

THE JEWISH CEMETERY

Covering an area of 19,180 m², this is both the largest Jewish cemetery in the republic and the most important in Moravia. It was probably founded soon after the establishment of the Jewish settlement here and during its existence has been extended a number of times. It's one of the oldest Jewish burial grounds in this country.



Within the total area of the cemetery there now stands 4,400 gravestones. One of the oldest which is still legible bears the date 1618. In the oldest part of the cemetery the original western path leads around the supporting wall built from gravestones. In the central part called the Rabbi's Peak are the graves of Moravian and Mikulov regional rabbis. Their ostentatious Renaissance and Baroque headstones are evidence of the importance and obedience they commanded. The most famous of these was probably Mordechai ben Abraham Benet (died 1829). A more recent historical event is commemorated by the extensive semi-circular monument to 25 Jews who fell in the First World War and a modest memorial to 21 Jewish prisoners from Hungary who were murdered at the end of the Second World War by German Nazis.

The development in styles can be seen in the number of different types of headstone. From the 17th century there are more complicated shapes and rich array of early Baroque sculptured decoration. From this then developed a headstone topped with a triangular shield with decorated with botanical motifs. Their carved decoration is very intricate, often with iconographic motifs. Many headstones from the 18th century show elements of Moravian folk art (hearts, roses, tulips) while others are decorated with shell motifs, a typical Mikulov decorative element. More modern gravestones, from the late 19th century, are more similar to Christian headstones and, as a rule, bear German inscriptions.



At the end of the 19th century, an eclectic ceremonial hall designed by the renown Viennese architect Max Fleischer was built at the cemetery entrance, which now houses an exhibition by the Friends of Jewish Culture Association devoted to traditional Jewish funeral rites.

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- - - - - original boundary Jewish quarter
- - - - - urban conservation area
- . - . - . trail of nature trails, information boards
- standing synagogue
- demolished synagogue
- important buildings
- original street name (Na Kopečku)



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