

Štetl Fest is an international multi-genre festival of Jewish culture dedicated to presenting Jewish personalities, culture, and history. Respect for tradition. Hope for the future.

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The third edition of Štetl Fest focuses on Jewish Trauma in Art from Kafka to Barbie. It sets out to explore the trauma of an uprooted people closely connected to tradition as well as the trauma of individuals examining their Jewish identity through artistic expression. The phrase “from Kafka to Barbie” illustrates the festival’s wide-ranging social and genre diversity. Franz Kafka, the eminent intellectual and introvert, and Barbie, the pop culture icon with little-known Jewish roots, represent two seemingly unrelated counterpoints. Nevertheless, they both seek to answer identical questions: What does society expect from us? Are we good enough? How can we be recognized and accepted by society? What are we willing to sacrifice for such recognition? What is important to us – identity, community, family, success?

## Thursday 29 August 2024

- 10:00 **Stolperstein-Laying Ceremony** for the Bloch and Ekstein families, Bloch Villa, Hlinky 120  
11:00 **The Bloch Family in Brno**, lecture about the renowned industrial family, Rybářská 13/15  
13:00 **Returns to Brno**, discussion with the descendants of the Bloch family, Rybářská 13/15 (in English)  
15:00 **Jewish Architectural Heritage Walk**, guided tour, including a tour of the Agudas Achim synagogue, Bašty 2  
17:00 **In the Footsteps of Pavel and Hugo Haas**, guided tour led by Ondřej Pivoda, Bezručova 5

### Memory of Nations Institute

- 11:00 **Black Peter from Theresienstadt** and the childhood drawings of Petr Haimann, exhibition opening (in English)  
11:30 **Petr Haimann and Jiří Hála**, memories of Theresienstadt  
13:30 **Marianne Fröhlich and Her Theresienstadt Drawings**, discussion with the artist’s nephew (in German)

### Franz Kafka Hospital

- 14:00 **Jewish Identity in Photography**, exhibition opening, featuring the work of Jindřich Štreit (Czech Republic), Jindřich Buxbaum (Czech Republic), Nachi Weiss (Israel), and Hana Němečková (Czech Republic)  
14:30 **Jewish Identity in Photography**, discussion with Jindřich Štreit, Jindřich Buxbaum and Hana Němečková  
16:00 **Jindřich Buxbaum**, guided tour of the photography exhibition  
18:00 **Exploring the History of the Franz Kafka Hospital**, guided tour  
19:30 **Nachi Weiss**, concert by the Israeli poet and singer-songwriter

### Villa Stiassni

- 16:30 **Unveiling of the Bust of Ernst Wiesner** by sculptor Jiří Pliešтик  
17:00 **Architect Ernst Wiesner**, lecture by Ivan Wahla, Vladimír Šlapeta and Michal Doležel  
18:30 **The Lost Architect Ernst Wiesner**, Czech Television documentary screening (English subtitles)

### Old Town Hall

- 18:00 **Kaschauer Klezmer Band**, klezmer from Slovakia

## Goose on a String Theatre

- 18:00 **Kafka's House**, performance by Schaubühne Lindenfels from Leipzig  
19:00 **Noir Haas**, premiere of a new play about the Haas brothers  
21:00 **Tom Holič**, ambient music

## Kabinet múz

- 20:00 **Liron Meyuhas and Ran Nir**, two concerts, two musical styles (Israel)

## Friday 30 August 2024

## Goose on a String Theatre

- 10:00 **Hebrew for Beginners**, introduction to the Hebrew alphabet  
15:00 **The Kafka Constellations**, Franz Kafka's family constellations, introduced by Radek Malý  
17:00 **Franz Kafka's Relationship with His Father**, lecture by Kafkalogist Hans-Gerd Koch (in German)  
18:00 **Noir Haas**, second showing of a new play about the Haas brothers  
19:30 **Shabbat Candle Lighting Ceremony**  
20:00 **Shabbat Songs and Prayers** performed by the Kantiléna children's choir  
20:15 **Shabbat Shalom**, community gathering with kosher wine and Israeli specialties

## Franz Kafka Hospital

- 11:00 **Yiddish for Beginners**, introduction to the language of the Galician Jews  
13:00 **Jindřich Štreit**, guided tour of the photography exhibition

