

75 STETLY FEST

Friday 2 September 2022

3 PM **Ceremonial laying of a stone of the disappeared** in memory of Cornelius Strach, Orlí Street 1, Brno.

Löw-Beer Villa

4 PM **Festival opening** – presented by Jáchym Kanarek, chairman of the Brno Jewish Community

4:30 PM **The Story of a Book**

Premiere showing of a production dedicated to the nearly century-old history of the Strach family from Brno and the story of their *machzor* prayer book – confiscated in Theresienstadt, lost and subsequently rediscovered and returned to the family. Written and directed by Hana Mikolášková.

5 PM **The Library of Stolen Hopes** The grand opening of an exhibition mapping the history of 12 thousand Jewish liturgical books from the Holocaust period, which are currently being documented and archived by the Brno Jewish Community.

6 PM **Graffe String Quartet**

A selection of compositions by Jewish authors.

7 PM **Shabbat songs** performed by the Kantilénka choir.

7:15 PM **Speech by the Brno rabbi Štěpán Menashe Kliment** and candle lighting before the Kabbalat Shabbat.

Goose on a String Theatre

6 PM **Avishai Cohen Trio**

Festival opening concert featuring the Israeli jazz bassist and composer.

20:00 **Shabbat songs and prayers** performed by the Kantilénka choir of the Brno Philharmonic. Candle lighting before the Kabbalat Shabbat.

Old Town Hall

6 PM **Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi**

Jewish music from the Carpathian region, ecstatic klezmer, Hasidic and Roma rhythms performed by an international band.

Additional programme

3:15 PM **Guided tour through the Jewish history of Brno including a tour of the synagogue.**

4 PM **Guided tour of the functionalist Agudas achim synagogue** led by Kristýna Zubčáková.

Saturday 3 September 2022

Löw-Beer Villa

4 PM **Lecture by Ivan Rektor**

A presentation of research focusing on the **neurobiological and psychological manifestations of stress in Holocaust survivors and their descendants** by neurology professor Ivan Rektor.

- 5:30 PM **Panel discussion featuring members of the second, third and fourth generations of Holocaust survivors**, moderated by Irena Kalhousová. The discussion examines the transmission of Holocaust trauma.

Villa Tugendhat

- 5 PM **Irena Dousková**
Author's reading by the Czech novelist and poet with Jewish roots. The post-reading debate with the author will be moderated by journalist Jan Fingerland.
- 6:30 PM **Miloš Štědroň** The renowned musicologist delivers a lecture on the Brno violinist and composer **Heinrich Wilhelm Ernst**.
- 8:30 PM **Dominika Weiss Hošková**
Cello concert featuring compositions by Jewish authors.

Goose on a String Theatre

- 11 AM **Hebrew for Beginners**
Introductory Hebrew lesson taught by Kristýna Zubčáková.
- 3 PM **Avihai Nizri**
The Israeli writer presently living in Brno reads from a selection of his children's literature.
- 4:30 PM **Arnošt Goldflam**
The writer, playwright, director and actor with Jewish roots reads from a selection of short stories for both children and adult listeners. The post-reading debate is moderated by Barbora Dočkalová.
- 8 PM **Havdalah**
A common ceremony marking the symbolic end of the Shabbat, celebrated by Benjamin Hess.
- 8:30 PM **Cantata – Dance of the Insane**
A combination of two great works of art, an epic poem by Arnošt Lustig and J. S. Bach's Cantata *Ich habe genug*, focusing on themes of death and the Shoah. Performed by the Barocco sempre giovane ensemble, featuring Jiří Lábus, Vilma Cibulková and Vilém Udatný, directed by Eva Lustigová.

Agudas Achim Synagogue

- 9 PM **Aida Mujačić**
Singer and pianist from Tuzla, specializing in Bosnian Jewish songs.

Reduta Theatre

- 6 PM **Religious identity in the 21st century**
"Nowadays we can choose what defines us", remarks the character of Ruth Wolff, a physician of Jewish descent, at the beginning of the production of *The Doctor*.
The debate, moderated by the Catholic priest and journalist Jan Hanák, explores the ramifications of this statement.
- 8 PM **Robert Icke: The Doctor**
A recent adaptation of Arthur Schnitzler's drama *Professor Bernhardt* presents a story full of questions about our identity, questions which have no clear-cut answers but which are nevertheless closely linked to our divided society, in which the pressure of the media and of various interest groups is ever increasing.

