Alternate names: Tyrnau, Nagyszombat in Hungarian, Tirnau/ Turnau/Tyrnau in German, and Tyrnavia in Latin.

See books in “The Jewish Community”. : *Die juedischen Friedhoefe in der Slowakei*; [Jewish Cemeteries in Slovakia as of 1966]; "Trnava is one of the oldest and may be typical. Nine pre-1539 tombstones survived and were inventoried in 1867. Today no trace of them survives."

**Old Cemetery:**

US Commission No. SLCE000005

Present town population is 25,000-100,000 with 10-100 Jews.

- Town: Mestsky urad, 917 01 Trnava.
- Regional: Okresny urad, odbor kultury, Kollarova 8, 917 01 Trnava.
- Interested: Zapadoslovenske muzeum, Muzejna 3, 917 01 Trnava. Viliam Glueck, Zavalie 5, 920 01 Hlohovec.
- Caretaker: in the cemetery house.

Earliest known Jewish community in town was 14th century. 1930 Jewish population was 2,707. 14 Jews were burned in 1494. Jews were expelled for three centuries in 1539 with liquidation of cemetery and synagogue. WWII deportation was in 1942. Rabbi/historian of Austrian Jews, David Herzog (1869-1947 in Oxford, England) lived in Trnava.

The Jewish cemetery was established in 1801. Rabbi Szimon Szidon, 19th century author, was buried here. The latest legible Orthodox or Conservative tombstone was dated 1909. The isolated rural/agricultural flat land has no sign or marker. Reached by turning directly off a public road, access is open with permission. Surrounded by a masonry wall on the NE and S sides and a fence on the western side, the gate locks. Before WWII and now, the cemetery is 55x35 meters.
100-500 19th century marble, granite, and sandstone flat shaped tombstones (some with carved relief decorations), finely smoothed and inscribed stones, or multi-stone monuments are in original locations. Less than 25% are toppled or broken. Some have traces of painting on their surfaces or metal fences around graves. Inscriptions are Hebrew, German, and Hungarian. Tombstones date from beginning 19th century. Tranava Jewish community owns the property used for the Jewish cemetery, vegetable garden, and poultry. Adjacent properties are agricultural. Occasionally, private visitors stop. Occasionally, individuals and the regular caretaker clean and clear. The caretaker is probably paid by use of the gravedigger's house. Within the cemetery are a caretaker's house, a rebuilt ceremonial hall, and a morgue. Pollution from the caretaker's farm is a threat.


New Cemetery:

US Commission No. SLCE000229

Trnava is located in Trnava, NE of Bratislava. The flat urban site, separate but near other cemeteries, has no sign, but has Jewish symbols on gate or wall. Reached by turning directly off a public road, access is open to all via a masonry wall and locking gate. 500-5000 19th-20th century marble, granite, limestone, sandstone, and other materials flat shaped tombstones (some with carved relief decorations), finely smoothed and Hebrew and German inscribed stones, or double tombstones are in original locations. The site is Jewish cemetery only. Adjacent properties are other cemeteries. Private visitors visit frequently. Restoration included: re-erection of stones, cleaning stones, clearing vegetation, and fixing of wall. The cemetery is cared for now by a regular caretaker. Within the cemetery are a pre-burial house and a gravedigger's house. No threats.
UPDATE: I visited Trnava cemetery on August 21st. The address is Nitrianska 8 Trnava 91700. The caretaker opened up after locking up his dogs and was very nice, even bringing me water to wash with afterwards. He speaks Slovakian only but wrote down his name as Milan Ruzarovksy, Telephone 0911 219 848. Source: YN Freilich London UK, ynfreilich@gmail.com [August 2007]

January 2009:

Map of Town

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District: Trnava
Micro region: ZMO - Jaslovské Bohunice
Inhabitants: 68466
Area: 7153 ha
First paper reference: in year 1211
Mayor: Ing. Štefan Bošnák
Chief: Ing. Hana Dienerová