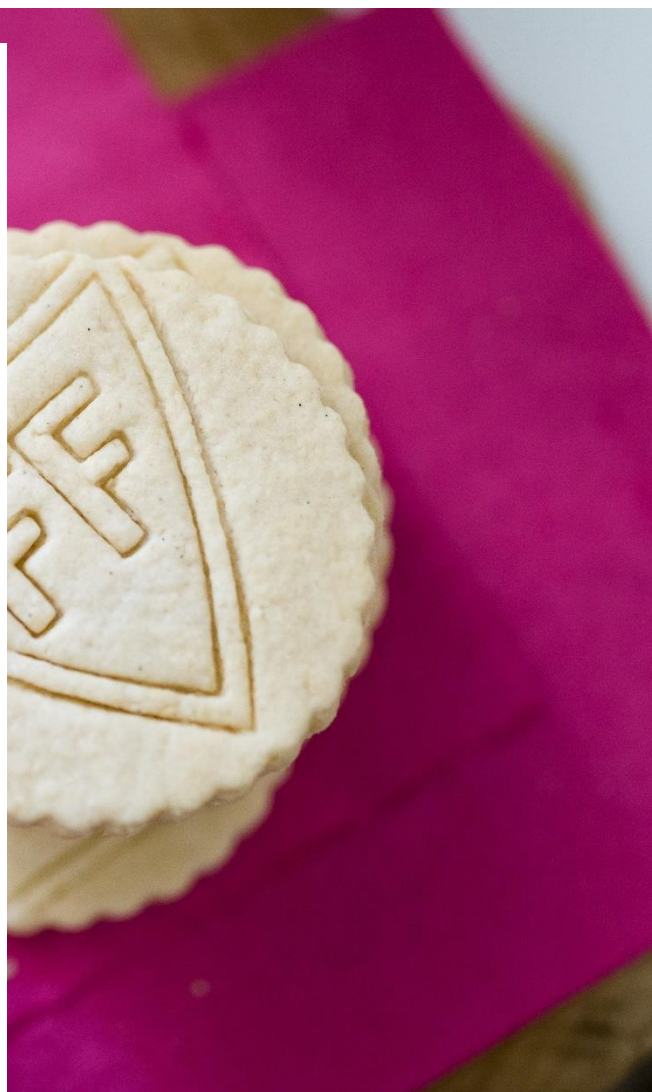


# ANNUAL REPORT

ACADEMIC YEAR  
2021-22

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THE KURT AND URSULA SCHUBERT  
CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES (CJS)

Faculty of Arts (FoA),  
Palacký University Olomouc (UPOL)

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**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,**

When I wrote last year that we were going through a difficult period, related to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, I hoped that in the coming year we would be able to focus more on work and personal life again. However, in February 2022, the war in Ukraine and the associated energy crisis began to affect events not only in Eastern Europe but practically throughout the whole world. Palacký University Olomouc began to act almost immediately. It offered financial support to those who found themselves in need due to the war conflict in Ukraine and opened a number of opportunities for those from Ukraine interested in studying. It also offered direct help from volunteers among its students and staff. The Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies has also been involved in this assistance via its students and staff. The war conflict in Ukraine and the related immigration policy became one of the themes specifically addressed as part of the year's focus on the communication of the majority society with its minorities at the 15th annual Days of Jewish Culture Olomouc festival, which CJS organizes in cooperation with the Jewish Community Olomouc and the Museum of Art Olomouc.

The CJS has continued its teaching and research activities throughout this year as well. It also prepared a number of events and projects focused on communication with general public. Communicating research results in an accessible and appealing way has been one of CJS's priorities recently. In our annual report of the previous academic year 2021-2022, we would like to share at least some of the outputs of our activities.

**The CJS worked in AY 2021-2022 with the following staffing:**

Doc. Tamás Visi, Ph.D., M.A - guarantor of the study field  
Mgr. Ivana Cahová, Ph. D. - head of the department  
Mgr. et Mgr. Anna Mácová - assistant of the department  
Mgr. Marie Crhová, Ph.D., M.A.  
Mgr. Eva Kalousová  
Mgr. Daniel Soukup, Ph.D.  
PhDr. Lenka Uličná, Ph.D.

Graduates of CJS who are now studying in the doctoral program of other departments and collaborating with CJS:

Mgr. Hana Budíková  
Mgr. Václav Chalupný  
Mgr. Nikola Svobodníková

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# TEACHING IN WINTER AND SUMMER SEMESTER 2021-2022

We traditionally opened the academic year with a two-day field trip to the Jewish monuments of Bohemia and Moravia, intended primarily for new first-year students. We visited places connected with the history of important Jewish communities in western part of Moravia, in Třebíč and Velké Meziříčí. The field trip was, as usual, also attended by senior students in the role of tutors, whose task was to facilitate the new students of Jewish studies in their beginnings at the academic environment.