Additional programme

- 10 AM **Traces of Jewish Brno: a tour of the Herdan family home** with Michal Doležel.
- 2 PM **Hlinky Street 46**
A lecture by Táňa Klementová: **Jews in Brno during the First Republic** and a **discussion with the Herdan family** in their erstwhile home.
The Herdans left Czechoslovakia before the War, thus becoming the only members of a large extended family to survive. Though their abandoned apartment in Hlinky Street was aryanized and subsequently nationalized, it miraculously survived in its original state.

Sunday 4 September 2022

Goose on a String Theatre

- 11 AM **Hebrew for Beginners**
Introductory Hebrew lesson taught by Kristýna Zubčáková.
- 2 AM **Max Czollek (Germany)**

- Author's reading and follow-up discussion focusing on **Jewish emancipation** with the German poet, writer and stage performer.
- 4 PM **The Children's Children**
A physical theatre performance reflecting the three post-Holocaust generations.
- 5 PM **Hazafele**
A dynamic wave of Hungarian, Roma and Jewish music.
- 6 PM **Tuvia Tenenbom (Israel)**
Author's reading by a prominent Jewish journalist, writer, satirist and playwright known for his sharp wit and poignant humour. The post-reading discussion is moderated by publicist and journalist Jan Fingerland.
- 8 PM **HaChucpa**
A concert by the Brno klezmer band.

Löw-Beer Villa

- 3 PM **Golem**
The fairytale puppet theatre production brings to life Old Prague and its Jewish legends about the clay being, the miraculous Maharal and his brave daughter.
- 4–6 PM **Family workshops**
Arts and crafts workshops designed to provide children with hands-on experience with various Jewish holiday traditions.
- 3 PM **Guided tour of the Library of Stolen Hopes exhibition**
- 4 PM **Kamila Kopřivová**
Debate with a rabbi in training at the Berlin Rabbinical Seminary, presently studying in Jerusalem. Moderated by journalist Mirek Tóda.
- 5:30 PM **The Story of a Book**
The story of the Strach family and their *machzor* prayer book, directed by Hana Mikolášková, second performance.

Villa Tugendhat

- 10 AM **Štěpán Menashe Kliment**
Lecture on **Judaism in the 21st century** by the Rabbi of the Brno Jewish Community
- 11 AM **Rabbi Daniel Landes (Israel):**
Judaism and its Modern-Day Challenges, a lecture by the prominent Jerusalem rabbi, writer and Talmud scholar.

Roman (Jewish) Square

- 2–9 PM **Jewish market**
Israeli specialities, Jewish-themed books, Jewish items.
- 3 PM **Mojše Band (Slovakia)**
A concert by an authentic band innovatively presenting the Jewish musical traditions of Central and Eastern Europe.
- 5:30 PM **Pressburger Klezmer Band (Slovakia)**
An energetic musical cocktail of Jewish, Balkan and Oriental rhythms with elements of Slovak and Roma folk music.
- 8 PM **Radek Lajfr Band**
An up and coming rapper unafraid of over exaggerating his Jewish heritage.
- 9 PM **Afterparty**
Jewish music from around the world selected by DJ Lajfr and DJ Nizri.

Brno Philharmonic – official festival closing event

- 6 PM **The Children of Terezín and the Monster with a Moustache** (France)
Documentary film directed by Henriette Chardak, focusing on Eli Stein-Weissberger's recollections of her childhood and the staging of the children's opera *Brundibár* in the Theresienstadt Ghetto.
- 8 PM **Brno Philharmonic and Kantiléna Choir: Brundibár**
Premiere showing of Hans Krása's children's opera in a contemporary production directed by Anna Davidová.

SONO Centrum

- 7:30 PM **Avishai Cohen Trio**
Concert featuring the Israeli jazz bassist and composer

Additional programme

- 10 AM **In the footsteps of Jewish architects in central Brno**
- 10 AM **Guided tour of the Brno Jewish cemetery**