## Villa Stiassni

- 11:00 **Forget the Hours of Suffering**, exhibition opening, paintings by Holocaust survivor Helga Hošková  
12:00 **Forget the Hours of Suffering**, guided tour of the exhibition  
14:00 **The Impact of Stress and Trauma on the Immune System**, lecture by Eva Zavadová  
15:30 **Does the Shoah Still Affect us Today?** lecture by neurologist Ivan Rektor

## Kino Art

- 14:00 **Women in Mea Sharim**, Jerusalem's orthodox neighbourhood as seen by photographer Eliška Blažková  
15:30 **Sarah Blau**, discussion with the Israeli writer (in English)

## Memory of Nations Institute

- 10:30 **The Haas Brothers and Brno**, lecture by musicologist Ondřej Pivoda  
13:30 **Trust No One But Yourself – Vera Mahler's Diary**, lecture by the director emeritus of the Prague Jewish Museum Leo Pavlát  
15:00 **Theresienstadt Theatre**, lecture by historian Lisa Peschel (in English)  
17:00 **Laugh with Us**, reconstruction of a cabaret show originally performed in Theresienstadt

## Brno Philharmonic

- 17:00 **A Peaceful Future for Palestine and Israel?** discussion with Irena Kalhousová and Jakub Szántó

## Old Town Hall

- 18:00 **Mackie Messer Klezmer Band**, Jewish songs from Central and Eastern Europe

## Jewish Brno

- 10:00 **Tour of the Bloch & Söhne Factory**, the story of the rise and fall of an important pre-war factory, Rybářská 13/15  
10:00 **Guided Tour of the Brno Jewish Cemetery**, stories of Brno families and Jewish burial traditions, Nezamyslova 27  
11:30 **Tour of the Bloch & Söhne Factory**, Rybářská 13/15 (in English)  
12:00 **Guided Tour of the Brno Jewish Cemetery**, stories of Brno families and Jewish burial traditions, Nezamyslova 27 (in English)  
15:00 **Ernst Wiesner's Architecture in Brno**, guided tour, Beethovenova 4  
16:00 **In the Footsteps of Pavel and Hugo**, guided tour with musicologist Ondřej Pivoda, Bezručova 5

# Saturday 31 August 2024

## Goose on a String Theatre

- 10:00 **Hebrew for Beginners**, introduction to the Hebrew alphabet  
15:00 **Mamele and Tatele**, Jewish parents in literature, workshop by Daniel Soukup and Gafna Váňová  
16:30 **Franz Kafka – A Man of His and Our Time**, discussion with Hans-Gerd Koch and Radek Malý (in German)  
18:30 **Haas, Kafka and Schönberg as Seen by Milan Kundera**, lecture by Milan Uhde and Mojmír Jeřábek  
21:00 **Franz Kafka – The Famous Unknown**, Czech Television documentary screening

## Villa Stiassni

- 11:00 **Moravian Jews and the Visual Arts**, lecture by journalist Jana Gáborová  
13:00 **Ernst Wiesner in Great Britain**, lecture by Michal Doležel

## Franz Kafka Hospital

- 11:00 **Franz Kafka Hospital: Past and Present**, discussion with historian Pavel Paleček  
14:00 **Jewish Monuments of Interwar Brno**, lecture by architect Jaroslav Klenovský  
16:00 **How to Compile a Siddur**, discussion with Czech siddur expert Jiří Blažek

## Villa Löw-Beer

- 11:00 **Jewish Trauma in Czech Literature**, lecture by Jewish studies scholar Ivana Cahová  
14:30 **Tel Aviv—Florentin**, photographs by Petr Bureš, exhibition opening and lecture by architect Ivan Wahla  
19:00 **Does Barbie do Shabbat Dinner?** discussion about pop culture and its influence on our self-determination  
21:00 **Barbie**, film screening

## Villa Arnold

- 13:30 **History of the Villa Arnold**, guided tour  
15:30 **Feasts**, Jewish family and tradition in the paintings of Josefina Puah Klimentová  
16:00 **Jewish Influences in My Work**, discussion with Petr Bureš and Josefina Puah Klimentová

## Kino Art

- 17:00 **The Barbie Doll Comes from Germany**, discussion with journalist Stefanie Grossmann (in German)

## Villa Tugendhat

- 20:30 **Dominika Hošková and Jiří Hošek**, cello concert

## Fait Gallery

- 20:00 **Barbie Dream**, music, theatre, stand-up comedy, happening, dance, ecstasy!

