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### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE TEREŽÍN MEMORIAL'S MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Terežín Memorial collects and keeps material exhibits documenting the racial and political persecution during the wartime occupation of the Czech lands by Nazi Germany, with a special view to the history of the Gestapo Police Prison in Terežín's Small Fortress, the history of the Terežín Ghetto, the history of the concentration camp in Litoměřice, earlier history of the town of Terežín, and its collection of works of art. The Memorial builds its collections on the science-based principles and in accord with its own acquisition policy.

- It administers its historic book fund (collection), a specialized library and a collection of written documents of archival nature.
- It prepares specialized written, and whenever necessary also visual, eventually audio, documentation accompanying its collection items. Collection items are professionally processed and examined to provide general findings about relevant social developments.
- It conducts scholarly research into the historical milieu from which it acquires its collection items.
- Its collection items, accompanying specialized documentation and findings obtained during their professional examination, are presented primarily at permanent exhibitions and short-term displays as well as in the Memorial's own publishing and educational projects, its lectures in the Czech Republic and abroad, and in other cultural and educational programs for the broadest public.
- In foreign countries, the Memorial represents the Czech Republic at the permanent exhibitions in the former concentration camps in Oświęcim (Poland) and Ravensbrück (Germany).
- It loans collection items to exhibitions and displays, staged by other subjects in the Czech Republic and abroad, or for their scientific study, or makes them available for conservation and restoration purposes.
- It publishes and publicly disseminates periodicals and non-periodic publications, audio and video recordings and other electronic carriers, exchanging them with domestic and foreign institutions.
- It organizes, either on its own or in association with other corporate bodies or natural persons, specialized conferences, symposia and seminars relating to the subject of its domain.
- It provides guide services on an ongoing basis.
- It systematically reviews developments in the number of its visitors, publishing data on their numbers.
- It organizes cultural and educational programs ensuing from the subject of its agenda, exhibiting objects of cultural value on loan.
- It joins professional associations, including international ones, with the aim of coordinating its own specialized activities.
- It awards certificates for the export of objects of cultural value pursuant to Act No. 71/1994 Coll., on the sale and export of objects of cultural value.
- It prepares expert opinions, researches and expertise.



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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Annual Report is to provide information on how the Terezín Memorial staff succeeded in accomplishing the tasks ensuing from its mission in the past year. At the very beginning, I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. Jan Munk, who successfully managed the Terezín Memorial for almost three decades. I would like to link up to the outstanding results of his work in the future and further to promote them. I also want to thank for the enduring attention and support granted to us by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic.

The Terezín Memorial began the year 2017 in January by co-organizing a joint act of remembrance with the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, the Bavarian Land Assembly and the Foundation of Bavarian Memorials. This event marked the *International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity* commemorating the liberation of the complex of Nazi concentration camps in Oświęcim by the Red Army on January 27, 1945.

On April 24, another major event in honor of the Holocaust Remembrance Day *Yom Ha'Shoah*, attended by Karol Efraim Sidon, the Chief Rabbi of Bohemia, took place in front of the former prayer room from the time of the Jewish Ghetto in Terezín's Dlouhá Street. *Yom Ha'Shoah*, a symbol of the memory of the Holocaust victims, marks the anniversary of the uprising of the Jewish Warsaw Ghetto inmates which broke out in April 1943. Traditionally on this annual occasion, another 100 names of the Jews imprisoned in the Terezín Ghetto were read out. Afterwards, the Chief Rabbi of Bohemia Karol Efraim Sidon addressed the rally with a short speech and, at its end, gave a prayer for the dead.

On May 5, 2017, the current and former employees of the Terezín Memorial gathered at a rally marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment. Also present was the Czech Minister of Culture Daniel Herman, former Ghetto inmates, officials representing the institutions and organizations co-operating with the Memorial on a long-term basis, and many other guests.

The traditional *Terezín Commemoration* took place in the National Cemetery in Terezín on May 21, attended by former prisoners, representatives of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, of the Czech Government and Embassies of many foreign countries. The opening speech was delivered by Jaroslav Vodička, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Czech Union of Freedom Fighters, a co-organizer of the Terezín Commemoration. The keynote speech was then presented by the Czech Premier Bohuslav Sobotka.

A *Day of Commemoration for the Victims of Communism*, co-sponsored by the Confederation of Former Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic, was held in the Memorial Hall, established in the so-called Krankenrevier in the former Police Prison

in the Small Fortress. This act of remembrance honors the anniversary of the execution of Milada Horáková, a leading Czechoslovak politician, who had been incarcerated in Terezín's Police Prison by the Nazis during the war, survived her imprisonment but was eventually executed in the 1950s during the Communist Party's framed-up political trials for her alleged subversive activities and high treason.

In collaboration with the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Prague Jewish Community, the Terezín Memorial organized the *Kever Avot* commemoration in the Jewish Cemetery and later in the memorial site on the Ohře riverbanks in Terezín on September 17. This commemorates the Jewish victims of the Nazi persecution from the Czech lands. The event, held annually at the beginning of the Jewish New Year – *Rosh Hashanah*, was attended primarily by the family members of the victims.

The Terezín Memorial's exhibition activities last year were rich and varied. Let me mention at least the exhibition *The Terezín Memorial – Posters 1947-2017*, presenting posters designed over the past seventy years which invited visitors to the Memorial's displays and other events. Working in conjunction with the Beit Theresienstadt Museum in Israel, we jointly staged an exhibition called *The Brown Cardboard Folder – Homage to Felix Bloch*. Co-operation with the Beit Theresienstadt Museum is particularly significant for us since, as is well known, this Israeli Museum, just as the Terezín Memorial, is engaged in commemorating the persecution of the Jewish population during World War II and in chronicling the history of the Terezín Ghetto.

The Terezín Memorial's staff regularly monitored the Czech national exhibitions in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in the Polish town of Oświęcim and in the Ravensbrück Memorial in Germany, displays staged and managed by the Terezín Memorial under a commission by the Czech Ministry of Culture.

For the past seventy years the Terezín Memorial has been perceived at home and abroad as a symbol of suffering as well as heroism of those who had stood up to the rule of violence or who had been sentenced to death by the Nazi regime on racial grounds. That is why the Terezín Memorial is visited by people from all over the world as well as statesmen and officials from the Czech Republic and by many outstanding guests from abroad. In the past year, the latter included the Speaker of the Bavarian Land Assembly Barbara Stamm, Israeli Minister for Science, Technology and Space Research Ofir Akunis, Ambassador of the State of Israel Daniel Meron, Ambassador of the French Republic Ronald Galharague and Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Christoph Israng.

