

“Jewish ‘Stones of the Disappeared’ to be placed in Freedom Square” by Kristýna Langová, June 4, 2018 - *Jihlavské listy*

The names of eight Jewish citizens who died in concentration camps will be memorialized in Freedom Square in Třešť on Wednesday, June 6. Stones that commemorate members of the Grunberger and Meissner families will become part of the sidewalk at 2 p.m.

“Anne Newman from America, on whose initiative the event takes place, will be present at the ceremony,” says Romana Šťastná, head of the Department of Culture. A few years ago, this American woman traced her family’s roots in Třešť.

Pupils from the Třešť primary school are contributing to the history of the Jewish community via the project *In the Footsteps of Disappeared Neighbors*. “We are (now) working on the topic of the Jewish cemetery. We would like to make information panels and connect them to some of the tombstones of the families whose stories we have traced,” explains teacher Helena Štumarová. “A QR code will be used to retrieve basic information about their lives,” the teacher explains, adding that at the cemetery one will be able to find this code near the tombstones of persons included in the study.

The project also identifies where the families lived and their last journey from their house to the railway station. From there they were deported to Třebíč and then to Terezín.

“We were inspired to do so by Anne Newman, who walked this journey from Meissner’s house, and it was a very strong emotional experience for her,” said Ms. Štumarová.