## Jewish Brno

- 10:00 **In the Footsteps of the Bloch Family in Brno**, guided tour with Michal Doležel, Mitte Plovárna, Mendlovo náměstí  
13:00 **Jewish Architectural Heritage Walk**, guided tour, Bašty 2 (in English)  
18:00 **Czech Union Bank Building – Ernst Wiesner**, guided tour, Beethovenova 4  
20:30 **Brno in Nazi Times**, guided tour with Michal Konečný, Radnická 10

# Sunday 1 September 2024

## Goose on a String Theatre

- 10:00 **The Inner Journey from Trauma to Yoga**, lecture by mindfulness psychotherapist Eli Kagan (in English)  
11:00 **Traditional Breathing Exercises**, yoga therapy with Eli Kagan (in English)  
11:00 **My Heart is Wildly Beating**, performance based on the diaries of Etti Hillesum  
14:00 **Everything you Wanted to Know about Kafka and Were Afraid to Ask**, artistic workshop led by Pavlína Šulcová and Kakalík  
15:00 **Franz and the Jackdaw**, fairy tale by Na zábradlí Theatre  
18:00 **Kafka Band: The Trial**, concert by writer Jaroslav Rudiš and his band  
20:00 **HaChucpa**, legendary klezmer band from Brno

## Villa Tugendhat

- 10:00 **The Roots of Antisemitism**, lecture by Rabbi Štěpán Menashe Kliment  
11:30 **The Benefits of the Arab-Jewish Forum**, lecture by the forum's founder Rabbi Herschel Gluck (in English)

## Franz Kafka Hospital

- 10:00 **In the Footsteps of the History of Kafka Hospital**, guided tour with historian Pavel Paleček  
11:30 **Nachi Weiss and Hana Němečková**, guided exhibition tour  
13:00 **What did Franz Kafka Have for Breakfast in Brno?** unsettling lecture by Pavel Paleček and Benno Wagner  
15:30 **Kafka Has Left the Building**, docu-fictional cabaret performance by Das Thema/To téma (in German)

## Villa Löw-Beer

- 14:30–17:00 **Jewish Holiday Traditions**, arts and crafts workshop for parents and children  
15:30 **Traces of Memory: The Fate of Books and Their Jewish Owners**, lecture by Daniel Soukup and Kamila Cmolová  
16:30 **Three Riddles for King Solomon**, theatrical performance for children

## Villa Arnold

- 13:30 **Mikro-teatro: Ilse the Altruist**, theatrical performance for children

## Old Town Hall

- 14:00–19:00 **Jewish Market**, Israeli specialties, Jewish-themed books, Jewish items  
14:00 **Mamalör**, klezmer band from Ostrava  
16:00 **Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band**, klezmer band from the USA  
18:00 **Urband**, schrammelmusik from Brno

## Brno Philharmonic

- 15:30 **My Brno Roots**, discussion with conductor Alexander Liebreich (in English)  
17:00 **Arnold Schönberg in Brno in March 1925**, lecture by musicologist Miloš Štědroň  
18:30 **The Life and Work of Pavel Haas**, lecture by musicologist Lubomír Spurný  
20:00 **Pavel Haas and Arnold Schönberg**, Brno Philharmonic in concert, conducted by Alexander Liebreich

## Jewish Brno

- 11:00 **Guided Tour of the Brno Jewish Cemetery**, stories of families and Jewish burial traditions, Nezamyslova 27  
14:00 **Guided Tour of the Synagogue with Kosher Wine Tasting**, Skořepka 247 (in English)  
14:00 **In the Footsteps of Pavel and Hugo**, guided tour, Bezručova 5  
15:00 **Ernst Wiesner's Architecture in Brno**, guided tour, Beethovenova 4

### Exhibitions (every day 10:00–18:00)

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Memory of Nations Institute

**Jewish Identity in Photography**  
Franz Kafka Hospital

**Forget the Hours of Suffering**  
Villa Stiassni

**Tel Aviv—Florentin**  
Villa Löw-Beer

**Feasts**  
Villa Arnold

**Brno Philharmonic**, Komenského nám. 8

**Fait Gallery**, Ve Vaňkovce 2

**Franz Kafka Hospital**, Koliště 43

**Goose on a String Theatre**, Zelný trh 9

**Kabinet múz**, Sukova 49

**Kino Art**, Cihlářská 19

**Memory of Nations Institute**, Radnická 10

**Old Town Hall**, Radnická 8

**Villa Arnold**, Drobného 26

**Villa Löw-Beer**, Drobného 22

**Villa Stiassni**, Hroznová 14

**Villa Tugendhat**, Černopolní 45

All events in Czech unless otherwise indicated.

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