As many as 287,000 people visited the Terezín Memorial in 2017, approximately 5,000 more than in the previous year. Most of them were foreign visitors even though their share in the overall number of visitors has slightly decreased due to aggravated international security. On the other hand, it is evident that in the long term the share of Czech citizens in the total number of visitors has been gradually rising.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the employees of all the Departments of the Terezín Memorial for their dedicated work. Thanks are due not only to our specialized personnel but also to the staff who ensure the operation of our institution in technical and organizational terms. A detailed summary of the work of the individual

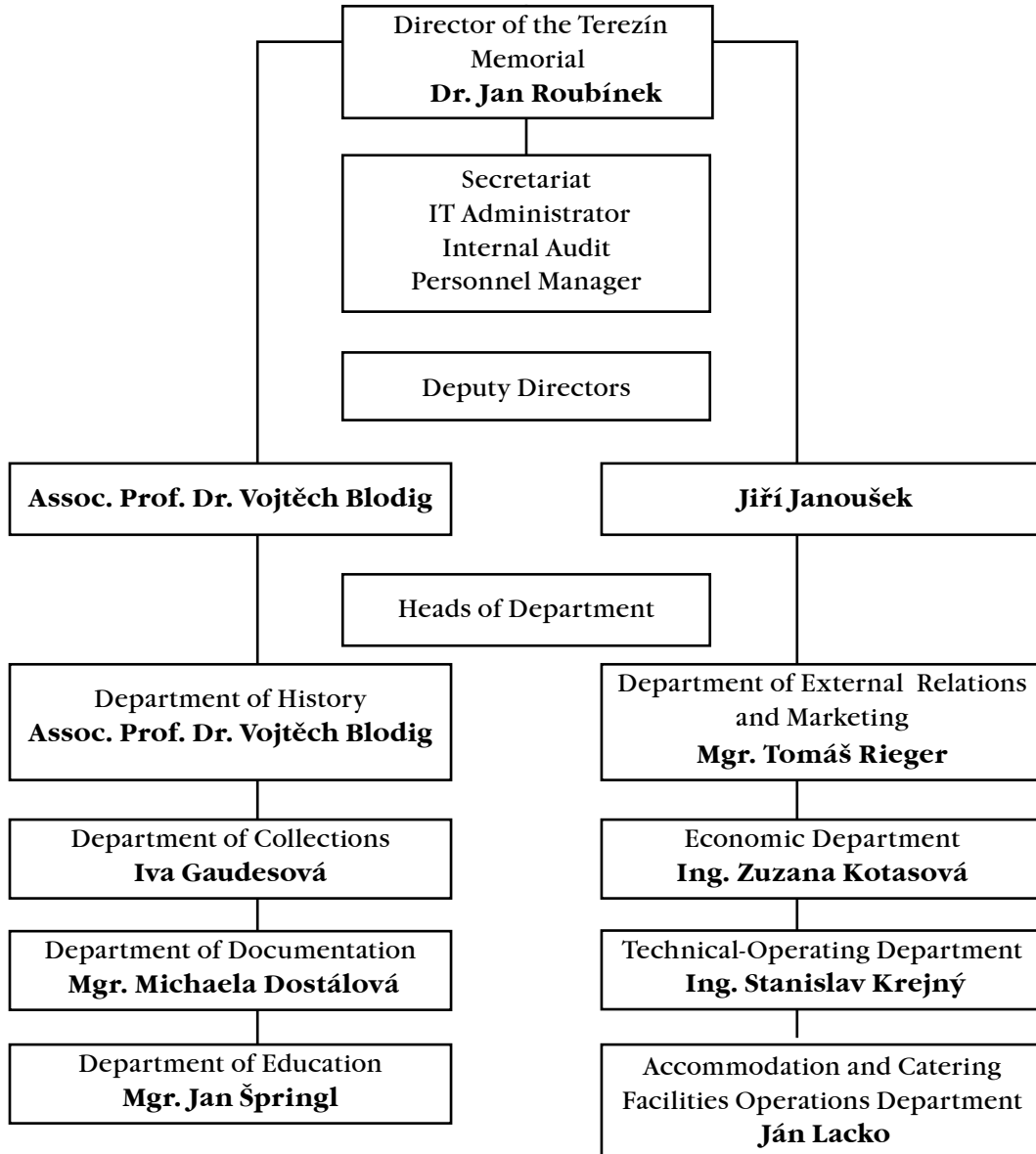
Departments is part and parcel of this report. Furthermore, I would also like to express our gratitude to all the institutions and organizations that co-operated with us throughout the past year, I am positive that this co-operation will be successfully continued also in the future.

We are now living in a complicated era, in which we have to face new challenges posed to the democratic values. Many people seem to be reluctant to draw their lessons from the past as if there had not been Terezín, Auschwitz, Mauthausen, Majdanek, Dachau and many other places infamous for their history of Nazi crimes. That is why it is our duty to be permanently around and on our guard. Also in the future we will continue to strive to recall and commemorate the tragic past and make it possible for today's and future generations to draw their own lessons. I believe that the tragic past shall never again be repeated.

*Dr. Jan Roubínek*  
*Director of the Terezín Memorial*



## STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION



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## THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL AND ITS SERVICES TO VISITORS

1 The objects and memorial sites administered by the Terezín Memorial constitute a unique museum complex, annually visited by hundreds of thousands people. It also features some genuine highlights of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century European fortification engineering, objects of interest for numerous visitors. Still, an absolute majority of them come to see the sites associated with the suffering and death of more than 200,000 people from many foreign countries deported to the repressive facilities in Terezín and nearby Litoměřice during Nazi occupation.

2 The history of the Terezín Ghetto is highlighted primarily at the permanent exhibition in the Ghetto Museum, in the former municipal school. There are many other follow-up displays housed in the former Magdeburg Barracks, in the Crematorium in the Jewish Cemetery, and in the Ghetto's former Central Mortuary. Other memorial sites include the prayer room from the time of the Ghetto in Dlouhá Street, the Ceremonial Halls and the Ghetto's Columbarium, and the memorial site on the bank of the Ohře river.

3 In the Small Fortress, located less than a kilometer from the town itself, tourists can view, in addition to the individual objects that served the Gestapo Police Prison, many permanent and short-term exhibitions as well as the National Cemetery, spreading in the foreground of the Small Fortress. In fact, this is the Czech Republic's largest



burial ground of the victims of Nazi occupation. That is why this is also the venue of the principal annual acts of remembrance in this country, staged to honor the memory of the victims of Nazi repression.

[4] The Terezín Memorial also administers the Crematorium of the former concentration camp in Litoměřice with its adjoining area, plus the entrance premises to the two underground factories built by slave laborers from that camp for the war production of Nazi Germany. But the underground premises themselves are now closed to the public because of the danger of rockslide. Visitors interested in the history of the camp and the construction of the underground factories may view a permanent exhibition on the history of this concentration camp, which is on display in the former Third Courtyard of the Small Fortress.

The Terezín Memorial offers its visitors guided sightseeing tours of the former Ghetto and the Gestapo Police Prison in the Small Fortress. Following prior booking,







visitors can also go on a guided tour of the Crematorium of the Litoměřice concentration camp.

