

## Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Significant Archival Collections from the Former Soviet Union

This guide provides users with a select list of USHMM archival collections that originate in the states of the former Soviet Union. Its aim is to present a sample of the rich archival resources at the Museum and to suggest future avenues of research on the Holocaust as it occurred in the former Soviet Union.

The number of Soviet resources in the holdings of the Museum's Archives continues to grow at a rapid pace, and they are but a fraction of the institution's more than 160 million pages of archival holdings. Significant Soviet documentation also appears in the digitized International Tracing Service collection, which is accessible on the Museum campus. For information on all of the Museum's collections, please visit the Museum's archival resources site at <http://www.ushmm.org/research/collections/>. To access the regularly updated *Archival Guide to the Collections of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*, please visit <http://www.ushmm.org/research/center/archguide/>.

Archival collections are identified either by record group (RG) number or by accession number (Acc). RG and Acc numbers that include the letter "M" are available on microfilm or microfiche. The number of reels in each microfilm collection are indicated below.

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## **Belarus**

*RG-53.002M, The Sara Rosjanski Ross Collection—Selected Records of the Belarus Central State Archive, Minsk*

This collection contains records from various German and local agencies that were involved in the occupation of what is now Belarus. The most important of these agencies are listed below.

Hauptseisenbahndirektion Mitte and Reichverkehrsdirektion Mitte in Minsk: Includes correspondence with the Communications Ministry in Berlin and the General Railroad Direction in Warsaw about construction projects; partisan activities against the railroads; the use of labor in the occupied territories; “Informations-dienst” secret bulletins about international events and the situation on the Eastern Front; organization plans and action plans; telephone directories of German organizations in Minsk; reports by the 707th Infantry Division and railroad offices about partisan activities; names and locations of railroad stations and main rail lines; Sonderzüge (specially scheduled trains) that transported Jews from Vienna, Terezin (Theresienstadt), and other European cities to Minsk; orders of the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Ostland; the killing of Jews; and the activities of the 707th Infantry Division and of the 11th Reserve Police Battalion, the latter of which contained Lithuanian companies

Generalkommissar Weissruthenien (Belorussia): Includes correspondence about Jewish property; Jewish craftsmen; the provisioning of Jewish workers; the creation of the Jewish ghetto in Minsk; orders and plans of the chief of the SS and police in Weissruthenien for large-scale anti-partisan operations such as Kotbus and Hermann; Einsatzgruppe B reports on the murder of Jews and of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies); minutes of group meetings of Hauptabteilungsleiter and Gebietskommissare; operational reports of SS and police units; Gebietskommissare-level reports on topics including Jewish doctors sent to the ghetto, the distribution to German officials of monies confiscated from Jews, and partisan activities including the mention of Jews among the partisans; and records of the political, administrative, personnel, and other departments of Generalkommissariat Weissruthenien

Gendarmerie Post in Khoyniki: Includes correspondence with the gendarmerie post in Zhytomyr and files on antipartisan activities

Central operational group of the Organizaztion Todt (OT): Includes orders of the Minsk Kommandatura; instructions for segregating Jewish workers and the treatment of Russian workers; information about the construction of Durchgangstrassen; name lists of OT workers, including Jews working for OT; and documentation of damage to OT construction projects by partisans

Baranovichy Gebietskommissariat and the Kommandeur der Ordnungspolizei in Weissruthenien: Includes files on the economic activity of SS and police units, the Jewish

question, forced laborers who were to be sent to Germany, the administration of the Gendarmerie, actions against Jews, and reports from gendarmerie posts

Minsk Gebietskommissariat: Includes circulars and orders; the personnel files of German employees; and files on partisan activities, anti-partisan activities, and economic questions

Various levels of the Belorussian Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory: Includes statistics, reports, and witness statements on German war crimes

Also included are diverse Verordnungsblätter, Amtsblätter, and the like.

Languages: German, Byelorussian, Russian, 1941–1949

21 microfilm reels (16 mm). The series also includes two reels (numbers 12 and 15) of records from the Minsk Oblast archive, which are described separately in this section.

Source of Acquisition: Belarus Central State Archive (formerly the Central State Archive of the October Revolution of the Belorussian SSR)

Finding aid: Folder-level description written by Raul Hilberg

*RG-53.004M, Selected Records from the Grodno Oblast Archive, Belarus*

This collection contains files relating to the activities of various German occupation agencies in Grodno and environs during World War II. Records include proceedings of criminal investigations; examples of anti-Jewish propaganda; census name lists for Grodno and the vicinity; the use of forced labor; and documents with information on the destruction of synagogues, the treatment of Soviet prisoners of war, ghettos in Belorussia and Poland, partisan activities, resistance actions, transports of Jews from Grodno to concentration camps, arrests of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), racial policies, and investigations of persons suspected of communist activities.

Languages: Russian and German, 1940–1944

7 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Grodno Oblast Archive, Grodno, Belarus

Finding aid: Folder-level description written by Raul Hilberg

*RG-53.005M, Selected Records from the Gomel Oblast Archive, Belarus*

These files relate to the activities of various civilian and military government offices in Gomel and environs (cities and administrative districts of Dobrush, Homel, Parichi, Rechitsa, and Mazyr), including subjects such as reprisal actions by Germans against partisan activities, the liquidation of the Monastyrsk ghetto, the confiscation of Jewish property (buildings, land, livestock), arrests of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), postwar war crimes investigations, and the like.

Languages: German and Russian, 1941–1947  
2 microfilm reels (16 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Gomel Oblast Archive, Gomel, Belarus  
Finding aid: Folder-level description written by Raul Hilberg

*RG-53.006M, Selected Records from the Mogilev Oblast Archive, Belarus*

These files relate to the activities of various Mogilev city administration offices and German occupation agencies in the Mogilev area during World War II. Included is information about criminal proceedings, the persecution of Soviet Jews, the confiscation of Jewish property, reprisals against Jewish and partisan resistance, regulations for mixed marriages, the Mogilev ghetto, the transit of refugees, Einsatzkommando activities, forced labor, census statistics, and partisan clashes with police forces.

Languages: German and Russian, 1941–1945  
6 microfilm rolls (16 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Mogilev Oblast Archive, Mogilev, Ukraine  
Finding aid: Folder-level description written by Raul Hilberg

Selected Records of the Minsk Oblast Archive, Belarus

These records are incorporated in RG-53.002M—Selected records of the Belarus Central State Archive, Minsk as rolls Nos. 12 and 15.

This collection contains documents of various rayon-level commissions of the Belorussian Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory, including statistics, victim name lists, reports, and witness statements on German war crimes. The records from the Minsk Stadtkommissariat include files on the use of Jewish doctors, ghetto matters, the NSDAP, and the distribution of Jewish clothing to Germans and Russians.

Languages: German, Byelorussian, Russian, 1941–1945  
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Minsk Oblast Archive  
Finding Aid: Folder-level description written by Raul Hilberg

## **Estonia**

### *RG-10.036, Reports of Einsatzgruppen*

This collection contains copies of reports concerning the activities of various Einsatzgruppen in several occupied European countries. Among the topics discussed in the reports are Einsatzgruppen activities against communists in occupied areas and specific actions against the Jews of Estonia.

Languages: German, English, 1941–1944  
1 linear inch

### *RG-13.001M, Selected Records from the Estonian State Archive, 1942– 1944*

This collection contains selected records of Baltöl, a German petroleum company in Estonia, as well as other miscellaneous records concerning the Holocaust there.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Estonian State Archive (Eesti Riigiarhiv).  
Languages: German, Estonian  
8 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Reel list

## **Kazakhstan**

### *RG-74.001, Selected Records from the War Trial Cases of the Nazi Collaborators Tried in the Kazakh SSR, 1943-1950.*

This collection contains materials from trials conducted in the Kazakh SSR during the period 1943–1950, and including documents from pretrial investigations by the SMERSH (“Death to Spies,” a Soviet military intelligence organization), and the Kazakh NKVD (later MGB or KGB); as well as protocols of interrogations, indictments, verdicts, and sentences.

Language: Russian, 1943–1950  
Approx. 1500 pages of photocopies  
Source of Acquisition: Archives of the Committee for the National Security of the Republic of Kazakhstan (former KGB archive), Astana, Kazakhstan  
Finding aid: Preliminary English-language listing of 48 criminal cases with some data such as names of defendant, place of crime, and year of trial.

### *RG-74.002M, Selected Records from Central State Archives of the Republic of Kazakhstan Related to the Evacuation to Kazakhstan During the Second World War II, 1941-1947.*

This collection contains records of evacuation to Kazakhstan during World War II, including information on resettlement, employment, food supply, and medical assistance. There are also documents on assistance to communist and other refugees from Nazi-

occupied countries.

Language: Russian, 1945–1949

8 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Central State Archives of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty

Finding aid: Combined roll list and preliminary folder-level descriptions in Russian

## **Latvia**

### *RG-06.027, Selected Latvian KGB Records Relating to War Crime Investigations and Trials in Latvia*

This collection contains photocopies of interrogation transcripts, decrees, biographical data sheets, witness statements, photographs, and miscellaneous court and trial documents relating to the arrest, investigation, prosecution, sentencing, and in some cases, execution of war criminals accused of atrocities committed against Jews and Soviet citizens in Latvia during World War II.

Provenance: Formerly the property of the Latvian KGB, currently in the Latvian State Archive's Fond 1986

Languages: Russian, German, Latvian, 1941–1995

36 linear inches

Source: Latvian Valsts Arhivs (State Archive of Latvia), Riga

Finding aid: Folder-level description

### *RG-06.009.03, War Crimes Case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs*

This collection contains copies of the indictment and verdict in the case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs. Among the documents are lists of witnesses, results of the investigation, and information concerning Arajs's crimes against Jews in Latvia and the Soviet Union. An English translation is included for the indictment only.

Provenance: From the State Court of Hamburg, Germany

Languages: German, English, 1975–1980

2.5 linear inches

Source of Acquisition: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations

### *RG-18.001, Condemnation of Genocide and Antisemitism*

This is an English translation of a declaration by the Republic of Latvia's "Highest Council" condemning genocidal acts by the Nazis. Included is an acknowledgement of the importance of Jews in past Latvian culture and Latvia's intolerance of acts of antisemitism and racial discrimination in the future.

