for selected vascular inputs, comprehensive care for the elderly;
- **training for physiotherapists** – high-power laser treatment, Feldenkrais seminar, Interoperability of medical care and follow-up care, basal stimulation, instrumentation and rehabilitation techniques;
- **training for an ergotherapist** – kinaesthetic mobilization, deepening course of basal stimulation II;
- **training intended for social workers** – completion of company goals through coaching and motivation of employees, inspection in social facility, basics of work with biography for social workers, work with risks in providing social services, care for seniors, spirituality in biographical care;
- **training of social services worker** – methodology specialist, social services worker, personal assistant for the disabled, new trends and technologies in nursing care, management of women’s collective, first aid 7 First Minutes, cooperation in palliative care, interoperability of medical care, violence against seniors - how to disperse them and intervene, ageism;
- **training Daily Activities Centre employees** – memory care, educational seminar for teachers and rectors, reminiscence - work with memories, autogenous training.

## **2.5 Three-Generation Community Centre**

**Three-Generation Community Centre (TCC)**, which develops socio-cultural activities at Hagibor, continued to closely collaborate with the Daily Activities Centre.

The biggest events were:

- celebration of Purim combined with children’s theatre, megillah reading, balloon and juggling workshop and carnival;

- celebration of Pesach – pre-Pesach markets, where it was possible to buy Matzos, wine and Pesach foods, and the Seder meal was then accompanied by the signing of rabbi Dushinsky;
- celebration of Yom haatzmaut – anniversary of 70 years since the establishment of the state of Israel – traditional Israeli dishes, music, dance and singing;
- celebration of Rosh Hashanah – New Year celebration with workshops for children;
- there were several events as part of Chanukah: celebration for seniors, Hanukkah markets, Hanukkah theatre, Hanukkah workshops and joint Chanukah for members of the community;
- celebration of Tu Bishvat, Lag BaOmer, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Simchat Tora and Chanukah.

All of the prepared events and projects were very successful, as evidenced by the abundant participation of people of all generations.

The TCC events in 2018 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 2018 was Mgr. Martin Roth.

In 2018 the vehicle transportation centre had three private cars, of which one with platform and one minibus (16 seats). Client jobs were dealt with by two vehicle transportation drivers together with external contracted carriers Profi Taxi, AAA Taxi, Taxi Kužel and Pragotour.



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 2018 were CZK 3,502,321, and 6,602 orders were handled.

Vehicle transportation in 2018 was financed from the following sources:

45% – client payments (in 2017 – 39%),

46% – JCP facilities and GG Fund (in 2017 – 40%),

1.5% – external clients outside of JCP (Bejachad, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, TI, etc.; in 2017 – 1%),

7.5% – JCP (i.e. to the extent of losses; in; in 2017 –20%).

The largest costs were incurred for lunch deliveries (31%, i.e. CZK 1 113 746; in 2017 – 28%) and for clients’ trips (53%, i.e. CZK 1 881 736; in 2017 – 55%).

Development in recent years is shown in the following tables:

Year	Total number of bookings	Of which:	
		JCP drivers	External carriers
<b>2014</b>	4 200	33%	67%
<b>2015</b>	4 573	30%	70%
<b>2016</b>	6 280	19%	81%
<b>2017</b>	8 013	15%	85%
<b>2018</b>	6 602	18%	82%

Year	Total costs	Of which:	
		JCP drivers	External carriers
<b>2014</b>	2 041 630	47%	53%
<b>2015</b>	2 465 940	41%	59%
<b>2016</b>	3 482 161	26%	74%
<b>2017</b>	4 039 171	20%	80%
<b>2018</b>	3 502 321	26%	74%

We hope that in 2019 the vehicle transportation centre will provide its services to clients to their satisfaction.

## **2.7 General Practitioner**

The main activities of the 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 care for 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 was provided by head doctor MUDr. Daniela Macháčková, MUDr. Karin Taussig, MUDr. Marie Zunová and nurse Kateřina Čítková.

The office currently has 1,372 patients, 710 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 Guest House in Prague 7 are provided regular care and a house-call service operates for registered patients. Collaboration in particular with EZRA CHC, MONADA and NADĚJE is continuing; and we utilize the possibilities of home rehabilitation care and assistant services.

