



- Wolfgang Porges (b. 1898, d. Paris 1936), 1 child
- Kaete Porges (b. Prague 1902, d. NYC 1965)
- Marianne Porges (b. 1907, d. NYC 1989)
- Emanuel Porges (b. 18/6/1866, d. 5/4/1928) ⚭ Emma Ornstein (b. Trebon CZ 23/8/1876)
  - Irma Porges (b. Prague 7/9/1903, d. Holocaust KZ Auschwitz 1940) ⚭ Otto Pick (b. Prague 23/8/1902, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 1944)
  - Martha Porges (b. Prague 30/7/1905, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Treblinka 10/1942)
  - Pavel Porges (b. Prague 30/10/1912, d. Australia 1992)
    - ⚭ Eva Weil (b. Prague 11/2/1923, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 07/1944)
    - ⚭ Lotte Brinitzer (b. FRfurt 20/12/1922, d. Melbourne 15/10/2010)
    - 2 daughters ? Mahemoff, ? Lipshot
- Fany Porges Frankl
- Berta Porges Wambach
- Alfred Porges
- Samuel Porges ⚭ Anna Fanta
- Ignatz (Isak) Porges (b. 1/1/1829, d. 7/5/1906) ⚭ Anna Silberstern (b. 12/4/1841)
- Hermine Porges (b. Sestajovice CZ, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 5/1944) ⚭ Dr. Karl Porges (b. 21/1/1867, d. Litomerice 6/7/1931)
  - Stillborn Porges (1902)
  - Anna Porges (b. 22/11/19033, d. 1986) ⚭ Josef Kohn (b. 15/1/18891, d. 1949) 2 children
  - Fritz Porges (b. b. 22/12/1904, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz & Dachau 24/1/1945)
  - Gertrud Porges (b. 19/12/1910, d. 1984)
- Emma Porges (b. Sestajovice Prague 7/11/1881, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Treblinka 1942) ⚭ Dr. Wilhelm Willy Finger (b. Tauskov CZ 10/8/1865)
  - Gertrude Finger Zentner (b. Tauskov 22/4/1913, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Zamosc 1942)
- Heinrich Porges (b. Schestajowitz Bohemia, 1875, d. Holocaust KZ Auschwitz 1942) ⚭ Frida Wolfsheimer (b. Weikersheim 1/8/1880, d. Holocaust KZ Auschwitz 1942)
  - Dora Porges (b. b. 1905, d. 1989) ⚭ Dr. Hugo Spitzer (b. Boskovice 20/10/1892)
  - Maja Porges (b. Prague 1/5/1906, d. holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 19/10/1944) ⚭ Friedrich Fritz Stein (b. zatec CZ 18/2/1903)
  - Alena Stein (b. 27/6/1935, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 10/1944) (age 9yo)
  - Tomas Stein (b. 30/8/1936, d. Holocaust KZ Terezin & Auschwitz 10/1944) (age 8yo)
  - Hanni Porges (b. Prague 25/9/1915, d. Prague 1996) ⚭ Jan Bohac
  - Franz Porges (b. Prague 1907, d. Holocaust KZ Auschwitz 1942)

## Libochovice

### **Jewish community in Libochovice in early modern times** By Jakub Václav Zentner

#### Abstract

The thesis deals with the Jewish community in the early modern times on the example of the town of Libochovice. After fundamental information about the essence of the Jewish religion and culture, there are reminded of basic historical connections of the historical development of the Jewish in the Bohemia and conditions which formed the special status of the Jewish in the Christian society in the middle age and in the early modern times. Following chapters describes the origin of the Jewish settlement in Libochovice and nd demographical development from the 16th's 18th century. The thesis continues with the treatise about the topography of the Jewish quarter, about the Jewish trades and crafts in the relationship with the Christians and about the life of the Jewish community in the religions meaning (synagogue, mikveh and cemetery). Briefly there is also written about the historical continuation of the Jewish community in the 19th and 20th century and their death during the holocaust. The part of this thesis is the edition of the fifteen listings of the Jews of Libochovice from years 1697-1846 and the pictures supplement. Institute of Czech History the Constitution of Czech history faculty of Arts Filozofická faculty

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**Libochovice**, 28.6 miles NW of Praha

history in Czech and photos [February 2009]

Photos by Charles Burns [November 2017]

CEMETERY: Epitaphs. [July 2015]

Libochovice is located in Bohemia, Litomerice 18 km of Louny

Cemetery: 800 m WNW of square.

Present town population is 1,000-5,000 with probably no Jews.

Town: Mestsky Urad

Mayor: Engineer V. Vacina, vice mayor: P.Cesal, 411 17 Lobochovice; tel. 0419/92693.

Regional: Jewish congregation: ZNO, Moskevská 26, 400 01 Usti nad Labem; tel. 047/22710;

and Okresni Urad, Referat Kultury, Na valech 10, 412 01 Litomerice; tel. 0416/5721 or 3371.

Earliest known Jewish community was second half of 16th century.

1930 Jewish population was 48.

Peak Jewish population in 19th century was 261 people.