Language: English  
1 folder  
Source of Acquisition: George Schwab

*RG-18.002M, Selected Records from the Latvian Central State Historical Archives*

These records contain information about the concentration of Latvian Jews in ghettos; the persecution of Jews and of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies); the mass killing of Jews; the confiscation of Jewish property; the utilization of Jewish labor; the coerced sterilization of Jews; guidelines for handling the Jewish question in the occupied East; the monitoring of groups including religious groups, Jews, and Roma and Sinti (Gypsies); mixed marriages; school attendance by Jews and Mischlinge; the activities of partisans; collaboration by Latvians; and the activities of various police forces. Included are situation and activity reports from Gebietskommissare including those of Riga, Daugavpils, Liebau, and Jelgava and Ortskommandature including those of Rezekne, Rossiten, and Riga; maps showing “judenfrei” areas and Salaspils and Valmiera camps; Organisation Todt; as well as information about the ghettos in Riga, Liebau, Kaunas, and other localities; the activities of the 25th Latvian Schutzmannschaftsbatallion in Latvia and Weissruthenien (Byelorussia); the Arajs Kommando; concentration camps in Salaspils and Valmiera; the large-scale anti-partisan operations “Winterzauber” and “Heinrich;” the Extraordinary Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory; and the Orthodox church in the Baltic region.

Provenance: The Generalkommissariat in Riga, the Reichskommissariat für das Ostland, the Latvian Legion, the Wehrmachtbefehlshaber Ostland, and other occupation and collaborationist agencies in occupied Latvia created the records during World War II. Soviet military and security organs seized the records at the end of the war and later deposited them in the Latvian Central State Historical Archive in Riga, Latvia. Soviet authorities created the records of the “Extraordinary Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory.”

Languages: German, Latvian, 1941–1945

33 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Latvian State Historical Archives [LVVA], Riga, Latvia

Finding aid: Folder-level description

*RG-18.003, Organizational and Administrative Correspondence Relating to the Wehrmacht, SS, SD, and SIPO in the Ostland*

This collection contains photocopies of letters, memoranda, orders, directives, and various other documents relating to the organizational and operational structure of the Wehrmacht, SIPO, SS, SD, Einsatzgruppen A and B, Geheime Feldpolizei, Feldgendarmerie, Hilfspolizei, and Ordnungspolizei in Latvia and the USSR. Of special interest is a copy of a Dec. 4, 1939, RSHA Amt II letter concerning antisemitism and a pogrom.

Provenance: Various command levels of the Wehrmacht, Einsatzgruppen, SD, and SIPO in the Ostland, and the RSHA in Berlin, Germany, created the records during World War II.

Languages: Chiefly German, with some Russian, 1939–1943

Photocopies, two folders

Source of Acquisition: Central State Historical Archive (LVVA), Riga

## **Lithuania**

### *Accession 2000.201, Lithuanian Ambassador to Germany (Skripa)*

This collection contains correspondence, notes, and other documents relating to the office of the former ambassador of independent Lithuania in Germany, K. Skripa. The material includes letters to the prime minister and other members of the government about Lithuania's position at the beginning of the war, an unsigned letter entitled "To liberate Lithuania forever from the Jewish yoke," appeals to the Lithuanian nation, and letters from Reichminister Dr. Lammers.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond 1398/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

### *Accession 2000.195, LGS Kaunas Lithuanian Railroad Police*

This collection contains copies of orders from the Kaunas police chief.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-703/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

### *Accession 2000.212, Rokiskis District Police Commander in Uzinth*

This is a list of policemen who received awards for the performance of various duties.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-708/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1942

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 2000.200, Captured German Records Returned by USSR to Lithuania 1953*

This collection contains trophy documents from Germany relating to Lithuanian citizens. Collected by the police and secret services, the documents include information on the activities of the Soviet army, the Communist party, and anti-German movements in Estonia, and deserters.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond 1173/1,2,4,7  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1929–1944  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 1999.A.0111, Records of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg*

These records of the ERR relate to its duties, especially the plundering of Lithuanian museums and libraries.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-633/1  
Languages: German, some Lithuanian, 1915–1944  
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 2000.197, Kaunas SD Prison*

This collection contains Jewish name lists and case files from the Kaunas hard labor prison.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-731/1  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944  
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 2000.206, Kretinga District Police Commander*

This collection contains requests, member lists, material on the chief of police, and crime statistics.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1665/2  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 2000.205, 11th Police Reserve Baubataillon*

This collection includes member lists and requests from an officer to use trains for members.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1552/2  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 2000.207, Vilnius Sipo und SD*

This collection contains lists of persons arrested and murdered during a period of the German occupation.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1673/1  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 1999.A.0109, Records of the Gebietskommissar Kaunas*

This collection contains records of the military occupation administration unit relating to occupation duties, especially the plunder of Jewish property.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-615/1  
Languages: German, some Lithuanian, 1941–1944  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 1999.A.0115, Records of the Stab der Selbstschutzeinheiten (Schuma) Vilnius*

This collection contains records of the Vilnius self-defense units (Schutzmannschaften). Included is information about personnel, pioneer battalion 184, and Communists.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-660/1,2  
Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 1999.A.0107, Records of the Gebietskommissar Wilna-Land*

This collection contains records of the military occupation administration unit relating to occupation duties. Included are orders, instructions, announcements, reports, and correspondence.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-613/1

Languages: Lithuanian, German, 1941–1944

5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary handwritten folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 1999.A.0110, Records of the Gebietskommissar Kaunas Stadt*

This collection contains records of the military occupation administration unit relating to occupation duties. The records include receipts of German businesses in Kaunas.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-616/1

Languages: German, some Lithuanian, 1941–1944

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 1999.A.0114, Records of the SS- und Polizeistandortführer Wilna*

This collection contains records of the SS command for Vilnius. Included are announcements, reports, and correspondence regarding Soviet partisans, the local population, and police personnel.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-659/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

3 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 2000.198, LGS Orpo Kommando Kaunas*

This collection contains information on police personnel, police orders, the rights and duties of police in occupied areas, and the Kaunas concentration camp.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1018/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 2000.204, Deutsche Baubataillon, Kaunas*

These documents relate to forced Jewish labor and include information on construction work, the guarding of Jews, and methods used to speed the pace of work.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1547/1

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1942

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*Accession 1999.A.0118, Records of the Standortkommandantura Marijampole*

This collection contains records of the military unit in Marijampole, including secret reports on combat with partisans and on the shootings of Soviet prisoners of war.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-678

Languages: German, Lithuanian, 1941–1944

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication; see reference archivist

*RG-26.001, Sender Wajsman Papers*

This collection contains a copyprint of a photograph of a wedding in Vilna, Lithuania; a brief testimony by Sender Wajsman describing the massacre of Jews in Ponary at the hands of non-Jewish Lithuanians under the direction of the Gestapo; and a photocopy of a photograph depicting the memorial to the dead in Ponary.

Language: English, 1936–1991

3 items (1 folder)

Source of Acquisition: Sender Wajsman via Jeshajahu Weinberg  
Finding aid: Item-level description

*RG-26.003M, Records Pertaining to Partisan Activity During WW II, from the Lithuanian Special Archives*

This collection includes memoirs, personal files of Jewish and non-Jewish partisans in various detachments of the partisan effort, and reports by Soviet Army soldiers and Lithuanian-Soviet activists regarding the early phase of the war between Germany and the USSR. Also included are records of Lithuanian citizens seeking to enlist in the Lithuanian division of the Red Army.

Provenance: From various fonds of the Lithuanian Special Archives (Lietuvas Ypatingasis archyvas), which was formerly named the Archives of Lithuanian Public Organizations, and before that the Communist Party Archives of the Lithuanian SSR  
Languages: Russian, Lithuanian, 1943–1946 (bulk)  
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department  
Finding aid: Preliminary English-language file-level descriptions

*RG-26.004M, War Crimes Investigation and Trial Records from the Former Lithuanian KGB Archive*

This collection contains key documents from the criminal investigation files and trial records of Lithuanian citizens of the USSR accused of wartime crimes related to the Holocaust.

Provenance: Originally the Lithuanian KGB archive. This archive was merged into the present Lithuanian Special Archives (Lietuvas Ypatingasis archyvas)  
Languages: Russian, Lithuanian, 1944–1992  
245 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: English-language file-level descriptions

*RG-26.005M, Records of the Ministry of Jewish Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania*

This collection includes files of the Ministry of Jewish Affairs regarding local governmental authorities and Jewish communities, tax collection, Jewish community officials, Jewish schools, meeting of Jewish councils, annual reports and budgets, emigration, and the Jewish People's bank. Also included are newspaper clippings and many lists of names, including a list of rabbis and a list of Jewish schoolchildren.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond 1129, opis 1  
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, German, English, 1919–1928  
57 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Central State Archives  
Finding aid: Inventory in English

*RG-26.006M, Council of the Jewish Community of Kaunas, Lithuania*

This collection contains records of the Council of the Kaunas Jewish Community in Lithuania, reflecting the interwar period and beginning of World War II. The collection includes correspondence with local and government authorities, the Ministry of Jewish Affairs, and Jewish communities across Lithuania regarding such matters as budgets, tax collection, and the elections and salaries of Jewish community officials. Also included are school records; minutes of meetings; annual reports, budget proposals, card files of Lithuanian rabbis, statistics about Jewish agricultural workers, documents of war refugees, unemployment data about Jews, Jewish primary schools, birth, death, marriage, and divorce. documents of war refugees.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond 1231, opis 1  
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, German, English and French, 1920–1940  
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Central State Archives  
Finding aid: English-language folder-level descriptions

## **Moldova**

*RG-54.001M, Selected Records from the National Archives of Moldova*

This collection contains files related to the internment of Jews in several ghettos and camps in Romania and Bessarabia; the administration of the Chisinau (Kishinev) ghetto (including census information), the ghetto in Balti, the ghetto in Soroca, the activities of the police in the Chisinau ghetto, the confiscation and disposal of Jewish property, deportations of Jews from Bessarabia to Transnistria, the forced labor of Jews, executions of Romanian Jews, and the like.

Languages: Romanian, Russian, 1941–1944  
24 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source: National Archives of Moldova, Chisinau  
Finding aid: List of folder titles

*RG-54.002M, Records of the Soviet Extraordinary Commission to Investigate Crimes Committed by Nazis and their Collaborators on the Territory of the Moldavian Soviet Republic during WWII*

This collection contains records about victims, crimes against persons, and about perpetrators, as well as information about damage and material losses to personal and government properties (houses, clubs, theaters, museums, libraries, and the like), as well as to industry and agriculture, caused by the occupation. The documents include name

lists of victims and evacuees, protocols of interrogations of eyewitnesses by local members of the Extraordinary Commission, inventories of the destroyed property, and signed depositions summarizing what the commission learned. Also included are photos, diagrams, and maps showing the location of atrocities or graves.

