

Jewish Community of Prague (JCP)

Annual Report 2025

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I. Introduction from the Chairman

Dear and beloved members of the Jewish Community in Prague, friends,

The year 2025, chronicled in this Annual Report, brought with it hard work, continuity and gradual change for the Jewish Community in Prague. On the one hand, this year saw us build on the long-standing successes of the Community and the stable foundations upon which the Community rests, and, on the other hand, we became increasingly aware of the need to reconsider certain matters and to change them, slowly but surely, so that the Community can thrive in the future.

The times we live in remain uncertain and, in many an aspect, unsettling. The global security situation, sustained consequences of the attacks on Israel, the world-wide rise in anti-Semitism and the overall deterioration of public discourse have reminded us once again that the values we have long taken for granted are by no means guaranteed. This makes the existence of a strong, coherent and self-assured community all the more important - a community that is capable of supporting its members, tending to its institutions, and, at the same time, of preserving its dignity, internal stability and the aptitude to look forward.

It is in this context that I consider it important to emphasise that in 2025, the Jewish Community in Prague continued to fulfil its major tasks, while maintaining continuity in all of the key areas of its activities. The Community continued to care for the elderly and those of its members who found themselves in dire life circumstances. The Community's religious life further developed, along with educational activities, Community programmes as well as the protection of cultural and historical heritage. The Lauder Schools remained a fundamental component of our shared space and one of the fundamental prerequisites of the future of Jewish life in Prague. Equally significant were all the activities that help keep the Community vibrant and genuine rather than merely an administrative institution.

However, at the same time it is true that hassle-free functioning is not enough. For me, 2025 marked a year in which it became increasingly clear that if we wish to develop the Community, the way the Community functions must be gradually changed in many respects. I do not have revolutionary measures or change for its own sake in mind. What I am advocating is a thought-out, gradual and responsible process aimed at a more stable, open and transparent Community, more attractive to its members.

This is closely connected with one of the things I perceive as essential: a greater involvement of members in the Community's life. The Community cannot merely be a place from which people expect something. It must be a collective in which its members take an

active part in shaping its future. The Community's future will not depend only on decisions of its bodies or staff, but also on whether its members feel they have a place within it, a sense of responsibility, and the desire to play an active part in its life. Accordingly, the promotion of communication, mutual contact and trust within the Community remains one of the important tasks.

During 2025, we managed to take successful steps in this direction. Not all changes are fundamental and not all of them encounter unequivocally positive response. This is only natural. Each living institution must accept that no change will ever satisfy everyone equally. Despite of this, I firmly believe that steps focused on greater sustainability, a more transparent system of use of the Community's premises and funds, more responsible financial management and a stronger Community life are necessary. Only in this way will it be possible to preserve the good things our Community has today and give them a firmer foundation for the future.

Let me therefore extend my thanks to everyone who contributed to the Community's life in 2025. The staff who arranged for day-to-day operations and services, volunteers who devoted their time and energy to our shared endeavours, members of elected bodies, the rabbinate, teachers, social workers and all active members of the Community. Without their work, engagement and a sense of responsibility, the Community would be unable to fulfil its mission.

The Annual Report before you provides an overview specific achievements and activities conducted over the past year. In addition, it serves as a reminder that the Community is more than a collection of figures, reports and administrative matters. Above all, it is a collective of people, memory, tradition and responsibility. I believe we will be able to preserve this balance between continuity and the necessary change in the years to come.

Thank you for your trust, for your support and everything you have contributed to the life of the Jewish Community in Prague

Pavel Král

Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague

II. Basic information about the JCP

Mission

The Jewish Community of Prague brings together citizens from more than forty per cent of the territory of the Czech Republic who claim to be of the Jewish faith, nationality or origin, and who are not members of other churches or religious societies or other Jewish communities in the Czech Republic, and who 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. The Community 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 2025, there were 1,392 regular members registered (627 men and 765 women), 271 extraordinary status holders (118 men and 153 women), and 26 guests (14 men and 12 women).

The average age of members has stabilized in recent years: 53 for men (47 for extraordinary status holders, and 47 for guests), and women 57 (54 for extraordinary status holders and 44 for guests).

A slight decline in the total number of members continues. The year-on year decrease by 24 members corresponds to a rise of 1.7% of the total membership. However, there has been an increase by 13 extraordinary status holders, representing a rise of 4.8%.

The year-on-year decrease in the number of guests from 31 to 26 is mainly due to fluctuations in the number of refugees from Ukraine. The average age of members and extraordinary status holders has remained the same.

In the future, we can expect a higher proportion of members whose native language is not Czech.

Members' Assembly

On 9 November, the annual general meeting of JCP members took place at the Jewish Town Hall in the Shalom restaurant hall; of the 1,165 members aged 18 or over, 90 attended, while for the meeting to be valid the quorum required stood at 117. The number of those present did

not suffice. Accordingly, the Mandate Committee was compelled to state that the meeting was not quorate, and the meeting then continued as a “discussion forum”.

The attendees were welcomed by Pavel Král, the JCP Chairman, and then the new Ambassador of the State of Israel, H.E. Amir Weissbrod, introduced himself and spoke about the contacts he had already made within the Prague Jewish Community. The meeting was chaired by Tomáš Pasternak. Subsequently, Chairman Pavel Král presented the Annual Report for 2024 and reviewed the year 2025. He stated that credit for the previous year’s strong financial results was thanks to the former JCP Chairman, František Bányai, the management, the representatives and all of the Community’s staff. He also emphasised the importance of supporting education and preserving historic monuments, outlining the priorities of the JCP management for the near future - improved communication with members, expansion of the grocery shop, opening a new mikveh, and strengthening the rabbinate.

The Review Committee’s report for 2024 was delivered by Jaroslav Němec, whilst Pavel Král presented the report from the JCP Security Department on behalf of the absent Martin Roubíček. The new shaliach, Rabbi Shmuel Rosenberg, introduced himself to those present at the meeting. A discussion followed, and the meeting concluded shortly after midday.

Subsidised associations

In 2025 the JCP financially contributed to the activities of the following associations, organisations and groups:

- Children’s Theatre,
- Besamim,
- Rafael Institute,
- Youth Coordinator (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Children’s Camps (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Limmud (Federation of Jewish Communities),
- Mišpacha, Klezmerim,
- Bejachad,
- Terezín Initiative.

Lauder Schools attached to the JCP (and Jewish programme of the 1.B class of the Na Výšinách Kindergarten)

In 2025, the JCP continued to subsidise the activities of the Lauder Schools (28.1% of the school budget) to a significant extent. The Lauder Schools represent a unique educational project for children, pupils and students interested in education in the spirit of Judaism. The primary school was established in 1997, and since 1999 there has been a middle school and since 2009 a kindergarten. Teaching at all levels of education is based on the Le Chajim school educational programme, which is based on framework educational programmes for preschool, elementary and middle school education, enriched by Jewish education and Hebrew. The school profiles itself as Community-based and inclusive and is currently facing a sort of overhang of demand that it unfortunately has to turn away applicants from the target group. By the end of 2025, 385 pupils and students attended the kindergarten, primary school and the grammar school within the Lauder Schools, with an additional 70 adult students in the online school.

Beginning from 2021, the Jewish programme of the 1.B grade at the Na Výšinách Kindergarten was also transferred to the responsibility of the Lauder Schools. It is implemented in a classroom with a specific programme for Jewish children. The kindergarten run by the Prague 7 district has operated a class with this programme for thirty-one years and is intended for preschool children belonging to the JCP. The JCP contributes financially to this class. The number of children is 25-28, the same as in the other classes. The children are guided together in Jewish traditions, history and holidays. Meals for the children are prepared in the preschool kitchen in a kosher style.

Marta Choděrová Endowment Fund

The Marta Choděrová Endowment Fund was established in 2019 within the Jewish Community of Prague, using the estate left by Mr Radomír Choděra.

The resources from the fund are intended to support and provide for the needs of the dignified life of children from the wider Jewish Community who are medically or socially disadvantaged or are at risk of social exclusion and material deprivation, and whose family situation does not allow this disadvantage to be sufficiently compensated and for standard living conditions to be ensured for the child.

The resources from the Marta Choděrová Fund are allocated based on applications, assessed by members of the committee. The application form is available on the JCP website, or can be requested by applicants by writing to e-mail to fondmch@kehilaprag.cz.

In 2025, the fund's committee organised a total of four charity events to promote the fund. In spring, a charity walk took place in Vyšehrad, raising CZK 3,300, followed in autumn by a charity walk in Libeň, raising CZK 4,600. In November, a charity evening was held at the JCP, with a performance by the theatre troupe "Shakespeare's Improvised Company", which in turn raised CZK 6,050. In December, an online Hanukkah auction took place, raising a total of CZK 12,300.

In total, 16 applications were submitted to the fund's committee in 2025 through the Department of Social Services and the Lauder Schools. Financial support was eventually granted to 14 children.

Statement of financial position

- Account balance as of 01 January 2025: CZK 1,649,447.80
- Account balance as of 31 December 2025: CZK 1,595,097.80

Statement of income and expenditure 2025

- Income: CZK 56,100.00
- Expenditure: CZK 110,450.00

In December 2025, a Contract of Donation was concluded with the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic for the sum of CZK 66,019. These funds were credited to the account as late as January 2026 and will therefore be included in the income for 2026.

Members of Statutory Bodies and Management of the JCP

In 2025 the following representatives worked in the highest bodies of the JCP:

Chairman – *statutory representative of the Community*

Pavel Král

Management – *fulfils the role of Community Executive*

Pavel Král, Chairman

Eva Lorencová, First Deputy Chairwoman

Tomáš Pasternak, Second Deputy Chairman

Zuzana Veselá

Jindřich Svátek

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

In 2025, the management held ten regular meetings, whilst the constitutive meeting took place in December 2024.

Representation – *is elected once every four years. The highest body of the Community after the Member's Assembly, representation 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 2025, the JCP Representation worked in the following composition:

Linda S. Arbeli – from 19 May – substitute for Petr Kučera

František Bányai

Jan Divecký

Martin Jelínek

Ester Karasová

Marta Kolská

Eva Kosáková

Vojtěch Košnar

Pavel Král

Šimon Krýsl

Petr Kučera – until 07 April (death)

Eva Lorencová

Ondřej Novák

Jiří Pacovský

Tomáš Pasternak

Elise Peter Apelbaum

Daniel Polakovič

Lior Sharafi

Jakub Schwab

Jindřich Svátek

Martin Šmok

Tomáš Taussig

Tereza Váňová

Zuzana Veselá

Dominika Weiss Hošková

Ex officio members:

Michal Borges, Secretary

David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague

In 2025, nine regular meetings of the representation took place in the presence of members of the Review Committee, and one extraordinary meeting.