If you are interested in visiting the Terezín Memorial, here is an overview of its permanent exhibitions:

- 5 Terezín in the 'Final Solution of the Jewish Question' 1941–1945 – an exhibition in the Ghetto Museum;
- 6 Mortality and Burials in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the Crematorium in the Jewish Cemetery;
- 7 Central Mortuary and Funeral Services in the Ghetto – an exhibition in the Ghetto's former Central Mortuary;
- 8 Reconstruction of prisoners' dormitory from the time of the Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks;
- 9 Music in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks;
- 10 Arts in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks;
- 11 Literary Work in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks
- 12 Theater in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks;
- 13 Truth and Lies. Filming in the Terezín Ghetto – an exhibition in the former Magdeburg Barracks;
- 14 Reconstruction of an "attic room" of Terezín Ghetto inmates – an exhibition at No. 17 Dlouhá Street;
- 15 The Terezín Small Fortress 1940–1945 – an exhibition in the Small Fortress Museum;
- 16 The Terezín Memorial art exhibition "Art against Fascism and War" – an exhibition in the Small Fortress Museum;
- 17 Litoměřice Concentration Camp 1944–1945 – an exhibition in the Third Courtyard of the Small Fortress;
- 18 Terezín 1780–1939 – an exhibition in the entrance to the Small Fortress;
- 19 The Detention Camp for Germans. The Terezín Small Fortress 1945–1948 – an exhibition in the Fourth Courtyard of the Small Fortress;
- 20 Milada Horáková 1901–1950 – an exhibition in the Memorial Hall in the Small Fortress;
- 21 The Prison Washhouse – an exhibition in the Third Courtyard of the Small Fortress;
- Kamila Ženatá, Lamentation – an exhibition in the Third Courtyard of the Small Fortress.

Every year visitors can also see a number of short-term exhibitions.

External researchers may avail themselves of the services of the Departments of Documentation and Collections and the specialized library, as well as the search engines on the Terezín Memorial's web pages ([www.pamatnik-terezin.cz](http://www.pamatnik-terezin.cz)). The Terezín Memorial personnel provide specialist consultations on issues of racial and political persecution during Nazi occupation, as well as information on the fate of the inmates of the repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice.



## STATISTICS ON VISITORS

### OVERALL NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL IN 2017

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	6,255	5,544	2,422	397
February	10,479	8,326	5,277	1,293
March	25,549	21,393	15,671	2,605
April	33,785	26,239	17,044	4,359
May	36,690	22,796	12,889	7,516
June	26,783	18,846	10,162	4,987
July	35,590	25,547	12,395	3,272
August	32,003	22,928	8,899	3,033
September	29,437	24,297	15,062	2,055
October	27,623	22,924	13,759	2,609
November	13,022	9,560	4,131	2,154
December	9,748	8,386	2,876	900
<b>YEAR 2017</b>	<b>286,964</b>	<b>216,786</b>	<b>120,589</b>	<b>35,367</b>
<b>Year 2016</b>	<b>282,199</b>	<b>218,480</b>	<b>125,064</b>	<b>33,465</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ 4,765</b>	<b>- 1,694</b>	<b>- 4,475</b>	<b>+ 1,902</b>

### VISITORS TO THE SMALL FORTRESS IN 2017

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	5,849	5,151	2,295	396
February	10,140	8,018	5,143	1,287
March	24,403	20,329	15,062	2,556
April	32,712	25,254	16,626	4,313
May	35,600	21,924	12,530	7,356
June	24,231	16,667	9,219	4,761
July	34,212	24,372	12,047	3,221
August	30,487	21,563	8,576	2,988
September	28,717	23,642	14,836	2,216
October	26,821	22,202	13,503	2,576
November	12,420	9,080	3,974	2,073
December	9,400	8,045	2,854	899
<b>YEAR 2017</b>	<b>274,992</b>	<b>206,247</b>	<b>116,665</b>	<b>34,642</b>
<b>Year 2016</b>	<b>272,099</b>	<b>209,418</b>	<b>121,878</b>	<b>33,114</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ 2,893</b>	<b>- 3,171</b>	<b>- 5,213</b>	<b>+ 1,528</b>

**VISITORS TO THE GHETTO MUSEUM IN 2017**

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	4,986	4,407	1,813	378
February	7,145	5,542	3,093	1,017
March	14,932	12,087	8,012	1,844
April	22,076	17,175	10,248	2,980
May	26,436	15,944	8,471	5,350
June	20,139	14,832	7,844	3,548
July	27,010	20,150	9,742	2,445
August	24,675	18,373	6,880	2,342
September	20,533	17,362	10,325	1,613
October	19,808	16,402	9,001	2,147
November	9,232	6,692	2,650	1,704
December	7,836	6,728	2,297	821
<b>YEAR 2017</b>	<b>204,808</b>	<b>155,694</b>	<b>80,376</b>	<b>26,189</b>
<b>Year 2016</b>	<b>203,150</b>	<b>156,951</b>	<b>84,833</b>	<b>25,638</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ 1,658</b>	<b>- 1,257</b>	<b>- 4,457</b>	<b>+ 551</b>

**VISITORS TO THE FORMER MAGDEBURG BARRACKS IN 2017**

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	2,810	2,539	1,076	217
February	3,686	2,873	1,515	629
March	8,837	7,214	4,695	1,257
April	11,498	9,082	5,059	1,749
May	12,693	8,136	4,430	3,250
June	11,324	8,729	4,614	1,930
July	12,167	10,353	5,003	580
August	11,537	9,745	3,447	568
September	10,255	8,796	4,849	888
October	8,497	6,881	3,141	1,170
November	4,913	3,475	1,272	1,114
December	4,405	3,795	1,180	529
<b>YEAR 2017</b>	<b>102,622</b>	<b>81,618</b>	<b>40,281</b>	<b>13,881</b>
<b>Year 2016</b>	<b>96,115</b>	<b>76,016</b>	<b>38,789</b>	<b>14,272</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ 6,507</b>	<b>+ 5,602</b>	<b>+ 1,492</b>	<b>- 391</b>



## OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZED EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS. PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

### LIST OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL IN 2017

- 22 Joint act of remembrance, organized by the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and the House of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, the Bavarian Land Assembly and the Foundation of Bavarian Memorials, was held on January 27 to mark the *International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity*.
- 23 Commemorative act *Yom-Ha'Shoah* in memory of the victims of the Nazi genocide of the Jews, marking the anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, took place in front of the former prayer room from the time of the Ghetto on April 24.
- 24 The former and current employees of the Terezín Memorial met on May 5 on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation. It was also attended by representatives of the institutions and organizations with which the Terezín Memorial has been co-operating on a long-term basis. 25 To mark this anniversary the Memorial issued a booklet of postage stamps with a commemorative rubberstamp. Its official public presentation, held as part of the *Terezín Commemoration* on May 21, took place at a special Czech Mail counter. Also present was the graphic designer, author of the design of the stamp booklet.
- 26 Act of remembrance honoring the memory of the victims of the last wartime execution in Terezín on May 2, 1945 was held in the execution ground in the Small Fortress on May 21.
- 27 Attended by officials of the Senate and the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Czech Government and diplomats from a number of foreign countries and many other guests, the *Terezín Commemoration* was held in



Terezín's National Cemetery on May 21. The keynote speech at the gathering was delivered by Mr. Bohuslav Sobotka, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic.

- 28 Commemorative rally was held in the Memorial Hall in the Small Fortress on June 27 on the occasion of the anniversary of the execution of Milada Horáková and the *Day of Commemoration for the Victims of Communism*.
- 29 The *Kever Avot* commemoration, honoring the victims of the genocide of the Jews from the Czech lands, was held in the Jewish Cemetery and in the memorial site on the banks of the Ohře river on September 17.
- The European gathering of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience took place in the former Magdeburg Barracks in Terezín on November 17 to 19.



