

H. K. Breslauer ~ The City Without Jews

www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org The City Without Jews is a 1924 expressionist film by Austrian filmmaker H. K. Breslauer, based on the novel of the same title by Hugo Bettauer. The novel and film predicted the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe in the following decades. The original pressing of Bettauer's novel, published in 1922, became a wide success and sold over 250,000 copies. The film premiered on July 25, 1924. Shortly after the premiere of the film Bettauer was murdered by Nazi party member Otto Rothstock, who was quickly released from jail after public outcry surrounding his conviction. The City Without Jews film was shown in public for the last time in 1933 at the *Carré* theater in Amsterdam as a protest against the rise of Hitler's Germany.

In 2015 a copy of the film in good condition was discovered at a flea market in Paris. A crowd-funding campaign was launched by the Austrian Film Archive to restore the film, to which over 700 people contributed a total of \$107,000. The film was digitally restored and re-released in early 2018.

The book in German: Gutenberg.org - [Hugo Bettauer - Die Stadt ohne Juden: Ein Roman von übermorgen](#)