Provenance: National Archives of Moldova Fond 1026

Language: Russian, 1943–1947

115 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Source of Acquisition: National Archives of Moldova, Chisinau

Finding aid: Copy of the source archive's folder-level finding aid, in Russian

*RG-54.003, War Crimes Investigation and Trial Records from Moldova*

This collection contains copies of documents related to sixty-one criminal investigations into war crimes and collaboration in Moldova and Transnistria.

Language: Russian, 1944–1955

127 microfiche (ca. 10,500 images)

Source of Acquisition: Archives of the State Security and Information Service of the Republic of Moldova

Finding aid: Preliminary case-level finding aid in English

Restrictions: No publication of documents on the Internet or reproduction for third parties without express permission of the source archive

*RG-54.004M, Selected Records of the Liaison Office for Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transnistria, under the Office of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers*

The collection of the Liaison Office (the CBBT) contains correspondence, minutes of the meetings of the Council of the Ministries and Governors of the three provinces, and other materials related to the political and economic situation in Bukovina, Bessarabia and Transnistria during World War II. It also includes archival documents related to the population policies of the Romanian authorities as well as Romanianization of Jewish property, and proposals concerning settlement of Romanians in the newly occupied territories, surveillance of political suspects, and the like.

Language: Russian, 1941–1944

17 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: National Archives of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

Finding aid: Preliminary reel list and finding aid

Restrictions: Publication requires formal approval of the source institution.

*RG-54.005M, Personal Archive of the Yiddish Writer Yiehiel (Ikhil) Shraybman*

This collection consists of personal archival documents of the prominent Yiddish writer Yiehiel Shraybman (1913–2005). It includes letters received from Yiddish writers in the

Soviet Union, Poland, Israel, the United States, and France, as well as from readers of his books and from various Jewish cultural institutions and periodicals.

Provenance: Mr. Shraybman's widow in Chisinau, Moldova

Languages: Yiddish and Russian, 1950–late 1990

Ca. 4,000 pp. of original documents in 94 folders (incl. 93a and 93b)

Source of Acquisition: Mrs. Marina Shraybman, Chisinau, Moldova

Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

Restrictions: On publication

## **Russian Federation**

*Accession 1996.A.0149, Selected Records from the Russian State Military Archives (Former Osobyi Archives Collections), N.d.*

This collection contains fragmentary excerpts from captured German documents.

Provenance: Yad Vashem reproduced the records at the Russian State Military Archives (Former Osobyi Archives Collections), Moscow, and provided the USHMM with copies. There is no reference to the Osobyi archival signatures and therefore the collections cannot be identified.

Languages: German and Romanian

8 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

*Accession 1996.A.0297, Russian Military Medical Museum Records, 1941–1945*

This collection contains records on the persecution and killing of Jews and others in Eastern Europe by the Nazis.

Provenance: The records were collected by members of the field medical units of the Red Army. Source of acquisition is the Russian Military Medical Museum, St. Petersburg.

Languages: Russian

6 folders of photocopies

*Accession 1998.A.0002, Selected Records from the State Archives of the Russian Federation I, 1942–1945*

This collection contains articles submitted to the newspaper *Einigkeit*, a publication of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow. The articles relate to the Nazi attempt to destroy the Jews of Europe and Jewish resistance.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The records are located at the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Fond 8114.

Languages: Yiddish and Russian

3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

*Accession 1998.A.0003, Selected Records from the State Archives of the Russian Federation II, 1942–1945*

This collection contains records of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The records are located at the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Fond 8114.

Languages: Yiddish and Russian

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)

*Accession 1998.A.0004, Selected Records from the State Archives of the Russian Federation III, 1945–1953*

This collection contains documentation relating to the lives of religious Jews and nationalists, and to antisemitism in the police forces of the USSR, Latvia, Lithuania, and Ukraine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The records are located at the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Fond 6991, Opis 3, excerpts from folders ranging from 471 to 1114.

Languages: Russian

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Item-level description

*RG-11.OXX, Records from the Former Special (Osobyi) State Archive in the Russian State Military Archive (RGVA), 1932-1945*

This collection is a reproduction of “Trophy Brigade” materials, which the Soviet Union seized from Germany in the years after the Second World War. To date, the Museum’s Osobyi holdings consist of 75 sub-collections, each of which contain material created by the National Socialist government and its allies.

*RG-22.001, Records Relating to the Soviet Union under the Nazi Occupation, 1941–1945*

This collection contains documents relating to the killing of Jews and others in Lithuania; killing in retaliation for sabotage and partisan activities; the activities of Einsatzgruppe A from October 1941 to January 1942; mass shootings of Soviet citizens; the establishment of ghettos; Operation Hornung; the annihilation of Jews in Slutsk (Minsk oblast); the interrogation of Kiev citizens about Babi Yar; and Operations Swamp Fever, Magic Flute, Kottbus, and Hermann.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Main Archival Administration of the USSR, Council of Ministers, Moscow.

Languages: Russian, German, and English

1 linear inch of photocopies

Finding Aids: Item-level description

*RG-22.002M, Selected Records of the Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory from the USSR, 1941–1945*

This collection contains material about victims, crimes against persons, and perpetrators, and excludes information about crimes against property. Documents include victim name lists, protocols of interrogating eyewitnesses by local members of the Extraordinary Commission, and signed depositions summarizing the commission's findings. Also included are photos, diagrams, and maps showing the location of atrocities and graves.

Provenance: The records were created by the Extraordinary Commission's national-, republic-, oblast-, and raion-level elements during and after World War II. Source of acquisition is the State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), Fonds 7021, 8114, and 7445. Note: Roll 17 contains material from Fond 8114, Jewish Antifascist Committee; and Roll 27 contains material from Fond 7445, International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Languages: Russian and German

27 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-22.003, Israel Weiner Letter Concerning the Fate of the Weiner Family in Vinnitsa, 1944*

This collection consists of a photocopy of a May 1, 1944, letter written by Israel (Ezia) Weiner to his brother Moshe and sister Frieda, describing what he learned upon his return to his hometown, Vinnitsa, shortly after its liberation from the Germans. Included is information about the death of their mother during a September 1941 pogrom, the deaths of other family members in 1941 and 1942, and the destruction of the Weiner family home and neighborhood.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Moshe Weiner.

Languages: Russian

2 photocopied pages

*RG-22.004, Soviet War News, 1944*

This collection contains photocopies of the *Soviet War News* from 1944. Included is information about the German invasion of the USSR, the "sacking" of Kiev, the Babi Yar massacre, killings in Rovno (Rowne) and Odessa, Soviet prisoners of war, the Majdanek concentration camp, the German invasion of Estonia, and the deportation and killing of citizens of L'viv (Lvov).

Provenance: *Soviet War News* was published by the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy in London during World War II. Source of acquisition is Sybil Milton.

Languages: English

1 folder

Restrictions: Published material protected by copyright.

*RG-22.005M, Selected Records from the Russian State Archives of Social and Political History (Former Communist Party Archives), 1941–1946*

This collection contains name lists, case files, photographs, interrogations, reports, memoranda, and various other documents relating to both Jewish and non-Jewish partisan resistance movements in all areas of the occupied Soviet Union during World War II; biographical information on individual partisans and their promotions, awards, and activities; persecutions of and atrocities committed against Soviet Jews during the German occupation; the establishment of ghettos in the Soviet Union; counter-intelligence by the Gestapo to combat partisan activity; and the role of the NKVD in partisan activity.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Russian State Archives of Social and Political History, (RGASPI) Fond 69 (General HQ of the Partisan Movement, Moscow) and Fond 17 (Communist Party).

Languages: Russian

5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-22.006, Selected Records from the Russian State Archive of Literature and Art (RGALI), 1941–1946*

This collection contains selected manuscripts and some published versions of the work of various Soviet Jewish writers who wrote material relating to the Holocaust during and after the war. Included are Vasiliy Grossman's articles on Treblinka and Berdichev; work by Agtsiya L. Barto, A.A. Bek, and D. I. Zaslavskiy; and unsigned articles from the journal *Izkusstvo*.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Russian State Archive of Literature and Art (RGALI), Fonds 1710, 2890, 652, 2863, 2890, and 2846.

Languages: Russian

1.75 linear inches of photocopies

Finding Aids: Preliminary item-level description

*RG-22.007, Selected Records from the Smolensk State Oblast Archive, 1942–1944*

This collection contains photocopies of records relating to the German occupation of this oblast from July 1941 to September 1943. Included are reports on war crimes against Jews, other civilians, and Soviet prisoners of war, as well as name lists of victims from various towns and regions in the oblast.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Smolensk State Oblast Archive, Fond 1630 (Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory) and Fond 2434 (Planning Commission of the Executive Committee of

the Smolensk Oblast Council).

Languages: Russian

341 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Item-level descriptions in Russian; folder-level descriptions in English

*RG-22.008, Records Relating to Auschwitz and Other Camps, from the Central State Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Podolsk, 1940–1945*

This collection contains commission reports on the following: mass graves, disposition of elements of the Polish population towards the Red Army, damage inflicted on Polish towns by the Germans, the construction and running of a concentration camp in Lublin, the killing of populations at Sobibor and Odessa, and atrocities in the Minsk area. It also includes photographs of camp victims and executed people; descriptions of concentration camps at Auschwitz, Brzezinka, and Jaworzno; a declaration describing atrocities committed by the Romanian Army against Jews; and a declaration by a captured German soldier concerning the execution of Jews in Baranowice.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Russia.

Languages: Russian and German

Ca. 500 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On reproduction

Finding Aids: File-level descriptions in English and Russian

*RG-22.009M, Selected Records from the Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, 1941–1944*

This collection contains records from the Molotov Secretariat showing early Soviet knowledge of the Holocaust and interactions with the Allies about a joint policy declaration; miscellaneous reports of the SovInformBuro, including articles prepared for the Soviet press; materials relating to the creation of the Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory; and materials about Rudolf Höss and other Nazi leaders, Polish forces in the USSR, the situation of Soviet prisoners of war in Poland, and war crimes in Hungary.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives, Moscow, Fond 06 1942 (Molotov Secretariat) and Fond 013 (SovInformBuro).

