Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Significant Archival Collections from and relevant to 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. Researchers can access more than 4.7 million pages of microfilmed and paper collections, as well as access millions of additional relevant pages in the digital holdings of the International Tracing Service archive on the Museum campus. These collections constitute an important, largely untapped portion of the Museum’s more than 190 million pages of archival holdings and present to scholars information on the vast range of information on the Holocaust as it occurred in the Soviet Union and it affected Soviet peoples.

Users can identify archival collections 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.

To access the regularly updated Archival Guide to the Collections of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, please visit http://www.ushmm.org/online/archival-guide/. For additional information on the collections, please contact the Museum’s reference staff at referencedesk@ushmm.org.

Robert J. Williams, Ph.D.
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
October 3, 2013
## Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Belarus</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estonia</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kazakhstan</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Latvia</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lithuania</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moldova</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Russian Federation</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ukraine</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uzbekistan</td>
<td>119</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>120</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Belarus


Information on survival in the Minsk ghetto; 2 photographs of Minsk ghetto survivors

Provenance: Anonymous, 1990  
Language: Russian  
2 microfiches


This memoir describes Albert Lapidus’s childhood in Belarus, his family’s experiences in the Minsk ghetto, and various “Aktionen.” Also included is a list of individuals involved in resistance activities in Minsk.

Languages: Russian and English  
Year: 1994  
1 microfiche


Memoir of Jonas Landau covering childhood in prewar “Stolpce” (Stolbce, Poland, now Stolbëisy, Belarus); the Germans’ shooting of the Jews, forced labor in the local railroad station, conditions in and escape from the ghetto; experiences from 1942 to 1944 as a partisan in a predominately Jewish detachment; liberation and return to Poland, learning of the deaths of his family, marriage and life in Germany, emigration to the US in 1949.

Languages: Undetermined  
47-page manuscript, 1 microfiche

RG-10.038, *Shlomo Goldberg Papers, 1945–1991*

This collection contains the diary of Shlomo Goldberg and other documents relating to his life in Europe and the United States. Goldberg was a native of Luck, Poland, but in the wake of the Nazi conquest of western Poland he fled to Byelorussia in the Soviet Union, where he worked as an engineer. Due to his location and occupation during the war, his life was spared.

Provenance: Shlomo Goldberg started the diary after the end of World War II. The photographs of his family in Poland were brought to the United States at the time of his emigration. Other materials were collected up until the time of his death.  
Language: English  
Years: 1945-1991  
1 linear inch
This collection contains diverse documents including the archive of former SS officer Prutzmann; records about an SS doctor's work on forced sterilization; name lists of foreign nationals, annotated by the Hungarian police; details about atrocities at KL Sachsenhausen; records about Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski, commander of SS anti-partisan units, including his military tribunal hearing; Gestapo information about the "Mopper" underground organization in Hessen-Frankfurt in 1936; lists of Gestapo documents found in the building of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt in Berlin; materials on German crimes in Belorussia, including documents of the Extraordinary Commission; and MGB correspondence from 1952 to 1953 concerning the receipt of captured German documents.

Languages: German, Russian, and English
Years: 1940-1953
Reels 94-95 (16 mm)
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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.

Haupteisenbahndirektion 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 Organization 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.

Baranovichi 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
Years: 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
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
Years: 1940–1944
7 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Grodno Oblast Archive, Grodno, Belarus
Finding aid: Folder-level description

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 Monastyrek 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
Years: 1941–1947
2 microfilm reels (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Gomel Oblast Archive, Gomel, Belarus
Finding aid: Folder-level description

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
Years: 1941–1945
6 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Mogilev Oblast Archive, Mogilev, Ukraine
Finding aid: Folder-level description
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
Years: 1941–1945
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Minsk Oblast Archive
Finding Aid: Folder-level description
**Estonia**

**RG-06.026, Selected Estonian KGB Records Relating to War Crimes Investigations and Trials in Estonia, 1940-1987**

Evidence documents, interrogation transcripts, decrees, biographical data sheets, witness statements, photographs, miscellaneous court and trial documents, and sound recordings of trial proceedings relating to the arrest, investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of war criminals accused of atrocities in concentration camps. Crimes include mass killings of Jews, Communists, and prisoners of war in Estonia during World War II, and camps mentioned include Tartu and Klooga.

