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פסטיבל התרבות היהודית

ŠTETL FEST

31.8 – 3.9

2023 Brno

Štetl Fest is an international multi-genre festival of Jewish culture dedicated to presenting Jewish personalities, culture and traditions, under the subheading “Dignity in Diversity”.

The second edition of Štetl Fest centers on the theme of trains. Their significance for twentieth-century Jewish history transcends mere symbolism. Trains served as a means of escape for Jewish and other refugees seeking freedom from the gradually occupied territories under Nazis control. Tragically, the infamous death trains transported thousands of Jewish citizens to extermination and concentration camps. However, trains also carried survivors home and to this day continue to aid those fleeing the ongoing war in Ukraine.

As part of the festival, a memorial dedicated to the deported Jews will be unveiled at Platform 5 of the Brno Main Train Station.

Program

thursday 31.8

10.00	160 Hlinky Street	Jewish Family Homes and the Stories They Tell Exhibition opening	TOPIC FREE 90'
11.30	39 Hroznová Street	Stolperstein-Laying Ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Wittal	TOPIC FREE 30'
12.00	Main Train Station	1,000 Footsteps of the Disappeared Site-specific art installation on platform 5	TOPIC FREE 240'
14.00	Alfa Passage	The Architecture of Endre Steiner in Brno Exhibition opening	EDU FREE 30'
15.00	11 Jánská Street	Architectural Designs by Endre Steiner in Brno Guided tour	EDU 90'
15.00	Římské náměstí	Stories from Ukraine – Car Wrecks Exhibition opening	TOPIC FREE 30'
16.00	Main Train Station	Festival opening and memorial plaque unveiling Music by Makabara Trio and Dominika Weiss Hošková	TOPIC FREE 60'
17.00	Main Train Station	Journey.Death.Hope. Exhibition opening, curated by Michal Konečný	TOPIC FREE 30'
18.00	Alfa Passage	Petra Ernyei Musical tribute to Jewish composers	CONCERT FREE 70'
18.30	Old Town Hall	Daniel Kahn and Jake Shulman-Ment Yiddish songs performed by a German-American duo	CONCERT FREE 90'
19.00	Goose on a String Theater	Fredy The life story of Fredy Hirsch by Masopust Theatre	THEATRE 75'
20.00	Agudas Achim Synagogue	Hasidic Songs Performance by the Israeli cantor Avraham Taylor	CONCERT 60'
20.30	Old Town Hall	Mackie Messer Klezmer Band Jewish songs from Central and Eastern Europe	CONCERT FREE 90'
22.00	Jugoslávská Tram Stop	The Disappeared Lecture by Michal Konečný on a tram on the historical transport route	EDU FREE 30'
22.30	Main Train Station	V'yanuchu b'shalom – May They Find Peaceful Rest Violin concert featuring Tereza Marečková	TOPIC FREE 20'