Languages: Russian, English, Hungarian, German, and others

3 linear inches of photocopies

Finding Aids: Item-level description

Restrictions: On reproduction

*RG-22.010, Selected Records of the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission to Investigate the Crimes Committed by the Nazis and their Collaborators on the Territory of the Kalmyk Republic during WWII, 1942–1944*

This collection contains lists of Jews and others who perished on the territory of the Kalmyk Republic during the German occupation from July to December 1942. It includes commission statements and reports about the exhumation of mass graves.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives of the Kalmyk Republic, Russian Federation.

Languages: Russian

Ca. 40 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Russian-language table of contents listing the title and date of each of the 13 documents

*RG-22.011M, State Jewish Theater (GOSET), 1919–1950*

This collection includes the archive of the State Jewish Theater (GOSET), documenting the history of Kremlin policy toward Jewish society and culture. Included are correspondence with ministries, state organizations, and authors; plays and notes (with comments of censors); and the personal archives of Aleksei Granovskii, Solomon Mikhoels, and other actors and writers. Other materials include Soviet and foreign press reports about the theater and its tours in Europe, posters, drawings, theater programs, and documents about other Jewish theaters.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Russian State Archives of Art and Literature (RGALI), Fond 2307. See also short history at beginning of finding aid.

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, English, French, German, Hebrew, Ukrainian, and others  
69 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: 101 pp. combined finding aid for GOSET and the Theatrical School of Moscow State Jewish Theatre (MGETU). Pages 1-81 cover GOSET; pages 81-101 cover MGETU, RG-22.012. An English translation is located online at <http://www.idcpublishers.com/ead/466.xml>, offering a “Finding Aid to the Microform Publication: Jewish Theater under Stalinism,” including an index of personal names and a custodial history.

*RG-22.012M, Theatrical School of the Moscow State Jewish Theater (MGETU), 1919–1950*

This collection consists of the archive of MGETU, which existed under the auspices of the State Jewish Theater, GOSET (see entry for RG-22.011M).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Russian State Archives of Art and Literature (RGALI), Fond 2308.

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, English, French, German, Hebrew, Ukrainian, and others  
16 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: 101 pp. combined finding aid for GOSET and the Theatrical School of Moscow State Jewish Theatre (MGETU). Pages 1-81 cover GOSET, RG-22.011; pages 81-101 cover MGETU. An English translation is located online at <http://www.idcpublishers.com/ead/466.xml>, offering a “Finding Aid to the Microform

Publication: Jewish Theater under Stalinism,” including an index of personal names and a custodial history.

*RG-22.013, Central State Archives Photograph Collection, 1941–1961*

This collection contains photographs and film negatives depicting Nazi atrocities in the Soviet Union.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Archives of Film, Photographic, and Phonographic Documents, Russian Federation.

57 b&w photos and 11 negatives

Finding Aids: Item list

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-22.014M, Selected Trophy (German and Other) Records from the Collection of the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission to Investigate Crimes Committed by the Nazis and Their Allies on the Territory of the USSR during World War II, 1938–1945*

This collection contains diverse records and directives of the German Army; orders, personnel lists, addresses, appeals, and civil and military administration correspondence about the occupied territories; anti-Soviet and antisemitic propaganda; and records related to the interrogation of German POWs by Soviet intelligence, pro-Soviet partisan activity, and the treatment of the Soviet POWs.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Fond 7021, Opis 148. These trophy records were captured by the Red Army and placed in the custody of the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission as evidence in cases against Nazis and their supporters on the territory of the USSR and in Eastern Europe. (Records from other Opisi of Fond 7021 reside in USHMM RG-22.002M.)

Languages: German, Russian, Ukrainian, Belorussian, and others

43 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*RG-22.015M, Selected Records from the State Archives of the Modern History of the Smolensk Region, Russian Federation, Related to the Nazi Occupation, Partisan and Underground Activities, and Jewish Life Before World War II, 1920s–1960s*

This collection contains various records related to the Nazi occupation of the Smolensk region, including correspondence of the Soviet administration regarding evacuation of civilians, statistical information about the population, records of partisans active behind enemy lines, Nazi anti-Soviet and Soviet anti-Nazi propaganda, captured German documents (mostly letters home), and subsequent memoirs by former partisans and members of the underground. A small portion consists of prewar records related to the Jewish community of the region, Jewish organizations, the “Jewish sections” of the

Communist Party (*evseksii*); and statistical information on non-Russian minorities, including Jews.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archives of the Modern History of the Smolensk Region (Former Smolensk Region Communist Party Archives), Fonds 3, 5, 6, 8, 50, 142, 1597, 1666, 1719, 1721, 1724, and 1737.

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and German

32 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-22.017M, Society for Settling Jewish Toilers on the Land (OZET, Vsesoiuznoe Obshchestvo po zemelnomu ustroystvu trudiashikhsia evreev), 1925–1938*

This collection contains materials pertaining to OZET, founded in 1924 to alleviate the situation of the Soviet Jewish population by settling Jews on collective farms; raising funds within the USSR and abroad; and rendering technical, agronomic, medical, and “cultural” assistance to resettled Jews. OZET was liquidated in 1938. The collection includes administrative documents, notes from meetings of OZET’s governing bodies, directives concerning resettlement, correspondence with Jewish organizations abroad, economic records, agitprop materials, information bulletins, financial records, and proceedings of the liquidation committee. Of special interest are documents on activities in the Crimea and in Jewish Autonomous Oblast (Birobidzhan).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Fond 9498.

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, French, Spanish, Swedish, and Romanian

52 microfilm reels (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian

## **Ukraine**

*RG-31.002M, Selected Records from the Central State Archive of Higher Government Organizations of Ukraine (Formerly Central State Archive of the October Revolution of Ukraine), Kyiv, 1940–1945*

This collection contains material from the following sources: Reichskommissariat Ukraine, Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR), and the Ukrainian Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory. The records relate to a wide variety of German and Ukrainian agencies during the German occupation of the Ukraine and the period immediately following the liberation of Ukrainian territory. Subjects include the struggle against the partisans; police activities in the occupied areas; Reichskommissariat personnel matters; agricultural developments; census statistics for towns and villages; railroad construction and schedules; use of Soviet prisoners of war for forced labor; Göring’s organization of Eastern economic headquarters for the Four-Year Plan; the ERR plunder and transportation of libraries and archives; the activities of the Orthodox church and its bishops; the creation of literature

relating to the “Jewish question”; and the Extraordinary State Commission investigation of war crimes and other matters. Materials also include name lists of Reichskommissariat employees, construction workers in eastern oblasts, Orthodox church bishops, and persons killed in villages and oblasts.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Archive of Higher Government Organizations of Ukraine, Kyiv.

Languages: German, Russian, and Ukrainian

15 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.003M, Selected Records from the L’viv State Oblast Archive, 1942–1945*

This collection contains information relating to the German occupation of L’viv (L’vov), Ukraine, including the establishment of the L’viv, Rudki, Grodek, Jaworow, Szczerzac, Bobrka, Jaryczow Nowy, and Zolkiev ghettos; Jews working in public works programs and industry in L’viv; the administrative organization of the Galicia district; Jewish partisan activities; demographic statistics; the forced labor of Jews; decrees regulating Jews; the confiscation of Jewish property; the activities of the Judenrat in L’viv; and the Kraków ghetto.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The original records are held at the L’viv State Oblast Archive.

Languages: German and Ukrainian

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

*RG-31.004M, Selected Records from the Odesa (Odessa) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1944*

This collection contains files from the central administration of Transnistria relating to local Jews and Jews deported from Bessarabia, Bucovina, and Transnistria, including the ghettos between the Bug and the Dniestr Rivers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The records were created by Romanian military occupation agencies in Transnistria, Bessarabia, and Bucovina, and held in the Odesa Oblast Archive, where Yad Vashem representatives chose files and documents for reproduction.

Languages: Romanian and Ukrainian

24 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.005, Records Relating to Ukrainian Jews in L’viv, 1941–1944*

This small collection contains police documents from various Fonds in the L’viv (L’vov) Oblast Archive relating to the fate of Ukrainian Jews. Subjects include the confiscation of Jewish property, attempts by Jews to bribe police, housing for Jews whose property was confiscated, and the like.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is anonymous.  
Languages: Ukrainian and German  
1 folder of photocopies

*RG-31.006M, Selected Records from the Chernivtsi State Oblast Archive, 1941–1944*

These records relate to the Romanian occupation of the city of Chernivtsi (Czernovitz [German], Chernovtsy [Russian], Cernăuți [Romanian]) and the surrounding territory by the Romanian military. Subjects include the establishment and maintenance of a wide variety of ghettos and labor camps, the administration of the occupied territory by city and regional administrative agencies, the activities of various police agencies, the confiscation and disposition of Jewish property, the census (name lists) of Jews and others, the individual case files of Jews accused of and punished for infractions of ghetto rules and regulations, deportations to camps, the wearing of the yellow star, the forced labor of Jews, the return of Jews from camps, the Dorohoi deportations, and the denunciations of Jews and Communists.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Chernivtsi State Oblast Archive, Ukraine.  
Languages: Romanian  
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.007, David Ulyanitsky Papers, 1985–1987*

This memoir by David Ulyanitsky relates to anti-Jewish pogroms during first half of the twentieth century. Some photographs are included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is David Ulyanitsky.  
Languages: Ukrainian, English, and Hebrew  
0.25 linear inches of photocopies

*RG-31.008M, Selected Records from the Mikolaiv (Nikolaev) State Oblast Archive I, 1941–1944*

The microform portion of these records contains information relating to the fate of Romanian and Ukrainian Jews deported to the Golta district of Transnistria. The paper portion contains lists of Jews interned in the Slivina ghetto, Ukraine, between the Bug and Dniestr Rivers. Subjects also include the deportation and forced labor of Jews, as well as labor camps and ghettos in the region.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Mikolaiv State Oblast Archive, Ukraine.  
Languages: Romanian and some Ukrainian  
75 microfiche cards and 1 folder of photocopies  
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.009, Selected Records from the Ivano-Frankiv's'k Regional Museum, 1944–1966*

These statements, reports, photographs, and articles relate to the occupation of the Ukraine by Hungarian and German forces and to atrocities committed against Jews and Soviet citizens. Included are execution statistics, name lists of Gestapo leaders suspected

of war crimes, and information about Tabor Smertii “death camp” at Stanislav (Ivano-Frankivs’k), Ukraine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Ivano-Frankivs’k Regional Museum, Ukraine.  
Languages: Ukrainian, German, and Polish  
0.5 inches of photocopies

*RG-31.010M, Selected Records from the Kharkiv (Kharkov) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1944*

This collection contains the records of the Kharkiv city administration agencies and German control agencies including the military Kommandantura. Subjects include the staffing of city administrative positions with ideologically appropriate people, the confiscation of (mainly Jewish) property by German military and other agencies, the creation of special police units, and the German mobilization of labor and agriculture to support troops and the civilian population. The bulk of this material relates to the registration of city and region citizens, and includes statistics of the December 1941 census—name lists by district, streets, and buildings.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Kharkiv State Oblast Archive, Ukraine.  
Languages: Ukrainian, some Russian, and some German  
21 microfilm rolls (16 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level description.