Provenance: Eesti Riigiarhiiv (Estonian State Archive) part of the Rahvusarhiiv (National Archives of Estonia), 1997 and 2004
Languages: Russian, German, Estonian
Years: 1940-1987
410 microfiches
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

**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
Years: 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
Years: 1942-1944
8 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Reel list

Selected records, including prison files of Estonian Jews later deported from Estonia; papers of the Sicherheitspolizei und der SD in Tallinn (Reval), Paide, Haapsalu, Pärnu (Pernau), Valga, Narva, Tartu (Dorpat), Viljandi, and Petserima (Petseri); papers of the Kommandatur der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD in Estland; court decisions of the town of Viljandi; information on the Pärnu jail, Baltische-Öl Gesellschaft, and Polizeikommissar of Türi station.

Provenance: Esti Riigiarhiiv (Estonian State Archives), various fonds; 1999
Language: German
Years: 1941-1944
4 microfilm reels (16mm)

*Margarete Borchardt Rund Memoir, 1973*

Memoirs (in original German and English translation), in which Margarete Borchardt Rund (b. 1885), originally of Berlin, recounts unhappy childhood and unhappy marriage to Sigismund Rund, German consul general in Panama and Estonia during Weimar; life in Berlin after 1933 and her husband’s emigration to Switzerland in 1934; passing in wartime Berlin as a German war refugee; and postwar life and family in the US.

Provenance: Devorah (Doris Anne) Brooks, 2011
Languages: German, English translation
2 memoirs
Kazakhstan

Accession 1998.95, *The Janina Birenstam Collection, 1936-1946*

Educational and employment profile of Janina Bolkowski in Kraków and Kazakhstan; collection includes photographs from Kazakhstan.

Provenance: Janina Birenstam, 1998
Languages: Polish, Latin
Years: 1936-1946
10 items, 4 photographs

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
Years: 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.


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
Years: 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


Photographs, correspondence, sheet music, other documents, and artifacts related to the experiences of Elja Heifecs (Heifetz) in Riga, Latvia, during the Holocaust.

Provenance: Samuel Heifetz, 2005
88 photographs, 14 documents, 4 postcards, 1 booklet with 8 loose documents inside, 5 sheet music, 1 poster, 2 patches, 1 medal.


Pessia Zislin-Antikol-Galwen’s memoir describing life in Krāslava, Latvia, before the German occupation; her family’s internment in the Daugavpils ghetto; "Aktionen" during which the Germans sent people to camps; how author met her first husband, their life together, her pregnancy, and her eventual liberation.

Language: Undetermined
1 microfiche

RG-02.228, *Margot Stern Memoir, 1991*

Memoir by Margot Stern, describing her journey to Riga, Latvia, from Stuttgart, Germany; lists family members who perished during the Holocaust.

Provenance: Margot Stern, 1995
Language: English
1 microfiche

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
11 microfiches
Source of Acquisition: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations, 1984
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 Latvias Valsts Arhivs (State Archive of Latvia in Riga) (Fond 1986)

Languages: Russian, German, Latvian

Years: 1941–1995

211 microfiches

Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-10.439, *Listing of Jews for Deportation to Riga, Latvia, November 20, 1941*

20-page document listing Jews for deportation to Riga, Latvia, on November 20, 1941. List contains names from all over Germany, approx. 20 to 30 names per page.

