

Jewish Museum in Prague Opens Memorial to Wartime Employees

Prague, 19 May 2026 – This year, the Jewish Museum in Prague celebrates the 120th anniversary of its founding. The fact that it is today able to administer one of the world's most extensive collections of Judaica, a significant library, and the heritage of Jewish communities throughout Bohemia and Moravia is thanks to people who until recently remained largely unknown – the employees of the wartime Jewish Central Museum. A newly accessible memorial at the Old Jewish Cemetery is dedicated to them.

"From a historical perspective, it seems almost unbelievable that the pre-war Jewish Museum and its collections not only survived, but were also professionally expanded, processed, and catalogued to an extraordinary degree. Thanks to the abilities and determination of representatives of Prague's Jewish community and the museum itself, highly valuable exhibitions were also created. We, their successors, continue to build on the professional foundations laid during the war years," says **Pavla Niklová, Director of the Jewish Museum in Prague**. She adds: "For this reason, in this anniversary year, we decided to honour their memory by installing bronze plaques bearing their names at the Old Jewish Cemetery."

161 Names That Must Not Be Forgotten

Tracing the names of all wartime museum employees and collaborators was far from easy, not least because, amid the accelerating machinery of deportations, some remained in their positions for only a few days. **Curator Martin Jelínek** devoted nearly a year to the project. So far, he has identified 161 individuals in a wide range of positions – from cleaners to directors. In most cases, he was also able to determine their fate.

"In the past, attention was understandably focused primarily on the expert staff of the wartime museum, but many more people contributed to its operation," comments Martin Jelínek. He adds: "The result of the intensive work carried out by all of them during less than three years of the museum's existence under Nazi administration was that the collections grew from several hundred pre-war objects to more than 100,000." Thanks to this, the Jewish Museum in Prague became one of the world's most important institutions in terms of the size of its Judaica collections.

The memorial, consisting of three bronze plaques, was ceremonially unveiled on 28 April 2026 in the presence of descendants of some of those commemorated, representatives of Jewish communities, and distinguished guests. The date was chosen symbolically – on this day in 1881, Salomon Hugo Lieben, the principal initiator of the original museum association, Judaic scholar, educator, and historian, was born.

Thanks to Donors

A resting area with benches has also been created near the memorial, funded by individual and institutional donors. The visitor route through the Old Jewish Cemetery has not only been expanded, but now also includes a quiet zone inviting reflection. The memorial itself was financed through donations, including contributions from current museum employees. We thank all donors for helping preserve this important part of historical memory.

Employees and Collaborators of the Jewish Museum in Prague, 1942–1945:

Heřman Adler (survived)
Terezie Alazrakyová (murdered)
Eliška Altschulová (survived)
Robert Baum (survived)
Arnoštka Bidlová (survived)
Karel Bienenfeld (murdered)
Josef Blecher (fate unknown)
Leo Blum (survived)
Hanuš Bondy (survived)
Gabriela Burková (survived)
Jan Böhm (survived)
Adolf Běhavý (murdered)
Bedřiška Crkovská (survived)
Anna Dalfenová (murdered)
Alice Demelová (survived)
Bedřich Deutsch (survived)
Eliška Dewidelsová (survived)
Jan Eisler (not identified)
Hana Eislerová (not identified)
Alfred Engel (murdered)
Arnold Epstein (murdered)
František Fischhof (survived)
Edita Fischhofová (murdered)
Josef Flesch (murdered)
Etja Formánková (survived)
Otto Frankenstein (murdered)
Viktor Freud (murdered)
Erich Freund (murdered)
Karel Freund (not identified)

Otto Freund (survived)
Gertruda Friedländerová (murdered)
Růžena Friedländerová (survived)
Ida Friedmannová (murdered)
Helena Friedová (murdered)
Ferdinand Ganz (survived)
Antonín Gešlídř (survived)
Leopold Glanzberg (murdered)
Saul Glanzberg (murdered)
Berta Glanzbergová (murdered)
Anita Glaserová (murdered)
Edita Gobietová (survived)
Leo Gottlieb (survived)
Eleonora Haaseová (murdered)
Božena Haubfleischová (murdered/died after liberation)
Růžena Heyduková (survived)
Emilie Holecová (survived)
Hermína Holleyová (survived)
Eva Holubová (survived)
Marta Hráská (survived)
Marie Hönigová (survived)
Tobias Jakobovits (murdered)
Berta Jakobovitsová (murdered)
Oskar Jontof (survived)
Hanuš Kaminský (survived)
Markéta Kantorová (survived)
Ferdinand Kantůrek (survived)
Hanuš Kačer (murdered)
Robert Kisch (survived)
Berta Kleinová (not identified)
Artur Kleinzeller (survived)
Otto Klepetář (survived)
Ervín Klinger (murdered)
Richard Klinger (survived)
Marta Kohnová (not identified)
Walter Kolisch (murdered/died after liberation)
Berthold Konirsch (survived)