Review Committee

In 2025, the JCP Review Committee worked in the following composition:

Jaroslav Němec, Chairman

Hana Dvořáková

Otto Herman

Petra Hrouz Špačková

Hermína Neuner

Tomáš Pezl

Jakub Roth

Synagogues and other monuments managed by the Jewish Community in Prague in 2025

Despite the geopolitical uncertainty, tourist traffic in the monuments remained high in 2025 and the development in this area continued in accordance with strategic objectives of the JCP. A most significant step was the introduction of a single ticket for the monuments of the Jewish Town, which came into effect on 01 January 2024, with a considerable impact on the operations and visitor experience also in 2025.

The single ticket, which resulted from an agreement between the JCP and the Jewish Museum of Prague, allowed a more efficient access of visitors to the individual monuments and removed complications arising from different access modes. After the second season, it can be stated that the system has met our expectations. Concerns that the **Old-New Synagogue** might get overcrowded did not materialise – the number of visitors to the monument may have increased on a year-on-year basis, but the situation was manageable. The introduction of separate entry and exit points and the presence of external security guards helped regulate visitor attendance during peak periods.

Traditionally, **the Jerusalem Synagogue** also enjoyed a strong season, welcoming a record 66,572 visitors in 2025. This positive impact was brought about by not only the extended opening hours, but also the cultural and education programmes – guided tours (29

May, 29 July, 18 September, 30 October) and exhibitions: *Hesham Malik – 18th Exhibition of Paintings* (17 March – 04 May 2025), *Jewish Resistance during the Second World War* (in collaboration with the Military History Institute, 08 May – 21 September 2025) and the anthotype exhibition **Landscape of Our Memory – Terezín** by Gabriela Bulisová and Mark Isaac (19 October 2025 – 09 January 2026), as well as concerts, lectures and involvement in the Prague Visitor Pass and Jewish Heritage Day programmes.

The Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov remains freely accessible on a self-guided basis and continues to be developed. In 2025, five guided tours took place here, two of which were held in the evening. At the start of the year, nine gravestones of importance were newly labelled, including QR codes that provide further information, and an information board was also installed in the lapidarium area. Towards the end of the year, an information board with a virtual donation box was installed at the entrance, which enabled visitors to contribute to the maintenance of the cemetery via the Darujme.cz portal.

The historic mikveh remained accessible on a limited basis in 2025 and was visited by 389 people.

By offering guided tours **The New Jewish Cemetery** was involved in the Open House festival as well as the Days of Žižkov Cultural Heritage, within which guided tours were given; preparations for an educational trail were also launched.

Concerts and cultural events at the Jerusalem Synagogue

In 2025, the series of **organ concerts** continued for the thirteenth year in a row, where a number of Czech organists performed. It was opened on 28 May 2025 by organist Václav Peter together with trumpeter Tomáš Hrbáček and soprano Olga Vít Krumpholzová; the proceeds of this charity concert were donated to Aliance žen s rakovinou prsu, o. p. s. [Breast Cancer Women's Alliance]. The series continued on 25 June 2025 with a concert by organist Jitka Chaloupková, accompanied by Václav Peter in compositions for two organs. On 30 July 2025, Marie Pochopová performed; followed by organist Ondřej Valenta on 27 August 2025; on 17 September 2025, the Czech-Spanish organist Lucie Guerra Žáková gave a concert; and the final concert of this series was performed by Přemysl Kšica on 22 October 2025. As a rule, the concerts began at 6.00 pm and the musical programme did not exceed 70 minutes. Similar to the last year, the project was purely educational, with voluntary admission.

On 26 March 2025, a concert and lecture in memory of Viktor Ullmann were hosted at the Jerusalem Synagogue.

On 20 November 2025, an event entitled “When Memory Meets Art” took place at the Jerusalem Synagogue in collaboration with JCC Prague, the Lauder Schools and the Modrásci choir from Litoměřice. The performance included a bilingual programme interweaving Czech poems written by children in Terezín with Hebrew songs telling a story of new beginnings – of personal, communal and national rebirth. Pupils from the Lauder Schools guided the audience on this musical journey, introducing them to the powerful stories of these people.

In 2025, **the Festival of Lights** was held at the Jerusalem Synagogue on Wednesday 17 December 2025, when the fourth candle was lit on the Hanukkah. Similar to previous years, the programme was presented by Milan Hein with elegance. The attendance was welcomed by Pavel Král, Chairman of the Prague Community; actress Kristýna Hrušínská and singer and actor David Kraus spoke about the history and significance of Hanukkah; the candles were lit by David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague; and, as always, the children from the Feigele Theatre, led by Vida Neuwirthová, performed. Young harpists from the Harfičky ensemble performed under the direction of Pavla Jahodová Vondráčková, whose daughter Eliana played the flute solo. The Brno klezmer band HaChucpa scored a great success. Václav Peter played the organ both at the beginning and end of the concert. Special thanks also go to Vladimír Železný for lending the historic hanukkiah.

Days of European Cultural Heritage

In September 2025, as part of the European Heritage Days, a guided tour in the footsteps of Jewish architects take place in Letná, Prague.

Day of Jewish Monuments

On 11 August, the seventh year of the Day of Jewish Monuments (DJM) event was held in the Czech Republic. The objective of the event was to make available and visible several dozen regional monuments, synagogues and cemeteries, which 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 in the Day of Jewish Monuments. All the buildings were accessible free of charge or for a voluntary admission fee. In total, 45 cemeteries and 34 synagogues as well as other monuments were made accessible at 53 locations across the Czech Republic (including the “10 stars” monuments).

III. Obecní noviny (Community Newspaper)

Publication of the internal, news bulletin, not for sale, intended for JCP members called *Obecní noviny* (ON, Community Newspaper), continued in 2025; eleven regular editions were published. The newspaper is published in both printed and electronic form, which can be found on the Community website. The online version of *Obecní noviny* is in colour. The graphic design of the printed version is based on the JCP corporate design. *Rabínský list* (Letter from the Rabbi) was inserted into *Obecní noviny* as an independent supplement prepared by the Rabbinate

Through its regular publishing of news from the Representation and the JCP management meetings, as well as information about social events and upcoming events, *Obecní noviny* facilitates greater awareness and better communication amongst the members of the JCP.

In January 2025, ON published an interview with the new JCP Chairman Pavel Král, along with an interview with František Bányai about the fourteen years during which he served as the JCP Chairman, and an interview with Erika Landischová about the JCP volunteer programme.

In 2025, a double-spread continued to be published regarding the information from the Laudre Schools, prepared by Kateřina Weberová. There was a steady stream of reflections of Chief Rabbi Efraim K. Sidon (*He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best, Reflections on the Title of Nasi, A Reason for the Exodus from Egypt (a lecture for Passover), Trump and Biden, A Wedding in the Shtachim, When Chaim Cigan Wrote, Letter 5786, Three Meanings, One Word, Farewell to Ivan, The Era of the Prince*). The work of the Rabbinate (*Activities of the Rabbinate and the Three-Generation Community Centre*) was a regular topic of articles.

Readers were informed that further Stolpersteine, or Stones of the Disappeared, had been laid in Prague and other cities or towns of the Czech Republic. The installation of the stones is carried out by the Public Benefit Association for the Support of Persons affected by Holocaust, headed by František Bányai and Hermína Neuner, in a close cooperation with Trevor Sage, who cleans the Stones of the Disappeared and had authored the second volume of the book *Prague Stolpersteine – Stones of the Disappeared, Volume II. 2022–2024*.

In addition, ON reported on the restoration of the memorial plaque “Righteous among the Nations”, which was ceremonially unveiled on 18 September in the courtyard of the Pinkas Synagogue. The memorial plaque is dedicated to those brave Czech people of non-Jewish descent who, during the Shoah, risking their own lives and those of their next-of-kin, saved Jewish citizens.

The newspaper regularly published reports cultural programmes organised by the Jewish Museum Prague, in the Department of Education and Culture and at the Maisel Synagogue. The newspaper also informed of the forthcoming commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the establishment of the Museum in 906 (*The Present and Future Prospects*). The Federation of Jewish Communities donated the Terezín transport card index to the archives of the Jewish Museum in Prague.

The newspaper also brought an interview with organist and script editor Václav Peter about the upcoming organ concerts in the Jerusalem Synagogue.

Readers learnt about new activities of the JCP Social Department (*the Health Club*).

Particular attention was paid to the Israel's war against Palestinian terrorism (*Commemoration of the terrorist attack on 7 October 2023; The Same Hatred, a Different Date; Commemorative Gathering Marking the Second Anniversary of Hamas's Terrorist Attack on Israel; Israel is not Fighting Hamas Alone; A Discussion with Gad Shimron: More than just Israel and Hamas; an interview with Gad Shimron, an Israeli journalist, writer and former Mossad agent; Rami Davidian: A Story of Israeli Heroism from 07 October 2023 / The Man who Saved Hundreds of Lives; Andrew Fox: The War in Gaza and the West's Casualty Figures*).

ON published information from Kfar Aza kibbutz in Israel regarding the use of the funds donated to the kibbutz by the JCP:

The Psychology Hub of Mrs Golda and memory exercises continued to be published.

Readers learnt of the 10th anniversary of the death of Tomáš Fritta Haas (son of Bedřich Fritta), the death of Jan Líněk, architect of the Hagibor Social Care Facility, Ing. arch. Jiří Munk, Dita Krausová, one of the last survivors of the Shoah, and the writer Ivan Klíma.

The Life Stories column featured tributes to Chaim Weizmann, the first President of the State of Israel, and Nahum Goldmann, founder and President of the WJEC (World Jewish Congress) and President of the WZO (World Zionist Organization). Readers were treated to interviews with Michaela Vidláková, Pavel Kosatík (book *Pursuing Business under the Star of David*) and Tereza Kotláríková on the development of education and leisure programmes for children and young people at the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, or Professor Kateřina Králová not only on her book *Homecoming*.

In 2025, the newspaper also brought information on new books as well as excerpts from selected books in the Welcome to the Library section.

The newspaper briefly reported on noteworthy projects, published contributions to current political issues and information on the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic. Its readers were informed in detail of the financial performance of the JCP in the previous year and the approved budget for the following year. The editor-in-chief was Petr Balajka.

IV. Cultural and Social Events, Celebrations of Jewish Holidays, Commemorative Events

In 2025, the Coffee at Four discussions were held fifteen times. The dates were adjusted to the availability of guests and lecturers, and to the Jewish calendar.

The guests in 2025 included: journalist, diplomat and former ambassador Daniel Kumermann, film director Jan Svěrák, journalist, diplomat and former ambassador Michael Žantovský, IT scientist Vladimír Mařík, model and philanthropist Tereza Maxová, director of the Centre for Memory and Dialogue Pavlína Šulcová, journalist Karel Hvížd'ala, actress Anna Polívková, performance of the theatre company Ty-já-tr – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, geriatrician MUDr. Zdeněk Kalvach, war correspondent Markéta Kutilová, actor and presenter Václav Kopta, actor Miroslav Hanuš, epidemiologist MUDr. Rastislav Maďar, actor Jan Jiráň.