## AN OVERVIEW OF EXHIBITIONS STAGED BY THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL IN 2017

- Don't Forget Your Name. The Children from Auschwitz* – a documentary exhibition, part of a series of exhibitions marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of deportations of Jews from the Czech lands and the establishment of the Terezín Ghetto. The display was launched as early as 2016 (with an overlap to 2017);
- Zbyněk Sekal. Young Sekal – Drawings from the Camp and Other Works...* – an art exhibition;
- The Terezín Memorial – Posters 1947–2017* – an art exhibition to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Terezín Memorial;
- Václav Špale. Weight* – an art exhibition;
- Is the Past Still Alive?* – an art exhibition from the students' entries sent to the Terezín Memorial's 21<sup>st</sup> youth art competition, known as *The Hana Greenfield Memorial*;
- New arrivals to the collections of the Terezín Memorial 2010–2016* – an art exhibition;
- Patrik Hábl. Introspection* – an art exhibition;
- The Brown Cardboard Folder – Homage to Felix Bloch* – an art exhibition held in conjunction with the Beit Theresienstadt Museum, Israel.

## TOURING EXHIBITIONS ON LOAN TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- Helga Hošková. Paint What You See* – an art exhibition (Pilsen – Turismus, Pilsen);
- Vedem. A magazine secretly published by boys in the Terezín Ghetto* – a documentary exhibition (Lidice Memorial);
- November 17, 1939* – a documentary exhibition (UNESCO elementary school, Uherské Hradiště).

## ORGANIZING AND PR ACTIVITIES

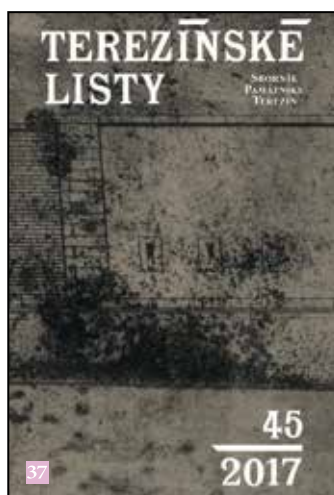
- Press releases on major events published and distributed to the regional and nationwide media, local information centers, partner institutions, and similarly focused organizations.
- Presentations of the Terezín Memorial continued to be published in specialized periodicals and other magazines devoted to tourism, both printed and electronic.
- Co-operation continued with the agency CzechTourism on a nationwide scale with an international overlap (Czech centers abroad).
- Co-operation continued with the Regional Development Department of the Regional Office of the Ústí Region.
- Co-operation continued on local level with the information and tourist centers in neighboring municipalities.
- Co-operation continued with the Association of Museums and Art Galleries of the Czech Republic as part of its membership of the association.

- Co-operation continued with the Association of Travel Agencies of the Czech Republic and the Association of Czech Travel Bureaus and Agencies as part of its membership of the two associations.
  - Co-operation continued with the Association of Guides of the Czech Republic as part of its affiliation to the association.
  - The Terezín Memorial was represented at tourism trade fairs in the Czech Republic and abroad.
  - The Terezín Memorial's new web pages, better suited to the prevailing trends and needs, were designed and launched.
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- The Terezín Memorial's web presentation and its profile on the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social networks were updated regularly and on time.
- The Terezín Memorial ensured adequate promotion of the institution and its activities.
- Two inspections were made at the Czech National Exhibition in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, Poland.
- One inspection was made at the Czech National Exhibition in the Ravensbrück Memorial, Germany.



- In co-operation with the Czech Red Cross the Terezín Memorial arranged a first-aid training course for all its employees.
- The Terezín Memorial's attended the event called *Open Day of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic* in Prague.

### **GUIDES**

- The pool of guides was exchanged and supplemented.
- Refresher courses for the Terezín Memorial guides were held at the start of the season and in its course.
- The guides attended auditions of their own guide comments.
- The pool of curators for short-term and permanent exhibitions was exchanged and supplemented.

### **PUBLISHING**

- Booklet called *Jan Munk, 70 Years of the Terezín Memorial* was published.
- Terezínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook) No. 45 published.
- Annual Report of the Terezín Memorial for 2016* published.
- Four issues of *Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin* published.
- Printed foreign-language guidebooks continuously updated.
- Folder for Zbyněk Sekal's exhibition *Young Sekal, Drawings from the Camp and Other Works...* published.
- Brochure *The Perpetrators of Crimes* re-issued.

### **MEETING THE MEMORIAL'S TASKS AS THE PROVIDER OF STANDARDIZED PUBLIC SERVICES**

The Terezín Memorial has its own *Guidelines on the Provision of Standardized Public Services*, which lay down the following:

- For each year, admission fees to the individual objects of the Memorial are fixed in a directive issued by the Director of the Terezín Memorial. This stipulates all types of admission fees as well as conditions for granting discounts. The list of admission fees is posted up in all box offices, and also placed on the web pages of the Memorial.
- As part of its commitment to dismantle physical barriers that prevent people with limited mobility and orientation from using its services, easy-access entrance has been installed to part of the Terezín Memorial's exhibitions.
- Construction of easy-access facilities for wheelchair users and other handicapped visitors in other objects of the Memorial will continue, depending on the availability of funds.
- The objects and premises of the Terezín Memorial are open to visitors all year round in the accompaniment of guides during the following visiting hours:

**The Small Fortress**

Winter time – daily 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Summer time – daily 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**The Ghetto Museum and the Magdeburg Barracks**

Winter time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Summer time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**The Columbarium, Ceremonial Halls and the Ghetto's Central Mortuary**

Winter time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Summer time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**The Crematorium**

Winter time – daily 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Summer time – daily 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

closed on Saturdays

**The Prayer Room from the time of the Terezín Ghetto and replica of “attic room”**

Winter time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Summer time – daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**All the objects are closed from December 24 to 26 and on January 1.**

**The opening hours are changed to summer time and winter time opening hours on the day following the actual change to summer time and back (October and March).**

The visiting hours are on display to the public in all the objects of the Terezín Memorial and on its website.

**Free Admission Days**

In accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 96/2014 the Terezín Memorial will provide to visitors the following free admission opportunities:

**Free admission to the following selected objects and exhibitions:**

The Crematorium in the Jewish Cemetery, prayer room from the time of the Ghetto and replica of “attic room”, the Ghetto's Central Mortuary, the Ghetto Columbarium, the Ghetto's Ceremonial Halls and access routes to e-kiosks.

**Free admission will be available on the following days:**

June 1

September 28

October 28

**Free admission to all the Terezín Memorial's objects:**

On January 27 on the occasion of the *International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity*.

On the third Sunday in May on the occasion of the *Terezín Commemoration*.

Information on the Terezín Memorial and its activities over the past year is published in the Annual Report, which is distributed and also published on the web pages of the Terezín Memorial. The website also contains an overview of exhibitions and dates of events held by the Terezín Memorial during the year.

In keeping with the applicable guidelines, the collections of the Departments of Documentation and Collections are open to researchers following prior arrangement.



