

Summary The dissertation, entitled *Czech Jewish Community at the Beginning of the 21st Century*, captures the religious, cultural and social life of the Czech Jewish community from the year 1989 to the present day. It discusses the renewal of religious activity in individual communities following the collapse of the totalitarian regime as well as the most important institutions, societies and activities which emerged in the Czech Republic after the so called Velvet Revolution, which play a major role in the preservation of Jewish historic monuments and cultural heritage, keep the majority society informed, and have an impact on its social and cultural life. The work further looks at important attributes of Judaism as they manifest themselves in the Czech Republic nowadays, among them provision of social care to the members of the Jewish community, maintained Jewish customs and traditions, ritual bath – mikveh – and kosher dining. In addition, this part includes information on the Jewish education system and education possibilities available in the field of Judaism. A separate chapter deals with Jewish rituals that accompany members of the community on their life journey from birth to death in the Czech environment of the present day, thus completing the picture of the Bohemian and Moravian Jewish community at the beginning of the 21st century.