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 JCP employees and affiliated organizations. MUDr. Marie Zunová ended her employment at the end of 2018.

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

**The Library of the Jewish Community in Prague** is a public library that serves not only members and staff of the community, but also readers from amongst the general public. In 2018, 17 new readers registered with our library, 192 readers visited the library and borrowed 342 books. As a public library, we also had one interlibrary loan this year with the Central Library of the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University in Brno.

The library’s activities are standard - we buy, process and lend books by Jewish authors, mostly fiction, but also professional literature. This year, the library had a total of 169 new additions that were processed and added to the library collection. Of these, 108 titles were purchased, and

61 titles were received as a donation. We have a separate bookcase for our young readers and youth where we keep 82 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.

As our library's premises will not be expanded and its capacity has already been fulfilled, we decided to phase out older fictional works, mostly German-language books written by Švabach.

The main task of the **Information Center** (IS) is to look for answers to questions that come to us either directly, or the community is asked them. The most frequently asked questions are the refinement of the data of those who did not survive the war. Sometimes they are families, and exceptionally, more residents from one city. Above all, data is sought about deaths that are needed for the Stones of the Lost, the so-called Stolpersteine. We are also able to find both the original address and address before going on a transport. There are questions to which we will only give recommendations about where the questioner will find the appropriate data. The IS is still looking for offspring – these are the questions of individuals, but also courts or notaries. The IS monitors the daily press overview and records the occupation of the meeting room in Jáchymov 3.

### **JC Centre for Pre-Archival Care in Prague**

In the first half of 2018, the archivist of the Pre-archives Care Center (SPP) collaborated on the implementation of the GDPR Regulation into the common practice of Jewish Community of Prague. This collaboration consisted mainly of the creation or modification of some of the internal regulations of the Jewish Community of Prague, the creation of a table of activity records, and the assistance to individual centres and departments of the Jewish Community of Prague with filling them in.

In the second half of 2018, the SPP partially reverted to its normal agenda, although the activities of the Working Party with GDPR continued. From July to December, the Pre-archives Care Center received documents from the fundraising and PR centre, the social department, doctors' centres, the economic department and personnel and payroll departments. As early as January, documents from the Shalom restaurant were taken over. Overall, 16 bm of documents were added to the SPP depository.

As in previous years, in 2018 the SPP archivist participated in several conferences.

The Co po nás zbude 2018 (what will be left after us) conference, this time with a humorous subtitle “Documentary or Life”, focused primarily on managing electronic documents and the pitfalls associated with this activity. The second important topic was the functioning of eGovernment in the Czech Republic.

The Šest let od církevních restitucí (Six years since church restitutions) seminar focused on assessing the situation of property settlement with churches and religious associations six years after the relevant law came into force. In addition to the experience of returning church property from the point of view of all persons involved (i.e. churches, the Czech Republic, the legal representatives of both parties), the current topic of taxation of church replacements was discussed again during these days.

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 2018, the restaurant had ten employees and made a total of 27,237 portions of food both for JCP members in the restaurant, and for the residents of the Charles Jordan Guest House.

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.

1,134 portions of food were made for tourists in 2018.

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 holiday 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 24 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 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. 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. During the Hanukkah celebration for families, the children played the musically conceived Hanukkah story. Of the theatre performances in the kindergarten, the children were most interested in the theme of David and Goliath. In addition to theatres, with the children we visited the Planetarium, an interactive exhibition at the Trade Fair Palace and an exhibition at the National Museum of Agriculture. For graduates, the school year traditionally ends with a garden party.

**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 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, aids and an expansive garden 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 children attending the kindergarten who have graduated from the Lauder Schools, which means this is the second generation.

### **7. Financial Department**

In 2018, 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 and one IT employee working on DPP (agreement to perform a job). IT management was provided by an external expert.

### **8. Security Department**

Due to the current threats, security has is still 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.

