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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE TEREŽÍN MEMORIAL'S MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Terežín Memorial amasses and keeps a collection of material exhibits documenting the racial and political persecution during the wartime occupation of the Czech lands by Nazi Germany, with a particular 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 yield relevant research findings.
- ☐ It conducts scholarly research into the historical era in which its collection items originated.
- ☐ 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 Auschwitz (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 as a remembrance institution succeeded in accomplishing its mission in the past year, primarily its tasks in preserving and commemorating the heritage of those who had suffered and perished in the Nazi repressive facilities. These tragic lessons from the past should not be forgotten and ought to assist in the endeavors to preserve the democratic values at home and abroad.

By way of introduction, I would like to mention the major events held or co-organized by the Terezín Memorial while performing its above mission.

On the occasion of the *Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity* a joint act of remembrance of the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Saxon Land Assembly and the Saxon Land Government was held in the National Cemetery in front of Terezín's Small Fortress on January 24, 2018. It was attended by Mr. Jan Hamáček, Deputy Speaker of the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Dr. Matthias Rössler, President of the Saxon Land Assembly, Mr. Michael Kretschmer, Prime Minister of the Government of the Free State of Saxony, and other official guests. After the event, the Holocaust survivors attending the event had a discussion with students of the Friedrich Schiller bilingual high school in the Saxon town of Pirna.

A commemorative rally, marking the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism *Yom HaShoah*, took place in front of the former prayer room from the time of the Ghetto in Dlouhá Street in Terezín on April 12. On that day, according to the Jewish calendar, the uprising of the Jewish Warsaw Ghetto inmates broke out in 1943. Traditionally, 100 names of the Jewish victims, who had passed through the Terezín Ghetto in World War II, were read out in front of the former prayer room. Prayers at the commemoration were led by Jakub Schwab, Cantor of the Jewish Community Brno.

Held on May 20, 2018, the traditional *Terezín Commemoration* marked the 73rd anniversary of the liberation of our country from Nazism and honored the memory of all the victims of Nazi persecution. This central remembrance event was staged by the Terezín Memorial jointly with the Ústí Region, the Central Committee of the Czech Union of Freedom Fighters, the Terezín Municipality, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, and the Terezín Initiative. Two concerts of classical music, co-organized by the Institute of Terezín Composers, were given as a follow-up to the Terezín Commemoration, and we would like to make such additional cultural events regular parts of our commemorative meetings in the future.

On June 4, 2018, the Terezín Memorial, together with the Terezín Initiative and the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, represented this country during the ceremony of unveiling a monument by sculptor Aleš Veselý called *The Law of Irreversibility*. The ceremony was attended by President of the European Jewish Congress Moshe Kantor, Mr. Bodo Ramelow, Prime Minister of the Free State of Thuringia, and Ambassadors of several European countries and Israel.

Co-organized by the Terezín Memorial and the Confederation of Political Prisoners in the Czech Republic, a traditional rally marking the 68th anniversary of the execution of Milada Horáková, a leading Czechoslovak democratic politician, was held in the Memorial Hall in Terezín's Small Fortress on June 27. For her steely determination during her framed-up trial Dr. Horáková came to epitomize resistance against the Communist dictatorship in postwar Czechoslovakia.

Staged by the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic and the Prague Jewish Community, Kever Avot, an act of remembrance to commemorate the victims of the genocide of the Jews from the Czech lands, was held near the Crematorium in the Jewish Cemetery and on the memorial site on the Ohře riverbanks in Terezín on September 2, 2018. This event enjoys a long tradition and the Holocaust survivors and their family members born after the war have been meeting on the site since the latter half of the 1950s, i.e. since the time when commemorating the Holocaust was definitely at variance with the country's official policy. In a way, these gatherings in the past could easily be described as anti-regime manifestations.

Also in 2018, the Terezín Memorial intensely pursued its exhibition agenda. Out of the newly launched short-term exhibitions let me mention at least two documentary displays. A touring exhibition called *The Maly Trostenets Extermination Center – History and Remembrance* and prepared by a team of German and Belarusian historians, was unveiled in the Fourth Courtyard of the Small Fortress in Terezín on July 19. Historians from Czech institutions, including the Terezín Memorial, were also involved in preparations for the exhibition, which traces the history of this largest extermination complex in the occupied territories of what was then the Soviet Union. Many Jews from the Czech lands are also known to have fallen victims of the Maly Trostenets camp.

A combined historical and art exhibition entitled *The Great War through the Eyes of Painters* was inaugurated in the lobby of the cinema in the Ghetto Museum on September 13. The exhibition follows – primarily through drawings from the collections of the Terezín Memorial – the fates of the troops of erstwhile Austro-Hungary on the World War I battlefields. These soldiers also went to battle in the ranks of foreign legions whose fighting spirit was definitely boosted by the establishment of an independent Czechoslovakia in October 1918.

In 2018, the Terezín Memorial's Department of Documentation continued implementing its project called *An Appeal to Citizens. Holocaust Survivors' Estates* thanks to which the Memorial has acquired many valuable accessions to its collections. That is why I would like to thank those who have provided us with the documents dating back to the era of Nazi occupation; I would also like to express my hope that many of those who still possess similar valuable documents and objects and have not yet made up their minds what to do with them will eventually address us. I would like to assure them that in our depositories their memorabilia will be safely preserved for future generations and used for research, educational and collection-building purposes.