Field trips to the Jewish monuments of Moravia are open to other UPOL students as well, and take place as part of the curriculum also during the year. Under the guidance of Dr. Daniel Soukup, the course participants visited Prostějov, the Gutmann Castle in Tovačov and the grave of Rabbi Shah in Holešov.



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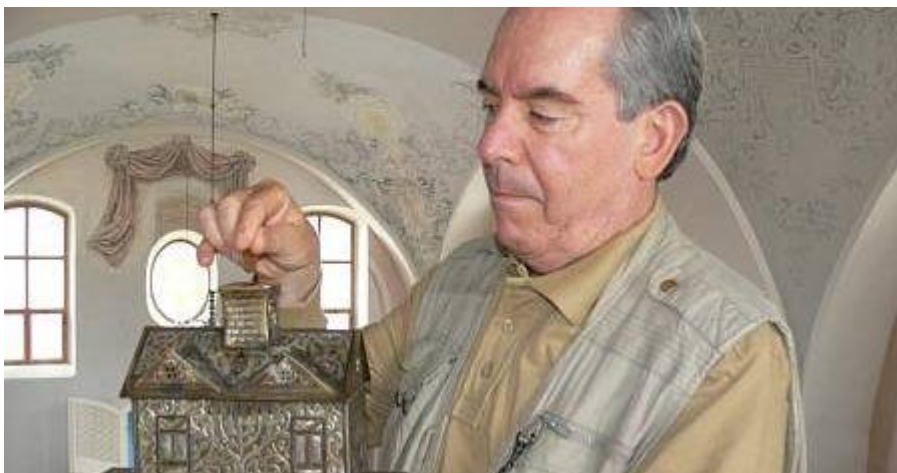
During the winter and summer semesters, CJS students chose from a variety of courses within the established modules for:

- **Bachelor's degree:** History and Culture of the Jews; Philosophical and Religious Thought; Practical Language Teaching; Jews in Moravia; Israeli Studies
- **Master's degree:** History of the Jews - specifics of the social and political status of the Jews; Anti-Semitism, History of Thought: theology, philosophy, cult; Culture and Art; Jews in Moravia; Practical language teaching
- Although CJS does not have an accredited doctoral program, it does have "its" doctoral students, graduates of Jewish Studies who pursue doctoral studies in related programs, however have advisors at CJS and work closely with Jewish Studies in research projects, teaching, and other activities.

CJS continues to benefit from the advantages of **native speakers teaching Hebrew**. Language courses supported by the Academic Jewish Studies – Jewish Language Teaching Fellowship (Rothschild Foundation Hanadive Europe) project are taught by Peer Friedman.

Lectures by the following experts were given in the academic year 2021-2022 as part of the **Series of Jewish studies lectures for the public**, opened to CJS students, other students from Palacký University Olomouc and especially to general public:

- 3.11. Dr. Marcela Sulak (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan). „The poetry of Eli Eliahu“
- 2.3. Dr. Jiří Hrabal (UPOL). "Siegfried Kapper a jihoslovanská literární kultura západního Balkánu / Siegfried Kapper and south-Slavic literature culture of western Balkan“
- 23.3. Hana Frejková. Moderated discussion with the author of the publication *Divný kořeny* (Strange Roots) and performance *Hannah*.
- 6.4. Prof. Yossi Mann (Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan). „The new Israeli policy toward the Arab Gulf countries“
- 13.4. Dr. Hana Nichtburgerová and Prof. Jiří Holý (Charles University, Prague). Presentation of the compendium of Polish, Czech and Slovak literature with the Holocaust theme *Handbook of Polish, Czech, and Slovak Holocaust Fiction. Works and Contexts* (De Gruyter Reference, 2021)
- 27.4. Dr. Dorota Julia Nowak (Yad Vashem, Jerusalem). „Deníky Jehudy Bacona Bacona / Diaries of Yehuda Bacon“
- 4.5. Luděk Štipl (Respect and Tolerance). Ceremonial handover of Dr. Stanton Canter's library to CJS, associated with a lecture on Dr. Canter's contribution to the activities of RT and the restoration of the synagogue



We also celebrated Jewish holidays with students and public.

# INTERNATIONALIZATION

CJS continuously develops and expands its relations with a number of European and non-European universities. Intensive collaboration links CJS particularly to two Israeli academic institutions, the

Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan. With both institutions, CJS carries out **bilateral international academic and student mobility** and develops joint research and teaching projects. In the academic year 2021-22, four CJS students went to Israel for at least a semester-long study stay. Reciprocally, CJS hosted in the academic year 2021 a doctoral student from Bar Ilan University, Arie Leib Reiner, who attended mostly courses in Jewish philosophy and consulted his dissertation with Doc. Tamás Visi. With the help of international coordinator of CJS Eva Kalousová, doctoral students Hana Budíková and Nikola Svobodníková and the openness of the Jewish community in Olomouc, Arie Reiner quickly integrated into the Olomouc environment.

