

Abstract:

The presented M.A. thesis pursues Jewish self-government in Bohemian towns and villages during the 17th and 18th centuries. Based on communal statutes of Jewish communities in Chodová Planá, Nové Sedliště, Rožmberk nad Vltavou, Rychnov nad Kněžnou and Tachov the study describes constitution of local self-government and agenda of communal officials. Even though the sources originate from communities scattered throughout Bohemia, we can find plenty of shared topics contained in the statutes. Thanks to this parallelism the study can outline common features of the Jewish self-government, of relation between Jewish communities and manorial lords and of everyday life in this communities.