Through its purposeful work the Terezín Memorial is also actively involved in combating anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. In addition to the tasks laid down by its own statutes, the Memorial has also been participating in this struggle by working in

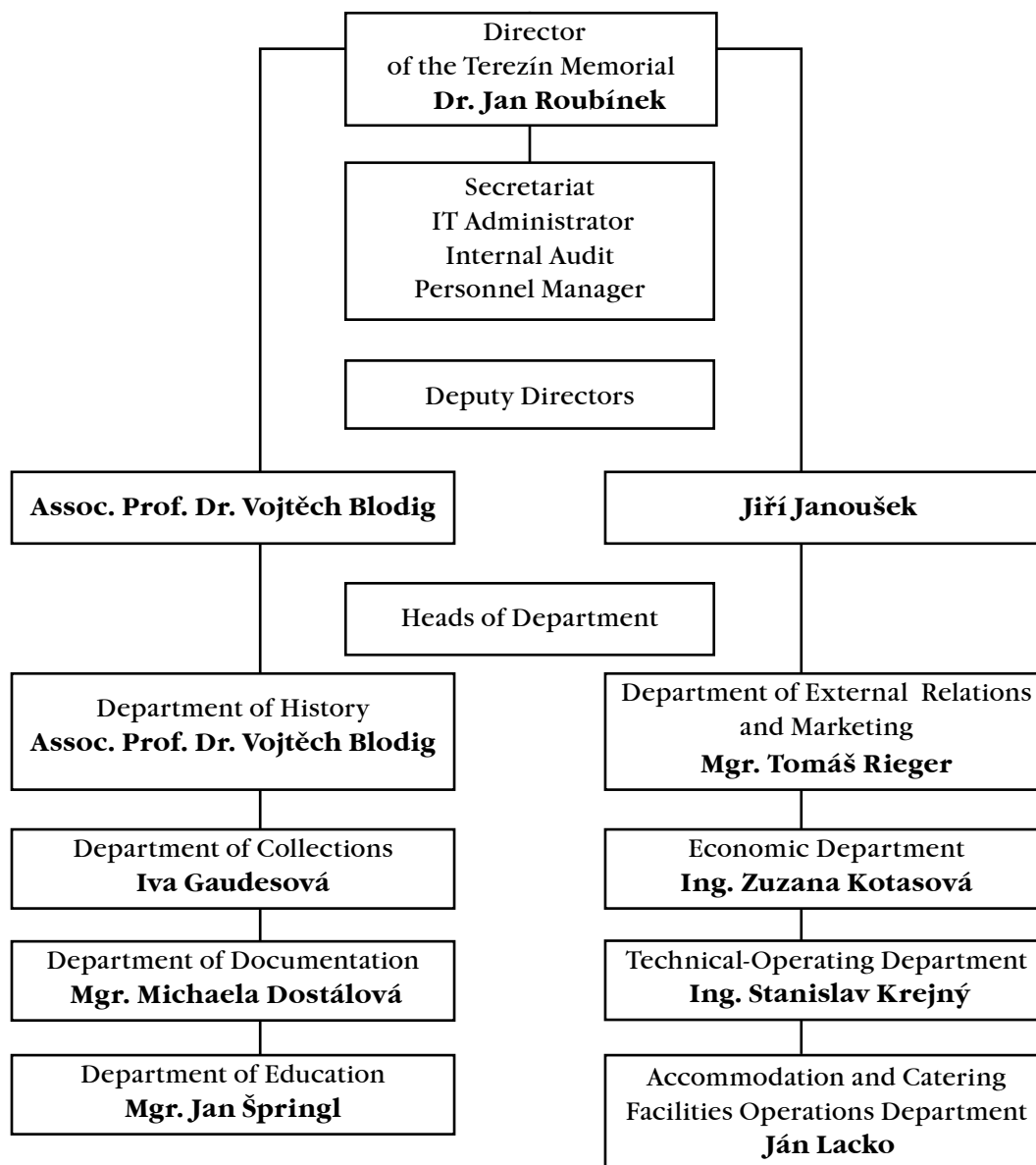
the international organizations IHRA, OC MEMO and Sites of Conscience, as described later in this report.

Last year, many distinguished guests visited the Terezín Memorial. Besides the aforementioned dignitaries, who attended the above commemorative events, the Memorial also welcomed Dr. Alexander Grubmayr, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria, Professor Ilya Altman, Director of the Russian Center for Holocaust Research and Education in Moscow, and other guests. I particularly appreciate the fact that the former Terezín Ghetto inmates have still been visiting the Memorial, and some of them have been actively engaged in our educational programs. As for the former Ghetto inmates living abroad, who also visited us here in Terezín, I would like to mention at least Dita Krausová from Israel, author of a recently published book of memoirs called *A Suspended Life: The True-life Story of an Auschwitz Librarian*, and Handa Drori, author of the book *Diary of Handa Pollaková*, who also lives in Israel.

In conclusion, I would like to thank primarily the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic for its enduring and all-round support, as well as all the other nationwide and regional authorities, and the Terezín Municipality. My thanks are also due to our partner organizations and other institutions, unions and individuals from home and abroad who have been working with us. I would also like to thank all our employees for their reliable and dedicated work. A telling proof of the genuine success of this work is the fact that last year the Terezín Memorial was visited by 296,749 people, by 9,785 visitors more than in 2017. I am positive that we will jointly succeed in accomplishing our tasks also next year, making our own contribution to the efforts to promote the democratic edifice of our country and to defend the democratic values on an international scale.

Dr. Jan Roubínek
Director of the Terezín Memorial

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION



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 of people. It also has to offer some genuine highlights of the late 18th century European fortification engineering attracting numerous visitors to Terezín. 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 during World War II to the repressive facilities in Terezín and nearby Litoměřice.

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 as 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. However, 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.





Visitors may go on guided sightseeing tours of the former Ghetto and the Gestapo Police Prison in the Small Fortress. Following prior booking, they can also undertake 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 housed at No. 17 Dlouhá Street;
- [15] The Small Fortress Terezín 1940–1945 – an exhibition in the Small Fortress Museum;
- [16] The Terezín Memorial art exhibition – 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 Small Fortress Terezín 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.

Every year visitors can also see a number of short-term exhibitions, housed in different objects of the Terezín Memorial.