## ■ EXTERNAL CONTACTS AND CO-OPERATION

The Terezín Memorial, as an institution commemorating the victims of Nazism from many countries, constitutes a major link in the international community of organizations recalling the tragic events of the past and contributing, with its own agenda, to the efforts aimed at forestalling new attempts to impose the rule of violence. Seen in this light, there arises the need to promote international co-operation with numerous partners, notably memorials and museums, research and documentary institutions, schools of various types as well as individuals participating in the research into the tragic events of the past and their commemoration, and in Holocaust education. Greatest importance was and still is attached to co-operation with the organizations associating the former wartime prisoners, who now form only a smallish group of Holocaust survivors, but also with the second and third generations of their family members. For almost three decades since its foundation the Terezín Initiative, bringing together former Terezín Ghetto prisoners, has been the most significant partner of the Terezín Memorial in this field. It has been providing all-round support to the Memorial in organizing acts of remembrance and commemorations for the victims of Nazi occupation, while still playing an irreplaceable role in the Memorial's educational projects. The actual share of the members of the Terezín Initiative in the process of implementing various programs has an enormously strong impact on the young participants of such programs as well as on their teachers. The Terezín Initiative Institute, established by the Terezín Initiative, has been working hand in hand with the Memorial in its research and documentary agenda.

Due to a higher age average of the surviving former inmates of the Terezín Police Prison in the Small Fortress, only two events with their participation could be held in 2017.

The Terezín Memorial's successful co-operation with domestic and foreign partner institutions continued throughout the past year. As regards its domestic partners, it was primarily the Jewish Museum in Prague, with which the Memorial carried on joint research, staged exhibitions and gave promotional events and educational programs. Other major domestic partners were the Brno-based Museum of Romany Culture, the Lidice Memorial, the National Archives in Prague, the Institute for Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes in Prague, the Security (Police) Forces Archives in Prague, the National Museum in Prague, the State District Archives in Litoměřice and the State District Archives Litoměřice based in Lovosice.

The full extent of the Terezín Memorial's co-operation with a number of foreign memorials and other institutions commemorating the victims of the racial and political persecution in the countries occupied by the German Nazi regime, including many such institutions in Germany itself, was quite large indeed in 2017. In Poland the key such institution was the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, where the Terezín Memorial, commissioned by this country's Ministry of Culture, has estab-

lished and manages a permanent exhibition on the inmates from the Czech lands in Auschwitz. Other Polish partner institutions were: the State Museum in Majdanek and the Gross-Rosen Museum. In Israel these were the memorials Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and Beit Theresienstadt in Givat Haim Ichud; in the United States: the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York, and the University of South California Shoah Foundation Institute in Los Angeles; in the Netherlands: the Amsterdam-based Anne Frank House. In Germany the main partner organization was the Ravensbrück Memorial, where, just like in Auschwitz, the Terezín Memorial keeps a permanent exhibition on the prisoners from the Czech lands. Other partners included the Flossenbürg Memorial, the Buchenwald Memorial, the Dachau Memorial, the Sachsenhausen Memorial and the Wannsee Conference House. In Austria these were the Mauthausen Memorial and the Vienna-based Dokumentationsarchiv des österreichischen Widerstandes; in Norway it was the Falstad Memorial, and in Slovakia: the Slovak National Uprising Museum in Banská Bystrica, the Holocaust Documentary Center in Bratislava, the Museum of Jewish Culture in Bratislava, and the Holocaust Museum in Sereď.

For many years now, the Terezín Memorial has been working together with the unions of Terezín friends and supporters in the German federal lands of Saxony, Brandenburg and Lower Saxony.

The Terezín Memorial's representatives carried on their work in the international organizations engaged in the research, museological and educational programs devoted to the memorial sites recalling the victims of the Nazi racial and political persecution. The most important of these is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), associating officials from more than 30 countries. The Terezín Memorial has also continued its work in the International Committee for Memorials and Martyrological Museums IC MEMO, part of the International Council of Museums ICOM. The Memorial, as a member organization of the association The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, hosted its European gathering between November 17 and 19 last year.

The Terezín Memorial also co-participates in the work of the Consultative Board of Bavarian Memorials by way of honoring the memory of the victims of the Litoměřice concentration camp, the largest branch camp of the core concentration camp in the Bavarian Flossenbürg. The above Consultative Board also initiated joint Czech-Bavarian commemoration of the *International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity*. As part of this project, both chambers of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Bavarian Land Assembly, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Foundation of Bavarian Memorials jointly organized acts of remembrance first in the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Prague and then in the Terezín Memorial near the former Litoměřice crematorium and in Terezín's National Cemetery.

Also in its educational agenda the Terezín Memorial fostered co-operation with its partner institutions in Israel (the memorial Yad Vashem) and in Poland (the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim) in preparing special further education seminars for Czech schoolteachers. Mention should also be made of the Memorial's

continued co-operation and contacts with the organization Tandem - Czech-German Youth Exchange Coordination Center with its headquarters in Pilsen and Regensburg, respectively.

Also last year, foreign volunteers from the Austrian organization Gedenkdienst and from Germany's Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste came to the Terezín Memorial to help in its educational programs tailor-made for German-speaking groups.

The above forms of international co-operation and foreign contacts were reflected in the structure of business trips abroad undertaken by the Terezín Memorial employees in 2017. These either involved attendance at international conferences and seminars (Cambridge, Arolsen), courier journeys to accompany exhibits from the collections of the Terezín Memorial to exhibitions abroad (Vienna, Strassbourg), inspection journeys to foreign exhibitions administered by the Terezín Memorial (Oświęcim, Ravensbrück), participation in deliberations stemming from the Terezín Memorial's membership of various international institutions and working groups (Munich, Oświęcim, Cincinnati, Geneva, Bern), journeys to attend acts of remembrance staged by partner institutions (Buchenwald, Dachau, Sereď, Banská Bystrica, Flossenbürg, Kaliště), preparations for and implementation of educational programs (Oświęcim, Jerusalem), meetings of working groups engaged in solving international projects (Oświęcim, Paris), research in foreign archives (Bratislava), and participation in tourism trade fairs (Berlin).

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research into the history of the Terezín Ghetto continued with a project to elucidate the mechanism of transports heading to the Terezín Ghetto and from the Ghetto to the East, to the places of extermination and slave labor. Its results will be published in *Terezínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook). Research also continued unabated into the role and structure of the so-called Jewish Self-administration in the Ghetto, and into the fate of physically handicapped inmates in the Terezín Ghetto. Attention was also devoted to the destiny of the Jewish inhabitants of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia who went and lived underground during the war and their actual survival. This particular topic was published in *Terezínské listy* No. 45.

The database listing the former Terezín Ghetto inmates as well as the database registering the Holocaust victims from the Czech lands, who had not passed through the Terezín Ghetto, were gradually supplemented. Both databases are now available to researchers and the general public on the Terezín Memorial's web pages.

The research project tracing the history of Terezín's Police Prison continued by expanding the database of its former inmates. Research was focused on amassing the largest possible corpus of data on the circumstances of the arrest, imprisonment and further fates of those prisoners during Nazi occupation. Two original files of cards, the so-called small registration and the file known as Karteikarten, were attached to this database.

Systematic research was also launched into the subject of the annual numbers of inmates of the Terezín Police Prison, covering their arrivals and departures, mass transports (Sammeltransporte) to Terezín, transports from Terezín to other prisons, penitentiaries and concentration camps. Another topic under scrutiny was the formation and development of detached labor commandos in the Ghetto.

