

## Mikulov na Moravě, Břeclav distr., Southern Moravia Region

### Mikveh – Jewish ritual bath

(18th cent.)



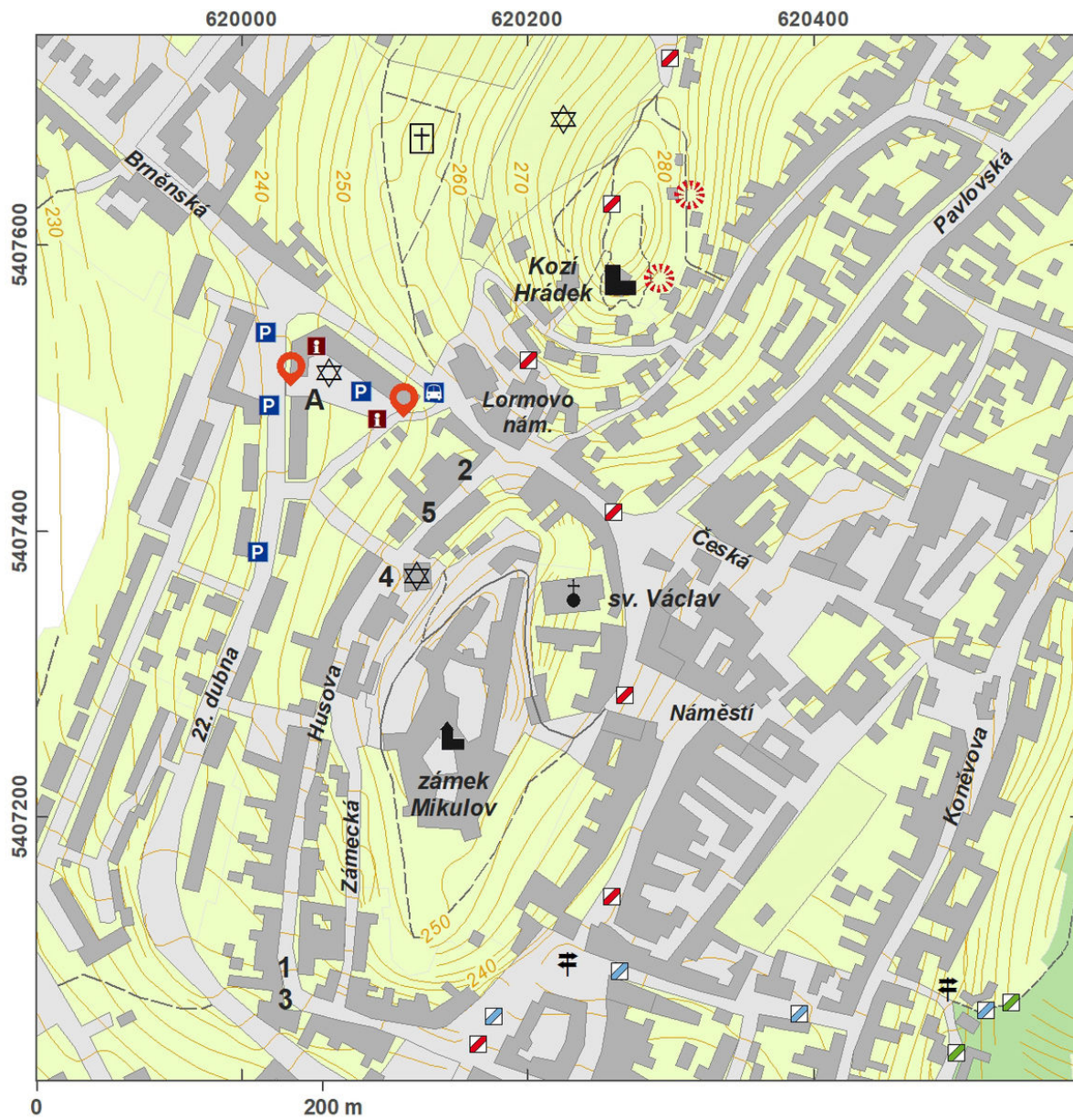
The mikveh (ritual bath) of Mikulov, Moravia, represents a unique example of an archaeological find of a Jewish ritual facility. The Jewish community of Mikulov developed in the mid-15th century and was the largest in Moravia until the mid-19th century. In the 2nd half of the 20th century, large parts of the centre of the Jewish quarter were demolished; from the original 317 houses only 90 have remained. Among the most important preserved buildings are two Jewish schools, the nursing home and the Horní synagoga ('Upper Synagogue'). In 2004, a cellar with a Jewish ritual bath was uncovered on the site of the parking park in Brněnská Street. After the excavation, the remains were reconstructed and can be visited through a new entrance. Today, the mikveh is part of the educational trail named 'Památky židovské čtvrti v Mikulově' ('Jewish Quarter Heritage Site in Mikulov') with information boards and panels on all important buildings.