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). The Terezín Memorial personnel provide specialist consultations on issues of racial and political persecution during Nazi occupation, plus 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 2018

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	8,238	6,684	2,847	779
February	11,549	9,211	5,679	1,438
March	28,277	23,896	17,394	2,648
April	35,949	27,860	18,224	5,065
May	35,682	19,885	10,160	8,626
June	29,646	21,040	13,160	5,444
July	34,309	24,248	11,283	3,472
August	32,140	23,508	8,796	2,951
September	31,218	25,856	16,616	2,277
October	27,546	22,546	12,831	2,936
November	12,959	9,977	4,760	1,833
December	9,236	7,955	3,078	754
YEAR 2018	296,749	222,666	124,828	38,223
Year 2017	286,964	216,786	120,589	35,367
Difference	+ 9,785	+ 5,880	+ 4,239	+ 2,856

VISITORS TO THE SMALL FORTRESS IN 2018

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	7,948	6,409	2,797	776
February	11,130	8,821	5,555	1,433
March	27,323	23,060	16,946	2,588
April	34,840	27,059	17,864	4,816
May	34,517	18,973	9,774	8,422
June	28,429	20,024	12,597	5,343
July	33,347	23,391	11,028	3,430
August	31,183	22,675	8,615	2,902
September	30,505	25,202	16,325	2,265
October	26,566	21,653	12,502	2,881
November	12,472	9,561	4,591	1,793
December	9,011	7,740	3,048	751
YEAR 2018	287,271	214,568	121,642	37,400
Year 2017	274,992	206,247	116,665	34,642
Difference	+ 12,279	+ 8,321	+ 4,977	+ 2,758

VISITORS TO THE GHETTO MUSEUM IN 2018

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	6,641	5,496	2,309	672
February	8,469	6,884	3,882	996
March	18,046	14,964	9,930	1,932
April	23,382	17,405	10,181	4,079
May	26,855	14,610	6,738	6,409
June	22,486	16,364	9,885	4,160
July	26,448	19,511	8,873	2,653
August	25,997	19,966	7,320	2,345
September	23,304	19,984	12,207	1,593
October	20,618	17,190	9,009	2,213
November	10,174	7,838	3,415	1,512
December	7,799	6,893	2,633	610
YEAR 2018	220,219	167 105	86,382	29,174
Year 2017	204,808	155,694	80,376	26,189
Difference	+ 15,411	+ 11,411	+ 6,006	+ 2,985

VISITORS TO THE FORMER MAGDEBURG BARRACKS IN 2018

Month	Visitors Total	Foreign	Youth Foreign	Youth CR
January	3,878	3,190	1,402	541
February	4,479	3,667	2,039	594
March	9,164	7,585	4,786	1,180
April	11,521	8,321	4,522	2,586
May	11,769	7,329	3,414	3,201
June	12,319	9,109	5,594	2,530
July	10,895	9,250	3,845	598
August	11,199	9,752	2,927	489
September	12,352	11,221	6,919	736
October	9,505	7,925	3,729	1,257
November	5,773	4,191	1,935	1,224
December	4,346	3,799	1,440	424
YEAR 2018	107,200	85,339	42,552	15,360
Year 2017	102,622	81,618	40,281	13,881
Difference	+ 4,578	+ 3,721	+ 2,271	+ 1,479

OVERVIEW OF ORGANIZED EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS. PROMOTIONAL AND PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

LIST OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL IN 2018

- ²² A joint act of remembrance of the House of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, the Saxon Land Assembly and the Saxon Land Government was held in the National Cemetery in front of the Small Fortress on January 24. This marked the forthcoming *Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Holocaust and for the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity*. It was attended by Dr. Matthias Rössler, President of the Saxon Land Assembly, Mr. Michael Kretschmer, Prime Minister of the Government of the Free State of Saxony, Mr. Jan Hamáček, Deputy Speaker of the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Dr. Ilja Šmíd, Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, and many other distinguished personalities.
- ²³ On April 12, 2018, a commemorative rally in honor of the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism *Yom HaShoah*, held on the occasion of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising (April 19 to May 16, 1943), was attended by Jakub Schwab, Cantor of the Jewish Community Brno, and other guests.
- ²⁴ An act of remembrance honoring the memory of the victims of the last wartime execution in Terezín (on May 2, 1945) was held before the *Terezín Commemoration* in the execution ground in the Small Fortress on May 20.
- ²⁵ Attended by officials of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic 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 the National Cemetery in Terezín on May 20. The keynote speech at the gathering was delivered by Mr. Radek Vondráček, the Speaker of the House of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.
- ²⁶ On June 4, 2018, a monument by Professor Aleš Veselý called *The Law of Irreversibility* was unveiled in the foreground of the Jewish Cemetery in Terezín. The statue



was presented to the Terezín Memorial by the European Jewish Congress in January 2015 on the occasion of the 4th international forum *Let My People Live*.

- 27 A commemorative rally was held in the Memorial Hall in the Small Fortress on June 27 to mark the anniversary of the execution of Milada Horáková and the *Day of Commemoration for the Victims of Communism*.
- 28 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 2.
- 29 A public screening of the film *Gavrilo Princip – The Trial* was held in the cinema in Terezín's Small Fortress on October 13.



AN OVERVIEW OF EXHIBITIONS STAGED BY THE TEREZÍN MEMORIAL IN 2018

- ☐ *The Brown Cardboard Folder – Homage to Felix Bloch* – an art exhibition held in conjunction with the Beit Theresienstadt Museum, Israel;
- ☐ *Through a Slip of Paper a Person's Destiny Is Decided. Transports of Jews from the Terezín Ghetto to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Autumn 1944* – a documentary exhibition;
- ☐ *Alfred Kantor: Terezín – Auschwitz – Schwarzhilde. An Artist's Diary of the Holocaust* – an art exhibition;
- ☐ *Memories* – a documentary exhibition;
- ☒ *Kateřina Piňosová. Siblings of Red Thread (drawings, photographs, objects)* – an art exhibition;
- ☒ *An Exhibition of the Entries Sent to the Art Competition of the Terezín Memorial's Department of Education – The Hana Greenfield Memorial* – an art exhibition;
- ☒ *The Maly Trostenets Extermination Complex – History and Memory* – a documentary exhibition;
- ☒ *Miloš Michálek. Messages* – an art exhibition;
- ☒ *The Great War through the Eyes of Painters* – an art exhibition;
- ☒ *Marie Blabolilová. A Small Retrospective* – an art exhibition.