The SD was also devoted to monitoring the manifestations of anti-Semitism and the extensive issue of crisis preparedness. In the first half of 2018, a workshop called the *Safe School Project*

took place at the Lauder Schools, which is organized by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) in collaboration with the R. S. Lauder Foundation. In the interactive workshop, teachers learned how to communicate with children of different ages during a crisis situation. Following the workshop, crisis situation training was held at the Lauder Schools in December 2018. Another project was a one-day first-aid seminar organized by the SD in cooperation with the WJC for members and employees of JCP, JMP and FJC affiliates. The seminar, led by the instructors of the Israeli National Emergency Medical Service, Magen David Adom, was held in May 2018 and was attended by more than 100 people.

Through the SD JCP continued to participate in the fulfilment of the aims of the *Memorandum on cooperation in providing security to Jewish institutions (soft targets)*. The Memorandum was concluded on 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.

The long-term intention to build safety posts in the area of Maiselova Street was successfully completed. The initiative in the implementation of this project was taken over by the Prague 1 district with the support of Prague City Hall, which approved a special-purpose investment subsidy to build the posts. The City of Prague 1 became the builder. The construction site was officially handed over in December 2017 and the preparatory work began, and the posts were officially put into operation on Tuesday, 19 June 2018.

Security officers served a total of 33,602 hours in 2018. In addition to the routine operation of independent protected JCP buildings and holiday and sabbatical worship, the SD provided security for more than 200 community events.

In 2018, JCP obtained a trade license for “the protection of people and property” and the security department underwent a major reorganization to ensure competitive conditions for recruitment of new employees.

## **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 2018 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:** Mr František Bányai - Chairman

JUDr. Tomáš Pezl

Mr Tomáš Hruša

The main activity performed by Matana a. s. in 2018 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

The 2018 calendar year was characterized by stability and good economic development, which was also reflected in the real estate market, where almost all of the premises managed by the company were occupied.

**Non-residential premises.** Office spaces represent a great portion of non-residential premises owned by the Jewish Community in Prague. In 2018, there was interest in renting offices mainly in Prague 8. In addition to Karlín, the surroundings of the Invalidovna and Palmovka metro stations are being developed intensively. In particular, the demand for new modern offices



offering user-friendly services (parking, air conditioning, security, concierge services, etc.) grew thanks to the growing economy. There are no such offices in JCP's offer, but the rental price per m<sup>2</sup> in the contracts concluded by Matana in 2018 remained stable.

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.** The price of rentals in Prague continued to grow in 2018, although some cooling was recorded at the end of the year. Experts are beginning to talk about the price bubble on the real estate market. They warn that housing, as well as rental housing, is becoming inaccessible to the middle-income population, especially for young people. Growth in rental income is thus uncertain for the future.

In 2018, we 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 **CZK 50 million**, which resulted from the sale of a house in Krakovská Street 13, was used for the financing of these costs, and the drawing of which we expect at the end of 2019 or in the first half of 2020. Approximately 85 apartments remain for essential repairs (30% of the total number).

In total, **CZK 9,014,000** was spent on the repairs of 12 apartments owned by JCP. The popularity of short-term rentals, which generate more revenue, has been on the rise significantly. However, real estate is much more expensive to maintain in this case. Matana decided not to go this route and prefers long-term lease relationships, which bring less money to the JCP budget over the short term, but they also bring stability. Even though legislation to regulate short-term accommodation is being prepared, we are systematically displacing Airbnb services from JCP buildings.

Compared to the approved budget for 2018, rental income in residential and non-residential premises in the amount of **CZK 89,559,000** was higher by **CZK 926,000** (fulfilment **101.04%**). Total revenues reached **CZK 89,927,000 without including subsidies**. This sum also includes insurance benefits and other income.

The most important construction projects in 2018 for commercial buildings include the repair of the main nave in the Jerusalem Synagogue for **CZK 1,698,000** repair of a house roof in Beroun for **CZK 1,666,000** and repair of a roof at Dlouhá 37 (**CZK 464,000**). Project preparation of reconstruction and completion of the house at Dlouhá 37 continues, total expenses for the project preparation reached **CZK 0.67 mil.** in 2018. As part of the prepared

reconstruction of the Lauder Schools, preparatory works for **CZK 877,000** were carried out, and for technical reasons, the reconstruction itself (issuing of building permit) had to be postponed until 2019. project preparation of reconstruction of synagogue in Palmovka and two houses in Třeboň (**CZK 516,000**) also took place. A number of medium and smaller projects were completed.

