

Abstract

The thesis is devoted to the fate of the Jews who lived in Kroměříž – the same fate that all the Jews in Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia suffered in the course the World War II. The beginning of the thesis discusses the history and development of the local Jewish residents and their culture. Most of the thesis is however dedicated to the 1930s and the beginning of the 1940s, i.e. the time of the First, and the Second Republic, as well as the Protectorate. A part of the thesis is also devoted to the Jewish sites of historical interest, most of which were sadly destroyed by the Nazi regime. Last but not least, the thesis discusses the return of the Jews, renewal of the Jewish community after 1945, its development, and also describes how to follow the legacy of the Jews from Kroměříž and recall or imagine how big the community was at that time.

Keywords

Jews, Kroměříž, jewish monuments, culture, Second World War, anti – Semitism, holocaust, deportation