*RG-31.011M, Selected Records from the Vinnytsia (Vinnitsa) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1943*

This collection contains various types of documents relating to the registration of Jews and Roma and Sinti (Gypsies); the confiscation, plundering, and disposition of Jewish property; labor policies regarding local-hire employees in agriculture and industry; anti-partisan activities; the registration of taxpayers; the ghettoization of Jews; the requirement to wear the Star of David; medical conditions in the ghettos; and aid to Romanian Jews from the Federation of Romanian Jews (Central Evreilor Bucharest). Included are name lists of Jews in forced labor, Jews working in civil administration offices, and Jews forced to pay special taxes.

Provenance: The records were created by Romanian and German authorities in the course of the Romanian occupation of the region and were left in the Vinnytsia oblast area when the authorities retreated. They were probably used by Soviet security agencies prior to being transferred to the Vinnytsia State Oblast Archive, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Romanian, German, and Ukrainian  
34 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Preliminary, partial folder-level description.

*RG-31.012, Harry D. Boonin Collections, 1944–1980*

The six depositions in this collection relate to mass killings of Soviet civilian Jews and Soviet Jewish prisoners of war from Staro-Konstantinov, Vinnitsa, Gaisin (Gaysin), and Uman. The killings took place in Kirovograd, Ukraine, around September 1941, and were carried out by Police Battalion 304. The depositions were used by the German

Democratic Republic as prosecution evidence in war crimes trials held in Halle, ca. 1970 to 1988.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harry D. Boonin. The originals are held in the German Federal Archives (Bundesarchiv), Berlin.

Languages: German

0.25 linear inches of photocopies

Finding Aids: Item-level description

*RG-31.013M, Selected Records from the Ivano-Frankivs'k (Ivano-Frankskovsk) State Oblast Archive, 1920–1942*

The subjects addressed in these records include the census of local populations; the confiscation and disposition of Jewish property (including inventory lists); the movement of Jews into ghettos; the registration of Jews; the activities and lists of Ukrainian policemen; the activities of German police agencies; applications and Fragebögen for NSDAP members to work in city and district administrations throughout the oblast; orders relating to the treatment of Jews; the activities of the Stanislav Jewish community; and applications for the issuance of identity papers in Stanislav (1930). The collection also contains correspondence; financial records; questionnaires; applications; lists of residents; a house registry book; census documents; autobiographies; documents pertaining to Holocaust-related issues in the district of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (Stanislawow); and documents of the Kolomyia District Chief, Snyatin City Administration, Zaluche District Administration, Stetseva District Administration, and Ivano-Frankivs'k City Administration.

Provenance: The records were created by Polish, Ukrainian, and Jewish agencies in the oblast and then by German and Ukrainian occupation agencies. After presumable review by Soviet security units, they were transferred to the Ivano Frankivs'k State Oblast Archive, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Polish, German, and Ukrainian

50 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.014M, Selected Records from the Odesa (Odessa) State Oblast Archive, Izmail Branch, 1941–1944*

These records contain information relating to the administration of the rayons in the Golta district by Romanian military and civilian occupation authorities. The information includes the deportation and forced labor of Jews (name lists); the confiscation and disposition of Jewish properties; the internment of Jews; the internment and forced labor of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies) (names lists); the condition of local economic enterprises; supplying military units; agricultural and other economic conditions; police and security matters; anticommunist measures; the surveillance of Iron Guard members; various orders from the Governor of Bessarabia; the persecution of religious sects (e.g., Baptists); and the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle in Odessa.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Odesa State Oblast Archive, Izmail Branch, Ukraine.

Languages: Romanian, Russian, and German  
4 microfilm rolls (16 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*RG-31.015, Records of the Ukrainian Extraordinary State Commission, 1943–1944*

This collection contains executive commission depositions pertaining to German atrocities committed during the occupation of Poltava (1941–1943); lists of inhabitants shot by the Germans; reports on the execution of Soviet POWs and local populations (including Jews) in Zolontonosha, Kremenchug, Poltava, Khorol, Mirgorod, Kobeliaki, and other cities; and depositions on the treatment of POWs by the Germans.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Poltava State Oblast Archive, Fonds 1792, 1876, 3388, and 4085.  
Languages: Russian  
43 photocopied pages  
Finding Aids: Preliminary document-level descriptions in Russian

*RG-31.016M, Sumy Region Records, Ukraine, 1941–1960 (bulk 1941–1946)*

From the period of German occupation, these records include house registration books containing Jewish names, orders of local burgomeisters and district police, drafts of antisemitic local newspaper articles, birth and death registration books, Jewish name lists, and a list of prohibited literature. Also included are People's Court documents, local Communist Party documents, and copies of issues of local newspapers.

Provenance: Most of the documents of this collection derive from various organs of the Sumy city government and from other towns in the oblast (region). Sources of acquisition are the Sumy State Oblast Archive and the former Communist Party Archives of the Sumy Oblast.  
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian  
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level notes in English

*RG-31.017M, Selected Records from the Rivno State Oblast Archives, 1937–1943*

This collection contains captured records of the German occupation administration, records of the local Ukrainian administration under Nazi occupation, records of the Ukrainian Nationalist Organization (OUN), and prewar records of Jewish communities of the region.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Rivno State Oblast Archives, Ukraine.  
Languages: German, Ukrainian, and Russian  
9 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: File-level descriptions in English

*RG-31.018M, Postwar War Crimes Trials Related to the Holocaust, 1945–1970*

This collection contains materials from trials conducted in the Ukrainian SSR after World War II. The material includes documents from pretrial investigations by the Ukrainian NKVD, as well as protocols of interrogations, indictments, verdicts and sentences, and post-sentencing histories. For each trial, the case number, regional office, and principal defendant are listed.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archive of the SBU (Ukrainian Security Service).

Languages: Russian and Ukrainian

31 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Preliminary case-level description in Russian

*RG-31.024, Literary Archives of Shloyma Borisovich Chernyavskiy, 1930–1983*

This collection contains drafts of Shloyma Borisovich Chernyavskiy's poetry with handwritten corrections, some of he wrote during World War II. Chernyavskiy was born in 1909 in Kovel (Kowel), Volhynia, Ukraine. Left without parents at age 10, he was raised in an orphanage. In 1930 he graduated from the Jewish Pedagogical College in Kiev. He began employment at Der Shtern publishing house and published his first work in 1931. He died in 1974.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Judaica Institute, Kyiv. The materials are copies of Fond 13, Opis 1 from the Archives of the Judaica Institute; and copies of material from the Central State Archive of the Museum of Literature and Art, Kyiv. Fond 13 in turn consists of copies of some finding aids from the Central State Archive of the Museum of Literature and Art, Kyiv, and materials donated to the Judaica Institute by the author's relatives. These include copies of four folders of the author's work.

Languages: Yiddish, Russian, and Ukrainian

200 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication. Permission of the Judaica Institute required.

*RG-31.025, Literary Archives of Natan Ilych Zabara, 1930–1964*

This collection consists of the literary work of Natan Ilych Zabara (1908–1975), a Soviet Yiddish writer. Included are Yiddish- and Russian-language manuscripts of novels, three plays, travel notes, and drafts and fragments of unfinished work.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Judaica Institute, Kyiv, where the author's relatives originally donated the material.

Languages: Russian and Yiddish

3800 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication. Permission of the Judaica Institute required.

Finding Aids: English-language list of titles of works

*RG-31.027, Oral Histories of Ukrainian Jews from the Project “Jewish Fates: Ukraine—20<sup>th</sup> Century,” 1995–2003*

This collection contains transcripts of oral histories of Ukrainian Jews born between 1900 and 1945, recorded by the staff of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv for their project, as named above. The transcripts contain detailed information about daily life, religious activities, family life, education, and survival before, during, and after the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Languages: Ukrainian and Russian

1.6 linear feet of photocopies

Restrictions: Publication requires formal approval of the Judaica Institute.

Finding Aids: Lists of interviewee names in Russian and in English transliteration

*RG-31.028, Literary Archives of Matvey Talalaevsky, 1930–1950*

Matvey Talalaevsky (1908–1978) was a Jewish Ukrainian poet, journalist and playwright. This collection includes his biography, up to 1946, in Ukrainian; the libretto of a musical comedy written in 1937; and a 1938 play “Cantonists.” It also includes poetry, reports, and essays written by M. Talalaevskiy and Z. Katz; pieces published in the newspaper *Stalinskoe Znamya*, including an article about Auschwitz and Jewish children hidden during the war in the Western Ukraine; poetry in Yiddish, 1930–1940; and letters sent by Talalaevskiy to his wife and daughter from the front, 1941–1942.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, where the author’s relatives donated the materials.

Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, and Yiddish

Ca. 0.75 linear feet of photocopies

Restrictions: Publication requires formal permission of the Judaica Institute.

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

*RG-31.029, Personal Papers of Zinoviy Tolkachev, 1943–1970*

This collection pertains to Zinoviy Tolkachev (1903–1977), a Soviet Jewish writer. Included are documents and correspondence, and a catalogue and samples of the author’s works.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Languages: Polish, Yiddish, and Russian

500 photocopied pages

Source of Acquisition:

Restrictions: Publication requires formal permission of the Judaica Institute.

Finding Aids: Preliminary document list in Russian and English

*RG-31.033, Jewish Religious Community in Lwow, 1917–1939*

This collection relates to the religious, cultural, educational, and charitable activities of the Jewish community of Lwow (L'viv) and Eastern Galicia in the interwar period. Included are board meeting minutes; Jewish community officials' correspondence with local authorities; financial and budget reports of the Jewish communities of the Eastern Galicia; inventories of the property of the local synagogues; bylaws of the local Jewish public organizations and charitable foundations; lists and applications of the Jewish students requesting financial aid; correspondence regarding the budget allocations for the stipends for poor students; and the supply of kosher food for low-income members of Jewish communities across Eastern Galicia.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine in L'viv, Opisi 1-4. A copy of Opis 5 (ghetto registration cards 1941) exists in USHMM collection Accession 1997.A.0297 at the end of section RG-31.