*Terezínské listy* No. 45 also published the results of a research project examining the incarceration of Commonwealth POWs in the Terezín Police Prison.

Last year saw the completion of the process of storing the original card index of the German Investigation and Remand Prison in Prague-Pankrác, records that were moved to the Small Fortress in Terezín in March 1945, into the Memorial's database of names.

Research into the history of the Litoměřice concentration camp was focused primarily on supplementing the database of its former inmates. New documents acquired from the Security (Police) Forces Archives in Prague were processed on an ongoing basis.

Work was also under way on supplementing and extending the databases of the former prisoners of the other Nazi repressive facilities, later made available on the Memorial's web pages, i.e. the database listing the inmates of the branch camps of the Flossenbürg concentration camp in the Czech lands, and also databases of the former inmates from the Czech lands deported to the Ravensbrück, Mauthausen and Buchenwald concentration camps.

Other files of documents from the Terezín Memorial's own collections were gradually placed on the Memorial's web pages, prepared in conjunction with the other specialized Departments.

Representing the Czech Republic, the Terezín Memorial also took part in the agenda of some international organizations (IC MEMO ICOM – section of memorials and memorial museums attached to the international museums organization, and IHRA – International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance).

The Memorial promoted its co-operation in specialized and educational matters with the J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem.

Last year, the Memorial's researchers attended scholarly conferences and seminars on the subjects of their research domains, having prepared for those deliberations their own papers presenting research results. They also continued in their systematic publishing activities. In addition to their own independent works they prepared articles for the Memorial's yearbook *Terezínské listy* and the quarterly *Zpravodaj. Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin*.

The Department of History was also responsible for editorial work in publishing *Terezínské listy* No. 45.

The results of their research appeared not only in publications and specialized periodicals but also in the Memorial's educational programs, namely in lectures, debates with schoolteachers, pupils and students from the Czech Republic and abroad, as well as lectures for the general public.

The Department of History also maintained its program of specialized consultations for researchers from home and abroad, while sending information to the media and other interested parties.

Certificates on wartime imprisonment were continuously awarded, either directly to the former inmates or to their relatives, to various authorities and courts.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to its research, collection-building and museological agenda, the Terezín Memorial has also been involved in organizing educational programs for pupils and students of elementary, secondary and vocational schools and apprentice-training centers. In 2017, the Department of Education prepared as many as 107 one-day and 51 longer seminars for Czech schools, including visits to exhibitions, lectures, debates with Holocaust survivors, workshops, film screenings and free creative activities. All in all, 6,238 elementary school pupils and secondary students attended those seminars. However, the offer of the Department of Education is also utilized by groups of schoolchildren from abroad. Last year, 1,095 foreign schoolchildren came to Terezín to attend a total of 17 longer and 13 one-day seminars. These were led, under the guidance of responsible employees of the Department of Education, by volunteers from Austria and Germany, sent to the Terezín Memorial for a one-year spell of duty by the organizations Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste and Gedenkdienst.

In 2017, just as in the previous years, the Department of Education did not focus exclusively on seminars for schoolchildren but also on further education of schoolteachers. Working closely with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Physical Training of the Czech Republic, the Department employs the time-tested structure of four to five follow-up seminars.

Two elementary 3-day introductory seminars in the series *How to Teach about the Holocaust*, given by lecturers from the Terezín Memorial, the Educational and Cultural Center of the Jewish Museum in Prague and the Museum of Romany Culture in Brno, materialized in the spring of 2017. A follow-up seminar *Holocaust in Education*, linking up to the above elementary workshops, then took place in fall of last year. Its purpose was to broaden schoolteachers' knowledge of the methods of the Holocaust practiced in the different countries in Nazi-occupied Europe, and to introduce to schoolteachers examples of various methodological procedures used in teaching about this topic abroad. In addition to Czech lecturers, foreign visiting lecturers from the partner institutions in Israel, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia and the United States were also involved in this project. Selected teachers, who had attended both above-mentioned seminars in the past years, were then invited to a follow-up training course, this time held in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim (Poland). The fourth-level seminar was held, already for the 13<sup>th</sup> time, in the memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem (Israel). All in all, 192 schoolteachers attended the above educational courses in 2017.

Another category of educational programs for schoolteachers featured seminars for foreign teachers: one was prepared for Polish schoolteachers, co-organized with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim and the Polish Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw, another course was designed for teachers from Denmark and Britain and held in association with the Danish Institute for International Studies, the British Holocaust Educational Trust and the Israeli Yad Vashem. Besides

these events, the Department organized another 11 training courses for different target groups, attended by a total of 198 people.

Two Czech-Polish educational seminars, attended by 24 schoolteachers from the Czech Republic and Poland, were held last year. Also in this case the Terezín Memorial's partner was the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, where the first of the two workshops took place in the spring. Six months later a second seminar followed, this time hosted by Terezín.

In the first half of 2017, the Terezín Memorial prepared for elementary school pupils and secondary students an art competition devoted to issues of racial and political persecution in the years of Nazi occupation. This included the 23<sup>rd</sup> literary competition and the 21<sup>st</sup> art contest, this time held under the motto *Is the Past Still Alive?* This particular topic referred to the great significance the memorial institutions had in the context of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Terezín Memorial. A total of 429 entries were sent to both contests. Just as in the past year, the competitions were held under the common title *The Hana Greenfield Memorial*, as a tribute to the late former Terezín Ghetto inmate and a sponsor of many previous contests. The Terezín Initiative was also involved in co-financing the competition, covering the Erik Polák Special Award given to particularly successful entries. A selection of the artworks sent to the contest in 2017 as well as in the previous years went on display in Terezín and other Czech towns.

Throughout 2017 the Department of Education was also engaged in university training, not only by providing consultations to undergraduates on their seminar papers and dissertations, but also by co-operating with the Faculty of Philosophy of the J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem in its project *Communitas pro praxis*. In collaboration with other specialized departments of the Terezín Memorial, employees of the Department of Education also drafted the contents of seminars for undergraduates of that university, which highlighted the role of Terezín's repressive facilities in World War II and the functioning of the Terezín Memorial as a remembrance and museological institution.

In 2017, as part of its publishing plans, the Department of Education prepared four issues of *Zpravodaj. Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin* plus some supplementary materials concerning the projects *Searching for Memorials* and *Schoolchild in the Protectorate* for the Memorial's website.

The principal purpose of the project *Searching for Memorials* is to map out the current status of the sites of the former Nazi camps and mass graves in the Czech Republic, and to find out whether small memorials or individual commemorative plaques are installed at such sites. The project is aimed at broadening the general awareness (especially among young people) of those tragic places and of the events that had happened there. The findings amassed in the project should also serve researchers studying such remembrances sites.

The underlying idea of another project called *Schoolchild in the Protectorate* is to introduce the youngest generations in this country to the life of young people under the Nazi totalitarian regime during the war, taking up the example of the school en-

vironment. The project also seeks to explain how the Nazi regime persecuted pupils and students during the German occupation. At the same time, it invites today's Czech youth to contemplate their own potential persecution and ill treatment had they lived under such a totalitarian regime. In addition to efforts to capture the actual situation in Protectorate schools, the project also employs specific examples of Nazi acts of repression against Czech youth, highlighting the role played in this by the Police Prison in Terezín's Small Fortress. A key output of the project is the website devoted to schoolteachers, school-age youth and the general public.