In 2025, the Charles Jordan Guesthouse hosted various cultural and discussion events:

- *Café Jordan – Café with Boženka and Zuzana Peterová* (16 January, 27 March);
- *Exhibition opening – patchwork* (27 February);
- *How to cook, bake and fry with professional cook Jitka Jelínková for Passover* (10 April);
- *Josef Lustig in Café ZOOM* (May)
- *Meeting with Prague Rabbi David Peter* (06 March, Purim)
- *Chair for our Guest with the subtitle Meet Interesting People of Today* – Doc. Ing. Fedor Gál, DrSc. (28 January); Ing. Eva Jelínková (25 February); Eva Kosáková (29 April); Ph.D. Vendula Slowiková Segerová (27 May); PhDr. Pavel Král, Ph.D. (24 June); Vida Neuwirthová (25 November)

Exhibitions: 16 September – Paintings by JUDr. Dana Římanová

At the Shalom Restaurant: 12 February – *Tu Bishvat at the JCP*

Hall on the third floor of the JCP Town Hall:

19 February: *Works by leading Czech and German architects at the New Jewish Cemetery in Prague* (lecture by Pavel Veselý)

The Purim Cabaret - this evening celebration for adults took place on Thursday 13 March 2025. The programme at the community centre was opened by David Peter, Chief Rabbi of Prague, then Pavel Král, Chairman of the JPC, took the floor. As a traditional part of Purim at the community centre, a Purim play was rendered by Feigele Theatre of Vida Neuwirthová. After the play, music returned to the stage: FeverBand, a student brass big band based at the Ilja Hurník Primary Art and Music School, conducted by Miroslav Bárta during its first performance and by Luděk Bárta during its second, performed nine pieces by composers including Duke Ellington, Joe Zawinul and Benny Goodman. This performance was followed by a concert of the legendary pianist Ivan Klánský, who accompanied Daniel Klánský, baritone at the National Theatre. Their performance included both classical arias by W. A. Mozart and G. Rossini, as well as the song If I were a Rich Man from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Magician Martin Hruška showed several trick, engaging the audience for help. The Purim evening celebration was presented by Eliáš Gaydečka in a graceful manner. Purim 5785, organised by the JCP together with Bejt simcha, earned much success, the attendance was high and the atmosphere excellent.

16 March – **Purim for children** at the JCP. As the tradition goes, the celebration of Purim features an event organised especially for children and their parents. This year's Purim for children was opened by a creative workshop, led by experienced lecturers and madrichim. The children made and decorated masks and other carnival accessories, created a megillah or a clown, and played various games with madrichim. Children could also have their faces painted with all kinds of colourful designs. In the hall, the main programme began with the performance of the children's choir from the Lauder Schools, who sang Purim songs. This was followed by a traditional Purim story rendered by Feigele Theatre under the direction of Vida Neuwirthová. After this, Omer Tal had the kids dancing in no time.

The annual **Hanukkah** celebration ranks among the most popular and attended events. As tradition has it, the Jewish Community organised a much-anticipated celebratory evening on Sunday 14 December 2025 to mark this occasion; however, the evening was held in the shadow of the horrific terrorist attack on the Jewish community in Sydney. This tragedy was addressed by Pavel Král, Chairman of the Community, in his opening speech. The communal

Hanukkah programme proceeded in a dignified manner, Rabbi David Peter lit the first candle, and there was plenty of music - the children's choir Kol hanešama from the Lauder Schools, classical compositions for piano and violoncello were performed by Judita Škodová and Kateřina Ochmanová, an excellent rendition was given by Laudband, which performs at a professional level, and Petr Kostka and his wife, Carmen Mayerová, gave engaging readings of two excerpts from Leo Pavlát's book *Eight Lights*. A Hanukkah Disco Party was held on the third floor.

21 December 2025 – The community **Hanukkah celebration for children** scored a resounding success. Together with the children, we lit the eighth and last candle, thus illuminating the entire Hanukkah menorah. With its rich and varied programme, the children's Hanukkah celebration proceeded in a joyful and friendly atmosphere. The children enjoyed the creative workshops to their heart's content and could let their imagination run wild; with delight, they watched a theatre performance about the stolen Moon rendered by Feigle theatre under direction of Vida Neuwirthová. This was followed by a performance of magician Ondřej. Traditional Hanukkah delicacies were also served, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Commemorative events

A commemorative concert is traditionally held in the Spanish Synagogue to commemorate **Holocaust Remembrance Day** and the prevention of crime against humanity; this year, the concert took place on 29 January 2025. The Synagogue was filled to capacity with a number of representatives of diplomatic corps the world over, politicians, representatives of the organising bodies - the Jewish Museum in Prague, Jewish Community in Prague and the Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims. It goes without saying that the event was also attended by members of the Jewish community and other guests. The opening speeches were delivered by Pavla Niklová, Director of the Jewish Museum in Prague, Pavel Král, Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague, and Dita Krausová, who spoke on behalf of Shoah survivors.

The musical part of the evening featured a performance of NeoKlasik orchestra - a professional ensemble formed by conductor and baritone Václav Dlask in 2020. The orchestra specialises in contemporary works, whilst also paying attention to Terezín composers. The audience at the Spanish Synagogue enjoyed the works of Pavel Haas (Study for String Orchestra), Hans Krása (Dance for String Trio), Viktor Ullman (Autumn - a song with string

trio) and Gideon Klein (Partita for String Orchestra). The final composition of the evening was the Lullaby for Terezín by the contemporary Greek composer and teacher Marios Christou.

On 28 January 2025, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, in cooperation with the Office of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, organised the traditional commemorative gathering in the main hall of the Senate at the occasion of the Holocaust Remembrance Day and the prevention of crime against humanity. Since the President attended a memorial and commemorative event directly in Auschwitz, the commemorative gathering was held at Prague Castle a day later. The Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz was liberated on 27 January 1945. Before the programme began, the survivors took the opportunity to meet the President in person. The commemorative event was attended by as many as 400 guests. The gathering was presented by Jakub Železný and broadcast live by the Czech Television.

In his speech, Petr Pavel, President of the Republic, emphasised the importance of remembering and commemorating the Holocaust. Miloš Vystrčil, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, perceives the Holocaust also as a distinctive warning beacon, which shows the direction we must follow today, ensuring that past mistakes are not repeated. Martin Baxa, Minister of Culture, urged us not to content ourselves with learning about and understanding the Nazi machinery, but also to learn about the individual fates of specific people and families and, above all, to understand the reasons behind the Holocaust. Mrs Hana Sternlicht (born in 1930), a former prisoner of the Nazi Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp, travelled to the commemorative gathering from Israel. Jana Horváthová, Director of the Museum of Romani Culture, recalled that more than 22,000 European Roma and Sinti perished in the Auschwitz camp complex.

Petr Papoušek, the Chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, as the final speaker at the commemorative gathering, pointed out in his speech that the history of Auschwitz is not only a story of human suffering, but also a story of human bravery. In conclusion, the Chief Rabbi of the Land, Karol Efraim Sidon, recited the El Male Rachamim prayer (“God Full of Mercy”) for the souls of the deceased. During the commemorative gathering, concert compositions by Erich Wolfgang Korngold and Ernest Bloch were rendered by Judita Škodová, Kateřina Ochmanová and David Šimečka of the Quasi Trio. The Širat hajam orchestra of the Lauder Schools and the children’s choir Kol

hanešama, conducted by Helena Ester Divecká and featuring solo performances by Omer Tal and Gréta Joranová, performed the song *Am Yisrael Chai*. The commemorative gathering was held thanks to the financial support of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and the Jewish Community in Prague.

The traditional memorial service at the **Pinkas Synagogue** has been organised by the Terezín Initiative for several decades to mark the massacre of the Terezín family camp in the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp. This year's remembrance ceremony was opened on 07 March 2025 by Martin Stránský, Chairman of the Terezín Initiative. Then six candles were lit by Justýna Kolárová in memory of the victims of the Shoah. The keynote address, a deeply personal one, was delivered by Holocaust survivor Pavel Hoffmann. The event concluded with prayers recited by the Chief Rabbi of the Land, Efraim K. Sidon.

On 24 April 2025, the traditional memorial service for victims of the genocide of the Jewish people was held at the occasion of **Yom HaShoah**, this year untypically at the High Synagogue. The Synagogue was filled to capacity, children from the Lauder Schools were in attendance as well as Iris Malka, Consul at the Israeli Embassy. The audience was welcomed by Pavel Král, Chairman of the Jewish Community. Then Mrs Helen Epstein - an American writer and journalist, daughter of survivors, born in Prague, delivered a speech. The programme was accompanied throughout by the sounds of the harp and flute, performed by Pavla Vondráčková and her daughter Eliana. Petra Ernyeiová performed the song *A Yiddishe Mame*. Reflections by Elie Wiesel were read by actors Tomáš Karger and David Kraus. The poems, composed during this tragic and inhumane period, were read by Milena Krupičková and Eliana Vondráčková. The Consul began the reading of the victims' names, having read the first four. Many more names of victims of the Shoah were then read by the actors. The Chief Rabbi of the Land Karol E. Sidon recited a prayer for the deceased, and the Israeli hymn Hatikvah was sung at the end.

The traditional **Terezín Memorial Service** to honour victims of Nazi persecution, held on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the liberation, took place on Sunday 18 May 2025 at the National Cemetery in Terezín, in front of the Small Fortress. Jan Roubínek, Director of the Terezín Memorial, gave the opening speech. The keynote address was delivered by Petr Fiala, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, in the presence of Petr Pavel, President of the Republic, and other senior constitutional officers. The gathering was attended by

representatives of diplomatic corps of the countries whose nationals had passed through the repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice. Fedor Gál, a survivor of the Terezín Ghetto, born in Terezín in March 1945, spoke on behalf of the survivors. A Christian prayer was recited by the vicar of the Diocese of Litoměřice Radek Jurnečka, and the Jewish prayer by the Chief Rabbi of the Land Karol Efraim Sidon. The memorial service was concluded with songs by Jewish composers rendered by the Puellae Cantantes Choir. This was followed by a prayer at the memorial bearing the Star of David, where President Petr Pavel laid a wreath.

On Sunday 23 November 2025, the traditional **memorial service for those who perished on the Patria** was held at the New Jewish Cemetery. The memorial service was also attended by the new Israeli ambassador, Amir Weissbrod, and Aleš Knížek, Director of the Military History Institute, and Miroslav Grégr (born on 13 December 1929), a 96-year-old son of Emil Grégr, a veteran of Tobruk.

Amir Weissbrod addressed the gathering. Drawing on documentary evidence, Aleš Knížek recounted the story of the men rescued from the *Patria*, who joined the army and, having taken the oath, became soldiers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rabbi Karol Efraim Sidon recited a prayer, and Ambassador Amir Weissbrod said the Kaddish.

V. Report on the Activities of Individual JCP Departments

1. Rabbinate

The powers of the Rabbinate include: arranging for all of the religious activities of the JCP, organising 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), preparing for bar and bat mitzvahs, 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. The Rabbinate is also responsible for the inspection of kosher foods at production facilities, composing lists of kosher foods for the

needs of the JCP members, and for the operation of the New Jewish Cemetery and the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov.