Provenance: Arthur Burian, a Jew who emigrated from Germany to the U.S. in 1937, found the list in Passau (his hometown) while in the US armed forces during World War II. Beno Helmer donated the collection in 1991

Language: German

Year: 1941

1 item (20 pages)

RG-11.001M.05, *Records of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD in Riga (Fond 504), 1941-1944*

This collection contains documentation on police activities against partisans and other resistance efforts in the Occupied Eastern Territories; the activities of Einsatzgruppe A; the treatment of Communist Party officials; documents created by resistance groups and CP organs that were captured by the Wehrmacht and SS; Schutzmannschaften activities; Jewish partisan activities; the slave labor of Jews, Soviet POWs, and others; the collaboration of Polish and other nationalist groups with Germans against the USSR; the transport and forced labor of Jews; the establishment and maintenance of camps and prisoners; the killing of Jews and others in forests; the Spanish Blue Division; Latvian and Dutch volunteers in German military units; and the general administration of occupied territories.

Languages: German and Russian

Years: 1941-1944

Reels 74-75, 186, 204, 205 (16 mm)

Finding aid: English-language inventory
Most of this material pertains to Yugoslavia and ERR efforts to collect and remove to Germany cultural material, and to conduct propaganda against Jews and Freemasons. Included are lists of confiscated Jewish property; protocols of interrogations of Jews and Freemasons regarding their property; a list of Jewish writers and a list of German-Jewish writers; a list of Jews still resident in Dubrovnik; a list of books confiscated by ERR in Riga, Latvia; and summary reports of ERR actions in Greece in 1941, with an estimate of the number of Jews in various Greek cities and towns; and lists of Jewish organizations.

Language: German
Years: 1939-1943
Reels 131-32 (16 mm)
Finding aid: Folder-level description

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

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, Liebav, 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, Liebav, Kaunas, and other localities; the activities of the 25th Latvian Schutzmannschaftsbataillon in Latvia and Weissruthenien (Byelorussia); the Araj 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 Wehrmachtsbefehlshaber 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
Years: 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

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: Central State Historical Archive (LVVA), Riga.
Languages: German and Russian
Years: 1939–1943
Photocopies, two folders

RG-30.004, Bandenlagerkarten (Partisan Situation Maps), 1941-1944 (bulk 1942)

This collection is dedicated to the memory of Robert W. Kesting, USHMM archivist. It contains 36 Bandenlagerkarten or partisan situation maps. Annotations to the maps represent the monitoring of the partisan movements in Eastern Europe and the measures taken to suppress partisans by the regular German military as well as the SS and police. Geographic areas covered in the collection include Russia, Latvia, Yugoslavia, and Belorussia.

Provenance: NARA, RG-242
Language: German
Years: 1941-1944 (bulk 1942)
39 transparencies
Finding aid: Folder-level description
**Lithuania**


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  
Years: 1941–1944  
5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary handwritten folder-level description

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  
Years: 1941–1944  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description


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  
Years: 1941–1944  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description
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
Years: 1941–1944
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius

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
Years: 1941–1944
3 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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
Years: 1941–1944
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description
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
Years: 1941–1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

Accession 2000.132, *Dr. Aaron Pick Diary, 1941-1944*

Aaron Pick’s life in Lithuania before and during Soviet rule, efforts to get his only son admitted to Vilnius University, the situation in Siauliai (Shavl) on the eve of the German invasion, public health in the Vilnius ghetto, activities of the Judenrat.

Provenance: Haia Pick, 2000
Years: 1941-1944
Language: Hebrew
1 box

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
Years: 1941–1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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
Years: 1941–1944
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description
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
Years: 1941–1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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
Years: 1929–1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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
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  
Year: 1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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  
Years: 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

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  
Years: 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description
Accession 2000.207, *Vilnius Sipo und SD*

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

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, fond R-1673/1  
Languages: German, Lithuanian  
Years: 1941–1942  
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisition: Lithuanian Archives Department, Vilnius  
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description


Material on resistance and rescue in Lithuania

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 1742/1; 2000  
Languages: German and Lithuanian  
Dates: 1919-1943 (bulk 1941-1943)  
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

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

Accession 2007.101, *Estate of Hanni Vogelweid Collection, 1930s-1940s*

Documents and artifacts related to the experiences of Moritz Sondheimer, his wife Setty, and their daughter Hanni, who emigrated from Berlin in 1934 to Kovno, Lithuania and later fled to Shanghai, where they survived the Second World War.

