

***Revitalization of Jewish Monuments in the Czech Republic:
A Tour of Preserved and Restored Sites***
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Description: Many Czech synagogues and cemeteries were damaged during the German occupation in World War II or were destroyed following the war when the country was under communist rule for forty years. Financed by a grant from the EU, plus additional funding from the Czech Culture Ministry, The Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic undertook the 10 Star Project, a project to reconstruct, restore and preserve fifteen important historical buildings: synagogues, rabbinical houses and Jewish schools (cheders) in ten towns in Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia. Completed in 2014, the 10 Star Project creates a national network of Jewish heritage sites and cultural exhibits. This slide presentation documents the presenter's 2017 tour of these sites.

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