In cooperation with its partner organization, the Prague Centre for Jewish Studies (Charles University Prague), CJS regularly sends its students to **intensive language courses**. In January 2021, two CJS students, Karolína Kovaříková and Nikola Svobodníková, participated in the International Ulpan in



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הנכם מוזמנים להרצאה |  
as part of the departmental seminar |  
מימונו של חוקר | **From the Researcher's Diary**

**Secrets in the Attic:  
Material Culture  
of Bohemian and  
Moravian Genizot**

Lenka Uličná, Palacký University Olomouc /  
Jewish Museum in Prague, Czech Republic

Wednesday, 18 Tevet 5782, December 22, 2021  
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at 16:00  
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Genizot in Central Europe are protected and closed spaces, usually found in a synagogue attic used by a local community for centuries as a storage area for worn-out ritual objects, especially textual relics. Beside the expected sanctified objects requiring disposal in a genizah according to halacha or local minhag, such as old scrolls and prayer books, ritual textiles and synagogue furnishings, we also find – surprisingly – ordinary garments and shoes, similar to caches in non-Jewish buildings. Analyzing the material content and spatial context of a geniza contributes to understanding the nature of daily life in a diaspora community, its local customs and values, including those not described in textual sources.

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There is also a strong academic cooperation between HUJI and BIU, even in the online environment. In the series of lectures *From the Researcher's Diary*, organized by the Department of Jewish Art at Bar Ilan University, Dr. Lenka Uličná from CJS gave an online lecture on *Secrets in the Attic: Material Culture of Bohemian and Moravian Genizot* on December 22, 2021. The lecture was exceptionally well received.

One of the highlights of the mutual collaboration with the Mandel Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was the International Summer School of Jewish Studies "**Schismatics, Heretics, and Religious Crisis: Frankism and the Turbulent 18th Century in East Central European Jewry**". Although originally scheduled to take place in the summer of 2020, but postponed twice due to the Covid pandemic, the summer school was held at CJS UPOL August 11th–21st, 2022, with the support of the European Association of Jewish Studies. As the very first of its kind, the event was prepared with the

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goal of fostering academic contacts between foreign experts researching Jewish mysticism, Sabbatianism, and Frankism, and Czech scholars focusing on the religious and social history of the Jewish community in interaction with its non-Jewish majority environment in Moravia. The summer school welcomed twenty-two students and graduates of Jewish studies and related programs from European (Italy, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine) and non-European countries (USA, Israel). Over the course of 10 days, it offered not only participation in lectures and seminars, but also a series of field trips to sites related to the history of Jewish communities in Moravia, as well as an extensive cultural program. The participants expanded their knowledge of the dynamics of Jewish religious history, focusing on early modern Jewish heterodoxies and especially on the Sabbatian and post-Sabbatian movements. The lectures were delivered by renowned experts from the CJS, partner Department of History FF UPOL, Prague Centre for Jewish Studies FF UK and also from foreign partner institutions on the following topics:

Dr. Avishai Bar-Asher (Department of Jewish Thought, HUJI). *Messianism, Redemption, and Soteriology: from Medieval Kabbalah to Early Modern Jewish Mysticism*,

Doc. Martin Elbel (Department of History, UPOL). *Heresy and Witchcraft in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Moravia*

Dr. Hadar Feldman Samet (Department of Jewish Thought, University in Tel Aviv, Mandel-Scholion Center, HUJI). *Cultural Crossings and Communal Confines: Sabbatianism in its Muslim Contexts, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries*

Prof. Eli Lederhendler (Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, HUJI). *Jewish History and Society in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