The Rabbinate publishes a monthly supplement to *Obecní noviny* titled Rabínské listy (Letter from the Rabbi), kosher list and Pesach Guide.

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, Shmuel Rosenberg (assistant to Rabbi for community matters)

Rabbinate Secretary: Dagmar Dushinsky

Kashrut Coordinator: Chaim Kočí

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

Mashgiachs: Marie Goldbergerová, Milan Walter, Hata Dejmalová, Vasyl Tafi, Benjamin Polakovič

Balanit in the Mikveh: Dagmar Dushinsky, Marta Polakovičová, Ojuna Sidonová, Pavla Nohejlová

Shameses: Andrej Weissman (Old-New Synagogue and High Synagogue), Milan Walter (Jerusalem Synagogue), Václav Peter (Hagibor Social Care Facility)

Prayers: weekday morning and afternoon prayers in the High Synagogue, Shabbat and holiday prayers in the Old, Jerusalem and High Synagogues.

Bar Mitzvah: 8

Bat Mitzvah: 3

Funerals: 15

For the year 2025, the JCP accepted 28 fully-fledged members, 17 special status holders, 3 guests and renewed the membership of 5 persons, and membership was extended for 19 persons; the number of midrash students stood at 11.

Tours and commemorative events: representatives of the Rabbinate participated in 13 events.

Kashrut: In our daily routine, we arranged for the kosher operation of the JCP catering facilities - the Shalom Restaurant, Lauder Schools and Hagibor. On a daily basis, we also kosher supervised the Mamacoffee café chain, Terpet's Trdelník and coffee, and the Mizlala kosher restaurant in Hybernská Street. Cooperation with the King David Hotel and the ChocoCafé and Café Ebel cafés continued. We maintained our cooperation with Mansson and Le Caveau bakeries in Prague, as well as with dairies in Velké Meziříčí and Polná to provide basic food for our members. We reviewed and published a new kosher list of suitable kosher

food products available from the standard retail network. Special attention was paid to providing the necessary products in kosher quality for the needs of the Hagibor Social Care Facility and the Lauder Schools.

Our portfolio comprises 21 certified companies, for which we provide ongoing kosher certification of their products. In 2025, we carried out kosher audits, thus preparing milVIVA AG, a manufacturer of food supplements, for kosher certification, and extending the certification of OILSEED, s.r.o., by dried fruit.

Our mashgiachs also arranged for special kosher production runs, this year including the production of kosher nachos for Nuevo Progreso, s. r. o..

New Jewish Cemetery/Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov

The New Jewish Cemetery (NJC) is a protected historical building. Since this cemetery has been used continually for funerals of deceased persons of the Jewish faith since 1890, it requires constant and increasingly costly care. Operation of this cemetery and the urn depository are subject to the regulations for non-public cemeteries applicable as of 01 January 2002 and by the religious customs of the Jewish community.

In 2025, we conducted 15 traditional funerals in observance orthodox religious practice, yet with every effort to accommodate the wishes of the bereaved, who are often not practitioners themselves. Two of those funerals were, by the nature of circumstances of death, held in a special mode. Before each funeral, we consulted the bereaved families to ensure that the meaning and process of traditional funerals were understood. We also provided assistance in dealing with the authorities and other follow-up activities. The preparation and conduct of traditional funerals were conducted in cooperation with the cemetery team and the Chevra Kadisha of the Czech Republic in carrying out the ritual preparation of the deceased – tahara.

Fifteen urns were also placed during this period, depending on the practice and wishes of some of the dying and survivors, either in special urn graves or, in rare cases, in existing family graves. These burials were also carried out with the utmost reverence and with the addition of spiritual content if the survivors agreed.

During the period under review, four meetings were held to mark death anniversaries and the erection of new headstones, a practice that is traditionally related to the family's wishes and religious sentiments. Furthermore, the tragedy of the Patria was commemorated.

The NJC Ritual Administration cooperated with Matana a. s. on the maintenance of the greenery and the gradual renovation of damaged gravestones including the addition of

missing gravestones. The new cemetery database was continuously updated to correspond as closely as possible to the contemporary situation.

Close cooperation continued with Chevra Kadisha Czech Republic, a key partner for cooperation in the field of ritual matters associated with cemeteries and burials. Members of Chevra Kadisha are also actively involved in the creation of the necessary Minyans, they visit the sick, participate in the ritual preparation of the deceased and assist in other ritual acts.

We provided consultations to individuals and educational institutions, and several guided tours were held during the year.

Ritual oversight of the preserved area of the Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov was also conducted, with special emphasis on the protection of the rest of the cemetery as a hole and emphasis on yahrzeit of Rabbi Yechezkel Landau. Special attention was also paid to yahrzeit of Rabbi Löw at the Old Jewish Cemetery in Josefov.

Three-generation Community Centre (TGCC)

The Three-generation Community Centre continued both in cooperation with the Rabbinate and independently in the community, educational and cultural areas in close cooperation with various departments of the JCP, the Federation of Jewish Communities and other entities (the Lauder Schools, JCC, Beyhad Association, Federation of Jewish Communities, Feigele, Hakoach, Mishpacha and Czech Union of Jewish Youth).

In 2025, TGCC events of the were funded by the JCP, JDC, Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, City District of Prague 1 and Metropolitan Authority of the Capital City of Prague.

The major events of 2025 included:

- **Tu bi-shvat**
 - workshops for children
 - Tu bi-shvat dinner
- **Purim**
 - joint celebration for children at the JCP (workshops for children, programme for parents with children – theatre, clown, carnival)
 - Purim disco party on the 3rd floor
- **Pesach**
 - Pesach programme for children + picnic and programme for families and children
 - Pesach trip

- **Yom haacmaut**
 - celebration at the JCP (workshops for children, prayer, concert, party in the dining room)
- **Shavuot**
 - decoration of the Old-New Synagogue
- **Rosh Hashanah**
 - festive prayer and workshops for children
 - joint lunch at the JCP followed by tashlich and madrichah programme
- **Sukkot**
 - Sukkah decoration with creative workshops
 - festive prayer and programme for children in the sukkah
- **Simchat Tora**
 - holiday programme for children in the Synagogue and the Community
- **Hanukkah**
 - children's party at the JCP – workshops for children, theatre, contests
 - Hanukkah party on the 3rd floor
- **Community Shabbat evenings**
- **World Shabbat Project**
- **Sports day at Hagibor** for children from Bejachad and Lauder Schools and seniors
- **Workshops at Hagibor** for children from Bejachad and Lauder Schools and for seniors
- **Rosh Chodesh party for women**
- **Jewish Theatre Club**

2. JCP Social and Medical Facilities

The main objective of the work pursued by the 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 - field-based social and medical care,

2. Social Department - social activation services for senior citizens and persons with a medical disability, community social work for JCP members and the Care Service at the Charles Jordan Guesthouse,

3. Hagibor Social Care Facility, day care and relief services - residential and outpatient social care,

4. Vehicle Transportation Centre,

5. General Practitioner Centre - medical care

2.1. Ezra Comprehensive Home Care

Ezra Comprehensive Home Care (hereinafter as the “Ezra CHC”) is a non-state medical facility and registered field-based “Personal Assistance” social service. Since 2002, it has provided the users of the service with an interconnected form of medical and social care in their natural social environment based on 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 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.

Comprehensive social and medical services were 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, who derive their personal goals from Jewish traditions 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 in observance of the clients’ individual needs.

In **2025**, Ezra CHC attended to 87 clients. These clients were provided with social, medical and occupational-therapeutic care.

Comprehensive services provided by Ezra CHC in 2025:

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 Social Services Act No. 108/2006 and Regulation No. 505/2006 Coll., Section 5;

occupational therapy - expert medical care pursuant to Regulation No. 55/2011 Coll.;
compensatory aid rental.

The costs for the services were financed using several resources - the JCP, Claims Conference grant, state and private grants and subsidies (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic, Municipality of Prague 6 and 10), health insurance companies, grant from the Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, financial assistance from the Association for Persons Affected by the Holocaust, and clients' financial involvement.

The EZRA CHC team, led by Director Ing. Eva Jelínková, is composed of the following positions: head nurse, nurses, social workers, personal assistants, occupational therapists and administrative workers. In 2025, the team consisted of 29 employees. More information is available on the JCP website: www.kehilaprag.cz a www.ergoterapiepraha.cz.

2.2. Social Department

2.2.1. Social activation services for senior citizens and persons with medical disabilities

Social activation services for senior citizens and persons with medical disabilities are mainly intended for persons who belong to the Jewish community and their close families who find themselves in an adverse social situation either due to reasons of age, loss of independence, illness, crisis situation or a health condition.

The following activities are provided as part of these services:

Social consulting was primarily related to information in the area of compensation, social services, social benefits, work consultations and the options of follow-up services. Social workers also provide assistance with writing and submitting claims for compensation, social benefits, and the handling of 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 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 – physical exercise at Janovského, Maiselova and the gym at Hagibor SCF, individual physiotherapy at home and at the JCP Town Hall, trips and outdoor walks, reconditioning and wellness stays (Šumava, Hejnice, Českomoravská vysočina).

In 2025, a total of **126 clients (17 men, 109 women)** utilized these services and **4,487 hours of direct care** was provided.

2. 2. 2 Community social work for members of the JCP

The community social work is provided by the Social Department through social workers and its offer includes:

Contact point – assistance in crises, handling urgent situations

Social work for members of the community outside the target group of registered social services (families with children, foreigners, middle-aged people)

Arranging assistance from other organizations and institutions

Volunteering programme

System of social support and assistance

Volunteering programme for local volunteers and volunteers from abroad. The programme is accredited by the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, and its main activities primarily include the Miriam Volunteer Café in Na balkoně Club and visits to clients' homes. In 2025, **40 volunteers** had a volunteer contract, **with approximately 30 more** volunteering on a one-off or informal basis by reason of their connection to the Jewish community, where volunteering is one of the basic mitzvot of Judaism.

In 2025, four foreign volunteers worked at 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.

Maiselovka Club. The main theme of 2025 was the launch of the Maiselovka Club project.

This new community programme is run by the Jewish Community in Prague, implemented by the Social Department and its focus is on people aged 65 and over. In the community, there are more than 700 senior citizens and some of them face social isolation, limited participation in the community life and challenges associated with ageing. The project responds to the need for systematic support for active, dignified and meaningful ageing.

The project is aimed at improving the quality of life for senior citizens by way of regular educational, cultural, physical and social activities, while strengthening their sense of belonging to the community at the same time. The emphasis is placed on preventing isolation, supporting personal development, wellbeing and intergenerational dialogue. Another purpose of the project is to reach out to those members of the Community who have not yet been actively engaged. Over the summer, we contacted more than 380 community members aged between 65 and 80 by telephone.

Planned activities include educational workshops (e.g. digital literacy), cultural programmes and outings, physical activities, discussion and literary clubs, meetings with experts in physical and mental health and informal community gatherings with guests.