Languages: Polish, Yiddish, and German

131 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level finding aid in Ukrainian

*RG-31.034, Letters and Personal Documents of the Jewish Soviet Soldier David Khoraz, from the Front, 1938–1943*

This collection contains correspondence of David Khoraz, who was drafted into the Red Army in September 1940 and was killed in action in July 1943. During his service he corresponded frequently with his family, which had been evacuated from Kiev to Central Asia. Khoraz wrote about his daily service and activities, including theatrical performances, lectures, and news from the Front.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

3600 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Letters arranged chronologically

Restrictions: Publication requires formal approval of the Judaica Institute.

*RG-31.035, Personal Archives of Mark Aguf, 1942–1950*

This collection contains the correspondence of Mark Aguf. His relatives write about problems with the apartment in Kyiv, the everyday life of evacuees, and their re-evacuation to Kyiv; Aguf writes about his active service in the Soviet (Red) Army in 1942–1945. Also included are Aguf's wartime poetry, as well as the memoirs of his father, Mikhail Aguf: *V gornile revolucii: Vospomyaniya (In the Hearth of Revolution: Memoirs)*, completed ca. 1966 in Kyiv.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

260 photocopied pages  
Finding Aids: Russian-language list of the letters  
Restrictions: Publication requires formal approval of the Judaica Institute.

*RG-31.036, Works of Moisey Beregovsky, 1930–1960*

This collection contains some works of Moisey Beregovsky (1892–1961), an authority on Jewish musical heritage and a professor at the Kiev Conservatory. During his folklore expeditions he recorded Yiddish songs of the last inhabitants of the Pale of Settlement, as well as new melodies of Jewish workers and the voices of prominent figures of the Jewish culture such as Solomon Mikhoels and Mikhail Gnessin. Included in this collection are a typed manuscript (with the author's handwritten notes) of a collection of numerous Purim plays, and copies of handwritten musical scores (vol. 3, parts 1 and 2) from his *Jewish Musical Folklore*.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, where Moisey Beregovskiy's daughter donated the material in 2001.  
Languages: Yiddish and Russian  
1200 photocopied pages  
Restrictions: Publication requires formal approval of the Judaica Institute.

*RG-31.037M, Records of the Jewish Community of Belgrade, 1873–1928*

This collection contains bylaws, programs, circular letters, financial reports, membership lists, and other documents of the Jewish community of Belgrade. The bulk consists of annual reports and correspondence with local and worldwide Jewish communities and organizations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in L'viv, Fond 497.  
Languages: Serbo-Croatian, Hebrew, and German  
23 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian  
Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-31.038M, Records of the Jewish Organization Karen Hayesod (East Galicia—Malopolska Branch), 1921–1939*

This collection includes fundraising appeals, circular letters of the central bureau in Jerusalem, correspondence, and annual reports concerning various activities of the Karen Hayesod in Malopolska. The bulk consists of various correspondence files with local branches of the organization and sister organizations worldwide, and of membership lists. Founded in July 1920 at the London Zionist Conference, Karen Hayesod sought to raise money for the colonization of Palestine. The local Malopolska branch of the organization was dissolved by the Soviet authorities after the region's annexation in 1939.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in L'viv, Fond 335, Opis 1, 224 folders.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, and German

15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-31.039M Records of the Regional Zionist Organization (East Galicia—Malopolska Branch), 1895–1940*

This collection contains bylaws, programs, appeals, meeting minutes, documents of Zionist congresses and conferences, informational dispatches of Zionist organizations worldwide, reviews of Zionist newspapers, records of activities of the local branches of this organization in Tarnopol (Ternopil) and Stanislawow (Ivano-Frankivsk), lists of Jews applying for immigration to Palestine, and membership lists of local Zionist and Jewish organizations. The bulk consists of correspondence with Zionist organizations and active Zionists worldwide.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 338, Opis 1.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, English, and German

38 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-31.040M, Records of the Jewish Health Organization TOZ (Lwow Branch), 1923–1939*

This collection covers the activities of the Lwow branch of the Jewish welfare organization Towarzystwo Ochrony Zdowia (TOZ), which was established in Poland in 1921. It contains bylaws, programs, circular letters and reports of the central office in Warsaw, documents related to the activities of local sections, correspondence between the central office and its local branches, and documents related to the joint projects organized by TOZ with other Jewish organizations and individuals. There is also financial and statistical information relating to numbers of Jewish hospitals and Jewish camps, as well as lists of Jewish doctors.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in L'viv.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, Yiddish, and German

17 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-31.041M, Records of the Regional Shekel Commission in Lwow (L'viv) Branch, 1922–1939*

This collection contains correspondence files related to the fundraising activities of the local branches of the “shekel commissions” across Eastern Galicia. Payment of the “shekel” (equal to one gold frank or 1.5 zloty) was a membership requirement in the Zionist movement. A regional Zionist organization collected the shekel until 1930, when a Regional Shekel Commission was created to perform the function in the Lwow (L’viv), Tarnopol (Ternopil), and Stanislawow (Ivano-Frankivsk) districts of the Eastern Galicia. It was dissolved in 1939 after the Soviet Union annexed the region. Also included are materials from the central offices of a Zionist organization in London, and lists of delegates to Zionist Congresses.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in L’viv.

Languages: Polish and Hebrew

17 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication for third parties

*RG-31.042M, Selected Records of the Regional Headquarters of the Zionim Baalei Mikzoa (Zionist Craftsmen’s Organization), 1926–1939*

This collection pertains to the regional office of the Zionim Baalei Mikzoa, which was established in Lviv in 1935 and was active throughout Eastern Galicia. It organized study of Jewish history and literature and the Hebrew language. Included are bylaws, programs, appeals, correspondence with headquarters in Warsaw and various other Zionist organizations in Poland and elsewhere, records on activities throughout Eastern Galicia, financial documents, and information about members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine, Lviv, Fond 454, Opis 1, 41 folders.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish

2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*RG-31.043M, Records of the Zionist Youth Organization Ahava (Brotherhood), 1929–1939*

This collection contains bylaws, programs, appeals, meeting minutes, correspondence with Polish and international Zionist organizations, documents related to the activities of branches, financial records, and membership information. All records pertain to Ahava, an organization established in Lviv in 1926, which offered Hebrew classes and agricultural training; promoted emigration to Palestine; and organized reading rooms, a choir, and a theatre group. Before being shut down in 1939 after the Soviet annexation, Ahava worked closely with the Regional Zionist Organization.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine, Lviv, Fond 342.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish

15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*RG-31.044M, Records of the Jewish Scout Organization, Hanoar Ha'Ivri, 1929–1939*

This collection includes bylaws, programs, appeals, correspondence of the main office in Warsaw, correspondence with Polish and international Zionist organizations, documents on activities throughout Eastern Galicia (alphabetically by locality), and financial documents. Hanoar Ha'Ivri organized Hebrew classes, the study of Jewish history and literature, physical training, agricultural training, theatrical performances, and choral groups.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 337, Opis 1, 123 folders.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish

7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On distribution and publication

*RG-31.045, Natan Shafir, Letters from the Front, 1941–1942*

This collection contains letters dated July 1941–May 1942 from Natan Shafir at the Front to his evacuated family in Chkalov. Shafir edited the newspaper *Boevaya Krasnoarmeyskaya* (The Fighting Red Army), but went missing in action near Kharkov in May 1942.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

Ca. 200 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.046, Leonid (Lema) Bernshtein, Letters from the Front, 1941–1945*

This collection contains letters dated 1941–1945 from Lema Bernshtein to his parents in evacuation near Saratov and after their return to Kiev. Lema served in a Red Army jazz orchestra.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

76 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.047, Letters from Iosif Berman from the Front to His Family, 1941–1945*

This collection contains letters dated 1941–1945 from Iosif Berman to his family in evacuation in Tashkent. Also included are two letters to Berman's wife upon her return to Ukraine in fall 1944.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

41 photocopied pages of photocopies

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.048, Memoirs of Lyubov Tartakover, Serye kachaiushie-sia teni (Gray Swaying Shadows), 1944–1945*

This collection consists of a memoir by Lyubov Tartakover about her husband, Shulem-Yankel Leibovich, a Holocaust survivor. She discusses Leibovich's childhood in prewar Transcarpathia (Ruthenia, then part of Czechoslovakia); deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau; experiences in Buchenwald, Gross-Rosen, and other concentration camps; liberation; and repatriation. The narrative covers primarily the period from April 10, 1944 to June 1945.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lyubov Tartakover.

Languages: Russian

61 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.049, Letters, Testimonies, and Documents Related to Righteous Gentiles in the Former USSR, 1989–1997*

This collection contains letters, questionnaires, testimonies, and supporting documents on Jewish Holocaust survivors and non-Jewish witnesses and rescuers in the former USSR. The documents are addressed to the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers and its representatives in Ukraine, the Israeli Embassy in Kyiv, and the Department of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian and English

Ca. 440 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.050, Literary Archive of Soviet Yiddish Writer Ikhil (Ihiel) Falikman, 1947–1950*

This collection contains the Yiddish- and Russian-language manuscripts of the novel *Di shayn kumt fun mizrekh* (The Light Comes from the East), and its Russian-language

version *Obrechennye beryt oruzhie* (The Condemned Take Arms), published between 1948 and 1962. Falikman (1911–1977) was born in Volhynia and authored several other novels and short stories. After graduating from the Kiev Art School, Falikman moved to Birobidzhan, capital of the Jewish Autonomous Region, where he worked as a journalist for the local Yiddish newspaper from 1932 to 1934. During the war he served as an editor for the Red Army's newspaper *Za razgrom vraga*, and he also published articles in Russian and Yiddish for the Jewish Antifascist Committee newspaper *Eynikayt*. After the war he published numerous works, including an autobiographical novel.

Provenance: Falikman's relatives donated the materials to the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Yiddish and Russian

Ca. 1,350 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.051, Vospominania. Zapiski aktera. (Memoirs. Notes of an Actor), Memoirs Written by Mark Sirota, Jewish Actor and Theatrical Personality, 1968–1970*

This collection contains Mark Sirota's memoirs, written between 1968 and 1970 in Kiev, which emphasize the pre-revolutionary and Civil War periods. Topics include his childhood in Zhitomir; his early career with a traveling Jewish theater; his travels through Ukrainian, Polish, and Romanian towns; Jewish life; the story of the Jewish theater during the Russian revolutions and civil war; and the establishment of Soviet power in Ukraine. In 1936, Sirota moved to Birobidzhan, the Jewish Autonomous Region, where he was deputy director of the Jewish theater until 1939.