TOURING EXHIBITIONS ON LOAN TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- ☐ *Vedem. A magazine secretly published by boys in the Terezín Ghetto* – a documentary exhibition (Lidice Memorial, September 26, 2017 – January 10, 2018; Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic, Prague, June 13, 2018 – September 30, 2018);
- ☐ *Helga Hošková. Paint What You See. Drawings from Terezín* – an art exhibition (Smetana House, Litomyšl, April 13 – May 7, 2018);
- ☐ *Terezín League* – an art exhibition prepared in co-operation with Beit Theresienstadt, Israel (Shoa Memorial, Prague-Bubny, July 12, 2018 – June 30, 2019).

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 and with information and tourist centers in neighboring municipalities on the local level.

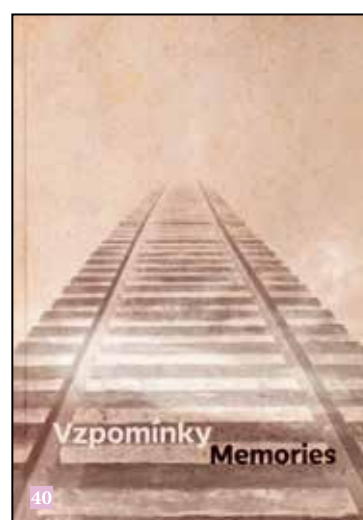
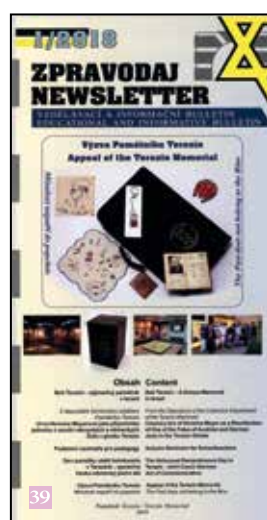
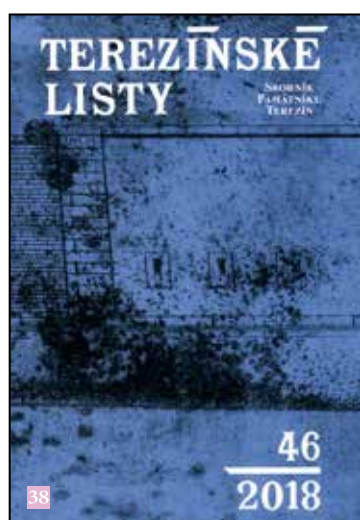
- ☐ Co-operation continued with the professional institutions whose member the Terezín Memorial is, namely:
- Association of Museums and Art Galleries of the Czech Republic;
 - Association of Travel Agencies of the Czech Republic;
 - Association of Czech Travel Bureaus and Agencies;
 - Association of Guides of the Czech Republic.
- 36 The Terezín Memorial's participation and presentation at tourism trade fairs in the Czech Republic and abroad was ensured (especially through promotion materials).
- ☐ The Terezín Memorial's web pages are updated on an ongoing basis, just as its profiles on the social media Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
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- ☐ The Terezín Memorial provided for adequate promotion of the institution and its activities in online and print media, in radio and TV stations.
- ☐ Two inspections were made at the Czech National Exhibition in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, Poland.
- ☒ 37 The Terezín Memorial gave its presentation at the event called *Open Day of the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic* in Prague.

GUIDES

- ☐ A seminar for the Memorial's guides was prepared in conjunction with the Department of History.
- ☐ A staff training aimed at coping with the threat of terrorism was held in the Memorial. This included practical drill, while the guides were equipped with rescue kits.
- ☐ The guides attended auditions of their own guide comments and heard model guide tours of the individual exhibitions of the Terezín Memorial.
- ☐ The pool of curators for short-term and permanent exhibitions as well as the pool of guides were supplemented.



PUBLISHING

- ☐ Foreign-language guidebooks for visitors continuously printed.
- ☐ *Annual Report of the Terezín Memorial for 2017* published.
- ☒ *38 Terežínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook) No. 46 published.
- ☒ *39 Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin* was published quarterly.
- ☒ *40 Vzpomínky / Memories*, a collection of free narratives by Holocaust survivors, recollecting their life during Nazi occupation, was published. This was a supplemented and extended version of the 2014 publication of the same name.
- ☐ Catalogs were issued for the exhibitions by Miloš Michálek and Marie Blabolilová and also a flyer for the exhibition *The Great War through the Eyes of Painters*.

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, all types of admission fees as well as conditions for granting discounts are fixed in a directive issued by the Director of the Terezín Memorial. 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 the process of dismantling physical barriers that prevent people with limited mobility and orientation from using its services, easy-access entrance has been installed to all the exhibitions, except for the replica of an "attic room" of the Terezín Ghetto inmates. In this particular case construction of easy access adapted for wheelchair users is technically impossible.
- ☐ The objects and premises of the Terezín Memorial are open to visitors all year round in the accompaniment of guides or individually 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. – 5:00 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).

An overview of opening hours is available to the public in all the objects of the Terezín Memorial and on its web pages.

Free Admission Days

In accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 96/2014 the Terezín Memorial provides to visitors free admission opportunities 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 appointment.

EXTERNAL CONTACTS AND CO-OPERATION

Research of the history of the repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice during the years of World War II and commemoration of their victims are both associated with the Memorial's task of maintaining and fostering contacts with the former inmates as well as partner institutions at home and abroad. It should be pointed out that inmates from as many as 30 countries of the world had passed through or found their death in those repressive facilities, a factor that underscores the international dimension of this chapter of modern European history.

