

## **Czech Jewish Studies**

**This course is focusing on history and culture of Jews in Bohemia and Moravia, who once formed one of the most important Jewish Communities in Europe. Lectures are offering inside studies of events bound to milestones in general European and Czech history, as well as portraits of important Jewish personalities whose contributions helped to shape the face of the “old continent.”**

**First two weeks are devoted to the history of Jewish communities in the Czech Lands from early settlements until the 1930s; third week is fully focusing on the Holocaust; and, the final week is presenting modern history and contemporary themes.**

### **Week 1**

Lecture No.1

“From Iron Age to Golden Age,” Czech Jewish History from the dawn to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century

Lecture No.2

“The Rabbi and his Golem,” Medieval Times in Prague, the Capital of Habsburg Empire

Lecture No.3 “Out of the Ghetto,” Jewish Identity at the Crossroad

### **Week 2**

Lecture No.4

“Precious Legacy,” Tour of the Jewish Museum in Prague

Lecture No.5

“The Christ-Killers,” Anti-Semitism in the Course of History

Lecture No.6

“Franz Kafka and the Arconauts,” Prague Jewish Writers in-between Two Wars

### **Week 3**

Lecture No.7

“The Fuehrer Gave the Jews a Town,” Terezín as a Model Concentration Camp

Lecture No.8

“Those Who Did Not Become Numbers,” Meeting the Survivors

Lecture No.9

“Czech Schindler’s Lists,” Holocaust in Czech Cinema

**or**

Tour of Terezín

#### **Week 4**

Lecture No.10

“The Rise and Fall of the Iron Curtain,” Czech Jews during the Cold War

Lecture No.11

“The Auschwitz Lie,” Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Holocaust Denial

Lecture No.12

“Rising from the Ashes,”

Contemporary life of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic

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