In general, the repair activity plan was at first glance exceeded, but if we deduct the funds used from the JCP reserve for apartment reconstruction, significant savings showed. The overall savings were mainly due to the forced postponement of the completion and reconstruction of the school building on Belgická 25.

**New Jewish Cemetery (NJC)** - the activities of the technical management of the cemetery were very extensive in 2018. 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, Waldstein), revitalization of greenery and the long-term project of marking unmarked graves. Part of the costs associated with these works were covered by subsidies and donations in the aggregate amount of **CZK 1.32 000** (Prague 3 City District 3, Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic, MHMP, NFOH and private individuals). Other construction projects included, for example, the addition of a protective railing on the border between the old and the new part of the urn department, the reconstruction of the third, so-called Kafka's Gate, and the elaboration of a professional design of modifications to reduce the moisture of the foundation masonry on the ceremonial hall and the Tahara building. At the same time, there were a number of smaller events that were of a maintenance nature and were largely carried out by their own staff. The total cost of these activities amounted to **CZK 2,800,000** and the approved budget was not exceeded.

Again, it was confirmed that since 2010, when Matana a. s. 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 2018, the most important events relating to the technical management and maintenance of premises are the restoration of the ten most endangered and historically valuable tombstones of the family of Prague Chief Rabbi Ezekiel Landau from the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the repair of the fallen grave tombstone of financier Josef Lippmann from 1836 and yearly maintenance of greenery. Part of the costs related to these works were covered by an NFOH contribution and a donation from SK Hakoach in the total amount of **CZK 105,000** and the total costs of these activities amounted to **CZK**

**240,000.** The approved budget was not exceeded. 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.

### **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 2018 amounted to **CZK 5,555,000**, which represents 43% of expenditures for the whole year totalling CZK 12,914,000.

The ratio of the sums of the received subsidies and donations and against the available JCP funds (total budget minus administrative expenses) was 1.42, which means that for each CZK 1 paid out of JCP funds as a deductible for subsidies and donations brought in **CZK 1.42** extra. The sum of received subsidies and donations reflects the great efforts made by BCA employees to gain such funding, use of contacts built over the years and in its subsequent administration. This amount consists of 78 separate entries, most of which reflect the very complicated administrative, negotiation and justification process.

The most significant construction and restoration projects in 2018 included continuation of the building and restoration of the cemetery premises in **Březnice, Polná, Prague 5 in Smíchov-Radlice**, restoration of an original burial car in **Jindřichův Hradec** and the repair of the ceremonial hall in **Humpolec**.

Rescue, preservation or restoration work was carried out on selected tombstones in 2018 on historically significant cemeteries threatened by long-term erosion influences or violent vandalism, e.g. in **Bechyně, Brandýs n. L., Březnice, České Budějovice, Čichtice, Čkyně, Dobříš, Dřevíkov, Habry, Hořepník, Hořice v Podkrkonoší, Hroubovice, Humpolec, Jindřichův Hradec, Kamenice n. L., Kolín - old cemetery, Markvarec, Měchnov, Mirovice, Myslkovice, Nový Bydžov - old cemetery, Pacov, Pardubice, Písečné, Pístina, Přehořov, Přistoupim, Rakovník, Sepekov, Třebotov, Tučapy, Vamberk and Žamberk**.

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 felling, healthy pruning of trees and creation of documentation (cemetery plans, photo documentation, transcribing epitaphs), and finally, the securing of technical operation of the synagogues renewed in the 10 hvězd (10 stars) project ([www.10hvezd.cz](http://www.10hvezd.cz)).

The originally planned BCA budget for 2018 was not exceeded, resulting in savings of **CZK 60,000**.

## **VII. JCP website**

No changes were made to the JCP website in 2018; however, an update to the website with a new graphical form was under preparation. 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>.