friday 1.9

10.00-20.00	Main Train Station	Journey.Death.Hope. Exhibition	TOPIC FREE
10.00	Goose on a String Theater	Hebrew for Beginners Introduction to the Hebrew alphabet	EDU 60'
10.00	27 Nezamyslova Street	Brno Jewish Cemetery Guided tour	(ENGLISH) EDU 90'
10.00	11 Jánská Street	Architectural Designs by Endre Steiner in Brno Guided tour	EDU 90'
11.00	Villa Löw-Ber	20 Czech-German-Jewish Forgotten Figures Exhibition and lecture about the forgotten figures of Persia and Iran	EDU FREE 70'
12.00	27 Nezamyslova Street	Brno Jewish Cemetery Guided tour	EDU 90'
14.00	2 Bašty Street	Jewish Architectural Heritage Walk Guided tour	(ENGLISH) EDU 90'
14.00	Scala Cinema	Rabbis and the War Discussion with Rav Pinchas Goldschmidt, Chief Rabbi of Moscow, and Rav Shlomo Baksht, Rabbi of Odessa	TOPIC FREE 90'
14.00	Villa Engelsmann	The Forgotten Lives of Our Neighbours LARP	TOPIC 140'
15.30	Old Town Hall	Simcha Klezmer music influenced by folklore and classical music	CONCERT FREE 90'
16.00	Scala Cinema	Letters from Brno Screening of a documentary about Erika T. Purdom, one of Winton's children, followed by a discussion with the director Karen Kruger	TOPIC FREE 110'
16.00	Goose on a String Theater	The Story of the Secret Globetrotter from Drnovice Arnošt Goldflam introduces the life and times of Alexandr Roda Roda	EDU 90'
17.00	Villa Engelsmann	The Forgotten Lives of Our Neighbours LARP	TOPIC 140'
17.30	Old Town Hall	Di Grine Kuzine German klezmer band	CONCERT FREE 90'
18.00	Scala Cinema	Forgotten Transports to Estonia Film screening and lecture by Lukáš Příbyl	TOPIC FREE 120'
18.00	Goose on a String Theater	Shalosh Israeli jazz trio	CONCERT 90'
19.30	Goose on a String Theater	Shabbat Candle Lighting Ceremony	COMMUNITY FREE 20'
20.00	Goose on a String Theater	Shabbat Songs and Prayers performed by the Kantiléna children's choir	COMMUNITY FREE 20'
20.15	Goose on a String Theater	Shabbat Shalom Community gathering with kosher wine and Israeli specialties	COMMUNITY FREE

ŠTETL BUS

Free transport for festival visitors. The bus departs from Náměstí Svobody, stops at Villa Löw-Ber and Villa Stiassni and then returns.

Timetable for Saturday 2-9

Náměstí Svobody – Villa Löw-Ber: 9.45, 13.45, 14.45 and 16.45

Villa Löw-Ber – Náměstí Svobody: 14.15, 15.15, 16.15 and 17.15

Náměstí Svobody – Villa Stiassni: 15.30 and 17.30

Villa Stiassni – Náměstí Svobody: 18:00 and 20:00

Timetable for Sunday 3-9

Náměstí Svobody – Villa Stiassni – Villa Löw-Ber: 9.30 and 13.30

Náměstí Svobody – Villa Löw-Ber: 14.45 and 15.45

Villa Löw-Ber – Náměstí Svobody: 13.15, 15.15 and 17.30

Villa Stiassni – Náměstí Svobody: 14.15

tickets

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venues

Brno Main Train Station, Platform 5
Goose on a String Theater, 9 Zelný trh Square
Brno Philharmonic, 8 Komenského Square
Old Town Hall, 8 Radnická Street
Villa Löw-Ber, 22 Drobného Street
Villa Engelsmann, 43 Hlinky Street
Villa Tugendhat, 45 Černopolní Street
Villa Stiassni, 14 Hroznová Street
Agudas Achim Synagogue, 13 Skořepka Street
Alfa Passage, 8c Poštovská Street
Scala Cinema, 3 Moravské náměstí Square
Špilberk Castle, 1 Špilberk Street
Kabinet múz, 49 Sukova Street
Nová Zbrojovka, 9 Lazaretní Street