Provenance: Sirota's relatives donated the materials to the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Russian

233 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English and Russian

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.052, Letters from the Archive of the Shmaruk–Tsybulnik Family, 1941–mid 1950s*

This collection contains two sets of letters dating from the Second World War. The main authors are Isaak Shmaruk, a former employee of the Kiev Film Studio who served in the Red Army during the war, and his wife Sulamif Tsybulnik, who was evacuated to Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan. Shmaruk describes daily life at the Front, military operations, occupied Germany (1945–1946), and the re-establishment of contact with friends and family. Tsybulnik writes about daily life in Ashkhabad, work in the local film studio, and relatives and friends evacuated from Kiev to other parts of the Soviet Union.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian

Ca. 1,000 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian  
Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.053, Memoirs of Abram Tseytlin, 1990*

This collection contains memoirs written in late 1990 covering primarily the period from 1941 to 1944. Topics include life before the war in Ilyinty (Vinnitsa region), and the evacuation in Uzbekistan. Tseytlin provides a vivid account of the daily life of Jewish refugees, encounters with the local population, and the latter's attitudes toward Jewish refugees and Polish soldiers of General Anders' army interned there.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.  
Languages: Russian  
60 photocopied pages  
Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.054, Diary of M. Zhabotinski, Jewish Actor, 1957–1962*

This collection contains memoirs written between 1957 and 1962. Beginning with an account of his youth in the village of Belozyor in the Kiev region, the author writes about the Yiddish theater before and after the revolution. Zhabotinski describes his work in the Kharkov and Kiev State Jewish Theatres, as well as meetings with prominent Jewish cultural figures such as Aleksander Tishler, Itsik Fefer, Peretz Markish, Sara Fibikh, Natan Altman, and others.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.  
Languages: Yiddish  
120 photocopied pages  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English and Yiddish  
Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.055, Khaim Gildin Collection, 1945, 2002*

This collection contains an autobiography of Khaim Gildin (1884–1943) written no earlier than 1937, when he was arrested during Stalin's purges, and 1943, when he died in the Usol' labor camp near Perm'. The autobiography recounts the author's career, addresses his expulsion from the Communist Party, and responds to denunciations by informers. Also included is a photocopy of his entire NKVD file, dated 1945, and a photocopy of the section devoted to him in a 2002 publication on Ukrainian Jewish writers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.  
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, and Yiddish  
62 photocopied pages  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English  
Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.056, Reminiscences of Irina Aleksandrovna Khoroshunova, 1982*

This collection contains the testimony of Irina Aleksandrovna Khoroshunova, based on her wartime diary. She provides a detailed account of Kiev under Nazi occupation, the Babi Yar massacre, the Communist underground, the food shortage, and terror against civilians including her own family.

Provenance: This testimony was dictated in 1982 in Kiev. The author's family subsequently donated it to the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, from which USHMM acquired it.

Languages: Russian

Ca. 500 photocopied pages

Restrictions: On publication

*RG-31.057M, Documents of the Kiev Oblast' Commission for Relief to Victims of Pogroms (Obshetskoye), 1918–1924*

This collection contains records of various organs of Obshetskoye on relief for pogrom victims in Ukraine. The bulk comprises correspondence with public and government organizations, reports on the activities of regional representatives of the commission, communication with other organizations (e.g. Kultur Liga, JOINT, ORT, OZE, and others), lists of pogrom victims, minutes of board meetings, questionnaires, lists of persons looking for relatives, and files of staff members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Kyiv State Oblast Archive, Fond 3050, Opisi 1, 2, and 3.

Languages: Ukrainian, Russian, and Yiddish

29 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

*RG-31.063M, Jewish Communities of the Ivano-Frankivsk Region during the Interwar Period, 1920s–1939*

This collection contains records of various government institutions related to the activities of the Jewish communities of the Ivano-Frankivsk (formerly Stanislawow) region between the wars; and correspondence between Jewish public, cultural, and political organizations and Polish government agencies. Topics include schools, police surveillance, organizational membership and activities, and other matters. Documents include bylaws, board election materials, and budgets.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archive of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Fond 2, Stanislawow Regional Administration.

Languages: Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew, and German

26 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Combined roll list and preliminary guide in Russian

Restrictions: On reproduction for third parties

*RG-31.064M, Passport Applications of Jewish Residents of Stanislawow (Ivano-Frankivsk), 1918–1938*

This collection contains applications of the Jewish residents of the Stanislawow county of Poland (now Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine) for obtaining passports to travel abroad. A typical 10-40 page file includes a detailed application, correspondence with foreign embassies and consulates, a copy of the applicant's internal passport, correspondence with Polish government officials, and copies of various official documents.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archive of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Fond 6, Stanislawow Regional Executive Office.

Languages: Polish, German, Czech, Italian, and English  
101 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: English-language roll index by last name

Restrictions: On reproduction for third parties

*RG-31.065M, Zionist Youth Organization (Hehalutz Haklal-Zioni), Lwow Branch, 1935–1939*

This collection consists of records pertaining to the organization reestablished in Eastern Galicia in 1935 to advance the physical, cultural, and vocational training of Jewish youth preparing for emigration to Palestine. Educational activities included public lectures, meetings, the organization of libraries and reading rooms, and summer training camps. The collection includes bylaws, appeals, materials related to cooperation with other Zionist organizations in the region and worldwide, and records of local branches.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 455, Opis 1.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, and German  
14 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*RG-31.066M, Regional Palestine Bureau, Lwow Branch, 1924–1939*

This collection contains records of the Regional Palestine Bureau, established in 1924 and active in Eastern Galicia until Soviet annexation in 1939. The organization prepared documents enabling Jews to emigrate to Palestine and acted as an agent for the purchase of land there. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with potential emigrants and is organized alphabetically and chronologically. The collection also contains correspondence with the Central Palestine Bureau in Warsaw and various Jewish and Zionist organizations in other countries regarding visas, immigration law, and the political situation in Europe and Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 332, Opis 1.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, English, and German  
27 microform rolls (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian  
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*RG-31.067M, Records of the HeHalutz, Lwow Regional Branch (Zionist Youth Organization for Education and Preparation for Emigration to Israel), 1925–1939*

This collection comprises documents pertaining to HeHalutz (Pioneer), which became an umbrella for various pioneering Zionist movements. The collection consists of bylaws of the organization, correspondence with Polish authorities and Jewish organizations regarding funding, correspondence with local Zionist organizations regarding agricultural training, membership matters, and financial records. Also included is a 1934 card catalogue of members who went through the agricultural training before emigrating.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Fond 457, Opis 1, folders 1–10.  
Languages: Polish and Hebrew  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian  
Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.068M, Records of the Maccabi Organization, Lwow Branch, 1931–1939*

This collection comprises documents pertaining to Maccabi, the international Jewish sports organization. Maccabi opened its regional office in Eastern Galicia (Malopolska) in 1931 to promote physical education. Documents include correspondence of the Lwow (Lviv) branch with Warsaw headquarters, circular letters to the regional organizations, and other materials.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Fond 501 Opis 1, folders 1-5.  
Languages: Polish and Hebrew  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian  
Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.069M, Records of the Hanotiah Organization (Association of the Jewish Landowners), Lwow Branch, 1930–1933*

This collection comprises documents pertaining to the Hanotiah organization, based in Tel-Aviv, which opened a Lwow branch in 1929 to spread its activities through Eastern Galicia (Malopolska). The local bureau of the organization was in charge of cultivating and processing citrus plantations in Palestine, which were rented and sold via Hanotiah to the Jewish residents of Eastern Galicia. The bulk of the materials consists of

correspondence files with the central office of the organization in Warsaw regarding contracts and payments for the land.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv (Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Archiv u Lvovi), Fond 500, Opis 1, folders 1–9.

Languages: Polish and Hebrew

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.070M, Association for the Assistance to Jewish Students in Poland (Auxilium Academicum Judaicum), Lwow Regional Branch, 1931–1939*

This collection contains documents about financial aid to Polish-Jewish students studying abroad. The Association maintained reading rooms and offered a wide range of informational services; the bulk of these documents consists of applications for financial aid, organized alphabetically by name.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv (Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Archiv u Lvovi), Fond 499, Opis 1, folders 1–5.

Languages: Polish, German, French, Italian, and English

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.071M, Records of the Union of Jewish Workers, Lwow Regional Branch, 1926–1939*

This collection consists of the union's financial records.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Fond 496, Opis 1, folders 1–5.

Languages: Polish

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.072M, Records of the Ahavat Chesed (Credit Union) in Lwow, Poland, 1935–1936*

This collection consists mainly of applications for loans from Ahavat Chesed, a credit union established to provide financial assistance to the working Jewish intelligentsia. It served as central office for all of Eastern Galicia (Malopolska).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Fond 498, Opis 1, folders 1–5.

Languages: Polish

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian  
Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.073M, Records of Cemilas Chesed Credit Union in Lwow, 1935–1936*

The collection consists of records of the Cemilas Chesed Tax-Free Credit Union branch in Lwow. The union rendered financial assistance to craftsmen and small business owners and served as the central office for all of Eastern Galicia (Malopolska). Documents include financial reports prepared for JOINT in Warsaw (a sponsor of the union), correspondence with local banks and government agencies, and the other materials.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Fond 456 Opis 1, folder 1-1.

Languages: Polish

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On duplication and publication

*RG-31.074M, Records of the Jewish Relief Committee, 1918–1931*

The Jewish Relief Committee (JRC) was established in 1918 to assist pogrom victims in Lwow and Eastern Galicia. In the early 1920s it expanded to provide general relief to the region's Jewish population. Its activities included the organization of soup kitchens and orphanages as well as financial, legal, housing, and emigration assistance. In the late 1920s the JRC pursued the economic rehabilitation of Jewish communities by providing credit to small businesses and organizing vocational training. This collection includes bylaws; meeting minutes of the Executive Committee and its subcommittees; reports and statistical information; correspondence with Polish government offices, other Jewish organizations, and transportation companies concerning emigrants; and records of the 14 local branches.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 505, Opis 1.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, English, and German

35 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

*Accession 1995.A.0022, Danek Gertner Collection, 1934–1993*

This collection contains diverse materials including a typed, Russian-language draft of a 401-page manuscript by Julian Shulmeister, written some time after 1990. The manuscript, entitled "Hitlerism in the Fate of Soviet Jews," is an historical overview of the Holocaust as it occurred on the territory of the former USSR. Included in the collection are copies of 1934 L'viv Zionist Organization personal information forms;

archival copies of 1941–1942 German documents, probably from the L’viv oblast archive, concerning killing actions and the use of the Ukrainian police; a list of persons with the last name Gertner who died in L’viv from 1941 to 1942; documents written on behalf of Maximilian Goldstein, a Jewish museum worker, to the German authorities in L’viv and other correspondence about him; and a Russian-language Jewish newspaper from 1993.