Continued co-operation with former wartime prisoners and their organizations still remains key priority of the Terezín Memorial's agenda. The most important as well as the most numerous among such institutions is the Terezín Initiative, associating former Terezín Ghetto inmates, which was established in the early 1990s, immediately after the democratic changes in our country. Even though the average age of its members has been naturally steadily growing, the Terezín Initiative and its work are still of great significance. Its activities in different domains have been a great help to the Terezín Memorial in its own agenda, primarily in the educational sector where the role of the Terezín Initiative is truly irreplaceable. Discussions of the former inmates with school-teachers and students as part of the educational programs invariably evoke considerable interest. It should be noted that thanks to the Terezín Initiative's continued financial support for the Memorial's educational programs, many schools are able to travel to Terezín even from distant parts of this country. Due to a substantially higher average age and health conditions of the surviving former inmates of the Gestapo Police Prison in the Small Fortress, co-operation with this particular group of Holocaust survivors is only exceptional.

The Terezín Memorial's successful co-operation with domestic and foreign partner institutions continued throughout the past year. Among its domestic partners, it was primarily the Jewish Museum in Prague with which the Memorial carried on joint research, staged exhibitions and mutual promotional events, and prepared 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 Prague-based Terezín Initiative Institute, the Security (Police) Forces Archives in Prague, the National Museum in Prague, the State Regional Archives in Litoměřice and the State District Archives Litoměřice based in Lovosice.

For many years now, the Terezín Memorial has also been keeping regular contacts with foreign partner institutions, unions and organizations as well as individual researchers. These ties were promoted primarily with the memorials established on the sites of former Nazi repressive facilities, with research and educational institutions focused on clarifying various aspects of the Nazi regime's reprisals in Germany and German-occupied countries. In Poland the key such institution is the Auschwitz-

-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim, other Polish partner institutions being the State Museum in Majdanek and the Gross-Rosen Museum. In Israel there are the memorials Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and Beit Theresienstadt in Givat Haim Ichud; in the United States the partner institutions are 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 our partner is the Amsterdam-based Anne Frank House. In Germany the chief partner organizations are the Ravensbrück Memorial, the Flossenbürg Memorial, the Buchenwald Memorial, the Dachau Memorial, the Sachsenhausen Memorial and the Wannsee Conference House. Our Austrian partners are the Mauthausen Memorial and the Vienna-based Dokumentationsarchiv des österreichischen Widerstandes. In Norway it is 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 Sered.

The Terezín Memorial has also been working for many years with the unions of Terezín friends and supporters in the German federal lands of Saxony, Brandenburg and Lower Saxony.

The Terezín Memorial's employees kept representing their institution in the international organizations engaged in the research, museological and educational programs devoted to the commemoration of 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 continued its work in the International Committee for Memorials and Martyrological Museums IC MEMO, part of the International Council of Museums ICOM. The Memorial is also a member organization of the association The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

The Terezín Memorial also co-participates in the agenda 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 Bavarian Flossenbürg.

The significance of international co-operation among remembrance institutions in the educational sector has been steadily growing. Last year, special seminars for Czech schoolteachers, follow-up courses to the seminars previously held in the Terezín Memorial, took place in its partner institutions and in close collaboration with them. This time the hosting organizations were the Ravensbrück Memorial in Fürstenberg, the Wannsee Conference House in Berlin and the memorial Yad Vashem in Israel.

The Memorial also maintained its ties with the organization Tandem – Czech-German Youth Exchange Coordination Center with its headquarters in Pilsen and Regensburg, respectively.

Last year too, foreign volunteers from the Austrian organization Gedenkdienst and from Germany's Aktion Sühnezeichen/Friedensdienste, who have been regularly sent to Terezín for many years, helped in the Memorial's educational programs for German-speaking groups.

Once again, a specific domain of the Terezín Memorial's foreign contacts in

2018 was the upkeep of the Czech Republic's permanent exhibitions in the former Auschwitz and Ravensbrück concentration camps, established and managed by the Terezín Memorial, as authorized by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic.

The foreign relations agenda also comprises the mandatory courier service in accompanying exhibits from the collections of the Terezín Memorial to exhibitions abroad and also during their return.

The above forms of international collaboration and foreign contacts were reflected in the structure of business trips abroad undertaken by the Terezín Memorial employees in 2018. These involved attendance at international conferences and seminars (Dallas, Oświęcim, Flossenbürg, Jerusalem, Rome, Ferrara, Budapest, Minsk, Sofia), research in foreign archives (Berlin), courier journeys to accompany the Terezín Memorial's exhibits on loan to foreign partners (Vienna), inspection journeys to foreign exhibitions administered by the Terezín Memorial (Oświęcim), participation in deliberations ensuing from the Memorial's membership of various international institutions and working groups (Munich, Jerusalem), journeys to attend acts of remembrance staged by partner institutions (Oświęcim, Banská Bystrica, Kaliště, Flossenbürg, Dachau), preparations for an implementation of educational programs (Oświęcim, Jerusalem, Ravensbrück, Berlin), and visits to previews of exhibitions co-organized by the Terezín Memorial (Dresden, Berlin, Sachsenhausen, Vienna).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Department of History carried on its research of the Nazi repressive facilities in Terezín and Litoměřice, presenting its results to the public. In its research focused on the Terezín Ghetto the Department of History completed its study of the structure of the so-called Jewish Self-administration in the Ghetto. Work continued on the project tracing the fate of physically handicapped inmates in the Terezín Ghetto, and preparations got under way for the publication of an annotated version of the so-called Mahler Diary, one of the major sources of information on the everyday life of the Ghetto inmates. The database listing the former Terezín Ghetto inmates as well as the database registering the other Holocaust victims, who had not passed through the Terezín Ghetto, were systematically supplemented in 2018. Both databases are available to researchers and the general public on the Terezín Memorial's web pages.