2.2.3 Care services

The care services are provided in clients' homes in Prague and mainly involve assistance in coping with common tasks of personal care, assistance with hygiene and household care, providing meals, shopping, errands, accompaniment. Field-based services for clients in the field are available on business days from 8 am to 8 pm. In 2025, we rendered services to **182 clients (122 women, 60 men)** with restricted self-sufficiency, especially in levels 1 and 2 of dependency, and as many as **8,741 hours of direct care** were provided.

The objective pursued by us is for our clients to live at home, in familiar and safe surroundings, for as long as possible, with support that helps them stay as self-sufficient and independent as possible.

The team of the Social Department team worked in the following composition: the centre manager, four social workers, a psychotherapist, an administrative assistant, a financial assistant, a coordinator of volunteers, a community engagement worker, a physiotherapist and exercise instructors. The care services are provided by social workers, the care service coordinator and the meal delivery coordinator, as well as nine carers and five employees arranging for lunch delivery.

2.3. Hagibor Social Care Facility

The Hagibor Social Care Facility (HSCF) is a social care facility that provides registered social and other follow-up services.

The following registered social services were provided in 2025: Retirement Home with 47 beds, Relief Services with a capacity of 15 beds and a Day Care Centre with a capacity of five places.

The **Retirement Home** residential service offers permanent accommodation, full board, and social care pursuant to Section 49 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., Section 15 of Regulation No. 505/2006 Coll., and medical care to senior citizens in the scope under specialisation 913. The service is intended for senior citizens who, owing to their 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 2025, the services of the Retirement Home were used by a total of 62 clients (47 women and 15 men). A total of 12 clients was admitted (12 of which directly from the HSCF) and one client stopped using the services since he moved to a different establishment. The average age of clients of this service was 89.

The **Relief Services** provide essential rest for families or persons caring for their next-of-kin at home. These services are intended for people with reduced self-sufficiency due to age, chronic illness or disability, who require temporary provision of round-the-clock care. The scope of social care is regulated by Section 44 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., and Section 10 of Regulation No. 505/2006 Coll. The maximum length of stay is three months.

A total of 42 clients (28 women and 14 men) availed of the Relief Services in 2025. Some clients used the Relief Services repeatedly, whilst a total of 14 clients went over to the Retirement Home services. The capacity of the relief beds was fully utilized. The average age of clients of this service was 87.

The outpatient **Day Care Centre** is intended for senior citizens who, due to their health condition and reduced independence age need assistance or should be supervised during the day. Clients come to the centre from their homes. The scope of social care is regulated by Section 46 of Act No. 108/2006 Coll., and Section 12 of Regulation No. 505/2006 Coll. The Day Care Centre had a maximum capacity of five clients in 2025; a total of four contracts was registered.

Professional care of clients

The care of HSCF clients is provided in accordance with Act on Social Services No. 108/ 2006 Coll., and Act on Health Services No. 372/2011 Coll.

All services are provided with special emphasis on the needs of Shoah survivors and persons whose life goals are based on Jewish traditions and roots.

In 2025, the age of survivors continued to rise, a fact that led to an increase in the number of diseases and the development of the geriatric frailty syndrome, which demands increased attention from the staff. The composition of the client population was more typical of a post-acute care facility, which placed considerable demands on staffing and the frequency of specialist healthcare procedures.

The trend of admitting clients in a serious health condition continued; some clients had already received palliative care. Towards the end of a client's life, direct care staff worked closely with the client's family, enabled them to be with the client until the very end, and provided them with emotional support also after the client's death. Traditionally, a memorial

corner with the client's photograph was set up, and families were allowed to organise a memorial gathering one year after the death of their loved one.

Thanks to the high quality of the care provided, the incidence of decubitus was minimal and occurred mainly in clients in the terminal stage of life.

Acting upon our experience earned in the previous year, we placed greater emphasis on our staff's satisfaction and the prevention of the burnout syndrome. Consultations with psychologist PhDr. Peterová continued, we promoted educational opportunities and paid greater attention to staff on an individual bases. We accommodated their requirements related to shifts and provided support in their difficult life situations. These measures helped reduce the staff's turnover.

One third of nurses was replaced - four of them left and six new nurses were hired. This process was rather challenging given the national shortage of nurses, both in terms of selection and the follow-up onboarding. The organisation of shifts turned complicated since there was a need to maintain the required staffing qualification ratios while ensuring continuous care. Night shifts were often covered by a single general nurse, which placed a considerable burden on the nurse concerned.

The charge nurse played an important role in coordinating the operation of the ward, communication with physicians and the organisation of examinations. Accordingly, the charge nurse contributed to the efficient allocation of work and the provision of high-quality care.

The methodology specialists also played an indispensable role, when coordinating the work of care workers, overseeing compliance with hygiene and infection control rules, and ensuring that professional procedures were put into practice. Both of them continued their professional development.

The excellent cooperation with the Third Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, continued. Students undertook internships and summer practical trainings at the HSCF, traditionally with a very positive feedback. In addition, international students completed their internship at the HSCF as part of the Erasmus programme.

The system of regular meetings, including multidisciplinary and intervention consultations, was maintained. MUDr. Šubrt began to attend these meetings. During the year, conflicts between clients as well as challenging situations involving family members were handled. Last but not least, the staff dealt with occasional displays of aggression in the case of clients suffering from mental health disorders.

Healthcare system

Healthcare was provided by a total of nurses with 11.5 full-time equivalent workload (8.5 general nurses and 3 practical nurses) and two hospital orderlies. The care provided was reported to health insurance companies, within 913 specialty. The HSCF has contracts in place with the following health insurance companies: VZP, OZP, VOZP, ZPMV and ZP Škoda. A new contract was concluded with VZP for ergotherapy in May 2025. The contract for physiotherapy and ergotherapy is valid until 31 December 2035.

The team further consisted of physiotherapists, an occupational therapist, a nutrition therapist, a geriatrician, a psychiatrist and a psychotherapist. For clients, regular physiotherapy and ergotherapy are of an essential importance. Regular medical care was rendered by general practitioners MUDr. Přemysl Šubrt and MUDr. Karin Taussig, geriatrician MUDr. Zdeněk Kalvach and geriatric psychiatrist MUDr. Mira Babiaková.

Multidisciplinary and intervention meetings

Multidisciplinary meetings with a focus on the development of health condition and individual needs of HSCF clients were held regularly, on a weekly basis, and each client's case was discussed at least once a month or more frequently, as necessary. The meetings also provided an option of a consultation with a geriatrician for pre-selected clients, especially in the event of significant deterioration in health. The geriatrician proposed the most appropriate as well as the least invasive approach to nursing care, including the provision of palliative care, as appropriate. The supportive approach to clients' families was maintained through consultation meetings within a broader team, attended also by family members. The aim of these meetings was to inform the family of the client's health condition and the related aspects of the individual care. Intervention meetings were convened in acute situations.

Intervention meetings were summoned without delay (in the range of a few to 48 hours) if a serious problem arose in the care of a client, when a fast solution was required. Those meetings were attended by the relevant staff members, who could contribute to the resolution of the situation, including a social worker, the head nurse, the manager of the Regional Emergency Medical Service Centre, the director, a psychologist, also a general practitioner, geriatrician or psychiatrist, if necessary. Also clients and their family members were involved in the meetings where required.

Individualised care and programmes

Some clients continued to be provided general palliative care in cooperation with general practitioners, drawing on professional experience of geriatrician MUDr. Kalvach. Family members were kept informed of the health condition of their next-of-kin. The HSFC also provides an access to specialist consultations and support rendered by the organisation Cesta domů, which, however, was not availed of in 2025.

Biography - a life story: compiling a client's life story is rather time demanding, for the staff and family members alike. Also in 2025, thanks to extraordinary activities of a few members of our staff, we managed to compile life stories for several clients, which are used, for instance, in individual care plans.

The HSCF has worked, on a long-time basis, with reminiscence therapy, which helps to use clients' memories to enrich their present life. Reminiscence therapy encourages clients to recall their experiences by means of objects or verbal and non-verbal communication. The reminiscence therapy was also interconnected with the Namaste Care programme. This programme took place regularly in small communal rooms of B and D wards. The programme was designed, for instance, for client with advanced dementia, who are unable to participate in daily activities in an active manner. This approach is based on an intensive individual care in a quiet and adjusted environment.

Overview of cultural and engagement activities

In 2025, the Day Activity Centre (DAC) continued to maintain a high standard of the services provided, further extending the offer of its activities. The DAC staff undertook continuous training and put forward new suggestions for the engagement of clients.

The "Together Across Generations" project, implemented in cooperation with the Bejachad Kindergarten and the Lauder Schools, proved very popular. The project took place four times a year, lasting one week each time. Mgr. Pellar came on a regular basis to add variety to the programme through his musical performances. The Golem Studio went on developing, newly in collaboration with art therapy student Eva Krejčí. Two larger and one small exhibition openings were organised.

Clients participated in outings, for instance to the Botanical Garden in Malešice or the Stromovka Park. As a novelty, culinary outings were introduced into the mix of activities. In summer months, most activities took place on the terrace and in the garden to enable our clients to spend as much time as possible outdoors.

Clients were also involved in the Štetl Fest, where their works were presented. Individual and group music therapy was introduced, and the collaboration with the Miriam Café, run by volunteers, was broadened.

The activities were carried out with respect to the clients' health and individual needs. The aim pursued was to enhance their psychological well-being, a sense of security and belonging, and motivation to cooperate with professional staff. Clients who were unable to participate in group activities were offered individual engagement activities in their rooms.

Volunteering

The cooperation with the Social Department of the JCP continued also in 2025. Volunteers took part in various activities - ranging from accompanying clients on walks and playing board games to individual visits paid to clients.

Interwoven with cultural activities, the Wednesday Miriam Café remained an important part of the programme. Moreover, volunteers were engaged in the organisation of various events, such as balls, concerts or outings. International students also played an important role.

Major events

Major events of the year included celebrations of Jewish festivals and significant days, such as Tu Bishvat, Purim, Passover, Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Lag Bomer, Jerusalem Day, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Simchat Torah and Hanukkah, as well as social events including the HSCF balls.

Staff professional development

Training of employees was undertaken in accordance with Act No. 108/2006 Coll. and the established plan. In excess of the plan requirements, the staff completed specialist trainings, attended conferences and courses with a focus, for instance, on:

- changes in the area of integrated social and healthcare services,
- staff motivation,
- hygiene and prevention of infections,
- use of digital technologies,
- provision of healthcare in social services,
- work with special needs clients,
- physiotherapy, ergotherapy and nutrition,

- palliative care and psychological themes.

A notable part of trainings was funded from a grant provided by the ČEZ Foundation entitled “Caring of carers: development, prevention and support of modern approaches.”

Professional collaboration with other entities

External services, especially hairdressing and chiropody, were provided on the HSCF premises.