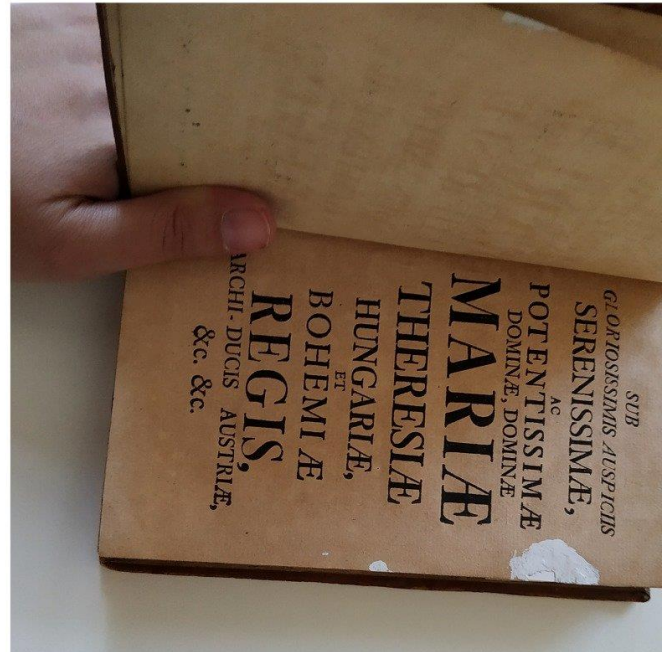
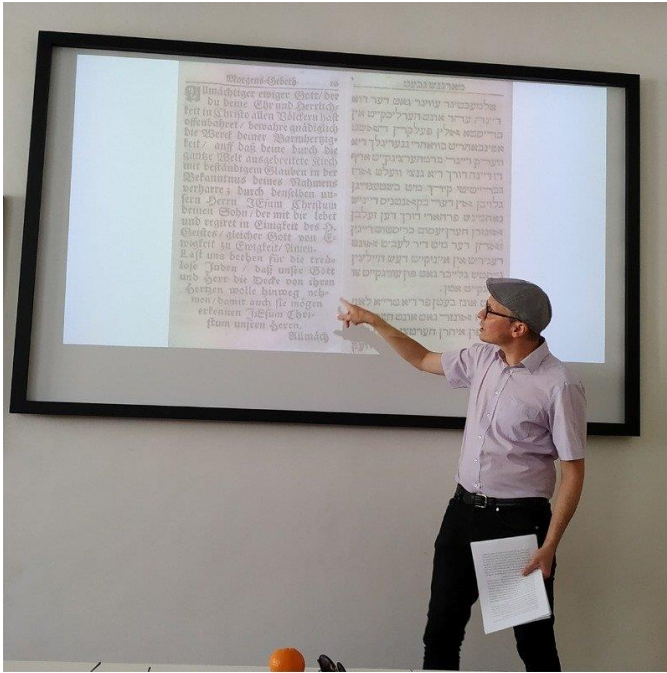
Dr. Pawel Maciejko (Department of History, Johns Hopkins University). *The Portrait of the Kabbalist as a Young Man*

Doc. Pavel Sládek (Prague Center for Jewish studies, Charles University). *Was There a Crisis of Rabbinic Authority in The Early Modern Period?*

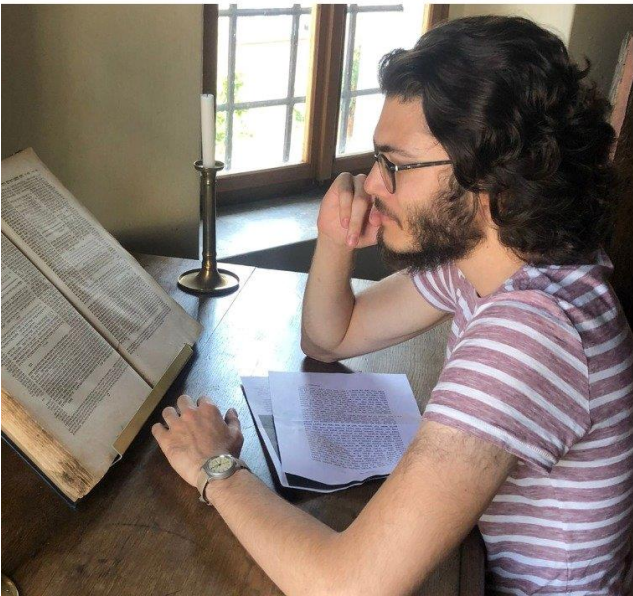
Dr. Daniel Soukup (CJS, UPOL). *Jewish Conversions to Catholicism in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Moravia and Bohemia*

Doc. Tamás Visi (CJS, UPOL). *Kabbalah and Popular Religion in Early Modern Moravia*











The summer school was featured in the UP online magazine:

<https://www.zurnal.upol.cz/nc/zprava/clanek/na-univerzite-palackeho-se-vubec-poprve-kona-letni-skola-judaistickych-studii/>

and Czech Radio in its regular programme Šalom Alejchem:

<https://regiony.rozhlas.cz/proc-bydlet-v-prazskem-moische-house-jaka-byla-letni-skola-judaistiky-a-co-8812141>

The CJS also cooperates with other European and non-European academic institutions. From April 24 to June 18, 2022, Doc. Tamás Visi participated as a guest lecturer in the **Advanced Jewish Studies Seminar at the Oxford Centre for Jewish Studies and Hebraic Studies at the University of Oxford**. As part of the working group "Philosophy in Scripture: Jewish Philosophical Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Late Middle Ages," he gave a lecture on "The Legacy of John Philoponus in Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis," and as part of the final conference, he presented a paper entitled "A Meteorological Interpretation of the Creation Narrative in the Late Middle Ages."

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CJS develops relationships with more than just academic institutions. In May 2022, the newly appointed **Ambassador of the State of Israel, H.E. Anna Azari**, visited CJS as part of her official visit to Olomouc. She was introduced to CJS activities by the foreign coordinator Mgr. Eva Kalousová, Dr. Daniel Soukup and Mgr. Nikola Svobodníková.