The research project tracing the history of Terezín's Gestapo 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 life stories of those prisoners during Nazi occupation of the Czech lands. Systematic research continued into the development patterns of the annual numbers of inmates of the Gestapo Police Prison, covering their arrivals and departures, transports to Terezín, as well as transports from Terezín to other repressive facilities. Routine research studying the judicial files from the trials of the former perpetrators of crimes committed in the Gestapo Police Prison has been resumed.

Research into the history of the Litoměřice concentration camp was focused primarily on supplementing the database of its former inmates, which also comprises the original camp card index. Meanwhile, the processing of the documents from the Security (Police) Forces Archives in Prague was completed.

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. These include the database listing the former inmates of the Gestapo Police Prison in the Small Fortress, of the Litoměřice concentration camp, other branch camps of the Flossenbürg concentration camp in the Czech lands, and also databases of the former inmates from the Czech lands in the Ravensbrück, Mauthausen and Buchenwald concentration camps. A similar database registering the former inmates of the Dachau concentration camp was newly created in 2018 and will be added to the Memorial's new website.

Other files of documents from the Terezín Memorial's own collections were gradually inserted in the Memorial's web pages. These were prepared in collaboration with the Memorial's other specialized Departments.

Working in conjunction with the National Archives, preparations were made for posting the file listing the liberated Terezín Ghetto inmates in the above-mentioned new website of the Terezín Memorial, a project that will be completed next year.

Last year, the Department of History staff co-operated with the Jewish Museum

in Prague in preparations for an exhibition on the deportations of Protectorate Jews called *Journeys of No Return. Deportations of Jews from the Czech Lands 1939–1945* and held in Prague's Pinkas Synagogue.

The Terezín Memorial carried on its participation in the agenda of the international organizations in which the Memorial represents the Czech Republic (namely IC MEMO ICOM – section of memorials and memorial museums attached to the international museums organization, and IHRA – International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance).

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

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, including articles for the Memorial's yearbook *Terezínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook) and the quarterly *Zpravodaj. Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin*.

The Department of History put in editorial work in publishing *Terezínské listy* No. 46.

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 in lectures for the general public.

The Department of History also provided its specialized consultations for researchers from home and abroad on an ongoing basis, while sending information to the media and other interested parties.

Certificates on wartime imprisonment were issued either directly for the former inmates or their relatives, various authorities and courts.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to its research, collection-building and museological agenda, since 1993 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 2018, the Department of Education prepared as many as 117 one-day and 45 longer seminars for Czech schools, complete with visits to exhibitions, lectures, debates with Holocaust survivors, workshops, film screenings and free creative activities. All in all, 6,343 elementary school pupils and secondary students attended the courses. But the overall offer of the Department of Education is also utilized by groups of schoolchildren from abroad. Last year, they came to Terezín to attend a total of 29 longer and 25 one-day seminars (as many as 1,419 persons were involved). These seminars 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 from Germany and Gedenkdienst from Austria.

In 2018, just as in the previous years, the Department of Education did not set its sights exclusively on seminars for pupils and students 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 in this respect the time-tested structure of four to five follow-up seminars. ^[41] Two elementary 3-day introductory seminars in the series *How to Teach about the Holocaust*, given primarily 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 2018. ^[42] A follow-up seminar *Holocaust in Education*, linking up to the above elementary workshops, then took place in the autumn 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 teachers to 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 Ravensbrück Memorial and in the Wannsee Conference House. ^[43] The fourth-tier seminar was held, already for the 14th time, in the memorial Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. All in all, 160 schoolteachers attended the above educational courses in 2018.

Last year also saw two seminars for Czech and Polish schoolteachers. The first one was held in Terezín in the spring, the other one took place in autumn in Oświęcim. The Terezín Memorial's partner in organizing the two events was the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim.

In the first half of 2018, 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 24th literary competition and the 22nd arts contest, this time held under the common motto *Home*. Potential entrants were invited to contemplate such issues as the actual impact of the loss of home for people fleeing from the Nazis, what kind of difficulties they had to cope with abroad, how the local population perceived such emigrés, whether it was easy for them to assimilate into the majority population, what kind of problems today's refugees, fleeing from their own homes for different reasons, have to grapple with, and finally what is the true meaning of home for the young entrants to the competition.

A total of 978 entries were sent to both contests. Just as in the past year, the competitions were held as *The Hana Greenfield Memorial*, as a tribute to the late sponsor of the competition and former Terezín Ghetto inmate. Once again, the Terezín Initiative was involved in co-financing the competition, covering the Erik Polák Special Award. Selected artworks, sent to the contest not only in 2018 but also in the previous years, were eventually compiled into several touring exhibitions. The entries sent to the art competitions over the past few years went on display in 2018 in the following exhibitions: *Teaching was Strictly Forbidden* (Kadaň, Žlutice), *Is the Past Still Alive?* (Teplice, Most), ...*and on the Ruins of the Ghetto We Shall Laugh* (Prague).

Throughout 2018, 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.

The Department of Education prepared four issues of *Zpravodaj. Vzdělávací a informační bulletin / Newsletter. Educational and Information Bulletin* plus some supplementary materials concerning such projects as *Searching for Memorials* and *Schoolchild in the Protectorate*, posted in the Memorial's website, and articles for the *Terezínské listy*.

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 general awareness (especially among young people) of those tragic places and of the events that had happened there. The findings amassed during 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 generation in this country to the life of young people under the Nazi totalitarian regime during the war, using the example of the school environment. The project also seeks to explain how the Nazi regime persecuted pupils and students during the German occupation. It also invites today's Czech youth to imagine and 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 Gestapo 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 up by another project entitled *Schoolchild in the War Years*, co-organized in 2018 by the Terezín Memorial with 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 their own 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 2018, the exhibition went on display in České Budějovice, Příbram, Pilsen, Radnice, Milovice, Hlízov, Kutná Hora, Pardubice, Skuteč and Telč. A website for the project, supported by a grant obtained from the Foundation for Holocaust Victims, was prepared and launched.

