



**Strážnice** at [48°54′N](#) [17°19′E](#) is a town in Hodonín District, South Moravian Region, Czech Republic with a 2006 population of 5,829 in Slovácko microregion.

The Jewish cemetery in Sadova Street near the castle. The synagogue rebuilt in early 20th century was renovated in 2008 and is an adjunct to the local museum. Most Straznice Jews were deported in the Holocaust but many of the houses in the old ghetto remain. More [Jewish history](#)

The 1.2-acre cemetery has about 1,500 tombstones including valuable baroque and classicist stone-work. The oldest legible stone is from 1648 and was moved from the older burial-grounds in the Old City. The cemetery is open to public during summer (April to October) Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Contact: Mr. Mašek, phone +420 723 840 395. For [further information](#)

on the locality and its landmarks. The [KehilaLink](#)

has more cemetery information and photos. [March 2012]

"In 1994-97 repairs to the roof and facade were carried out in the rural synagogue in Straznice (1869), which is also planning a historical exhibition after completion of the reconstruction." Jewish Community of Brno owns, manages, and renovated the cemetery around 1997. [Source](#) [February 2009]

[Synagogues Without Jews cemetery photo](#) and cemetery [photos](#) [February 2009]

"The little town of Strážnice recently saw its synagogue reopen after a long renovation project, helmed by Jaroslav Klenovský.

*“The renovation of the synagogue in Strážnice has taken a long 15 years. In 1993, it was restituted to the Brno Jewish community which gave it in 2002 to the Federation of Jewish Communities of the Czech Republic. The unfortunate fact that the renovation took so long was also reflected in the quality of the work, and its costs.”* [2008 article](#)

photos taken in 2006 and 2008 and donated by [Daniela Torsh](#) , Balmain, NSW {gallery}EastEurope/Czech/Straznice{/gallery}

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Alternate names: **Strážnice** [Cz], **Straßnitz** [Ger], **Strassnitz**. Straznice is located in Morava-Hodonin, at [48°54' N, 17°19' E](#), 37 miles ESE of Brno (Brünn), in S Moravia. Cemetery: 0.3 km NE, Sadova-Str. Present town population is 5,000-25,000 with fewer than 10 Jews.

- Town: magistrate Engineer Jaromir Sasinka, Mestsky Urad, 696 62 Straznice; tel. 0631/942440.

- Regional: PhDr.Jaromir Micka, Okresni Urad-Referat Kultury, 695 00 Hodonin; tel. 0628/416.

- Interested:Ustav lidoveho umeni, Dr. Jiri Pajer, zamek, 696 62 Straznice; tel. 0631/942869. RNDr.Jarmila Simsikova, Radejovska 18, 696 62 Straznice; tel. 0631/942710.

- Caretaker with key holder: Antonin Mlynek, Vinohradska 38, 696 62 Straznice; tel. 0.

Earliest known Jewish community was 1490. 1930 Jewish population was 194. Self-standing

political community dated 1880-1919. Rabbis Sach and Chatam Sofer; Margarete Siebenschein 1886-?, painter; Hugo Siebenschein, 1889-1970, Germanist lived here. The Jewish cemetery originated in first half of 17th century with last known Conservative Jewish burial in 1950s. No other towns or villages used this landmarked cemetery (Nr. 2411 S.M.) The isolated urban flat land has a Czech sign or plaque that mentions the Jewish community. Reached by turning directly off a public road, access is open to all via a continuous masonry wall and locking gate. The pre- and post-WWII size of cemetery is 0.5093 ha.

500-5000 stones, all in original locations, date from 1647-20th century. The marble, granite and sandstone flat shaped stones, finely smoothed and inscribed stones, flat stones with carved relief decoration, double tombstones or obelisks have Hebrew, German and Czech inscriptions. Some have traces of painting on their surfaces and/or portraits on stones. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to Holocaust victims but no known mass graves. Within the limits of the site are a pre-burial house with wall inscriptions and synagogue. Brno Jewish community owns the Jewish cemetery. Adjacent properties are commercial or industrial and residential. Occasionally, private visitors stop. Vandalism occurred occasionally, 1981-91. Local non-Jewish residents, local/municipal authorities, regional/national authorities and Jewish groups within country did restoration in 1985, 1989. Jewish Brno survivors pay the regular caretaker. Moderate threat: weather erosion. Slight threats: uncontrolled access, pollution, vegetation, vandalism and proposed nearby development.

Engineer Architect Jaroslav Klenovsky, Zebetinska 13, 623 00 Brno; tel. 0 completed survey on March 1, 1992. Documentation: Gold, Herman. Other existing documentation was not used. No site visits or interviews occurred.