Provenance: Hanni Vogelweid, 2007  
Languages: Lithuanian, German, Chinese, and English  
Years: approx. 1930-1945  
20 documents, 1 map, 1 pair of skates, 2 boxes, 1 armband, 1 wallet, 2 combs, 2 tags, 3 books
RG-02.009, Zvi Levian Testimony, n.d.

Handwritten 56-page testimony describing deportations of merchants to an unknown camp, as well as the confiscation of goods and property in Lithuania in June 1941.

Provenance: Donor and date of gift are unknown.
Languages: Yiddish and English
1 microfiche


William Good's testimony describes his childhood in Niemenczn, Soviet Union, his persecution by Poles, his narrow escape from execution in Ponary, his experiences hiding in the forest and in the homes of Poles, and his return to Vilnius and Niemenczn after 43 years. Also included are several photocopies of Gdud family photographs and an article from a Vilnius newspaper concerning his return to Vilnius.

Provenance: William Z. Good, 1992
Languages: English and Russian
2 microfiches


In her memoir, Sonja Haid Greene describes her pre-Holocaust life with her family in Siauliai, Lithuania, her stay in the Traku ghetto, her time spent in the Linkaicia concentration camp, her life as an inmate at the Stutthof concentration camps and a subcamp of Dachau, her suffering on a death march, and her liberation by American troops.

Provenance: Sonja Haid Greene, 1994
Language: English
3 microfiches
RG-02.170, "The Story of the Jews of Vilkomir," the Kronik Family, 1948

This collection contains testimony by three Kronik family members for the "Jewish Committee." At the time, they were in a displaced persons camp in Kassel, Germany, awaiting emigration to Israel. The testimony describes the history of the Kronik family; the Lithuanian Jewish communities of Musnik (a.k.a. Musninkai), Sirvintas (a.k.a. Sirvintos, Sirvintai), and Vilkomir (a.k.a. Ukmerge, Wilkomir, Vilkomierz); the communities' responses to the Soviet and Nazi occupations; and the fate of the communities' members. Also included is a list of Lithuanian partisans and police who participated in the mass execution of Jews.

Provenance: Micki Lavine, Reuben Kronik's granddaughter, 1994
Languages: English, Yiddish
1 microfiche

RG-02.184, Freda Karpul Memoir, n.d.

Freda Karpul's account of the German invasion of Lithuania, internment in the Kaunas (Kovno) ghetto and an unnamed concentration camp near Batakyay, Lithuania, escape and involvement with the partisans, the fate of her family, liberation, and postwar experiences.

Provenance: Freda Karpul, 1994
Language: Undetermined
1 microfiche


Account of the experiences of child inmates in an unidentified concentration camp somewhere in the Baltics.

Provenance: David Klebanow, the author’s husband, 1994
Languages: Russian and English
2 microfiches
RG-02.210, *The Family of Aryeh-Leyb Fingerhut (Leo Gerut), 1993*

Account by Rosalie Gerut of the experiences of her father, Aryeh-Leyb (Leybl) Fingerhut, in Lithuania and Ukraine; his interest in music and the Yiddish language; work as a researcher for YIVO (Institute for Jewish Research) in Vilnius; memories of the German invasion in 1941; life in the Shavl (Siauliai) ghetto; forced labor; 1944 transfer to Stutthof concentration camp and subsequently to "Lager 10" of Utting, a sub-camp of Dachau, where he was elected head of his barracks; 1944 death march into the Tyrol; life in Feldafing displaced persons camp, where he organized a choir and Yiddish theater group and met his future wife; and emigration to the US. See also accession 1998.81, the Shari and George Fine Collection.

Provenance: Rosalie Gerut, 1994  
Language: English  
1 microfiche

RG-03.019, *Moses Berkowitz Manuscript Relating to the Jewish Community of Woronowa (Voronovo), 1943*

Manuscript about the Jewish community of Voronovo (Woronowa), Belorussia, before and during the German occupation; includes information about the Jews in nearby Lithuania.

