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Music In Terezin, 1941-1945
Synopsis

When Adolf Hitler created the model camp at Theresienstadt (Terezín in Czech) for the better-known of Europe's Jewish transportees, he gathered together many of the continent's finest musicians. This examination of the associations, the compositions, the performances, and above all, the people in Terezín accentuates the roles the active musical life played in the struggle for hope in those darkest of times. This second edition of Music in Terezín adds information on the lives of the survivors of the camp and corrects some material from the first edition.

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