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saturday 2-9

10.00- 20.00	Main Train Station	Journey.Death.Hope. Exhibition	TOPIC FREE
10.00	39 Hroznová Street	In the Footsteps of Jewish Architects Guided tour of Villa Wittal, Villa Engelsmann and Villa Stiassni	EDU 120'
10.00	Villa Löw-Beer	20 Czech-German-Jewish Forgotten Figures The forgotten figures of Brazil, a lecture by Petr Polakovič	EDU FREE 70'
10.00	Špilberk Castle	You're Coming with Us! Guided tour of the castle focusing on the arrest action of 1939	EDU 50'
11.00	Goose on a String Theater	Hebrew for Beginners Introduction to the Hebrew alphabet	EDU 60'
11.00	Špilberk Castle	Faces from Oblivion Guided tour of the exhibition	EDU 45'
11.30	Villa Löw-Beer	20 Czech-German-Jewish Forgotten Figures Lecture on forgotten authors active in Prague	EDU FREE 70'
13.00	Špilberk Castle	Their Faces as if Erased, but We're by Mutual Knowledge Graced Accompanying program for the Faces from Oblivion exhibition	EDU 80'
14.00	Špilberk Castle	You're Coming with Us! Guided tour of the castle focusing on the arrest action of 1939	EDU 50'
14.00	39 Hroznová Street	Returns to Brno: The Wittal Family Discussion with the descendants of the Wittal family in their former home	TOPIC 90'
14.00	Villa Löw-Beer	Uncle Leo's Adventures Reading from children's books by Yannets Levi, feat. A. Novotný and L. Hejlík	THEATRE FREE 60'
15.00	Villa Tugendhat	The Rabbi of Crimea Debate with Mikhail Borisovich Kapustin	TOPIC 90'
15.30	Villa Löw-Beer	Yannets Levi Reading by the Israeli children's literature writer	EDU FREE 90'
15.30	Goose on a String Theater	The Noble Mothers and Women of Yisrael Lecture and discussion with Daniel Soukup and Tereza G. Váňová	EDU 90'
16.00	Villa Stiassni	The Architectural Thinking of Ernst Wiesner Lecture by Ivan Wahla and Miloš Klement	EDU FREE 90'
16.00	Villa Löw-Beer	The Story of the Löw-Beer and Tugendhat Families Guided tour and lecture by Barbora Dočkalová	TOPIC 60'
17.00	Villa Tugendhat	The Roots of Female Spirituality Lecture by Terezie Dubinová	EDU 90'
17.00	160 Hlinky Street	Jewish Family Homes and the Stories They Tell Guided tour of the exhibition	(ENGLISH) TOPIC 90'
17.30	Villa Löw-Beer	Generations After the Holocaust Panel discussion on the transmission of Holocaust trauma	TOPIC FREE 90'
17.30	Goose on a String Theater	Dmitrij Kapitelman Reading and discussion with the Ukrainian-German writer and journalist	TOPIC FREE 90'
18.00	Villa Stiassni	Max Marezek from Brno The co-founder of the Metropolitan Opera, lecture by Miloš Štědroň	EDU FREE 90'
20.15	Goose on a String Theater	Havdalah The symbolic end of the Shabbat	COMMUNITY FREE 30'
20.30	Villa Tugendhat	Man on the Edge of Freedom Jiří M. Procházka's concert featuring works by prominent composers working throughout the period of Nazi and Communist terror	CONCERT 90'
20.40	Goose on a String Theater	Professional Jew Stand-up performance by the Slovak musician and comedian M. Szatmary	THEATRE 90'
21.00	Kabinet múz	Karma She Alternative electronic music	CONCERT 60'
22.00	Římské náměstí	Stories from Ukraine – Car Wrecks Commemorative video projection	TOPIC FREE 30'
22.30	Kabinet múz	DJ Nizri and DJ Shaham Music from around the world	CONCERT FREE 120'