Provenance: Moses Berkowitz wrote the account in Yiddish in 1943, and Adah Fogel translated it into English at an unknown date. Alan I. Berkowitz, the author’s grandson, donated the material in 1993.  
Languages: Yiddish and English  
6 microfiches

RG-04.050M, *Records relating to Various Camps from the Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Podolsk, Russia, 1944-1945*

Information about Soviet prisoners of war in Romanian camps, atrocities against Soviet civilians, liberation of Auschwitz and its subcamps, liberation of Ravensbrück, atrocities in Stutthof near Danzig, and "bandit groups" (resistance fighters) in Lithuania and Belorussia. See also RG-22.008, Records Relating to Auschwitz and Other Camps from the Central State Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Podolsk, 1940–1945.

Provenance: Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Podolsk, 1994  
Language: Russian  
Years: 1944-1945  
5 microfiches  
Finding aid: English-language inventory.
RG-06.023, Juozas Kungys Case, 1982-1987

This collection contains copies of depositions, transcripts of proceedings, and other documentation used in the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations' prosecution of Juozas Kungys, who was accused of Nazi war crimes in Lithuania.

Provenance: Howard Rappaport, 1994
Language: English
35 microfiches
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-10.055, Marie Koreffova Papers, 1881-1983 (bulk 1945-1950)

These papers contain information about Marie Koreffova's restitution claims, as well as the persecution and murder of Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union, including in Radin (Poland), Babi Yar (Kiev, the Ukraine), Lithuania, and Birkenau.

Provenance: Herman Taube is the donor. Marie Koreffova, the stepmother of the donor's wife, collected the documents over a period of years.
Languages: English and Czech
2 folders

RG-10.346, Emanuel Zingeris Papers, n.d.

Papers relating to the Holocaust in Lithuania; photographs depicting life in Jewish ghettos in Lithuania.

Provenance: Emanuelis Zingeris, 1989
Languages: German and Hebrew
1 folder, 4 black and white photographs, 3 glass negatives, 2 film negatives
This collection contains letters, lists, reports, and photographs concerning William Perl’s involvement in illegal emigration efforts during the Holocaust; and Nazi atrocities in the Soviet Union, including a report by the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission for Ascertaining and Investigating the Crimes Committed by the German-Fascist Invaders and Their Accomplices. The July 4, 1944, report includes information about the execution of Soviet citizens in rural areas, the execution of Soviet Jews, and Jewish population statistics for several Soviet cities as well as information about episodes of clandestine Jewish emigration by sea to Palestine. Another report, issued by the Office of Strategic Services, Research Analysis Branch, includes information about specific crimes charged to the Germans, persons accused of being war criminals, and Russian attitudes toward the legal problems involved in war crimes prosecution. See also RG-50.393*0041, William Perl oral history interview.

Provenance: William Perl collected these documents from various sources. Source of acquisition is Elizabeth Koenig.
Languages: English, German, and Russian
Year: 1944
2 linear inches


Provenance: Agnes Adachi, who assisted Wallenberg at the Swedish Embassy in 1943 by distributing passports, and helped several Jews escape; 1991
Languages: Russian and English
Years: 1945-1984
0.5 linear inches

Translation of excerpt from Sophia Binkiene's book containing testimony by Dr. F. Gurviciene concerning her daughter's rescue by Dr. Ona Landsbergiene, mother of future president of Lithuania, Vytautas Landsbergis.

Provenance: Miles Lerman, 1992
Language: English
9 pages

This scrapbook, compiled by Avraham Tory, contains captioned caricature sketches of the defendants before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. According to Tory, a Lithuanian Jew and former manager of "Hamosad" (Office of the Illegal Jewish Emigration to Palestine from Italy), the sketches were drawn by "a famous Russian cartoonist."

Provenance: Avraham Tory
Languages: English and Russian
1 folder

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.

