

This B.A. thesis is a case study, contributing toward the understanding to the nineteenth-century rabbinate in Moravia. It is based on a unique convolute of Hebrew correspondence of R. Joachim Pollak (1798–1879) who served as rabbi of Trebitsch since 1828 till his death. The convolute, now in the archive of the Jewish Museum in Prague, consists of over four hundred letters written by Pollak himself or adressed to him. The author analyzed the Hebrew manuscript, provided its paleographical analysis and placed it in the context of the epistolographic genre. The chronological list contains the names of Pollak's correspondents, many of whom were identified by the author. The letters, interpreted in the light of other archival and secondary sources, provide a unique insight into the competences, duties and activities of a local Moravian rabbi.