

Author of the presented thesis deals with a theme which has been moreless neglected by modern Czech historiography, fortunes of the Jewish community in Bohemia and Moravia after World War II. Work is defined by a time horizon of the years 1945 - 1956 and divided in following chapters.

Chapter I depicts the period following directly after the liberation of Czechoslovakia in 1945 to the year of 1948, when the communists came to power. This era is characterised by the effort for the quickest comeback of the prewar workings of Jewish religious society. Besides the primary difficulties with building of new life it mainly entails the matters of property rights.

Years between 1948 and 1956, which are the subject of chapter II, are characterized by transformation of the attitude towards Jewish community and antisemitic tendencies of the governing power, that in the end led to the famous trials of the 50's (mainly in the show-trial known under the name of Slánský and others). As a part of this chapter there is a reconstruction of the activities and working of The Council of Jewish Religious Congregations in Bohemia and Moravia and the relations between ČSR and Israel in the time observed.

Chapter III called Experiences of the Jewish community in Bohemia and Moravia in the years 1945 to 1956 presents a specific part of the whole work. Centre of it are the testimonies of 19 witnesses of this epoch. Method of oral history, based on collecting, analyzing and interpreting their testimonies points to the way the historical processes were perceived by their direct participants. In the thesis there is a main concentration on the character of their integration in the new society after the liberation, problems they encountered and what was a primary help for them. Other segments of the practical part are for example identity and political orientation.