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# RESEARCH, PROJECTS, PUBLICATIONS

In the academic year 2021–2022, CJS members continued to pursue their research projects from previous years. These projects produced a number of new outputs:

Significant project "**Academic Jewish Studies Research Consortia. Hebrew Science in a European context: Research Collaboration Olomouc-Cologne**" (The Rothschild Foundation Hanadive Europe, 2019–2023) under the leadership of Doc. Tamás Visi, which is a result of the collaboration between CJS and the partner institution Thomas Institute of the University of Cologne.

**"Revitalization of the Moravian Jewish Heritage Research"** (excellence research project, UPOL, 2017–2022). The project has produced a number of exceptionally beneficial studies that have been published in renowned journals and collective monographs:

- VISI, Tamás [with Lucie Doležalová]. "Knowledge: Science and Education". In: Gerald Schwedler (ed.), *A Cultural History of Memory in the Middle Ages*. London, New York, Oxford, etc.: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021, pp. 73–89.
- VISI, Tamás. "The "Meteorological" Interpretation of the Creation Narrative from John Philoponus to Saadia Gaon". *Aleph* 21 (2021), pp. 209–278.
- VISI, Tamás, "Jews in Medieval Central Europe." In: Nada Zečević and Daniel Ziemann (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Medieval Central Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022, pp. 483–506.
- SOUKUP, Daniel. „Péče katolické církve o židovské konvertity a její reflexe v agendě jezuity Francisca Haselbauera (1677-1756)“ (Care of Jewish converts by Catholic church and its reflection in the agenda of Jesuit Francisco Haselbauer (1667–1756). In: Radmila Prchal Pavlíčková – Hana Ferencová – Iveta Coufalová (eds.), *Vytváření konvertity. Jazyková a vizuální prezentace konverze v raném novověku* (Making of a convert. Language and visual presentation of conversion in early modern period), NLN, Praha 2021, pp. 247–280.
- CRHOVÁ, Marie. „Politické strany židovské menšiny“ (Political parties of Jewish minority). In: Jiří Malíř a Pavel Marek (eds.), *Politické strany. Vývoj politických stran a hnutí v českých zemích a Československu 1861-2019* (Political parties. Development of political parties and movements in Czech lands and Czechoslovakia, 1861– 2019), Praha: Kauli Publishing, in print.
- CRHOVÁ, Marie. "State-sponsored antisemitism". In: Michael Miller and Luca Varadi (eds.), *Prejudice and Perception*, Budapest: Central European University Press, in print.
- CAHOVÁ, Ivana. *Dramatik Max Zweig – prorok nového humanismu* (Playwright Max Zweig – prophet of new humanism). Olomouc: Palacký University Publishing House, 2021.

**Outside this project, following studies have been published:**

- KALOISOVÁ, Eva. „‘You Survived? We Were Told All the Jews Were Gassed.’: Jews, Czechs, and the Memory of the Holocaust“. *The Journal of Holocaust Research*, Vol. 2-3 (2022), pp. 186–200.