Collaboration with the Social Department of the JCP continued in volunteering, as well as with secondary schools and higher education institutions, chiefly:

- Faculty of Medicine, Charles University – ergotherapy
- MAVO, s. r. o. – practical training of workers in social services
- Prague College of Psychosocial Studies
- Jahodovka Higher Vocational School of Social and Legal Education – social work
- College of Polytechnics Jihlava – general nursing care
- JABOK – College of Social Pedagogy and Theology

In 2025, the HSCF website was available at the address:

<https://www.kehilaprag.cz/cs/dsp-hagibor>

2.4 JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre

The JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre offers its services to members of the Jewish communities of the Czech Republic, JCP employees and members of associated groups. The Vehicle Transportation Centre’s services are linked to services provided by the JCP social and medical facilities, thereby sharing in the provision of comprehensive care of senior citizens.

The head of the JCP Vehicle Transportation Centre in 2025 was Dr. Radek Roule.

In 2025 the Vehicle Transportation Centre had one passenger car equipped with a platform. One driver of the car transport centre handled client orders together with external contractors Taxi Kužel, Tick Tack Taxi and Pragotour.

The total costs of the centre in 2025 were CZK 1,758,851; and 1,272 orders were handled.

Vehicle transportation in 2025 was funded from the following sources:

7% - client payments and CC fund (in 2024 - 6%),

91.5% - JCP centres (in 2024 - 86%),

1.5% - JCP (i.e. to the extent of economic losses; in 2024 - 8%).

The largest costs were incurred for lunch deliveries (82%, i.e., CZK 1,442,257; in 2024 - 80%) and for clients' trips (8%, i.e. CZK 140,708; in 2024 - 9%). The cost of travel for both of these purposes is supported by the Claims Conference according to the rules of the currently announced projects.

2.5 General Practitioner

The main activities of the general practitioner for the JCP at Hagibor is the provision of quality individual care of registered JCP patients, clients of Hagibor SCF and employees as part of the facility care system.

The office of the general practitioner works full time. Care was provided by MUDr. Přemysl Šubrt, MUDr. Karin Taussig and nurse Kateřina Čítková.

The office currently cares for 2,930 patients, 1,415 of whom are registered. We provide the following care:

Operation of a classic general practitioner's office for adults

Every day we provide medical, preventive, visiting and occupational care (ŽM, Matana, MAPO group, JJ group, Hartenberg group etc. - for patients at the Hagibor doctor's surgery). We perform blood sampling, and for patients, we perform basic CRP monitoring, swabs, etc. We have also arranged for procedures for the monitoring of uncomplicated metabolic diseases (diabetes, thyroid disorders...), as well as lung and prostate diseases, cardiological diseases. For persons suffering from hypertension, treatment success was monitored with the Holter BP.

Care of the residents of Charles Jordan Home

This care is provided through regular visits every week with the possibility of checking the health status of the residents as needed or required. Here, the procedure is coordinated with home care agencies (Ezra, Jaroš, s. r. o., Monada), the Social Department and the on-site care service.

Care of clients at the Hagibor SCF

We make daily visits where we check the health condition of clients whose health has deteriorated or need their treatments to be adjusted.

Multidisciplinary meetings are held weekly – with occupational therapy, rehabilitation and social workers and other representatives of various medical specialties, where a common and coordinated approach to the care of clients has been set.

3. Library and Information Centre, Pre-archival Care Centre

The Library of the Jewish Community of Prague is a public library that serves not only the Community's members and staff, but also readers from the general public.

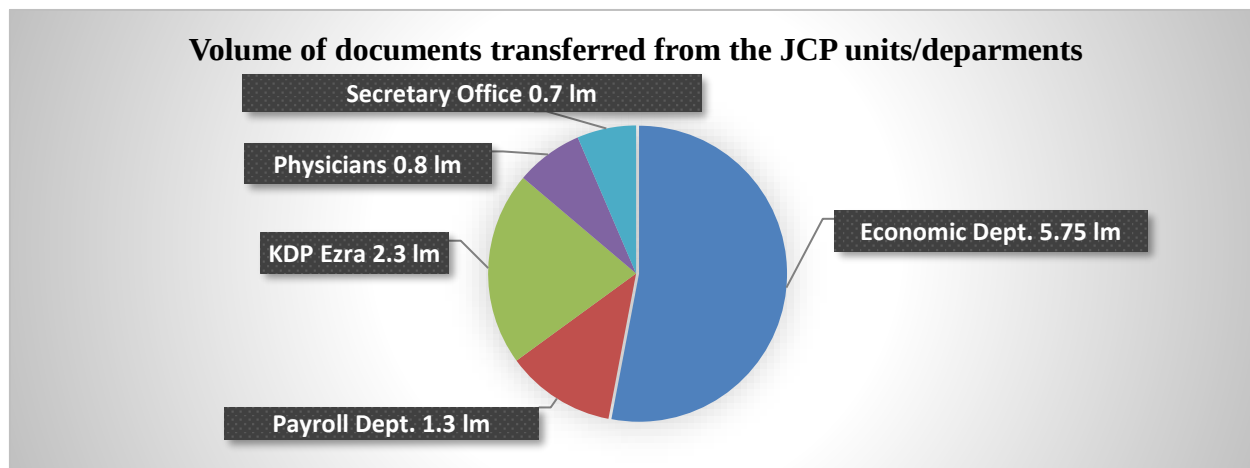
For our library, we purchase, process and lend out books by Jewish authors and books with Jewish themes, primarily fiction, but also professional literature including Judaica and topics related to the Holocaust. In 2025, the library purchased a total of 178 new books which were processed and included in the library collection. Of these, 110 titles were purchased, and 68 titles were donated. This year, we purchased 9 new additions for our child readers.

This year 102 readers visited the library, six of whom were new registrants. A total of 206 books were borrowed. Readers are regularly informed about new books through *Obecní noviny* or the library website, where we publish our newly purchased books once a month.

The library collection of the Jewish Community Library is now available through the online catalogue Jáchymka from the web link: <https://jachymka.katalog.jabok.cz>. At this link, readers can check whether the desired book is included in the collection and under what mark. We plan to launch an on-line borrowing protocol, which will enable users to manage their reader accounts and to order the books searched for.

The role of the **Information Centre and Pre-Archival Care Centre** (hereinafter as the “PCC”) is to respond to researchers' queries that are sent to the Community's address or directly to the PCC. Those queries vary, and most often include requests for information for survivors or documentation to aid in the search for relatives/ancestors who perished in the Holocaust. The total of **30 queries** were received in 2025. In most cases, enquirers were referred to publicly available sources (Jewish registers held at the National Archives, the database of victims on the website www.holocaust.cz, etc.); however, in five cases it was necessary to search through the documentation held in the repository.

In 2025, the PCC also took over documents from the JCP individual units and departments. In that year, documents in the total volume of **10.85 linear meters** were taken to the depository. By the individual units or departments, the composition of the material transferred was as follows:



In 2025, a further portion of documents to be placed in the selection of the archives outside the shredding procedures was determined. In addition to the approximately 20 linear meters determined last year, **a further approximately 10 linear meters** were prepared for shredding this year. These documents comprise a further portion of primary accounting documents from ZF CC up to 2011, as well as multiple copies of periodicals and special publications (Obecní noviny, calendars, annual reports, etc.).

4. Centre of Catering Services, Shalom Restaurant

Our Shalom restaurant arranges for the preparation of kosher meals for the JCP staff, their families, tourists as well as residents of the Charles Jordan Guesthouse.

The Restaurant's catering services for the community and its associations at meetings, discussions, holiday celebrations and special occasions are also an integral part of its work.

In 2025, five permanent staff members and nine occasional helpers were involved in the running of the Restaurant. As many as 20,000 meals were prepared here, not only as regular daily lunches, but also in a form of Shabbat meals and festive banquets.

The Restaurant's chef is Moshe Sabah, who is committed to its further development and strives to expand its potential for the local community and tourists alike.

5. Economic Department

In 2025, the Economic Department performed all the necessary duties of a legal entity. It employed eight permanent full-time employees in the following positions: Head of the Economic Department, two chief accountants (overlap for a part of the year), a payroll

accountant, three financial accountants and a cashier. An external expert provided IT management.

6. Security Department

Security remained one of the priorities of the Jewish Community in Prague in 2025. Similar to previous years, the year 2025 saw a worsened security situation following the events in the Middle East, directly affecting the security situation in the rest of the world, including Europe, or the Czech Republic, and brought with it a marked increase in anti-Semitism. Accordingly, this phenomenon has become a new norm.

In addition to the normal operation of the individual protected facilities of the JCP and holiday and Sabbath services, the Security Department (SD) provided security for approximately 200 community, religious, cultural and public events. Security personnel served almost 20,000 hours last year.

As in previous years, a team of security analysts was dedicated to the systematic data collection on anti-Semitism in the Czech Republic. In a year-on-year comparison over the past five years, there has been a significant and constant increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents. The Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic prepared annual reports on the manifestations of anti-Semitism and arranged for their media coverage on the basis of input from the JCP. The Jewish Museum in Prague used the annual reports on manifestations of anti-Semitism in its educational programmes for pupils, students and teachers.

Through the SD, the 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 05 April 2016 between the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, the Police of the Czech Republic and the City of Prague as one party, and the Federation of Jewish Communities, JMP and Chabad Lubavitch as the other party. By coordinating the joint security activities mainly during important Jewish holidays, we managed to continue in the good practice, connected to the Memorandum.

7. Operations Department

The main tasks of the Operations Department include:

ensuring the trouble-free operation of the organisation's equipment and the proper condition of buildings directly used by the JCP,

ensuring the periodic course of inspections of technical equipment and carrying out inspection and control activities in fire prevention and occupational safety.

The Operations Department coordinates the work performed by Matana and collaborates in project preparation. The Operations Department collaborates with JMP on the registration and execution of loans of collection items. In technical and personnel terms, the department arranges for social and cultural events for the JCP. The Operations Department is also in charge of purchasing technical and protective material.

VI. Matana, a. s.

Sídlo: 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 of Prague, operates as an independent commercial company separated from its founder, in charge for the management of real estate and care of Jewish monuments. Powers of the General Meeting are exercised by the Jewish Community in Prague. The company is headed as a statutory body a Board of Directors, whose members are elected by the sole shareholder, who also appoints the 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 2025 was 25, of whom three were managers.

In mid-2025, there was a change in the composition of the company's statutory bodies, which was as follows:

Board of Directors: JUDr. et Mgr. Alice Güttlerová – Chairwoman of the Board of Directors

Ing. Mojmír Malý

Ing. Zdeněk Skála

Ing. Daniel Kosta – do 25 June 2025

JUDr. Ludovít Katuščák – until 25 June 2025

František Bányai – from 26 June 2025

Mgr. Šimon Fiala – from 26 June 2025

Supervisory Board: JUDr. Tomáš Pezl – Chairman

František Bányai – until 25 June 2025

Tomáš Hruďa – until 25 June 2025

Marta Zveibil Hrubá – from 26 June 2026

Also in 2025, the main activity performed by Matana a. s. was the management of the properties of the Jewish Community of Prague. Matana also performs these activities for the Jewish Community of Prague Foundation, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, and the Hagibor Foundation. This involves not only the management of commercial buildings mainly in Prague but also the management of 273 Jewish cemeteries (181 belonging to the JCP), 40 synagogues (30 belonging to the JCP) and 150 cemetery buildings of all shapes and sizes throughout the Czech Republic.