**References:** Kuča 1998; Samek 1999; Klenovský 1994, 2001; Kubín 2004.

**Navigation point:** N 48°48'31.32", E 16°38'09.90" (entrance from the U Staré brány street).

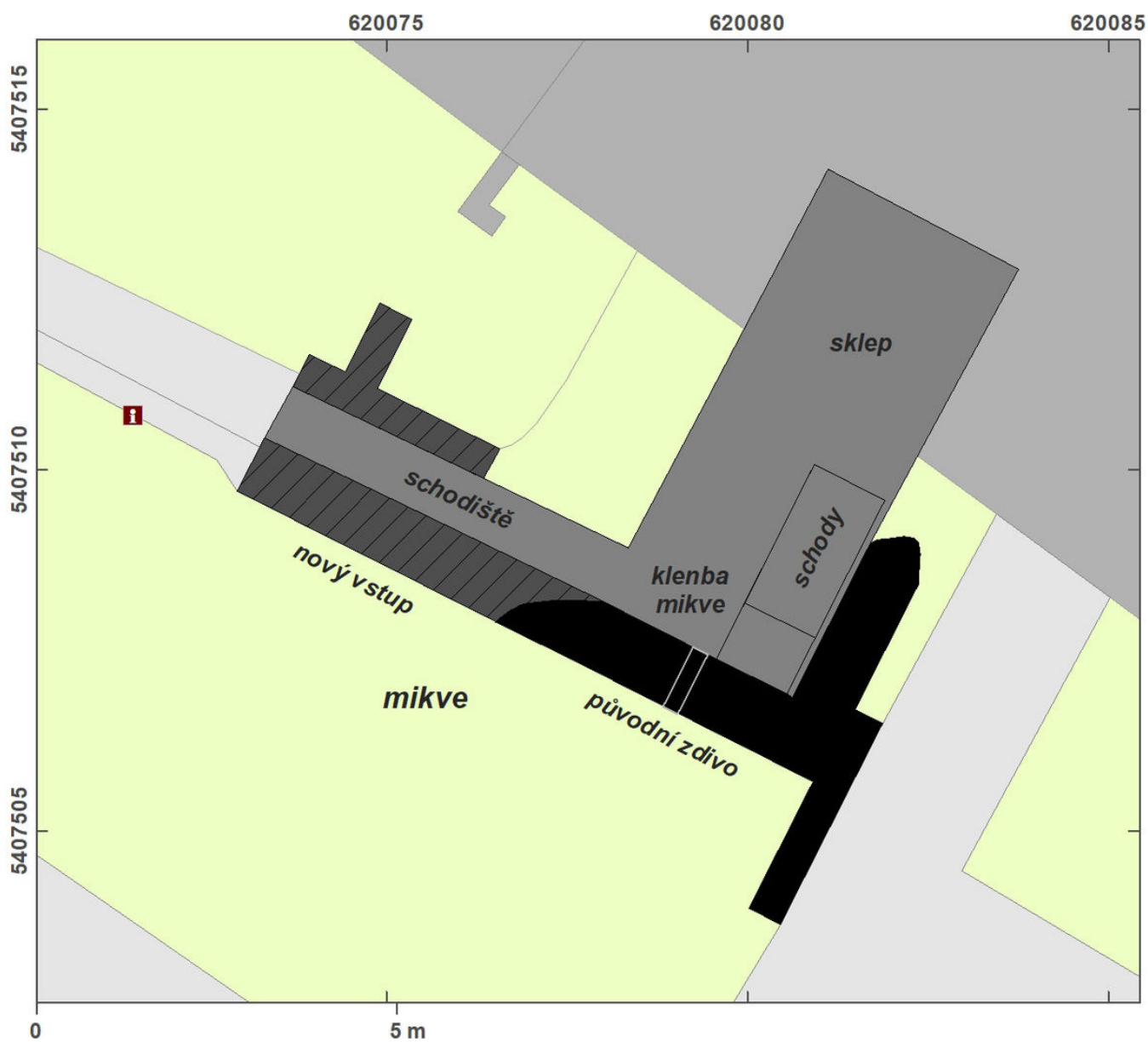
**Map notes:** 1, 2 – Jewish schools; 3 – nursing home; 4 – synagogue; 5 – well; A – mikveh.





Access map/site plan.

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Site plan.

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Jewish quarter with the Horní (Upper) Synagogue.

Photo A. Knechtová, 2015.



Reconstructed Jewish ritual bath.

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