Provenance: Sender Wajsman via Jeshajahu Weinberg
Language: English
Years: 1936–1991
1 folder containing 3 items
Finding aid: Item-level description

RG-26.002, Map of Massacre Sites near Naishot, Lithuania, 1971

Map of Naitshtot, now known as Kudirkos Naumiestis, Lithuania. Made by Ralph Goldberg in 1971, object lists names of the Jews of Naishtot killed in Holocaust.

Provenance: Anonymous donor, 1993
1 page
RG-26.003M, *Records Pertaining to Partisan Activity during WWII, 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
Years: 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
Years: 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
Years: 1919–1928
57 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding aid: Inventory in English
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, and unemployment data about Jews.

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

This collection contains records relating to the activities of the Lithuanian Jewish sport organization Maccabi. It includes meeting minutes, resolutions, regulations, announcements, bulletins of the Maccabi Central Board, correspondence with local branches in Siauliai (Shavli) and Zagare and with Lithuanian government authorities, bylaws, lists of members and donors, and financial reports. File nos. 96–354 contain personal files of members.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 439
Languages: Yiddish, Hebrew, Lithuanian
Years: 1920-1940
13 microfilm reels (35 mm)
Finding aid: Folder-level description

This collection consists of records and correspondence files with local branches of the Karen Hayesod across Lithuania from 1920 to 1940, concerning the registration of local organizations and fundraising activities for the Jewish settlements in Palestine before World War II. The collection also includes minute meetings; correspondence with Zionist organizations worldwide, local banks, and Lithuanian government authorities; bylaws; donor lists; cashier books; and financial reports.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 590
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, and Hebrew
80 microfilm reels (35 mm)
This collection contains pamphlets and rare periodicals related to the culture, political life, and educational systems of Lithuanian Jewish communities before World War II.

Provenance: Collections of the Library of Vilnius University, Lithuania
Languages: Yiddish, Hebrew, Lithuanian, English
Years: 1919-1938
1,500 pages and 2 small segments of microfilm
Finding aid: Folder-level description

This collection includes statutes, correspondence, membership lists, board meeting minutes, and applications for membership. It also contains information on various professional, cultural, emigration, and health organizations active in prewar Lithuania including the Artisan Union "Ezras Paolim" in Telsiai, the Lithuanian Jewish Cooperative Enterprises Association, ORT, "Education and Labor," the Jewish Teachers Association HaMoreh, the Jewish Refugee Support Committee, and the Jewish Theater and Art Support Association.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 1141, Opis 1
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, Hebrew
6 microfilm reels (35 mm)
Years: 1920-1942
Finding aid: Folder-level description

This collection includes lists of students, teachers' council meeting minutes, applications for admission, duplicates of graduation diplomas, and correspondence with the Ministry of Education.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 790, Opis 1
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, Hebrew
Years: 1924-1937
4 microfilm reels (35 mm)
Finding aid: Folder-level description
RG-26.014, *General Directorate of Lithuania Archives Collection, 1941-1948*

Records from the Jewish ghettos police in Kaunas (Wilijampole).

Provenance: Lietuvs Archyvu Departamentas (Lithuanian Archives Department), 1998
Languages: Lithuanian, Yiddish, German
Years: 1941-1948
65 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-26.030M, *Lithuanian SiPo and SD Commander in Vilnius, 1941–1944*

Orders, educational materials, publications, personnel files, index cards of persons under surveillance; lists of arrested persons, Communist Party members, and Jews working for the Security Police and Security Office Commander; telegrams about the activities of Soviet paratroopers in Poland, reports on partisan activities, lists of wanted partisans.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond R-680/2; 2000
Languages: German, Lithuanian
Years: 1941-1944
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

RG-26.038M, *Captured German Records Returned by the USSR to Lithuania 1953, 1929-1944*

Information collected by the German security services regarding the local population, the Red Army, Communists, anti-German movements in the Baltic, and “deserters.”

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 1173/1, 2, 4, and 7; 2000
Languages: German and Lithuanian
Years: 1929-1944
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

RG-26.039M, *Lithuanian Ambassador to Germany (Skripa), 1941-1944*

Correspondence, notes, and other documents related to the last ambassador of independent Lithuania to Germany, K. Skripa (elected prime minister but interned by the Germans): 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 Hans Lammers.