Non-residential premises

In 2025, the situation was stable, and no major tenants terminated their contracts in our clients' homes. Slightly higher rental income was achieved compared to our expectations. The majority of our tenants' establishments kept operating without major problems, and an occupancy rate of almost 100 percent was thus reported.

Energy prices remained stable throughout 2025, though at significantly higher levels compared to 2020, i.e. before the energy crisis (at least 90% higher for gas and at least 80% higher for electricity).

Apartments

We recorded increased demand for apartments in Prague in 2025, whilst the continuing high interest rates on mortgages had led to a growth in rents.

In 2025, we continued to repair vacant apartments. The repaired apartments were subsequently leased at higher rents. The total of **CZK 10.5 million** was expended on repairs and renovations of apartments owned by the JCP in 2025.

The **rental income** from residential and non-residential premises in the amount of **CZK 110.18 million** was **higher by 2.86% (CZK 3.06 million)** compared to the budgeted approved for 2025.

The construction activity plan for 2025 was prepared at the customary level commensurate with the current situation.

Major construction projects in 2025 included, in particular:

Phase II of reconstruction of the villa in the Urn Grove at the NJC	CZK 6,177,000
Replacement of gas boilers at Široká 5	CZK 2,081,000
Continuation of preparations for renovation of Dlouhá 37	CZK 4,404,000
Repair and dehumidification of cemetery wall at the NJC toward Izraelská Street	

	CZK 1,621,000
Repairs to windows and doors of large ceremonial hall at the NJC	CZK 1,181,000
Repair to roof on the synagogue in Ledeč nad Sázavou	CZK 1,403,000

Moreover, necessary maintenance and breakdown repairs were carried out. The need for unplanned repairs in 2025 was substantially greater than expected; overall, however, the construction activity budget was not exceeded.

Operating expenses in the buildings used by the Jewish Community in Prague were not exceed overall.

Accordingly, it can be concluded that the financial management of Matana, a.s., in the maintenance of the real estate owned by the Jewish Community Prague as well as the real estate used by the JCP in 2025 yielded a positive result.

Activities of the MBC

The Management of Buildings and Cemeteries (MBC) is a separate department of Matana, a.s., which is primarily responsible for the care of Jewish monuments owned by the JCP, located in an area virtually as large as half of the entire Czech Republic. In its activities, staff of the MBC strive to make maximum use of additional sources of funding, especially to obtain funds from various subsidy programmes and donations.

In 2025, the total amount of subsidies, donations and other income stood at **CZK 4,050,000** (compared to CZK 3,719,000 in 2024), which represents 26.2% of the full-year expenditure of **CZK 15,460,000**. The reason for the slight increase in the amount of funds received was that the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic temporarily renewed its most widespread subsidy programme. Needless to say, the necessity of the mandatory co-funding of the individual subsidy cases simultaneously led to a corresponding inscrease in the use of the JCP's own funds.

New Jewish Cemetery (NJC) – the activities of the technical administration in 2025 continued in a reasonably economical mode, only the most important of the planned activities were implemented, some were postponed or limited in scope. As in the previous years, the most important project was the next stage of a long-term project to save the tombstones in a static state of emergency, and the overall revitalization of greenery also continued. In addition to the repair of the perimeter wall facing Izraelská Street and the repainting of the windows and doors of the ceremonial wall, the major construction projects included the completion of the full replacement of the windows in the gatehouse for the needs of EZRA CHC. A portion of the

costs associated with the above work was covered by grants, donations and other income, reaching the aggregate amount of CZK 1,572,000 (Metropolitan Authority of the Capital City of Prague, City District of Prague 3, Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic and 19 private donors). At the same time, routine maintenance of the cemetery premises and structures was carried out mainly by the department's staff, the Abandoned Graves Marking Project continued, and during the year, we managed to organise more than 20 volunteering activities, with a focus on removing undesired vegetation and plant waste. The total expenses spent on the aforementioned activities reached the amount of CZK 10.23 million, after deducting all income, with 93.6% of the planned expenses of the JCP. Accordingly, the savings of CZK 690,000 were achieved.

Old Jewish Cemetery in Žižkov (OJC) – The most important project in the technical management and maintenance of the compound in 2025 was the restoration of 29 damaged and erosion-threatened historically valuable tombstones selected primarily in the central part of the cemetery area, in the vicinity of the grave of the renowned Rabi Landau. These included gravestones damaged by overturning, toppling, cracking or breaking, as well as gravestones with interesting symbolism and artwork. Several of these headstones were damaged by natural events when parts of the tree tops broke off and fell during a windstorm, and others were removed from the improperly constructed concrete lapidary and then reconstructed and installed in their original locations on the basis of historical records. In addition, conservators worked on the relocation of 87 tombstones and their temporary storage away from their original locations, specifically in connection with preparations for the repair of a structurally unsafe section of the northern part of the perimeter wall. The commencement of the aforesaid major construction project as such was postponed to the first half of 2026. Detailed documentation of tombstone inscriptions also continued, with a particular focus on the identification of the personal data of the buried and the registration of this data into an electronic database. As in previous years, professional care of trees was also carried out. Routine activities (grass cutting, cleaning of litter, leaves and fallen branches) were undertaken by an external collaborator with the support of the NJC work team. Part of the overall expended costs in the amount of CZK 1,595,000, associated with the above activities, was covered by subsidies, donations (Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, Czech-German Fund for the Future and seven private donors) in the total amount of CZK 240,000. The initially approved budget was not exceeded, since it was used up to 22.7%, which resulted in substantial savings of CZK 4,619,000. However, these results were

significantly influenced by the postponement of the originally planned and financially demanding repair of the derelict section of the perimeter wall.

Care of monuments outside Prague

The most noteworthy conservation projects in 2025 included the continual conservation work on damaged gravestones in **Brandýs nad Labem, Černovice, Golčův Jeníkov, Habry, Chrudim, Jindřichův Hradec, Kolín** - the old cemetery, **Koloděje nad Lužnicí, Košetice, Kovářov, Litomyšl - Lány, Mirotice, Pardubice, Písek, Polná, Prudice, Rychnov nad Kněžnou, Trhový Štěpánov, Všemyslice - Neznašov and Zběšičky**. Perimeter walls at cemeteries in **Hoštice, Jičín, Malešov, Mladá Boleslav, Nosetín and Přehořov** were repaired and extended to a significant extent; the felling of hazardous trees was undertaken in **Dobruška, Dřevíkov, Kolín** - the old cemetery, **Křinec, Nový Bydžov** - the old cemetery, **Písečná, Polná, Prague 5 in Smíchov** - the new cemetery, **Příbram, Přistoupim, Sepekov - Milevsko** and in **Tábor** - the new cemetery. A major project is the ongoing comprehensive renovation of the gravedigger's cottage in **Liteň**; further progress was also made on the construction and restoration of the synagogue in **Čáslav**, conducted through the Dagmar Lieblová Foundation.

In addition to the above work, a number of other events took place, smaller in scope, but no less important. These mainly concerned the removal of unwanted vegetation and rubbish, the eradication of ivy, clearing up after natural disasters, pruning trees for health reasons and documentation work (cemetery plans, photographic documentation of gravestones, transcriptions and translations of epitaphs), and last but not least, the arrangement for technical operations of the synagogues renewed within the **10 hvězd** (10 stars) project (www.10hvezd.cz) also continued (www.10hvezd.cz).

Owing to several objective reasons, the originally planned budget of the MBC was exceeded by **CZK 585,000**, with **105.4%** of the budget utilised. The budget was exceeded mainly due to a larger volume of the subsidies received, which meant higher demands for mandatory co-funding, as well as climate change, whose associated effects include increasing drought. This phenomenon leads to a decline in soil moisture, which, in turn, results in undesirable changes in foundation structures of perimeter walls, causing them to lose stability unexpectedly. Climate change also affects root systems of the trees, whose health worsens rapidly; trees would wither and become an immediate risk to their surroundings.

In 2025, the ratio of the amount of received subsidies and donations to the available funds of the JCP (the total budget minus administrative expenses) reached the level 0.81,

meaning that every CZK 1 expended from the funds of the JCP as participation in subsidies and donations brought extra **CZK 0.81**.

VII. JCP Website

No changes were made to the JCP website during 2025. The website is divided into two levels - the public section offers not only general information about the JCP but also a selection from daily news and cultural events.

The section that is accessible only to JCP members, JCP special status holders and JCP employees, publishes minutes of management and representation meetings, important announcements, and an overview of events organised for members of the community. *Obecní noviny* and the *Letter from the Rabbi* in colour PDF format can also be downloaded here. The website of the Jewish Community of Prague can be viewed at: <http://www.kehilaprag.cz>. The JCP has continued to improve communication with its members - since 2018, members are informed electronically via e-mail, and they receive a weekly Newsletter each week. Members are informed about social, cultural and religious events, and the associations' activities.

VIII. Grants, Subsidies and Donations provided to the JCP in 2025

logos: Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Metropolitan Authority of the Capital City of Prague, Czech-German Fund for the Future, Claims Conference, Federation of Jewish Communities, Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims, ČEZ

Foundations and institutions

a) seated in the Czech Republic:

Altiore Services, s. r. o.,

Czech-German Fund for the Future,

Dilea (repair of the entrance hall)

Federation of Jewish Communities,

FTS property, a. s. (cemetery in Mladá Boleslav)

GUEHL (marking of gravestones),

JK KLIMA – Krušina, s. r. o.,

Metropolitan Authority of the Capital City of Prague,

Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic,

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic,
Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic,
Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic,
City District of Prague 1,
City District of Prague 3,
City District of Prague 6,
City District of Prague 10,
ČEZ Foundation,
Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims,
South Bohemian Region,
Pardubice Region,
Vysočina Region,
Association for Memorial Restoration (cemetery in Dvůr Králové),
Public Benefit Association for the Support of Persons affected by Holocaust,
Municipal Authorities in Dvůr Králové, Golčův Jeníkov, Habry, Kolín, Litomyšl, Polná, town
of Vysočina.

b) seated abroad:

Claims Conference (USA), The provision of social services to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution is supported by grants from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc., with its registered office in New York, USA.

E+S (Kosher) Tours (USA) – donation for the JCP
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,
The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation (USA),
WJC (World Jewish Congress).

