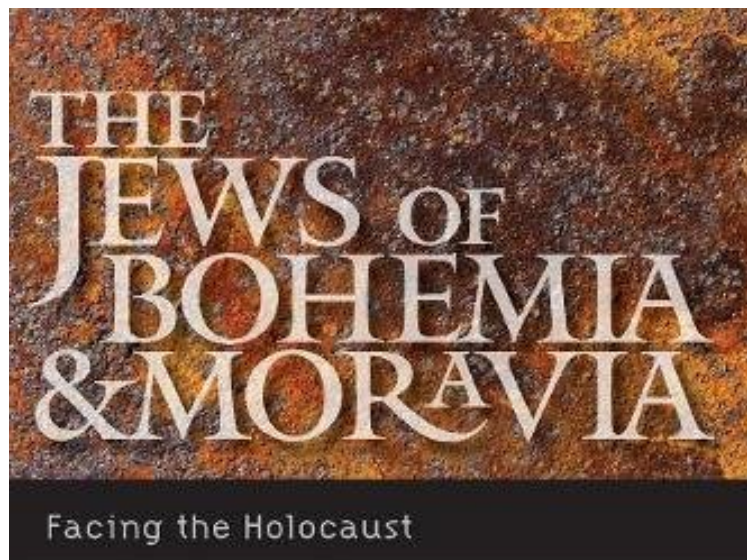


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The Jews of Bohemia and Moravia will certainly be inspiring for all readers with an interest in the history of the Jewish presence in the Czech lands. It has a highly detailed system of footnotes and a wide bibliography, allowing readers to find other publications and studies for the individual periods under description. Petr Bednarik, Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies