

The aim of the thesis is to reconstruct the living and position of the Jewish minority of Czechoslovakia in 1968–1989. The thesis focuses on outer display, i.e. achievements in cultural and religious life, inner organisation of the community, extent of participation of minority members in activities organized by Jewish bodies, and the related level of control over the community as well as individuals performed by the state authorities, and their intervention in community's inner matters. First part of the thesis specifies the monitored group and defines its structure and quantity. The description of the Jewish community's development from the end of war till 1968 follows. The main part of the thesis consists of the characteristics of relationships between the Jewish community and the state authorities and relationships existing within the Jewish community. It concentrates on the description of Jewish representatives bodies' role in relation to the Jewish minority as a whole and also on the description of activities performed by the Jewish community in the monitored period – the following parts focus on these in detail. The activities are those in cultural and social field as well as activities related to the Jewish religion. An individual chapter about Jewish youth groups is dedicated to working with young people. Apart from the description of activities, the thesis also attempts to explain the meaning of their existence for the Czechoslovak Jewish minority.