Starting in 1845, Jews moved to big towns.

The Jewish cemetery originated in 1583.

100-500 stones date 1588-20th century.

Usti nad Labem Jewish community or the municipality own and use site for Jewish cemetery, park, playground, athletic field, and waste dumping.

Vandalism occurred frequently 1945-1991 (first damage in 1947).

Documentation: J. Herman: *Jewish Cemeteries in Bohemia and Moravia* (1980); *Die Juden and Judengemeinden Bohemens..*(1934); Antonin Horsky: "A na hrbitove pasti dobytek" (article in *Dnesek*, 1948 pg.633); census 1570, 1846, 1930, 1991. Other documentation was inaccessible.

Interviewed in 1992 were mayor and vicemayor (see above) and L. Marek and L. Mrkvicka in Libochovice.

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## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WORK TO RESCUE A TOWN'S JEWISH HERITAGE

[Joshua Keating](#) 23-07-2004

**In the small Bohemian town of Libochovice, about 60 kilometers from Prague, a unique international relief effort is taking place. Volunteers are working to restore the town's old Jewish cemetery. They hope that the restored site will help both visitors and locals alike to remember a vanished part of this region's heritage.**

Up a narrow dirt path behind a brick factory a few hundred meters outside Libochovice one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in the Czech republic lies in a state of disrepair. The wall is crumbling. The well is filled with dirt and debris. Many of the tombstones have been overturned. The Hebrew lettering and relief work is now barely visible.

But today, volunteers from Germany, Italy, France, Estonia and Libochovice itself are working together trying to rescue the cemetery from the damage wrought by Nazi destruction and Communist neglect. The effort is being funded by the Czech-German Future Fund, an organization that helps to finance projects to foster Czech-German cooperation and improve relations between the countries. Sonia Dederova from the fund describes what makes the Libochovice project unique.

*"This is very interesting because there is an organization in the community in Libochovice where young people are involved in the renovation of the Jewish cemetery and there is another organization in Germany and they cooperate together. The young people living in Libochovice will continue to take care about the cemetery and also the history of the Jewish people there."*

The last train carrying Jews to the death camps left Libochovice in 1942 ending the nearly 400 year Jewish presence in the town. After the war the old neighborhood was gradually demolished to make way for new construction. The old synagogue building was destroyed in the mid-eighties when a local homeowner wanted to expand his garden. Only the cemetery now remains, though irreversible damage was done to it as well.

*"The cemetery was destroyed by the inhabitants of this town and also the Communist regime. The people go here and take the stones for the houses and so the wall around the cemetery was destroyed. The gravestones were given for the streets and so the condition of the cemetery is so bad."*

Stephan Hietzig from Dresden is the German group's coordinator and was described by volunteers as the project's "spiritual father." He says the cemetery's reconstruction is only one part of the project's goals.

*"The working is the first part but we're also learning. We make workshops about the Jewish religion and Jewish culture and we have trips to Terezin and Praha and also the local culture. I think it is very important for understanding."*

The volunteers, who spent last Wednesday afternoon digging a trench for a new wall, all seemed to find the experience extremely rewarding.

*"I think it's an experience that everybody should do because a lot of times people don't speak each others...don't understand each other just because they don't meet. It's not like studying history books. Sometimes when you meet each other you realize that it's just a political question or religious difference that make people far away. Working all together gives the chance to understand each other better."*

*"It's a very good experience and I think it's very good for my life. I think I would do this everytime."*

Michal Dostal, a volunteer from Prague was thrilled that international volunteers were taking an interest in this region and it's heritage.

*"The other participants are not Jewish so this is their first experience with Jewish culture, Jewish religion so for them the educational part is maybe even more important. It's good to see that people from different countries and different background are interested in this region and our Jewish history and are willing to come here and help."*

But those with the strongest emotions about this project may be the volunteers from Libochovice itself. Jakub Kletner, a local high school student, said he first became interested in the cemetery after writing a school report about the history of the town's Jewish community. A subject, which he says was almost never discussed in the town when he was growing up. He described what he hoped Libochovice would gain from the cemetery's restoration.

*"When the cemetery is finished we hope it will not only a place where tourists can visit but also a place to remind us that this country's history was created not only by ethnic Czechs but by Jews and German-speaking people as well."*

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<https://www.bnaihavurah.org/holocaust-torah.html>

### **From Libochovice to B'nai Havurah: a journey of triumph**

Our Holocaust Torah represents a link between our past and the continuing story of Jewish life unfolding.

Our Torah scroll, originally from Libochovice, a town in the Czech Republic, was rescued after World War II and is on permanent loan from Memorial Scrolls Trust.

The Torah is one of 1,564 Czech Memorial Sifre Torah which constituted part of the treasures looted by the Nazis during the 1939-1945 war from the Jewish communities in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, and which had been cared for by the Czechoslovak government for many years.

Our Torah, Torah #1411, arrived at the Westminster Synagogue in London on February 7, 1964, and has been a treasured part of our community since September 3, 1999, due to the generosity of Memorial Scrolls Trust, who entrusted the Torah to us.

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