The *Schoolchild in the Protectorate* is followed by another project entitled *Schoolchild in the War Years*, co-organized by the Terezín Memorial, the National Pedagogical Museum and the J. A. Komenský Library, the Terezín Initiative Institute and the National Institute for Further Education. Launched back in September 2015, this new project invites individuals (pupils and students) and their groups at all types of schools in the Czech Republic to carry out research into subjects connected with schooling in the Czech lands in the years 1938–1945. Almost 20 school teams and individuals from all over the country entered the project in the school year 2015/2016. Fifteen of them, working under the guidance of their schoolteachers and experts from the Terezín Memorial, as well as other above-mentioned institutions, drafted scripts for panels for a touring exhibition presenting the results of their research. The exhibition was first opened to the public in March 2017 in the premises of the Faculty of Education of the Charles University in Prague. In May of that year, the exhibition embarked on its tour of the villages, towns and regions from which the individual participating teams hailed. By the end of the past year the touring exhibition had been installed at Morkovice near Kroměříž, in Uherské Hradiště, at Svatobořice-Mistřín, Modřice near Brno, Židlochovice, in Moravské Budějovice and České Budějovice.

In 2017, the Department of Education employees published their articles and papers in *Terezínské listy*. They also sat as members in the Grant Commission of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, an organization of which the Terezín Memorial is an accredited member.



## DOCUMENTATION AND COLLECTIONS

The Terezín Memorial's acquisition policy is aimed at systematically building up all its collections. These receive truly all-round care in terms of professional processing and treatment, their storage as well as eventual restoration. The long-term goal is to make the collection funds accessible to research, museological and exhibition purposes, and to preserve them for future generations.

### DEPARTMENT OF DOCUMENTATION

Eleven new items, covering a total of 101 individual documents acquired by gift, were entered in the Department's chronological recording system. This involved documents connected primarily with the history of the Police Prison in the Small Fortress Terezín and the Terezín Ghetto (private papers and documents owned by the prisoners, documents relating to the assistance granted to the inmates of the Police Prison in the Small Fortress during the liberation of the camp and other documents). At the end of 2017, the Department acquired a large corpus of documents from the estate of JUDr. Eduard Lederer and members of his family persecuted on racial grounds. Some of them, including Dr. Lederer himself, perished in Terezín. The estate contains, among other items, family correspondence and newspaper articles written by Dr. Lederer (the new arrivals will be entered into the system early in 2018). The Department of Documentation also obtained a five-volume type-written manuscript of Stanislav Buchar's work on Gavrilo Princip entitled *Then in Sarajevo*.

Eighty-eight inventory numbers, primarily of written documents, were processed in the systematic records of collection items.

A total of 234 inventory cards in the database of written documents were checked and corrected.

Thirteen new items were entered in the Department's collection of auxiliary photographic material, under which 61 – predominantly historic – photographs were registered.

As many as 291 new items consisting of written documents and registered in the collection of auxiliary materials were checked.

During a periodic stocktaking of the Department's collections, a total of 1,308 inventory numbers of collection items were checked. Out of these, photographs, kept in the photo archive, were registered under 49 inventory numbers, and written documents under 1,259 inventory numbers. No losses or serious shortcomings were detected during the process. One hundred and nineteen inventory numbers of collection items or parts thereof were selected for conservation.

An external conservator treated written documents singled out during the period stocktaking in 2016, eventually items from new arrivals urgently needing conservation. All in all, 1,162 sheets of written documents and 19 other individual items (covers, dustjackets, a postage stamp) were treated.

Last year, 37 individual researchers, 11 of them foreigners (30 people came to study written documents, 7 were interested in viewing photographs) visited the Department of Documentation. Moreover, 13 people came in search of information on wartime imprisonment of their family members. Another approximately 100 requests for information, eventually for copies of photographs or documents, were answered by mail.

The Department's documentalist made a total of 1,703 digital photographs either chronicling the Memorial's activities (acts of remembrance, previews of exhibitions, VIP visits etc.) or recording the technical status of different objects of the Terezín Memorial.

As for services rendered to external researchers, the Department made approximately 200 sheets of Xerox copies and over 760 scans.

More than 200 sheets of Xerox copies were made for internal needs. Approximately 750 scans were prepared for the Terezín Memorial's researchers.

Within its 2017 plan to digitize its fund of documents, the Department of Documentation made scans from the section "Small Fortress" (294 inventory numbers, 6,328 scans). Outside this plan, the Department digitized other written documents in response to requests from the Terezín Memorial's specialists and external researchers (49 inventory numbers, 148 scans). Furthermore, a substantial portion of its written documents processed in the years 2016–2017 in the systematic recording system (77 inventory numbers, 744 scans and 92 digital photographs in case of written documents of larger dimensions) was digitized.

All in all, 420 inventory numbers were converted to digital form, which gave rise to a total of 7,220 scans and 92 digital photographs. Whenever possible, these scans will be attached to the database of written documents of the subfile – Miscellany, containing historical-documentary material, which is available to the public on the Terezín Memorial website.

In 2017, as many as 1,227 scans, made in the previous year, were incorporated into the 65 inventory records in the database of written documents published on the Memorial's webpages.

The documentalist took part in the digitalization process performed by the Department of Collections, having made 626 photographs of paintings larger than the A 3 format.

Five international identification numbers were assigned within the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) system.

The Terezín Memorial's specialized library kept building up its systematic thematic book collection, including books published locally and abroad. A total of 190 new books (out of them 70 foreign-language titles) were entered – initially in the basic register and later also in the digital recording system. Eighty new specialized publications from domestic and foreign publishers were purchased within the Memorial's acquisition policy, 80 books were obtained by gift, and 30 volumes were exchanged with other partner museological organizations.

Last year, the Department of Collections made 800 loans of specialized periodicals and book titles, 10 books were loaned for study purposes through the international

loan service, 5 researchers visited the library as part of our on-site research study program, 25 requests for information by external researchers were handled, while reprographic services were also provided on request.

As part of our library maintenance program, its premises were treated by gas, five books were given new covers, and as many as 3,000 books were furnished with bar codes.

A bibliography of books and articles, devoted to the subjects studied by the Terezín Memorial and published in 2016, was compiled for publication in *Terezínské listy* No. 45.

## DEPARTMENT OF COLLECTIONS

In 2017, the acquisition policy of the Terezín Memorial was focused primarily on amassing objects of cultural value from World War II and items made by the former inmates as their personal reactions to wartime imprisonment. A major acquisition last year was the collection of 40 drawings from the estate of Greta and Vilém Cantor, donated to the Terezín Memorial by Mrs. Věra Pešinová. The corpus also comprised drawings made by authors from the Terezín Ghetto who have not yet been represented in the Memorial's collections (for instance Otto Samisch, Malva Schalek). Several individual works by Charlotta Burešová, Otto Kaufmann-Karas, Karel Fleischmann and an unknown author were also acquired by gift. Works by Hilda Zadikow, Ferdinand Bloch, František Petr Kien and Malva Schalek were purchased last year. Another new accession, an embroidered handkerchief and a drawing depicting the arrival of medical personnel to the Small Fortress, is an artefact relating to the Police Prison in the Small Fortress. Tools and products from the Nazi underground factory in Litoměřice were also obtained by gift. The Memorial's acquisition policy was also focused on supplementing and extending its collection of anti-war art. In this particular category, the works of art by Jarmila Mařanová, Lea Grundig and Aleš Veselý were purchased last year. Aleš Veselý's drawing *Magen David* was obtained by gift.