Individuals (donations over 10,000 CZK):

FP Tiferet Rabbi Akiva,
Marla Berman (Křinec),
Michal Borges,
Jiří Brožík,
Jana Černá (HSCF),
Věra Dvořáková,

Štěpánka Filipová,
Jan Geschmay,
Daniela Grollová (NHŽ),
Pavel Chabr (NJC)
Jiří Janatka (donation - Israel)
Petr Janda,
B. Kirnbauer,
Marie Konětopská (Kostelec u Křížku),
Nikolaj a Tamara Kravcovi,
Peggy Lichter, (donation for Atlantis Colleg.) (FP) (Kolín)
Lisa Maienschein (Křinec)
Rose Mautner (Křinec)
Menahme Lok
Petr Neuwirth,
N. Orlická,
Marie Pacovská,
Martin Rak (Chrudim)
Rosa Rubinová (oil painting - Beskids Mountain)
Mariana Bejr Singer,
Zuzana Skálová,
Věra Skokanová (compression drainage - PNEUVEN BEDVUK)
Pavel Šercl (Kostelec u Křížků)
Verschleiser Jeffrey,
Jiří Vytlačil,
Helena a Charles Wiener,
Michael Wiener,
A. J. Wilson (cemetery Hořice),
and many others who did not wish that their names be published.

Donors (donations up to CZK 10,000):

In 2025, the JCP received financial donations from more than a hundred donors, mostly for social purposes, repairs of Jewish cemeteries, or as donations for equipping the HSCF.

IX. Economic Results of the JCP in 2025

The 2025 financial year ended with a gross profit of CZK 22.649 million; the loss after tax amounted to 1.861 million.

In terms of budgeted revenues and expenses before depreciation, the budgeted profit from operations increased by CZK 10.9 million.

This result was yielded primarily by growth in revenue from non-tax centres and from the rent of real estate.

From a budgetary perspective, the centres succeeded in maintaining budgetary discipline as a whole. The use of assets, especially for necessary repairs, was carried out with due respect to the budget. For objective reasons, investments have progressed at a slower pace, which is particularly true of the Dlouhá 37 project. During the year, the funds needed for the above major investment project were appreciated through the holding of tax-exempt government bonds. The value of the Community's financial assets stood at CZK 269 million at the end of 2025.

The management of the JCP in 2025 was audited in accordance with the applicable rules. Based on the audit opinion "Unqualified" of the auditor Ing. Ivo Rambousek, (AUDIT FINANCO, spol. s r.o., KAČR [Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic] No. 418), it may be stated that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the subject matter of accounting.

Let us conclude that the above-mentioned favourable economic results could not have been achieved without the support of donors (both legal and natural persons), subsidy providers, cooperating persons and last but not least the employees and volunteers of the JCP. Great credit is due to all of them.

Final Profit and Loss Statement

Name of indicator	Activities		
	Main	Economic	Total
a	b	c	d
A. COSTS	x	x	x
I. Consumed purchases and purchased services (A.I.1. to A.I.6.)	67,491	54,291	121,782
1. Consumption of material, energies and other non-stockable supplies	20,832	4,441	25,273
2. Goods sold	70	23	93
3. Repairs and maintenance	19,803	32,103	51,906
4. Travel costs	430	24	454
5. Entertainment costs	155	0	155
6. Other services	26,201	17,700	43,901
III. Personnel costs (A.III.10. to A.III.14.)	141,229	22,584	163,813

10. Payroll costs	106,636	17,112	123,748
11. Statutory social insurance	34,593	5,472	40,065
IV. Taxes and fees (A.IV.15.)	199	815	1,014
15. Taxes and fees	199	815	1,014
V. Other costs (A.V.16. to A.V.22.)	37,766	1,761	39,527
16. Contractual fines, default interest, other fines and penalties	1	0	1
17. Bad debt written off	4	228	232
19. Exchange rate losses	212	0	212
20. Donations	16,171	0	16,171
21. Shortage and damage	207	0	207
21. Miscellaneous other costs	21,171	1,533	22,704
VI. Depreciation, goods sold, additions to and use of reserves and adjustments (A.VI.23. to A.VI.27.)	0	29,758	29,758
23. Depreciation of fixed assets	0	29,918	29,918
27. Creation and use of provisions and adjustments	0	-160	-160
VII. Contributions provided (A.VII.28.)	126	0	126
28. Membership contributions provided and contributions accounted for among organisational components	126	0	126
VIII. Income tax (sum of A.VIII.29.)	0	24,510	24,510
29. Income tax	0	24,510	24,510
TOTAL COSTS (A.I.+A.II.+A.III.+A.IV.+A.V.+A.VI.+A.VII.+A.VIII.)	246,811	133,719	380,530

Name of indicator	Activities		
	Main	Economic	Total
a	b	c	e
B. REVENUES	x	x	x
I. Operating subsidies (B.I.1.)	56,951	54	57,005
1. Operating subsidies	56,951	54	57,005
II. Contributions received (B.II.2. to B.II.4.)	46,548	64	46,612

3. Contributions received (donations)	46,548	64	46,612
III. Revenues from own operations and goods	50,537	201,506	252,043
IV. Other revenues (B.IV.5. to B.IV.10.)	10,216	1,157	11,373
7. Interest received	1,697	0	1,697
8. Exchange rate gains	8	0	8
10. Miscellaneous other revenues	8,511	1,157	9,668
V. Revenue from sale of assets (B.V.11. to B.V.15.)	11,478	158	11,636
12. Revenue from sale of securities and shares	0	158	158
14. Revenue from short-term financial assets	11,478	0	11,478
TOTAL REVENUES (B.I.+B.II.+B.III.+B.IV.+B.V.)	175,730	202,939	378,669
C. Profit (loss) before tax	-71,081	93,730	22,649
D. Profit (loss) after tax	-71,081	69,220	-1,861

Balance Sheet

ASSETS	First day of reporting period	Last day of reporting period
a	c	d
A. Total fixed assets (A.I.+A.II.+A.III.+A.VI.)	934,235	939,076
I. Total intangible fixed assets (sum of A.I.1. to A.I.7.)	1,747	1,747
2. Software	211	211
6. Intangible fixed assets in progress	719	719
7. Advance payments for intangible fixed assets	817	817
II. Total tangible fixed assets (sum of A.II.1. to A.II.10.)	1,585,622	1,600,697
1. Land	240,298	240,298
2. Works of art, fine art articles and collections	3,111	3,111
3. Structures	1,305,502	1,318,410

4. Tangible movable items and their groups	8,812	10,309
8. Other tangible fixed assets	2,541	2,541
9. Tangible fixed assets in progress	25,358	26,028
III. Total long-term financial assets (sum of A.III.1. to A.III.6.)	210,565	230,249
1. Shares – controlled or controlling entity	2,000	2,000
3. Debt securities held to maturity	208,565	228,249
IV. Total adjustments to fixed assets (sum of A.IV.1. to A.IV.11.)	-863,699	-893,617
2. Adjustments to software	-134	-134
4. Adjustments to low-value intangible fixed assets	-720	-720
5. Adjustments to other intangible fixed assets	-579	-579
6. Adjustments to structures	-852,586	-882,141
7. Adjustments to tangible movable items and their groups	-7,856	-8,219
11. Adjustments to other tangible fixed assets	-1,824	-1,824
B. Total current assets (B.I.+B.II.+B.III.+B.VI.)	125,393	112,908
I. Total inventory (sum of B.I.1. to B.I.9.)	2,151	2,722
1. Material in stock	2,122	2,681
2. Material in transit	0	19
7. Goods in hand	29	22
II. Total receivables (sum of B.II.1. to B.II.19.)	65,449	56,104
1. Accounts receivable (customers)	796	559
5. Other receivables	40,011	44,522
6. Receivables from employees	49	120
17. Miscellaneous receivables	9,401	1,766
18. Estimated accrued revenues	16,693	10,479
19. Adjustments to receivables	-1,501	-1,342
III. Total financial short-term assets (sum of B.III.1. to B.III.7.)	52,004	39,103
1. Petty cash	464	619
3. Bank accounts	51,540	38,484

IV. Total other assets (sum of B.IV.1. to B.IV.2.)	5,789	14,979
1. Deferred expenses	-651	763
2. Accrued revenues	6,440	14,216
TOTAL ASSETS (A. + B.)	1,059,628	1,051,984

LIABILITIES	First day of reporting period	Last day of reporting period
a	c	d
A. Total internal resources (A.I.+A.II.)	1,017,959	1,009,618
I. Total equity (sum of A.I.1. to A.I.3.)	1,016,211	1,011,479
1. Equity	798,859	798,718
2. Funds	217,352	212,761
A. II. Total profit (loss) (sum of A.II.1. to A.II.3.)	1,748	-1,861
1. Profit (loss) account	1,748	-1,861
B. Total liabilities (external resources) (B.I.+B.II.+B.III.+B.VI.)	41,669	42,366
II. Total long-term payables (sum of B.II.1. to B.II.7.)	0	937
6. Estimated accrued expenses	0	937
III. Total short-term payables (sum of B.III.1. to B.III.23.)	34,177	34,124
1. Accounts payable (suppliers)	2,188	2,637
3. Advance payments received	7,747	10,103
4. Other payables	0	20
5. Employees	225	196
7. Payables to social security and health insurance institutions	4,666	4,899
8. Income tax	7,972	4,231
9. Other direct taxes	1,036	1,082
10. Value added tax	1,051	1,265
17. Other payables	9,540	9,691
22. Estimated accrued expenses	-248	0
B. IV. Total other liabilities (sum of B.IV.1. to B.IV.2.)	7,492	7,305

1. Accrued expenses	5,281	4,455
2. Deferred revenues	2,211	2,850
TOTAL LIABILITIES (A. + B.)	1,059,628	1,051,984

X. Auditor's Report

Auditor's Report on the audit of Financial Statements 2025 – abridged

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE OPINION

I. PURPOSE:

This Report is issued in order to support the auditor's opinion for auditing the Financial Statements for 2025 in the "Annual Report of the Jewish Community for 2025".

II. FORMAL ESSENTIALS

2.1 Recipient of the report:

- Person authorised to act on behalf of the accounting unit in matters of the audit:
- Reporting period:
- Audit conducted by:

Pavel Král
Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague

Jan Divecký – Secretary

01 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Statutory auditor:
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III. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The audit was conducted in accordance with the Contract dated 21 January 2026 after the auditor was approved by the representation of the Jewish Community.

- The order party is the statutory representative – Chairman of the Jewish Community
- Contact persons: Mgr. Petr Hrdina – Economist of the Jewish Community in Prague
Jana Štolcová – Accountant of the Jewish Community in Prague

IV. AUDITOR'S OPINION AND STATEMENT

The structure of the assets and financial position in the prescribed accounting records is reported in accordance with the applicable legal framework of financial accounting and financial reporting within the meaning of Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, and Regulation No. 504/2002 Coll., which implements certain provisions of the Act on Accounting, including the Notes to the Financial Statements.

The audited financial statements for the reporting period of 2025 present a *true and fair view* of the subject of accounting in all significant aspects in the sense of Section 7(1) of Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, as amended, whilst offering reliable information to legitimate users regarding the assets and liabilities, financial situation, cash flows and profit (loss), after the tax liability was determined and settled. The authenticity was verified by an inventory of assets in accordance with Sections 29 and 30 of the above Act.