DOCUMENTATION AND COLLECTIONS

The Terezín Memorial's acquisition policy is aimed at systematically building up all its collections. These receive all-round care in terms of professional processing and treatment, their storage as well as eventual restoration. The ultimate goal is to make the collection funds accessible for research, museological and exhibition purposes, and to preserve them for future generations. *An Appeal to Citizens. Holocaust Survivors' Estates*, issued by the Terezín Memorial in 2018 and published in different media, has substantially helped its collection-building efforts.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCUMENTATION

Eighteen new items, comprising as many as 310 individual documents and one whole file, were acquired by gift in 2018 and entered in the Department's historical-documentary subcollection. These included documents and photographs pertaining to the imprisonment of specific persons in the Gestapo Police Prison in the Small Fortress Terezín, in the Ghetto and in concentration camps and other sites.

The Department also acquired a dossier of documents relating to Jiří Pradáč, incarcerated in a Pardubice prison and later in the Gestapo Police Prison. The file consists of documents from the years 1938–1945, mostly prison correspondence.

A file of written documents, connected primarily with the former prisoners Anna Pěčková (kept in the Gestapo Police Prison) and her husband Rudolf Pěček (imprisoned in Buchenwald, Woldau and Mírov) and acquired by purchase last year, is still being processed.

Twenty-one inventory numbers of written documents and 8 inventory numbers of photographs were processed in the systematic records of collection items.

As many as 154 inventory cards in the database of written documents were checked and corrected.

Sixteen new items were entered in the Department's collection of auxiliary photographic material, under which 82 photographs and 2 DVDs were registered. Thirty-four new numbers were registered in the category of auxiliary written materials.

An external conservator treated written documents selected during the period stocktaking in 2017 plus some items from the new accessions urgently needing conservation. Furthermore, a smaller amount of documents not coming from the collections was preserved. All in all, 1,072 sheets of written documents and 19 other individual items (covers, dustjackets) were also treated.

Last year, 29 individual researchers, 11 of them foreigners (25 people came to study written documents, 4 were interested in viewing photographs) visited the Department of Documentation. Moreover, 30 people came in search of information on wartime imprisonment of their family members. Other requests for information, eventually for copies of photographs or documents, were answered by mail (approximately 100 requests).

The Department's documentalist made a total of 1,130 digital photographs either chronicling the Memorial's activities (acts of remembrance, previews of exhibitions, VIP visits, and work of the Technical Department's personnel) or recording, for diverse needs, the technical status of different objects of the Terezín Memorial under repair. This total of photographs comprised 395 pictures of large-format objects kept in the depositaries of the Memorial's Department of Collections as well as photographs used at various short-term displays and permanent exhibitions.

As for services rendered to external researchers, the Department made over 80 sheets of Xerox copies and almost 1,600 scans.

Within its plan to digitize its collection of documents, the Department of Documentation finished digitalization of the section "Small Fortress", while a large portion of card indexes of the Czech Action for Help (in all 86 inventory numbers which gave rise to as many as 11,074 scans) were also digitized. Outside its plan, the Department digitized other written documents in response to requests from the Terezín Memorial's specialists and external researchers; these were processed in the second-level evidence (a total of 219 inventory numbers, 1,253 scans). A substantial portion of the total were scans of documents relating to the Dachau concentration camp, made at the request of the KZ-Gedenkstätte Dachau – 133 inventory numbers, 839 scans. In addition to the above documents, the Department also scanned newly obtained materials – 841 scans (of which 753 were scans of written documents, 88 scans of photographs).

Most of the above-mentioned scans will be added to the database of written documents of the historical-documentary subfile, eventually to some of the names search engines accessible to the public on the Terezín Memorial website. This could not be accomplished in 2018 because an overall redesign of the website was under way.

Soundtracks of a large part of audiocassettes containing recordings of wartime memories of former inmates were digitized, amounting to 82 audio recordings.

The Terezín Memorial's specialized library kept building up its systematic thematic book collection, including books published locally and abroad. A total of 230 new books (out of them 90 foreign-language titles) were entered in the register. A new Library Code was drafted to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation. A bibliography of books and articles, devoted to the topic "Terezín" and published in 2017, was compiled for publication in the *Terezínské listy* No. 46. Four international identification numbers were assigned within the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) system.

DEPARTMENT OF COLLECTIONS

Seventy-two new numbers, which were continuously processed in the systematic register, were entered in the Department's historical and art subcollection. In 2018, the Terezín Memorial acquired by gift, for instance, a collection of works by Petr Kovář created back in 1980 during preparations for an exhibition called *Against Violence, against Inhumanity, against Fascism!*, two 3D objects made at the end of the war in the Gestapo Police Prison, and the estate of the former inmate of that prison Jiří

Pradáč. The Memorial also acquired a drawing of the Small Fortress Terezín made in 1945 by Karel Winkel. The picture was drawn in the detention camp for Germans in Terezín after the end of the war. Some of the new accessions were obtained thanks to the above-mentioned appeal issued by the Terezín Memorial and aimed at salvaging objects relating to the Nazi repressive policies (e.g. a transport hamper belonging to František Maier).

The Terezín Memorial has established contacts with the art restoration workshops of the National Museum. To date, this has been conducive to externally restoring and preserving 46 inventory numbers of collection items. Our internal restorers treated 53 inventory numbers of documents.

Within the Department's digitalization plan, scans of 726 inventory numbers of collection items (adding up to a total of 7,741 scans) were made, and 85 inventory numbers of 3D objects and other collection items that cannot be scanned were photographed (producing 430 photos). The Department's documentalist took photographs of 22 large-format collection items. Moreover, he also compiled photo documentation from selected short-term displays and permanent exhibitions. Photographs and scans were assigned to 541 collection items in the internal database.

Last year, the Department of Collections rendered its services to 35 researchers, of whom 15 were Czech citizens and 20 foreigners. Written replies were sent to 37 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 28 photographs of collection items or their copies. Twenty-two collection items were made available for filming purposes.

