

Resumé

This thesis concerns itself with legal position and operation of The Federation of Jewish Communities in Czech Republic. It brings the perspective on fundamental legal regulations which form a base for operation of The Federation of Jewish Communities and which the Federation is obliged to conform to. The thesis also includes historical insight and cultural background of Jewish religion and its relevant particularities. The aim of my thesis was to put the operation and standing of The Federation of Jewish Communities into Czech legal framework, to describe a specific linkage of legal regulations with religious practice and Jewish religious observances and to use real-life examples to demonstrate the impact and reflection of legal regulations in life of members of Jewish communities and associated organizations. This thesis is divided into four chapters (apart from Preamble and Conclusion), most of which is then further divided into subchapters and other sections.

First chapter concerns itself with general definition of religious freedom in the context of Czech legal system, with basic overview of legal sources of Czech state ecclesiastical law and with assessment of Federation's position in the context of Legal Act Nr. 3/2002 Coll. on freedom of religious confession and the position of churches and religious communities.

Second chapter brings the perspective on historical formation of the present Federation of Jewish Communities in Czech Republic. Chronological summary refers to changes in administrative notion of Jewish communities, which had led to constitution of the contemporary church and religious community.

Third chapter already focuses on the Federation of Jewish communities in Czech Republic itself. First and foremost it addresses in more details its fundamental documents, it analyses Federation's organizational structure, fields of activities and authority of individual bodies and the status of individual Jewish communities in relation to the Federation. Neither are omitted the means of financing and listing of Federation's international links.

Last chapter deals with all the activities which the Federation of Jewish Communities engages in. Some subchapters had to be enhanced with historical comparison or with explanation of cultural and religious background of Jewish traditions. It also includes detailed account of activities and objectives of individual