Hana Kosinerová (murdered)
Jana Koubíčková (survived)
Irena Krafftová (survived)
František Kronberger (survived)
Zdeněk König (murdered)
Greta Lausmannová (survived)
Bedřich Lederer (survived)
Fritz Lederer (survived)
Richard Lederer (fate unknown)
Ruth Ledererová (murdered)
Markéta Lendeckeová (survived)
Evžen Lieben (murdered)
Salomon Lieben (murdered/died)
Sophie Liebenová (murdered)
Harry Litten (survived)
Maximilián Lors (survived)
Bedřich Löwenstein (murdered)
Leo Mayer (murdered)
Marianna Mašínová (survived)
Emanuel Mendl (murdered/died)
Otto Muneles (survived)
Emil Müller (survived)
Gertruda Müllerová (murdered)
Marta Nagelbergová (murdered)
Bohumil Neumann (survived)
Julius Neumann (survived)
Marta Nováková (fate unknown)
Hilar Pacanovský (survived)
Markéta Picková (not identified)
Herta Pletánková (fate unknown)
Oskar Pokorný (survived)
Hanuš Pollak (murdered)
Josef Pollak (murdered)
Štěpán Pollak (murdered)
Markéta Pollaková (murdered)
Josef Polák (murdered)
Bedřich Popper (survived)

Bedřich Popper (not identified)
Otto Popper (not identified)
Arnold Porges (fate unknown)
Pavel Porges (survived)
Zdenka Pospíšilová (not identified)
Jindřich Prossnitz (murdered)
František Radok (murdered)
Karel Reiner (survived)
Jindřich Reinisch (fate unknown)
Hugo Richter (murdered)
Karel Rind (murdered)
Ida Roubíková (murdered)
Maximilián Roubíček (survived)
Sami Rudnik (murdered)
Věra Rychnovská (survived)
Josef Salus (murdered)
Marta Salusová (murdered)
Artur Schlüssler (survived)
Artur Schneider (murdered)
Vilma Schrammová (survived)
Gertruda Schönová (not identified)
Věra Schönová (survived)
Viktor Schück (murdered)
Ludmila Sekorová (survived)
Nelly Slaninová (murdered)
Emma Smutná (survived)
Walter Soyka (survived)
Ludvík Spitzer (fate unknown)
František Spitzer (fate unknown)
Evžen Springer (murdered)
Max Steckler (survived)
Karel Stein (survived)
Ludvík Steiner (murdered)
Karel Steiner (not identified)
Marta Steinová (not identified)
Eva Sternschussová (survived)
Josef Strassberg (survived)

Eva Tanzerová (murdered)
Anna Tauchmannová (survived)
Gustav Taussig (survived)
Viktor Taussig (not identified)
Blanka Teichmannová (survived)
Heřman Toch (murdered)
Anna Turková (survived)
Helena Turková (survived)
Hana Volavková (survived)
Zdeňka Votická (murdered)
Otto Wachtel (survived)
Karel Wallerstein (survived)
Jiří Weil (survived)
Hugo Weintraub (survived)
Julie Weltschová (murdered)
Otto Werner (murdered)
Moses Woskin-Nahartabi (murdered)
Tamara Woskinová (murdered)
František Zelenka (murdered)
Lilly Ziziusová (survived)
Laura Zýková (survived)

Jewish Museum in Prague

For 120 years, the Jewish Museum in Prague has cared for the cultural heritage of the Jewish communities of the Czech lands. Founded in 1906, the museum administers one of the world's most extensive Judaica collections, comprising more than 44,000 artefacts, 133,000 books, hundreds of thousands of photographs, and extensive archives of Jewish religious communities in Bohemia and Moravia. In cooperation with the Jewish Community of Prague, it cares for eight major monuments in Prague's Jewish Quarter and regularly organizes cultural and educational programs. More information can be found [HERE](#).

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