Provenance: Lithuanian Central State Archives, Fond 1398/1; 2000
Languages: German and Lithuanian
Years: 1941-1944
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-68.136M, *Selected Records from the Lithuanian State Archives, 1941–1944*

Material from the Lithuanian State Archives duplicated by Yad Vashem.

Provenance: Yad Vashem, reel numbers JM 12494–12527, 1998; originals in Lithuanian State Archives, Fond R614 (Ghetto-Lohn- und Auftragstelle des Gebiets Kommissars Wilna-Stadt); Fond R730 (Vilnius police); and Fond K-1 (war crimes trial records)
Languages: German, Lithuanian, Russian
Years: 1941-1944
34 microfilm reels (16 mm)

RG-68.149, *Hashomer Hatzair World Headquarters, 1923-1949*

Records of Hashomer Hatzair Supreme Leadership Center in Warsaw, correspondence with Zionist organizations and leaders in Cuba, Poland, Lithuania, Sweden, Greece, England, Romania, Egypt, Argentina, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Germany, and Austria. Subjects include emigration, kibbutzim, scouting, education, workers. Other records include various kinds of reports, memoranda, organizational materials, lecture and discussion notes, resolutions, and name lists. Persons figuring in the documentation include Benjamin Gruenbaum, Zvi Luria, Yehuda Tobin, Zvi Zohar, Yaakov Hazan, Mordechai Shenhavi, Yehuda Gothelf, Avraham Ben-Shalom, and Joseph Walden.

Provenance: Yad Yaari (Hashomer Hatzair Archives), RG-2, 2011
Language: Hebrew
Years: 1923-1949
8,377 digital images
Moldova

RG-31.022, *Literary Archives of Mikhail Yakolevich Pinchevskiy, 1930-1950*

Poetry, stories, and plays by Mikhail Yakolevich Pinchevskiy in Yiddish and translated into Russian. Poetry dedicated primarily to Jewish life in Bessarabia (now Moldova) and Ukraine, and to the heroism of Jewish soldiers during World War II.

Provenance: Instytut iudaiki (Judaica Institute), Kiev, 2003

Languages: Yiddish, Russian, and Ukrainian

19 microfiches

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.

Provenance: National Archives of the Republic of Moldova (Archiva Nationala a Republicii Moldovei), Chisinau

Languages: Romanian and Russian

Years: 1941–1944

24 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

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

Years: 1943–1947

115 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

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.

Provenance: Archives of the State Security and Information Service of the Republic of Moldova
Language: Russian
Years: 1944–1955
127 microfiche (ca. 10,500 images), hard copies available
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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.

Provenance: National Archives of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau
Language: Russian
Years: 1941–1944
17 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding aid: Preliminary reel list and finding aid

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
Years: 1950–late 1990s
Ca. 4,000 pp. of original documents in 94 folders (incl. 93a and 93b)
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
**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)


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
Years: 1941-1945
6 folders of photocopies


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
Years: 1942-1945
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

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
Years: 1942-1945
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)


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
Years: 1945-1953
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Item-level description


Bound memoirs of Naum Roshal, including photographs and documents: childhood, evacuation from Belorussia to Bashkiriia, experiences in Red Army 1943–1945. DVD also includes Roshal’s postwar memoirs, including emigration to the US.

Provenance: Naum Roshal, 2011
Language: Russian
Years: 1943-2009
1 bound memoir, 1 DVD

RG-02.120, *Confirmation of Masya Ayzikovich’s wartime experiences by Polia Leibovna Skazinetskaya and Enya Elevna Nashpits, n.d.*

Official affirmation that Masya Ayzikovich and her mother were interned in and escaped from a German concentration camp. In Russian with English-language translation.

Provenance: Masya Ayzikovich, 1994
Languages: Russian and English
1 microfiche
RG-04.001-01, *Poetry and Songs relating to German and Stalinist Camps, 1930s-1950s*

This collection contains poetry and songs written in Yiddish by survivors of German and Stalinist concentration camps. Included are the personal accounts of eight Holocaust survivors, which describe the roles of music and poetry in the camps, their struggles for survival, and their lives in Treblinka, Majdanek, and other camps.

