

Diploma thesis „The Caucasian Jews“ deals with the population of Jews in the area of Caucasus. The thesis is focused on the history with emphasis on the Khazar period and also deals with the issue of constituent Jewish groups to present situation, concentrated on the Mountain Jews. The diploma work concentrates all available sources and tries to create the comprehensive treatise focused on history and development of Jewish population. The beginning is focused on the rarities of the Caucasian region (e.g. very unusual ethnic and language structure) which affect whole population without reference to religion. The next part deals with history and the crucial point is the Khazar Empire and following development of regional Jewish population, including all Jewish groups. I also incorporated the results of the most recent genetic researches that are focused on the connection between Caucasian Jews and Ashkenazim. The last part is fully concentrated on history and folklore of the Mountain Jews that are the largest original group in the region.