

Doctoral thesis „Escape of persecuted Jews from Vienna in 1942. Interpretative analysis of a diary“ deals with an escape of a man and a woman across the Alps to Italy. The research aimed at studying two levels of the problem, the phenomenon of refuge as such, and a diary as an autobiographical resource, and provides its analysis. Considering the variety of the environments in which the escape happened, the author had to examine all possibilities to access the resources, and also the methods of verification. Thus archive documents were used along side with printed resources and artifacts. The diary is to be regarded as a resource, which first of all, records the event as such, and also as a document, which reflects the writer's experience. The commentary through interpretation presents not only the so far unknown route of an illegal passage of Austro-Italian border, but also discusses the relationship of the refugees, a man and a woman, in extreme conditions. Consequently it is shown that the term “emigration” is too complex and general to be used precisely, especially in case of an illegal escape.