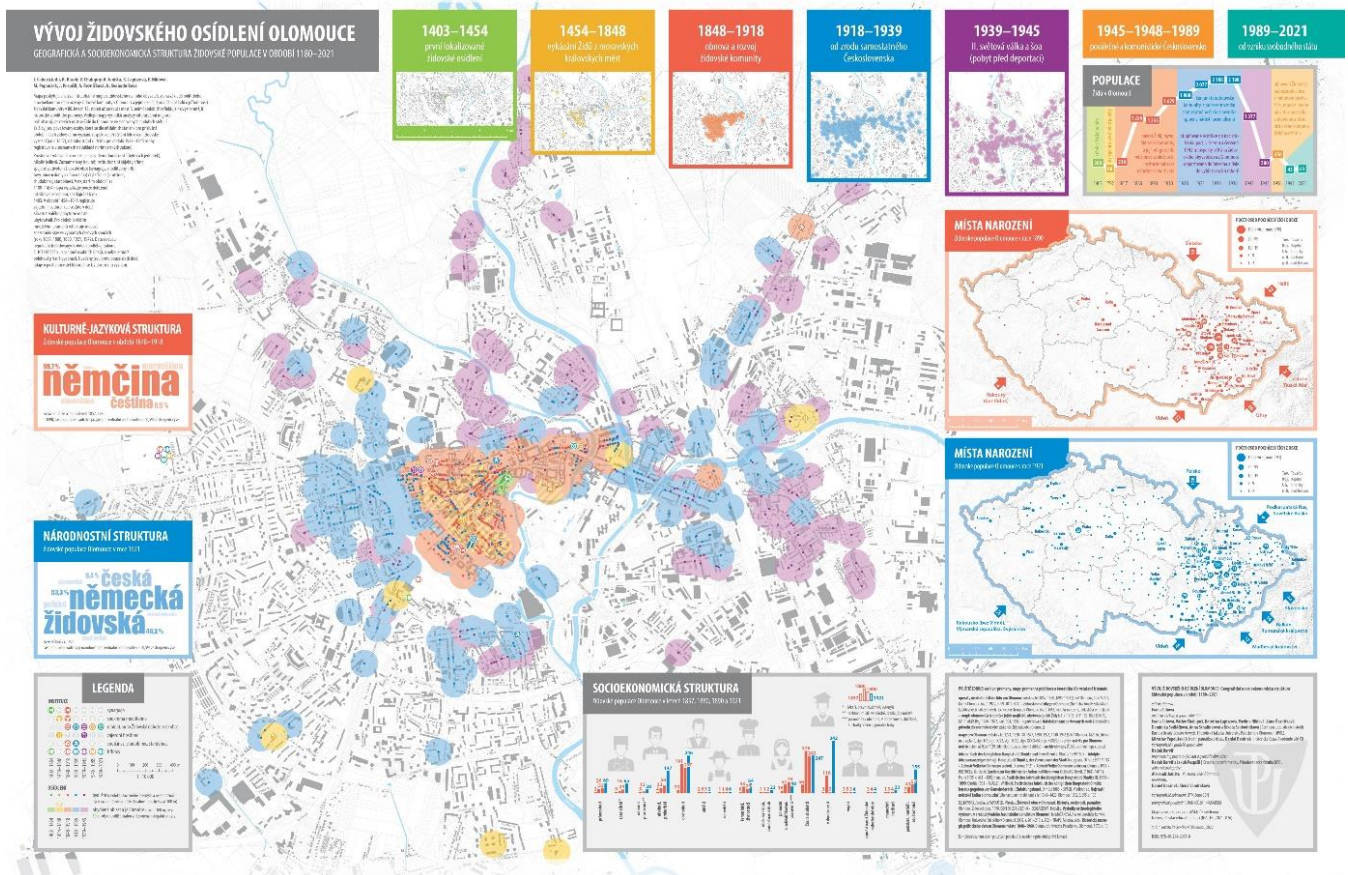
The project "**Support of Small Strategic Majors**" (Ministry of Education, 2016–2021), based on cooperation with Charles University Prague and Masaryk University Brno. Within the framework of this

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project, CJC continues to develop cooperation and joint educational activities, especially with Prague Centre for Jewish Studies (PCJS). On November 26, 2021, CJS in collaboration with PCJS organized the **10th inter-institutional student workshop "Judaism and Jewish Studies in the Modern World: The Voice of Students"**, conducted online. During the workshop, the following students presented their papers:

- Václav Chalupný (CJS): *Czechoslovak-Israeli relations. From the establishment of the State of Israel to severing of diplomatic relations in 1967*
- Veronika Machková (PCJS): *Hungarian-speaking Jews in Slovakia after the Second World War*
- Nikola Svobodníková (CJS): *Abraxas: Divine Names in Religious and Magical Written Tradition*
- Antonín Roos (PCJS): *Biography of Josef Jitschak Poppers, MS Wallach 14 (1772), in context of early modern Jewish egodocuments*

The output of the next phase of IGA intra-faculty student project (IGA\_FF\_2021\_026) "**Jewish Cultural and Intellectual History of Olomouc – a Specialized Printed Map**", led by Dr. Ivana Cahová, has become a specialized map *The Development of Jewish Settlement in Olomouc: Geographical and Socio-economic Structure of the Jewish Population in the period from 1180 to 2021*. The map in printed form provides an analysis of the intra-urban migration of the Jewish civilian population based on the political and socio-economic development of the Jewish community in Olomouc and its vicinity from the first evidence of the presence of the Jewish community to the present day. It reflects the most important historical and political changes over seven historical periods. The accompanying maps present the results of the analysis of interurban migration and show the locations from which Jews moved to Olomouc in the surveyed periods. The map also includes graphic visualizations of statistical data on the Jewish population in Olomouc and analysis of the socio-economic structure of the Jewish community and its position within Olomouc's urban society, as well as the national and linguistic and cultural stratification of Olomouc's Jewish population



The map was created in collaboration with colleagues from the Department of Geoinformatics, Faculty of Science. The project received significant collaboration from CJS students Pavlína Baselides (Niklová), Nikola Svobodníková, Kateřina Lapiszová, Václav Chalupný and Anna Řezníčková. The map is available in digital form here:

<https://judaistika.upol.cz/veda-a-vyzkum/mapa-zidovskeho-osidleni-olomouce/>.