sunday 3-9

10.00- 20.00	Main Train Station	Journey.Death.Hope. Exhibition	TOPIC FREE
10.00	Goose on a String Theater	Israeli Dances Dance workshop	COMMUNITY FREE 90'
10.00	Villa Tugendhat	Freedom and Injustice Lecture by Karol Sidon, Chief Rabbi of the Czech Republic	TOPIC 70'
10.00	Villa Engelsmann	The Forgotten Lives of Our Neighbours LARP	TOPIC 140'
10.00	4 Moravské náměstí	In the Footsteps of Jewish Architects Guided tour of the Brno city center	EDU 120'
10.00	2 Bašty Street	Jewish Architectural Heritage Walk Guided tour, including a tour of the Agudas Achim synagogue	EDU 120'
10.00	Villa Löw-Beer	20 Czech-German-Jewish Forgotten Figures Lecture on synagogue architects	EDU FREE 70'
10.00	Villa Stiassni	Ayşe Kulin Reading and discussion with the Turkish writer and journalist	EDU FREE 90'
11.00	4 Moravské náměstí	Interwar Storefronts Designed by Jewish Architects Guided tour of downtown Brno by Zuzana Ragulová	EDU 90'
11.00	Goose on a String Theater	Hebrew for Beginners Introduction to the Hebrew alphabet	EDU 60'
11.30	Villa Tugendhat	The War in Ukraine as Seen by European Rabbis Lecture by Rav Pinchas Goldschmidt, Chairman of the Conference of European Rabbis	TOPIC 90'
11.30	Villa Löw-Beer	20 Czech-German-Jewish Forgotten Figures Lecture on forgotten writers	EDU FREE 70'
12.00	Villa Stiassni	Jews in Turkey Discussion with translator Petr Kučera and composer and pianist Renan Koen	EDU FREE 90'
14.00	Villa Stiassni	Before Sleep Holocaust Remembrance, a concert by Renan Koen	CONCERT 60'
14.00	Old Town Hall	David Dorůžka, Robert Fischmann, and Martin Novák Unconventional Jewish songs	CONCERT 90'
14.00	Villa Löw-Beer	Here We Are, Moses!!! Cartoon workshop for children led by Kakalik and Pavlína Šulcová	EDU FREE 90'
14.00	Villa Engelsmann	The Forgotten Lives of Our Neighbours LARP	TOPIC 140'
14.00	160 Hlinky Street	Jewish Family Homes and the Stories They Tell Guided tour of the exhibition	TOPIC 90'
15.00	Goose on a String Theater	Current Events in Israeli Politics Discussion with Irena Kalhousová and Aleš Weiss	EDU FREE 90'
14.00- 19.00	14 Zelný trh	Jewish Market Israeli specialties, Jewish-themed books, Jewish items	COMMUNITY FREE
15.00- 17.00	Villa Löw-Beer	Jewish Holiday Traditions Arts and crafts workshop for parents and children	COMMUNITY FREE
15.00	Villa Löw-Beer	What Does a Rebbetzin's Life Look Like? Discussion with the wives of rabbis	EDU FREE 90'
16.00	Villa Löw-Beer	Pangur's Stories Paper theatre and children's workshop	THEATRE FREE 90'
16.00	Old Town Hall	Schimmerle Klezmer Cabaret	CONCERT FREE 90'
17.00	Goose on a String Theater	Dorit Rabinyan Reading and discussion with the Israeli writer	EDU FREE 90'
17.00	Villa Löw-Beer	When The Windows Were Broken A dramatization of the story of Modche and Rézy by Puppet Theater Starost	THEATRE FREE 90'
18.00	Brno Philharmonic	The Beethoven Manuscript Lecture and debate about the Franz Petschek family	EDU FREE 40'
18.00	Old Town Hall	The Flying Rabbi Klezmer music	CONCERT FREE 90'
20.00	Nová Zbrojovka	I ♥ HATE Young People in Times of Extremism, premiere showing of a performance by Feste Theatre	(ENGLISH, CZECH SUBTITLES) THEATRE 90'
20.00	Goose on a String Theater	HaChucpa Brno's original klezmer band	CONCERT FREE 90'
20.00	Brno Philharmonic	L. van Beethoven · String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat Major, Op. 130 Steve Reich · Different Trains Festival closing ceremony	TOPIC 95'

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160 Hlinky Street	Jewish Family Homes and the Stories They Tell Exhibition	TOPIC FREE
Římské náměstí, Moravské náměstí	Stories from Ukraine – Car Wrecks Exhibition	TOPIC FREE

The festival takes places under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, the Ambassador of the State of Israel, the Minister of Culture of the Czech Republic, the Mayor of the Statutory City of Brno, the Governor of the South Moravian Region, the President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, and the Rector of Masaryk University.

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