



Ceremonial hall renovated by Jewish Community of Brno. [February 2009]

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- Uherský Brod can be traced back to the 10th century and in 1272 a royal town. The 16th century the building of the townhall and church. In the 17th century the Hungarians attacked it. The German and Jewish communities began to increase. The 19th century saw industrial development. World War II brought the development of war industry - Česká zbrojovka, a firearms manufacturer. The new cemetery founded in 1870 is still being used for burials. 80 Baroque and Classical tombstones were brought from the old cemetery, which was devastated during the Nazi occupation. [February 2009]

UHERSKY BROD I: US Commission No. CZCE000192

Alternate name: **Ungarisch-Brod** in German. Uhersky Brod is located in Morava-Uherske Hradiste at [49°02' N, 17°39' E](#) , 47 miles ESE of Brno (Brünn). In SE Moravia, in the Zlín Region.. The old cemetery is located at 0.3 km S on Pod-valy Str. Present town population is 5,000-25,000 with than 10 Jews.

- Town: magistrate Engineer Jiri Vesely, Mestsky Urad, Masarykovo namesti 135, 688 01 Uhersky Brod; tel. 0633/2483.
- Local: Oldrich Kopunec, Mestsky Urad-Referat Kultury-Masarykovo namesti 135, 686 01 Uherske Brod; tel. 0633/3058.
- Regional: PhDr. Jana Spathova, Okresni Urad-Referat Kultury-686 01 Uherske Hradiste; tel. 6832/432.
- Interested: Muzeum, J.A. Komenskeho, dir. PhDr. Pavel Popelka, ulica Premysla Otakara, 686 01 Uhersky Brod; tel. 0633/2288. Adolf Rosenfeld, Masarykovo nam.101, 688 01 Uh. Brod; tel. 0633/3032; and Josef Brammer, Obchodni 1566, 688 01 Uhersky Brod; tel. 0633/29101.

Earliest known Jewish community was 1470. 1930 Jewish population was 493. Transfer of Jewish quarter was 1686, selfstanding political community 1850-1919. Nathan Natha, 17th century rabbi (buried here); Eduard Nascher, 1853-1926, writer; Dr. Kalman Nurnberger, rabbi; and Zikmund Reis, 20th century writer lived here. The Jewish cemetery originated in 16th century with last known Conservative Jewish burial in 1870. No other towns or villages used this unlandmarked cemetery. The isolated urban hillside has no sign or marker. Reached by turning directly off a public road, access is open to all via no wall, fence, or gate. The pre- and post-WWII size of cemetery is 0.5575 ha. 1-20 stones are all in original location. The cemetery contains no special memorial monuments, no known mass graves and no structures. The municipality owns property used for recreation (park, playground, and athletic field). Adjacent properties are residential. Rarely, private visitors stop. Vandalism occurred during World War II. Now, authorities occasionally clean or clear. Slight threat: pollution and proposed nearby development.

Engineer arch. Jaroslav Klenovsky, Zebetinska 13, 623 00 Brno; tel. 0 completed survey on 1.3.1992. Documentation: Gold, Herman. Other existing documentation was not used. No site visits or interviews occurred.

Update to UHERSKY BROD: Since April 1998, the caretakers have been Geri and Miriam Prokop. They live in the building adjacent to the cemetery at Neradice 698, 68801 Uhersky Brod, Czech Republic. [geriprokop@usa.net. tel.:+420-633-635085 geriprokop@usa.net . tel.:+420-633-635085] They are slowly working on repairing the heavily overgrown cemetery that was severely vandalized in 1994+/- . Geri tells me that there are 900+ stones, some from the 16th or 17th century. (The stone of Cabalist Nathan Natha [Natan Nata] is dated 1683.) A masonry wall (as indicated in your report) surrounded the cemetery; in December 1998 an

approximately 18-foot section of the wall collapsed. The monument to Holocaust victims in the "ceremony hall" consists of black marble tablets with the names in gold, in alphabetical order, of all of the Jews of the area who disappeared; a plaque at the front has the names of those killed in the town. Source: Ron Smetana; e-mail:

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UHERSKEY BROD II: US Commission No. CZCE000193

Cemetery: new 0.8 km E, Neradice-Str. Caretaker with key is Vincenc Rysanek, Vetrna 2050, 688 01 Uhersky Brod; tel. 0. Interested: Adolf Rosenfeld, Masarykovo nam.101, 688 01 U. Brod; tel. 0633/3032; and Josef Brammer, Obchodni 1566, 688 01 Uhersky Brod; tel. 8633/29101. The Jewish cemetery originated in 1870 with last known Conservative Jewish burial in 1990. No other towns or villages used this unlandmarked cemetery. The isolated urban hillside has inscriptions on pre-burial house. 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 about 1.1 ha.

500-5000 stones, most in original location, date from 18th century? The cemetery has special section for children transferred from old cemetery in 20th century. The marble, granite and sandstone rough stones or boulders, flat shaped stones, finely smoothed and inscribed stones, flat stones with carved relief decoration, or obelisks have Hebrew, German and Czech inscriptions. Some have traces of painting on their surfaces, other metallic elements, portraits on stones and/or metal fences around graves. The cemetery contains special memorial monuments to Holocaust victims in the ceremony hall but no known mass graves. Within the limits of the site is a pre-burial house with chimney and other distinctive features and a wall. Brno Jewish community owns the Jewish cemetery. Adjacent properties are residential. The boundaries are smaller than 1939 because of housing development. Occasionally, private visitors stop. Vandalism occurred occasionally 1981-91. Local/municipal authorities, regional/national authorities and Jewish groups within country did restoration annually. Brno Jewish congregation pays the regular caretaker. Moderate threat: weather erosion, vegetation and vandalism. Slight threat: uncontrolled access, pollution, existing and proposed nearby development.

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