Under supervision of Dr. Lenka Uličná, a six-part Hebrew-language podcast was prepared within the framework of another IGA student project (IGA\_FF\_2022\_033 ) "**About the didactics of small languages: Hebrew at the Faculty of Arts UP in Olomouc**", aimed at students and lecturers of Hebrew. For the newly created channel on the Spotify platform, students Bára Tylčerová and Hana Budíková created the first recordings with intriguing Israeli topics: Etgar Keret, with contributions from Peer Friedmann, and Culture of Transport in Israel - with an amazing Tomer Saidi, who also narrated the intro for the podcast. More topics were soon added: Persian Jews and Israelis at Erasmus in Olomouc - an interview with Arje Reiner. The podcast was titled *Kal!*, which means "light, easy". We would like to show that Hebrew is not difficult, therefore for convenience, we attach selected vocabulary to each recording. In addition, *Kal!* is slang for "ease, no worries". All episodes of the podcast are available here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/6w9MdBUuRbDsrUH9iSbeZm>

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In the summer of 2022, CJS academics (Dr. Daniel Soukup, Dr. Ivana Cahová and a student team) began preparing a joint project with the Jewish Community in Brno called "**The Library of Stolen Hopes**", aimed at processing, preserving, researching and showcasing a collection of 13,000 prayer and other religious books. These are books from the Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia and Terezín ghetto, which the Jewish Community in Brno acquired by transfer from the Federation of Jewish Communities and the Jewish Community in Prague in 2021. The aim of the project is not only to process, catalogue and make accessible this collection in the traditional library way, but also to take advantage of the existence of unique provenience information, to examine, process, publish and preserve it for future generations. The output of the project will thus be not only a processed book collection, but especially a set of information about the fate of individual books and their owners. One of the outputs of the project will be a new online data repository which will make the results of the research accessible. The project will enable the books to be returned to their rightful owners, if possible.

## INTERNSHIPS

As part of practical internships, CJS has long been cooperating with a number of domestic and foreign institutions. CJS students have the opportunity to apply their expertise and improve their skills while processing archival documents at the Israeli partner institution Yad Vashem Memorial in Jerusalem. They can also complete a practical internship in Vienna or Hamburg branch of the Centropa memory institution, where they are currently involved in the implementation of the *HerStories* project, mapping the fates of women during the Shoah. CJS students also regularly provide guiding services at the synagogue in Loštice during summer months and cooperate with the organization Respect and Tolerance. Since 2020, they have been involved in the processing and cataloguing of Judaica from the library of Prof. Gad Freudenthal, which was transferred to the Olomouc research library last year, thanks to the contacts of Doc. Tamás Visi.

# CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS FOR THE PUBLIC

11th–22nd October, 2021, the **14th edition of the Days of Jewish Culture Olomouc festival** took place, which CJS organizes in close cooperation with the Museum of Art Olomouc and the Jewish Community Olomouc since 2009. The festival was created in an effort to fill a gap in the general awareness of Jewish culture and to cultivate the relationship of the majority society to the Jewish minority. Its concept and the composition of its individual sections (expert lectures, exhibitions, film, theatre and music performances, discussions) are intended to renew and maintain the awareness of rich Jewish cultural heritage in Moravia among the general public as well as in the context of scholarly discussions, while also initiating interest in contemporary Israeli culture and thus contributing significantly to the awareness of Middle Eastern issues. The 14th edition of the festival, titled *Kosher is Kosher*, focused on the historical development of the phenomenon of kosher eating to the present day, including its social and environmental aspects. The expert section offered lectures by Rabbis Menashe Kliment from the Jewish Community Brno and Eiran Davies from Stockholm (Paideia), who focused on the comparison of kashruth practice in the Czech Republic and the world, halachic basis, historical perspectives and prospects. Alžběta Glancová and Karolína Kaševová (Lauder School in Prague) introduced the principles of kosher eating according to halacha. Within the section of author's readings, Czech Head Rabbi Karol Efraim Sidon introduced his new translation of Rabbi Eliezer's Chapters, and in a moderated author's reading, Israeli author Orit Gidali presented her poetry (moderated by Marcela Sulak from Bar Ilan University, translation of poems into Czech by Kristýna



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Adámková from UPOL). The festival was launched with an exhibition of Jindřich Buxbaum's *The Seven Blessings*, accompanied by a scenic reading from a photographic book bearing the same title by Jindřich Buxbaum and CJS scholar Dr. Daniel Soukup (directed by Tomáš Sedláček). The film section of the festival featured mainly Israeli films dealing with the phenomenon of kosher and issues of Orthodox religious society in the 21st century in general. The documentaries *Kosher beach* (IZR, 2009, Karin Kainer), *Breaking Bread* (IZR, 2020, Beth Elise Hawk) and the live action movie *Ushpizin* (IZR 2004, Gidi Dar) were screened. The music section featured the band Mi Martef. The festival concluded with a challah baking workshop at the Jewish Community of Olomouc. The general public had the opportunity to learn about all aspects of kashrut in theory and in practice.

In cooperation with Palacký University Publishing House, CJS prepared a lecture by Dr. Martin Wein "**In the Footsteps of the Jews in Transcarpathian Ukraine**". The event took place under the coordination of doctoral student Nikola Svobodnikova on the 23rd of May 2022 in the Václav Havel classroom at the FF UPOL.