JCP is improving communication with its members – from January 2018, members are informed electronically via e-mail – they receive a weekly newsletter each week: Cultural, Social and Religious Events.

## **VIII. Grants, subsidies and donations provided to JCP in 2018**

### **Foundations and Institutions**

#### **a) with headquarters in the Czech Republic**

Czech-German Future Fund,

Federation of Jewish Communities,

Prague City Hall,

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic

Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic

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

Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

City District of Prague 1,  
City District of Prague 2,  
City District of Prague 3,  
City District of Prague 4,

City District of Prague 5,  
City District of Prague 7,  
City District of Prague 8,  
City District of Prague 10,  
Foundation for Holocaust Victims,  
Veolia Foundation, Nobilis Tilia,  
Sk Hakoach,  
Sochnut,  
Labour office – KP Prague,  
Public Benefit Society for Supporting People Affected by the Holocaust,  
South Bohemian Region,  
Vysočina Region,  
Pardubice Region,  
Municipal councils of Bechyně, Habry, Horní Cerekev, Hroubovice, Humpolec, Kolín,  
Náchod, Nový Bydžov, Polná, Svatý Ján, Vysočina municipality, Žamberk.

**b) with headquarters abroad:**

Claims Conference (USA),  
The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation (USA),  
Rothschild Fund,  
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,  
WJC.

**Individuals (donations above CZK 10,000):**

Helena Becková,  
Mr Brožík,  
Věra Dvořáková,  
Václav Furst,  
Martin Gerstman,

Michael Hemann,  
Renata Kašparová,  
Mr Konětopský,  
Evan Z. Lazar,  
Kartharina Lederer,  
Helena Lišková,  
Aleš Liška,  
Mr Loubal Schwarz,  
Peter Neuwirth,  
Božena Petrlíková,  
Lukáš Pollert ,  
Zdeněk Skála,  
Vladimír Stojé,  
Dagmar Šabatová,  
Dita Šnajdrová,  
Jiří Vytlačil,  
Charles Wiener,  
Michael Wiener,  
Helena Wienerová,  
Jiří Zeman  
and many others who did not wish for their names to be published.

**Donors (donations up to CZK 10,000):**

In 2018, 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 2018**

**Financial Results of JCP in 2018**

The documents was discussed in the representation of the Jewish Community of Prague (JCP) on 24. 6. 2019.

The economic activities in 2018 can be labelled as successful, and economic development was good, despite the fact that manifested were the gift growth ceiling from the Claims Conference, a significant increase in wages of health and social services workers, and an increase in minimum wages and decline in tourism revenues. Economic activities created a **total surplus of CZK**

**8.5 million** with the fulfilment of all of the tasks set out in the JCP budget for 2018. Due to the surplus, it was not necessary to cover the budgeted deficit of CZK 0.3 million from the reserve. The good results also allowed for non-budgeted fund creation for future maintenance of monuments in the amount of CZK 3.4 million.

After an overall evaluation of the financial results supported by an audit of accounts conducted by Ing. Danuše Prokúpková, KACR no. 0712, it is recommended to approve the financial results for 2018. It is recommended to deposit the extra funds created in fulfilling the budget in the amount of **CZK 8.5 million** to the Large Reconstruction Fund.

**Overview of the economic results of the entire community from the official profit and loss report:**

Item in thousands of CZK		2018			
		Main	Economic	Total	Budget
B.I.	Operational subsidies	41 510	85	41 595	
B.II.	Contributions received	36 377	34	36 411	
B.III.	Revenues from special acts and for goods	35 518	169 921	205 439	
B.IV.	Other revenues	5 304	298	5 602	
B.V.	Revenues from property sales, clear. res. etc.	0	127	127	
B.	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>118 709</b>	<b>170 465</b>	<b>289 174</b>	<b>284 104</b>
A.I.	Consumed purchases and purchased services	46 260	40 126	86 386	
A.II.	Change inventory status and activation	42	0	42	
A.III.	Personnel costs	110 097	15 151	125 248	
A.IV.	Taxes and fees	314	275	589	
A.V.	Other costs	28 959	2 848	31 807	
A.VI.	Depreciation, property sold, Reserve creation	0	29 210	29 210	
A.VII.	Provided contributions	122	0	122	
A.	<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>185 794</b>	<b>87 610</b>	<b>273 404</b>	<b>239 922</b>
C.	Economic result before taxation	-67 085	82 855	15 770	44 182
	Income tax		19 310	<b>19 310</b>	<b>18 000</b>
D.	Economic result after taxation	-67 085	<b>63 545</b>	<b>-3 540</b>	<b>26 182</b>

**Commentary:** Economic activities in 2018 incurred accounting losses of CZK 3.5 million. Compared to 2017, total losses were decreased by CZK 6.2 million.