Provenance: “Hitlerism in the Fate of the Fate of Soviet Jews” is a manuscript that Julian Schulmeister was revising at the time of his death. According to Danek Gertner, the donor, Schulmeister placed the manuscript at his disposal.

Languages: Russian, German, and Polish

3 folders of photocopies

Finding Aids: Handwritten list of documents located in third folder

Restrictions: Fair use only

*Accession 1995.A.1086, Selected Records from the L’viv State Oblast Archive, 1941–1944*

This collection contains files relating to the activities of the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle in Galicia; the Ukrainian police in L’viv city and region; the Kreishauptmann Lemberg-Land; Feldgendarmarie in Rawa Ruska; Feldkommandantur 603 Lemberg; Gouverneur Distrikt Galizien; Polizeidirektion Lemberg; Kommandeur der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD Lemberg; SS- und Polizeiführer Lemberg; Kreishauptmann Stryj; Stadtverwaltung und Krieshauptmann Drohobycz; and other police, judicial, and administrative units of the occupying forces and their local collaborators.

Provenance: The records were created by various German military, police, and civilian occupation authorities, and were left in L’viv oblast by the Germans as they retreated. The records were maintained by Soviet security forces and were later transferred to the source of acquisition, the L’viv State Oblast Archive, Ukraine.

Languages: Ukrainian, German, Yiddish, and Polish

34 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level description in German

*Accession 1995.A.1087, Selected Records from the Central State Archive of Public Organizations of Ukraine (Former Ukrainian Communist Party Archive), L’viv, 1944*

This collection contains materials of the Extraordinary Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory. The materials pertain to the L’viv oblast, including reports on atrocities and mass killings and name lists of victims.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Archive of Public Organizations of Ukraine, L’viv Oblast.

Languages: Russian

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)

*Accession 1995.A.1273, Selected Records from the Odesa (Odessa) State Oblast Archive II, 1941–1944*

This collection contains documentation of the Romanian occupation of Transnistria and the fate of the Jews on that territory. Subjects include the evacuation of Jews from Odessa; Aryanization; the activities of the gendarmerie; the forced labor of Jews, including physicians, pharmacists, and dentists; transports to ghettos, with name lists; support for Jews in Transnistria from the Jewish community in Bucharest; and public health matters.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. The records were created by Romanian military agencies occupying Transnistria and Ukrainian territory. They were then held in the Odesa State Oblast Archive, where Yad Vashem representatives chose various documents and parts of documents to be reproduced.

Languages: Romanian

4 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*Accession 1996.A.0150 Selected Records from the Khmel'nyts'kyi (Khmelnitskiy) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1942*

This collection contains documents relating to the confiscation of Jewish property; census statistics on Jewish residents, including name lists; and the establishment of dates of birth for Jews. Included are various issues of local newspapers published during the occupation.

Provenance: The records were created by Ukrainian civil authorities during the occupation period. After review by Soviet security agencies, they were transferred to the Khmel'nyts'kiy State Oblast Archive, Ukraine, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Ukrainian

7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

*Accession 1996.A.0169 Central State Archive of Public Organizations of Ukraine (Former Ukrainian Communist Party Archive), Kyiv, 1941–1944*

This collection contains materials from the Ukrainian Politburo and documents or fragments of documents from the Ukrainian NKVD. Included are the materials of various Ukrainian partisan units regarding the conduct of the war, the activities of the German occupiers, and the activities of Ukrainian partisan units. Documents include battle reports, name lists of members of detachments, and recommendations for medals for bravery.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

Languages: Russian and Ukrainian

9 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Item-level description

*Accession 1996.A.0269 Selected Records from the Zhytomyr (Zhitomir) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1943*

This collection contains selected records of the Generalkommissar Zhitomir on the formation, structure, and activities of the commissariat, as well as files from subordinate district leaders (Gebietskommissare) in Kasatin, Rushin, Zwiahel, Korosten, Owruh, Radom, Emilchino, Tschudnow, and Berdichev. Materials include information on the confiscation of Jewish property, local searches for Jews, and reports about the executions of Jewish families found in hiding. A substantial part of the collection covers the history of the Ukrainian Schutzmannschaft in the Kasatin commissariat (recruitment, personnel lists, training, actions) as well as monthly Kommandobefehle issued from German Gendarmerie leaders in Zhitomir and Vinnitsa from 1942 to 1943. Other topics include SD interrogations of partisans and Ukrainian nationalists, Nazi-captured materials relating to the Ukrainian nationalist independence movement (OUN-B), detailed German police logs of partisan attacks, accounts of roundups for slave labor and deportation schedules from the Zwiahel commissariat, reports on the local economic situation; roadbuilding and Organisation Todt, records on the colonization of local Volksdeutsche, ethnographic surveys conducted by Karl Stumpp, and reports from the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle, Aussenstelle Zhitomir.

**Provenance:** The records were created by various German military, police, and civilian occupation authorities and were left in Zhytomyr oblast by the retreating Germans. They were maintained by Soviet security forces and were later transferred to Zhytomyr State Oblast Archive, Ukraine, from which USHMM acquired them.

**Languages:** German, Ukrainian, and Russian

14 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

**Finding Aids:** Preliminary handwritten folder-level research notes

*Accession 1996.A.0340, Mikolaiv State Oblast Archive II, 1940–1944*

This collection contains primarily documents from the Romanian occupation government's Prefecture of the Golta region in Transnistria. Roll 1 contains historical and geographical information on the Golta region, correspondence regarding the use of Jews for work, and a 1943 list of Jews in the Golta ghetto. Roll 2 contains military orders and reports about the fight against Soviet activists and Communists, correspondence of the prefect of Golta, correspondence regarding the use of police for disposal of victims' possessions and the use of prisoners of war for work (1941–1942), and 1943 orders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Department of the General Staff of the Romanian army. Roll 3 contains fragments of lists of those receiving war medals from the oblast-level former Communist Party Archive (1965–1966), 1944–1946 excerpts of reports of the Extraordinary Commission, and name lists of Jews in the ghetto from 1942 to 1943. Roll 4 contains documents about the use of Jewish doctors and about Jews sent from Romania to Transnistria. Roll 5 concerns the requisition of food from the local population and other matters.

**Provenance:** Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, which selected and filmed these records at the Mikolaiv (Nikolaev) State Oblast Archive.

Languages: Romanian

5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Brief, Russian-language content description on the covers of each microfilmed folder

*Accession 1997.A.0194, Selected Records from the Ternopil (Ternopol) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1942*

This collection contains records relating to statistical census data and the registration of Jews, the use of Jews in forced labor (including name lists), cases of corruption by Ukrainian officials, the issuance of passports and identification papers to Jews, and the activities of the Judenrat in the Ternopil and in the Skalat ghettos. There are also lists of confiscated Jewish properties, leases for renting Jewish-owned houses, lists of Ukrainian police, files relating to German policemen, and documents collected by the KGB relating to war and other crimes.

Provenance: The records were created by German and Ukrainian agencies during occupation of the region. They were reviewed by Soviet security agencies and were later transferred to the Ternopil State Oblast Archive, Ukraine, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: Ukrainian, German, and Russian

4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level description

*Accession 1997.A.0297, Records from the Central State Historical Archive, L'viv, 1941*

This collection contains alphabetically ordered index cards from a file of those L'viv ghetto inhabitants who went to places of work in the city each day. Included are the name of each Jew, some biographical data, and addresses of workplaces. Also included is a register of burials in the Jewish cemetery in L'viv from 1941 to 1942.

Provenance: The records were created by the ghetto administration authorities and left behind by the Germans as they retreated. At an unknown date Soviet authorities transferred them to Central State Historical Archive, L'viv, Ukraine, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: German and Ukrainian

2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

## **Uzbekistan**

*RG-75.001, War crimes investigation and trial records from the Archives of the Service for National Security of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 1943-1950.*

Relating mostly to Soviet citizens who were residents of German colonies in the former Soviet Union, this collection contains documents from criminal investigation files and trial records. Accused of wartime crimes, most of these individuals served in the Waffen-SS units, 1944–1945, were captured on the Western Front by the U.S. Army and sent to POW camps. In 1946, they were repatriated to the Soviet Union, where they were

convicted of treason for participation in the enemy's military formations against the Soviet Union. The files also contain testimonies of convicted members of the SS cavalry punitive squadron, detailed descriptions of the evacuation of the ethnic German population in September 1943, descriptions about participation in the killing of Jews, participation in a punitive operation in Mariupolâ, Ukraine, and the burning of many Ukrainian villages along with their inhabitants.

Provenance: From the Archives of the Service for National Security (SNB) of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Language: Russian, 1943–1950

18,693 pages of photocopies

Source of Acquisition: Archives of the Service for National Security of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Finding aid: Preliminary finding aid in English with a name and case number list

*RG-75.002M, Registration Cards of Jewish Refugees in Tashkent, Uzbekistan during World War II, 1941-1942.*

This collection contains copies of 156,000 registration cards of Jewish refugees registered in Tashkent in February 1942. More than one million Jews from the western regions of the USSR (including the territories annexed between 1939 and 1941) were evacuated or fled the invading Germans. This collection covers only those who arrived in Uzbekistan via Tashkent before March 1942. Cards indicate names, relationship to head of household, year of birth, place of birth, profession (or education), "nationality" (Jewish), former place of residence and occupation, current place of residence and occupation, and other data.

Provenance: Central State Archives of the Republic of Uzbekistan collection P-864, Registration and Reference Bureau of the People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD). The original catalogue consisted of more than 250,000 cards for approx. 339,250 evacuees. The digital images were made by the Central Asia Research Project between 2004 and 2006.

Language: Russian, 1942

76 microfilm rolls (16 mm.)

Source of Acquisition: Central State Archives of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Finding aids: Cards are alphabetized; a roll list gives the location of each name.