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**RABÍN ŠACH**

**Z ČASŮ MUDRCŮ A PRONÁSLEDOVÁNÍ**

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” KNIHOVNÍČKA HOLEŠOVSKÁ

2021

Dr. Ivana Cahová prepared a guided walk through the villas owned by Jewish entrepreneurs in Olomouc in the past as a part of the neighborhood festival "**The Officer District Lives**". The event for the public took place on the 27th of August 2020.



On the 130th anniversary of Max Zweig's birth and the 30th anniversary of his death, Dr. Ivana Cahová prepared a **public lecture** dedicated to life and work of the German-writing Israeli playwright of Prostějov provenance. The lecture, accompanied by an introduction of the monograph *Playwright Max Zweig - Prophet of the New Humanism*, also featured a staged reading of the Czech translations of Max




Zweig's dramatic texts performed by students of German Philology at Palacký University in Olomouc. The event, organized by the Hanacky Jerusalem Association and the Prague Literary House of German Language Authors, took place on the 22nd of June at the Municipal Library in Prostějov and on the 23rd of June 2022 in Maisel Synagogue in Prague.

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In 2022, Dr. Daniel Soukup gave two lectures at the Regional Museum in Olomouc, entitled "Jewish Tales from Moravia" (30 March 2022) and "The Story of the Olomouc Synagogue" (9 November 2021). As part of the European Heritage Days, he organized two guided tours of the Jewish part of the Neředín Cemetery for the Olomouc City Cemeteries, featuring a narration explaining Jewish burial rites and traditions (7 September 2021). He presented the topic "About two holy thieves from Prostějov: Yiddish song from the late 17th century as a historical source", elaborated by Dr. Daniel Soukup in collaboration with Dr. Oren Cohen Roman from the University of Haifa, at the **festivals of Jewish culture in Holešov** (28 July 2022) **and in Prostějov** (May 26–29, 2022). Besides this lecture, visitors to the Prostějov **Chayim Festival** could also listen to a lecture by Dr. Marie Krappmann on texts produced by Franz Josef Neumann's printing house in Brno and witness the classical purimspiel *Mordche and Esther* performed by graduates and students of CJS.




For a series of short **online presentations on the history of Olomouc "PoFFšimnutí"**, published on Facebook by the Faculty of Arts of UP, Dr. Ivana Cahová has prepared several contributions on the history of the Jewish community in Olomouc, based on the interactive map *Jewish Olomouc*, accessible via the mobile application Actionbound (published in 2020). The contributions can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=PoFF%C5%A1imnut%C3%AD>

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I když nejde o prvomájové téma, pokračujeme na **Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Palackého v Olomouci** v sérii PoFFšimnutí, v jejímž rámci publikujeme zajímavosti z olomoucké historie.



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Od poloviny 19. století se Židé začali do Olomouce znovu pozvolna vracet, integrovat se do většinové společnosti a zapojovat se do ekonomických, kulturních i pol... [Zobrazit víc](#)

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Thanks to its students, CJS also presented itself at the annual university event for the public, the **Czech European Researchers' Night**. In 2021, the event was held under the overarching theme of "TIME". CJS students Theresa Hermann, Kateřina Lapiszová, Nikola Svobodníková and Boris Kořínek prepared entertaining activities for visitors focused on the perception of TIME in relation to the Jewish year and its holidays.

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CJS doesn't live only by science and studies. Students and academics of CJS frequently and eagerly participate in various sporting events. In May 2022, the mixed team represented CJS in the **Football Tournament for the Dean's Cup of FF UPOL and won the honorary 6th place.**



From May to November 2022, the students of Jewish Studies, led by student Terka Kautska, set themselves a challenge to reach Jerusalem in 183 days. Using the mobile app Strava, they tracked all the kilometers they walked or ran outside of their usual errands (and also excluding Shabbat and holidays). They covered 3,240.4 kilometers on a virtual map and entered the gates of Jerusalem even before the set limit.



The entire event was covered, among others, by Czech Radio in the programme Shalom Aleichem:

<https://regiony.rozhlas.cz/judaiste-bezi-z-moravy-do-jeruzalema-vysel-prvni-komiks-o-romskem-holokaustu-a-8745388>

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This was in brief our academic year 2021-2022. More detailed information about CJS activities can be found on these pages:

- Website: <https://judaistika.upol.cz>
- Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/CJSFFUP>
- Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/judaistika\\_upol/](https://www.instagram.com/judaistika_upol/)

Thank you for your cooperation and support and we hope that in the current academic year we will be able to participate in our activities not only with students and colleagues from other departments of UPOL, with domestic and foreign scholars, but also with supporters from the general public. It appears that, in addition to the educational and research role, the so-called third role of the university is gaining importance in today's turbulent times, whose aim should be the cultivation of public space. I would like to thank all my colleagues at CJS for fulfilling this wide range of tasks to the highest degree and for finding enough energy and time even for an individual work with their students.

On behalf of the Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc

Dr. Ivana Cahová, Head of CJS