

RECEIPT FOR JEWISH CULTURAL PROPERTIES
 OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT (U.S.) FOR GERMANY
 MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES SECTION
 REPARATIONS AND RESTITUTIONS BRANCH, PROPERTY DIVISION

PLACE: **Offenbach a.M.**

DATE: **May 30, 1949**

1. The undersigned **Dr. Bernard H. L. L. R.**, authorized representative of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc., hereby acknowledges on behalf of JCR Inc. from the U.S. Commander in Chief in Germany receipt for the items described in Schedule A, attached hereto, which have this day been delivered to JCR from the Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point / Offenbach Archival Depot.
2. The scheduled Jewish cultural properties transferred herewith to JCR Inc., in accordance with the Frankfurt agreement of 15 February 1949 between the Office of Military Government (U.S.) for Germany and Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc., were wrongfully separated from owning individuals and organizations in Europe during the period of Nazi rule and were subsequently taken into protective custody by Military Government.
3. JCR. Inc., in accepting custody therefor, certifies that individual ownership of subject items cannot be determined and undertakes to act as trustee for the Jewish people in the distribution of said property to such public or quasi-public religious, cultural or educational institutions as it sees fit, to be used in the interest of perpetuating Jewish art and culture, or to utilize them for the maintenance of the cultural heritage of the Jewish people, and to this end further undertakes to maintain the physical integrity of all such properties which had not been so damaged as to prevent normal use.
4. Properties transferred in the present receipt, unidentifiable and hence not the proper subjects of claims under Law 59, fall under one or more of the categories checked below:
 - a. Jewish books, archives and miscellaneous documents in various languages.
 - b. Torah scrolls and miscellaneous synagogue vestments, prayer shawls, etc.
 - c. Jewish ritual objects of precious metals and including precious stones.
 - d. Paintings and furnishings of previous but specifically unidentifiable Jewish ownership.
 - e. Such other Jewish cultural properties as Military Government shall agree to transfer to JCR, and which shall be transferred in accordance with special conditions.
5. The receiving agency undertakes to restore to Military Government for proper disposition any object which has been delivered to it by mistake and is not covered by the special provisions.
6. The receiving agency agrees that the occupying power and all its agents and representatives shall be saved harmless from any claim for loss,

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damage or deterioration suffered by any item from the time of its removal from the original owner to its transfer into custody of JCR Inc.

[Handwritten Signature]
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Witness

Bernard Heller
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Signature

... **James Kimball**
..... **Dr. Bernard Heller**
Signature typed

Administrative Superintendent OAD

Signature & Office typed

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Place

Authorized Representative JCR ...
Title or Capacity of Signer

May 30, 1949
Date

Distribution:

- Original and one copy - OMGUS (Prop Div)
- 2 - OMGH
- 2 - JCR Inc

SCHEDULE A

ITEM

DESCRIPTION
(Including Statement of Condition of Object)

293 cases

containing Hebraica

67355 items

11 "

" Jeschiwo Stiftung,
Frankfurt

772 "

10 "

" German Judaica

7434 "

314 cases

containing

75560 items

//////////////////LAST ITEM////////////////////

COPY.Statement for Meeting of Interessentenvertretung
in Nürnberg on Sept. 19, 1948.

A short time ago I had the privilege of discussing with General Clay the problem of Jewish Cultural Property. Military Government has decided that the Jewish books and manuscripts, and the synagogue property, should be entrusted to an organization capable of placing this property where it will serve the best purpose. Although the organization established for this purpose, Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, bears a special name, it is essentially the same organization as the Successor Organization. The chief difference is that the Hebrew University is a member of JCR. Palestine will, of course, be the new home of a large part of the heirless cultural property.

As soon as our organization came into existence, we decided to invite the Gemeindes of the US-Zone to join and share the responsibility with the other members of JCR. Prof. Baron, the President of JCR., has written to Dr. Auerbach and has invited the Interessentenvertretung to accept membership and to appoint two representatives to the Board of Directors. I should be happy to see this meeting adopt a resolution accepting this invitation.

If you have any questions regarding the work of JCR., I shall do my best to answer them.