The Department of Collections personnel prepared an exhibition *The Great War through the Eyes of Painters* from their own collection items.

In 2018, 27 inventory numbers of collection items newly went on loan to domestic exhibitions, while loans made to domestic and foreign institutions in the past are ongoing. Forty-one collection items from the Terezín Ghetto have been loaned to an exhibition in the *Österreichisches Museum für Volkskunde* (Austrian Ethnographic Museum) in Vienna.

The Department of Collections was also involved in redesigning the permanent exhibition *Terezín 1780–1939*, having prepared background materials for the project.

Due to the disrepair of the attic premises in Terezín, active search for documents and objects from the time of the Terezín Ghetto has been suspended, and the Department of Collections personnel, helped by the other specialized departments, kept sorting out objects found in the town of Terezín so far (in the buildings of the former Dresden, Hohenelbe and Bodenbach Barracks).

The Department continued its search for tracking down 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, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Terežín Memorial's economic management record in 2018 finished with an improved economic result amounting to 650,808.58 CZK. This was accomplished thanks to the Memorial's long-term stringent austerity measures and a higher income from admission.

Yields from admission rose by 5.68 percent as compared with the planned budget for 2018.

The overall costs registered a 1.04 percent rise against the previous year, while the personal expenses rose by 9.64 percent against 2017, and by 19.67 percent as compared with 2016.

INCOME AND EXPENSES IN 2018 IN CZK

Income:

a) admission fees.....	47,717,390.12 CZK
b) funds provided by the Czech Ministry of Culture.....	47,385,271.00 CZK
c) use of reserve funds.....	1,714,298.77 CZK
d) other incomes.....	9,243,457.24 CZK
Total incomes:	104,060,417.13 CZK

Expenses:

a) material expenses and energy.....	12,766,751.97 CZK
b) personal expenses.....	51,365,060.02 CZK
c) other expenses (services, repairs)	39,277,796.56 CZK
Total expenses:	103,409,608.55 CZK

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2018

The overall funds obtained in 2018 from donations and contributions totaled 510,872.51 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
- Dianne and Ron Malin, USA
- European Jewish Congress, Belgium
- Alex and Christa Gühl, Germany
- Jonathan Drapkin, United Kingdom
- Saxon Land Assembly, Germany
- Foundation for Holocaust Victims, Czech Republic
- Artefacto Producciones, Italy
- Štádler Klimatizace, Czech Republic
- ELMO – TRADE s.r.o., Czech Republic
- CaffèBar Automaty s.r.o., Czech Republic
- Bravea koupelnové studio, Czech Republic
- Bako spol. s r.o., Czech Republic
- Dimfeja Holding a.s., Czech Republic
- Fábry, Czech Republic
- Lenka Bartošová, Czech Republic
- Trong Huan Nguyen, 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 donations and contributions were used for the following purposes:

donations for Terezín Commemoration 2018	15,000.00 CZK
donations for the repair and maintenance of the Terezín Memorial	308,906.27 CZK
donations for salaries and other wage costs	125,811.00 CZK
donations for activities of the Department of Education.....	172,644.80 CZK
donations for competitions of the Department of Education	6,000.00 CZK
donations provided without a specific purpose	18,561.70 CZK
contribution from the Foundation for Holocaust Victims for the creation of the Terezín Memorial's website	40,000.00 CZK

■ TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION WORK

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

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

- ☐ Repair of the exposed brickwork of the outer fortification of the Small Fortress is nearing completion.
- ☐ Overall repair of the Fourth Courtyard of the Small Fortress – facades, roofs and glass skylights above the cells.

ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL WORK

- ☒ 44 Reconstruction was launched of the public conveniences in the car park near the Jewish Cemetery.
- ☐ Repair of the roof and rafters of the Workshop Courtyard in the Small Fortress – preparation of project documentation and building procedures for launching construction.
- ☐ The entrance to the former Nazi underground factory near Litoměřice was technically safeguarded.
- ☒ 45 Following author's consent, the group of statues by Jiří Sozanský standing in the area of the former camp crematorium in Litoměřice and damaged beyond repair by the weather, was dismantled.
- ☒ 46 The statue *Agla* created by sculptor Kirill Postovit was erected in the courtyard of the former Magdeburg Barracks in Terezín.
- ☐ Installation of a new camera monitoring system in the permanent exhibitions *Terezín 1780–1939* and *The Litoměřice Concentration Camp 1944–1945*.
- ☐ Air-conditioning system was installed in the study of the Ghetto Museum, in the premises of the photo archive and depositary No. 12 in the former Administrative Courtyard of the Gestapo Police Prison Terezín in the Small Fortress.
- ☒ 47 Routine maintenance of all the objects in the Terezín Memorial.
- ☐ Upkeep of the grassy areas throughout the Terezín Memorial.
- ☐ Technical measures providing for acts of remembrance, cultural events and educational programs.
- ☒ 48 Preparations finished for the reconstruction of the building of the former town weighing machine in Terezín for exhibition purposes.



OUTLOOK FOR 2019

- ☐ *Terezín Commemoration* to be held on May 19, 2019.
- ☐ Other acts of remembrance (*Yom HaShoah*, anniversary of the last wartime execution in Terezín, *Kever Avot*) to be staged.
- ☐ 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 adding the digitized content to its website.
- ☐ Supplementing the databases listing the former inmates.
- ☐ Publishing *Terezínské listy* (Terezín Yearbook) No. 47.
- ☐ 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 *I Am here without My Family*.
- ☐ 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 *Schoolchild in the War Years* and held in association with other institutions.
- ☐ Reconstruction of the public conveniences in the car park near the National Cemetery in front of the Small Fortress to be launched.
- ☐ Construction work to get under way on the building of the former town weighing machine, where a new permanent exhibition on transports to Terezín as well as transports from the Ghetto to the East, to places of extermination and slave labor will be installed.



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