**Summary of development in the community's assets (in thousands of CZK) – so-called balance sheet**

Item	Changes between 2009 and 2016	Status as of 31.12.2016	Changes in 2017	Status as of 31.12.2017	Changes in 2018	Status as of 31.12.2018	Growth 18/17 in %
<b>Assets</b>							
Fixed intangible assets	817	1 670	0	1 670	0	1 670	100,0%

Fixed tangible assets	104 177	1 466 176	10 293	1 476 469	3 630	1 480 099	100,2%
Long-term investments	2 000	2 000	0	2 000	0	2 000	100,0%
Fixed asset adjustments	229 905	633 348	30 713	664 061	30 259	694 320	104,6%
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>-122 911</b>	<b>836 498</b>	<b>-20 420</b>	<b>816 078</b>	<b>-26 629</b>	<b>789 449</b>	<b>96,7%</b>
Stocks	3 108	4 677	-92	4 585	-759	3 826	83,4%
Receivables	800 662	812 060	114 845	926 905	121 612	1 048 517	113,1%
Liquid assets	88 085	177 386	11 632	189 018	30 288	219 306	116,0%
Total other assets	632	3 415	-297	3 118	-349	2 769	88,8%
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>892 487</b>	<b>997 538</b>	<b>126 088</b>	<b>1 123 626</b>	<b>150 792</b>	<b>1 274 418</b>	<b>113,4%</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>769 576</b>	<b>1 834 036</b>	<b>105 668</b>	<b>1 939 704</b>	<b>124 163</b>	<b>2 063 867</b>	<b>106,4%</b>

	Changes between 2009 and 2016	Status as of 31.12.2016	Changes in 2017	Status as of 31.12.2017	Changes in 2018	Status as of 31.12.2018	Growth 18/17 in %
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Equity	37 779	1 049 297	-7 110	1 042 187	-7 803	1 034 384	99,3%
Economic result	-18 836	9 851	-2 320	7 531	8 239	15 770	209,4%
<b>Own capital</b>	<b>18 943</b>	<b>1 059 148</b>	<b>-9 430</b>	<b>1 049 718</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>1 050 154</b>	<b>100,0%</b>
Reserves	-6 244	0	0	0	0	0	-
Short-term debts	754 010	768 551	113 293	881 844	117 019	998 863	113,3%
Bank loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Other liabilities	2 867	6 337	1 805	8 142	6 708	14 850	182,4%
<b>External capital</b>	<b>750 633</b>	<b>774 888</b>	<b>115 098</b>	<b>889 986</b>	<b>123 727</b>	<b>1 013 713</b>	<b>113,9%</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>769 576</b>	<b>1 834 036</b>	<b>105 668</b>	<b>1 939 704</b>	<b>124 163</b>	<b>2 063 867</b>	<b>106,4%</b>

#### Commentary:

The summary shows that the **value** of the Community's **long-term movable and immovable property** increased in 2018 as a consequence of investments by CZK 3.6 million to a total value of CZK 1,480 million. In combination with intangible assets and after deduction of accumulated depreciation, fixed assets total CZK 789.4 million; **long-term investments** amounting to CZK 2 million consisted of Matana, a. s. shares. The **level of receivables** in short-term activities rose year-on-year by CZK 121.6 million. Currently, the Community's **property (assets)** as a whole total **CZK 2,063.9** million. The **Community's equity** in liabilities decreased by CZK 7.8 million, while short-term liabilities increased by CZK 117.0 million. The financial result is CZK 15.8 million before taxation.

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