

THE HOUSE IN APOLINÁŘSKÁ STREET 6 IN PRAGUE
AND ITS INHABITANTS

An example for the persecution of Jews in the “Protectorate of Bohemia
and Moravia” (with appendix of sources)

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Using an apartment building in Apolinářská (Apollinaris) Street in the New Town of Prague as an example, the author reconstructs the political and social circumstances of the years 1936–1945 “at the small scale”. The population register of 1938 shows an involuntary migration pattern as a result of the cession of the Sudetenland: Jewish refugees began to move into the building. Two married couples had already been living there in adjacent apartments since 1936. Extensive research has revealed that one of these couples, which was Jewish, was slated for deportation to Theresienstadt and decided to commit suicide. The other couple, staunch National Socialists, subsequently succeeded in adding one of the rooms of this “Jew dwelling” to their own apartment. The article also traces the fates of other Jewish inhabitants of the building, proving that the majority of them came to death in German extermination camps. Finally, it also investigates what happened to the National Socialists living in the building after they left their apartments in 1945.