A total of 133 new items were entered in the Department's chronological documentation system; these were also processed in the systematic registration network.

During a periodic stocktaking, the collection items bearing the inventory numbers PT 5,701 – PT 7,900 were checked.

Forty-six collection items were restored and conserved by external experts.

Under the Memorial's digitalization plan, 1,650 inventory numbers of collection items were scanned (adding up to a total of 8,501 scans) and 123 photographs were taken of 3D and other collection items that could not be scanned (all in all, 498 photos). The documentalist took photographs of 355 large-format collection items. In the internal database, photographs and scans were matched with 476 collection items.

The Department of Collections rendered its services to 41 researchers, of whom 24 were Czech and 17 foreign. Moreover, written replies were sent to 22 applicants for information. Responding to researchers and their written requests, the Department of Collections employees provided 386 copies, scans and photographs for study, exhibition or publishing purposes. Using their own digital equipment, researchers took

181 photographs of collection items or their copies. Fourteen collection items were made available for the purposes of filming.

Working in collaboration with the specialists from other Departments, the Department of Collections personnel prepared two exhibitions from their own collections during the past year. An exhibition of the Memorial's posters from the years 1947–2017 went on display in May, on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Terezín Memorial, while an exhibition of the new arrivals in the collections from the years 2010–2016 got under way in July 2017.

There were three new loans of collection items to institutions in the Czech Republic, while loans made to domestic and foreign institutions in the past have been prolonged. Also extended was the loan of a collection item to the Flossenbürg Memorial.

The Department was also involved in the renewal of the permanent exhibitions in the Ghetto Museum and the Small Fortress Museum.

Helped by the staff of other specialized departments, the Department of Collections kept sorting out objects found in the town of Terezín during the search for written documents and 3D objects from the time of the Ghetto (in the buildings of the former Dresden, Hoheneibe and Bodenbach Barracks).

The Department continued its search for heirs to copyrights and its efforts to obtain permissions for further use of works of art and objects (for publication, exhibition, provision of copies of artworks to researchers etc.) from different copyright holders and their heirs.

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Terežín Memorial's economic management in 2017 finished with an improved economic result amounting to 1,009,199.69 CZK. This was accomplished thanks to the Memorial's long-term stringent austerity measures.

The category of overall costs registered a 5.31 percent rise as compared with 2016, while the total yields rose by 6.13 percent. The sustained interest of the general public in visiting the Terežín Memorial was due to its employees' competent approach to visitors and the general public, their adherence to high professional standards in their work, and involvement in specialized organizations, as well as closer co-operation with domestic and foreign partners.

### INCOME AND EXPENSES IN 2017 IN CZK

#### Income:

a) admission fees .....	43,256,134.13 CZK
b) funds provided by the Czech Ministry of Culture .....	46,985,497.49 CZK
c) use of reserve funds .....	3,216,720.77 CZK
d) other incomes .....	9,893,726.70 CZK
<b>Total incomes:</b>	<b>103,352,079.09 CZK</b>

#### Expenses:

a) material expenses and energy .....	12,605,389.44 CZK
b) personal expenses .....	45,760,455.80 CZK
c) other expenses (services, repairs) .....	43,977,034.16 CZK
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>102,342,879.40 CZK</b>

## GIFTS AND DONATIONS IN 2017

The overall funds obtained in 2017 from gifts and contributions totaled 986,935.63 CZK.

The following donors sent the largest contributions:

- Patrick Mehr and Helen Epstein, USA
- General Health Insurance Company, Czech Republic
- Federation of Jewish Communities, Czech Republic
- Terezín Initiative, Czech Republic
- Robert H. Arnow, USA
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- Lenka Bartošová, Czech Republic
- Milan Flosman, Czech Republic
- Trong Huan, Czech Republic
- Blanka Raclová, Czech Republic
- Marek Šteigl, Czech Republic

Many other donors, most of whom have remained anonymous, made smaller contributions. Nonetheless, our sincere thanks are due to them, just as to all those mentioned above.

The funds obtained from gifts and contributions were used for the following purposes:

gifts for Terezín Commemoration 2017 .....	15,000.00 CZK
gifts for repairs and maintenance .....	305,827.50 CZK
gifts for employee training .....	27,167.00 CZK
gifts for the salaries of the Terezín Memorial employees .....	377,846.00 CZK
gifts for educational activities .....	83,767.00 CZK
gifts for the youth competitions organized by the Department of Education .....	32,630.20 CZK
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gifts for the exhibition of the works from the youth art contest .....	26,814.00 CZK

## ■ TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION WORK

The Technical Department provides yearlong maintenance and restoration of the areas and objects of the repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice.

### CONTINUED REMOVAL OF THE AFTERMATH OF THE FLOODS IN 2002 AND 2013

- 39 Repair of the exposed brickwork of the outer fortification of the Small Fortress continued, nearing its completion at the end of 2017.
- 40 Overall repair of the Fourth Courtyard of the Small Fortress (facades, roofs and glass skylights above the cells).
- 41 Regeneration of lawn in front of the administrative building of the Terezín Memorial in the Small Fortress.

### ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL WORK

- 42 Repair of the roof of the stables in the Small Fortress – particularly the repair of roof timbers and exchange of roofing.
- Reconstruction of the object in No. 121 Dlouhá Street in Terezín and its conversion into an accommodation facility for participants in the Terezín Memorial's educational programs (preparation of project documentation and building procedures).
- 43 Repair of the swimming pool and restoration of the original rock garden above.
- Lining the pylons in the National Cemetery with new granite slabs.
- Installation of a new camera monitoring system in the Small Fortress Museum.
- Installation of another section of the air-conditioning system in the premises of the Terezín Memorial's administrative building .
- Technical measures providing for the acts of remembrance, cultural events and educational programs.





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**OUTLOOK FOR 2018**

- Terezín Commemoration* to be held on May 20, 2018 and other acts of remembrance.
- Installation of 9 short-term art and documentary exhibitions.
- Continued research into the history of the Nazi repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice.
- Continued digitalization of the Terezín Memorial's collections and placing the digitized content on its web pages.
- Supplementing the databases listing the former inmates.
- Publishing *Terezínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook) No. 46.
- Publishing the quarterly *Zpravodaj, vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter, Educational and Information Bulletin*.
- Holding seminars for schoolteachers, pupils and students.
- Holding an art and literary competition for youth on the topic *Home*.
- Continued implementation of the project documenting the current status of the sites of the former Nazi camps and mass graves in the Czech lands called *Searching for Memorials*.
- Continued implementation of the research project for Czech pupils, called *School-child in the War Years* and held in association with other institutions.



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