

## SUMMARY

The diploma thesis *The survival strategy used by children and youth imprisoned in the Terezin ghetto between 1942 – 1945 based on their diaries* is a study, which analyze some extant diaries written by children deported during Word War II to the Terezin ghetto. As the main sources served archive materials, especially unpublished children's diaries kept in the Jewish Museum of Prague and in the Terezin Memorial.

Terezin ghetto (*Theresienstadt*) was exist between November 1941 and May 1945. Part of this work is concise representation of the ghetto's beginning and function and overall conditions. In the following chapter is briefly described children's homes, which were established thanks to *Jugendfürsorge*, department which cared about youth in the ghetto. This part deals with the moral influence on children given by the specific conditions and it was presented supporting function of the arts performed by adult prisoners and children too.

The main part of this work consists in a researching of the diary entries sorted in predermined aspects. One of them is the space-time aspect. It was selected some entries which described the past, the present and the future. Other entries included reflecting of space out of the ghetto and space in. It was made many hypothesis which contributed to the next analyses.

Other aspects, opposite to each other, are awareness of life and awareness of death. The analyses of these chapters demonstrate that children reflected on responsibility of their life and created plans which can be called aim in life. This aim can held as the survival strategy because children was surrounded by death in the ghetto. At the same time they was aware of dangers related to transport to Auschwitz. The entries about this concentration camp are characterized by several informations and views.

The conclusion includes all the hypothesis resulting from elaborated analyses, which deduce on existention of the survival strategy held in children's diaries of the Terezin ghetto. It must be said most of the children and youth imprisoned in the Terezin ghetto was murdered in Auschwitz concentration camp. A few of children's diaries give the testimony of their braveness and the will to live.