Provenance: The donor, Roman Kaminsky, compiled the materials and translated them into Russian. He retained the original Yiddish versions, 1981.
Language: Russian
Years: approx. 1930-1959
2 microfiche

RG-04.006M, *Records of Nazi Concentration Camps, 1939–1945*

These records contain information about various concentration and labor camps in Europe from 1939 to 1945. The bulk of the records are transport lists of prisoners between major concentration camps such as Mauthausen, Buchenwald, Dachau, and Auschwitz. These lists contain information about the place and date of birth, occupation, religion, and identification number of the prisoners. In some cases, the date of death is also given. In addition to the lists, there are administrative records from various camps containing information about camp personnel; executions of prisoners; architectural design of camp buildings; rules for prisoner conduct; procedures for Blockälteste; and the imprisonment of Poles, Russians, Ukrainians, Spaniards, and Italians.

Provenance: Instytut Pamięci Narodowej, Komisja Ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu (Institute of National Remembrance, Main Commission for the Investigation of Crimes Against the Polish Nation; Fonds 126, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 139, a
Languages: German, Polish
Years: 1939-1945
23 microfilm reels (35 mm)
This collection contains photocopies of camp prisoners' newsletters, proceedings and meeting minutes, communiqués, memoranda, correspondence, reports, and a scrapbook relating to Charles Rosenbloom's work with United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Team 115 at Dachau in the summer of 1945 and his involvement with the International Prisoners' Committee in Dachau.

Provenance: Charles Rosenbloom collected the documents during his service in Dachau. The originals are in the Holocaust Museum Houston Education Center and Memorial, Houston, Texas. Source of acquisition is David P. Bell.
Languages: English, German, Czech, French, Dutch, Belgian, Greek, Italian, Polish, Russian, Slovenian
Years: 1945-1947
23 microfilm reels (35 mm)

This collection contains medical personnel lists, hospital books of barracks (no. 20, 21, 28), prisoner transfer lists, records related to medical examinations of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), a list of Russian prisoners of war who died in Auschwitz, and various other records related to medical procedures for inmates.

Provenance: Państwowe Muzeum w Oświęcimiu (Auschwitz Museum), 2000
Language: German
Years: 1940-1945
24 microfilm reels (35 mm)

This collection contains interrogation transcripts, witness statements, arrest warrants, evidence documents, indictments, verdicts, sentences, copyprints, sketches, diagrams, and other trial documents relating to the arrests and investigations of suspected war criminals for group war crimes trials held in Riga, Kiev, Minsk, Babruisk (Bobruysk), Sevastopol, Kishinev (Chisinau), Chernihiv (Chernigov), Smolensk, Pskov, and Bryansk. Also included are documents related to trials of individuals suspected of war crimes, including many Sachsenhausen concentration camp officials; and some operational reports from the war period, including reports from NKVD agents at the front lines or in German-held territory behind the front lines.

Languages: Russian, German, and English
Years: 1939-1992 (bulk 1945-1947)
55 microfilm reels (35 mm), 8 microfilm reels (16 mm), 356 microfiches

RG-07.013, *Selected Records from the State Archives in Prague Relating to Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), 1940–1945*

These records include name lists, decrees, monographs, regulations, and reports that contain information about administration of penal camps and labor camps; gendarmerie administration of the Gypsy problem; Gypsy camps; deportations; Jews, Gypsies, and Russian populations in Danzig and East Prussia; and persecution of Gypsies. Also included are documents with statistical and evidential data derived from investigating the Gypsy population, and documents recording pro-fascist legislation relating to the Gypsy problem.

Provenance: The original records were created by agencies of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, specifically the Ministries of Interior and Justice, the Office of the Reichsprotektor, the National Office of Police and Security Affairs, the National Gendarmerie C
Languages: German, Czech
Years: 1940-1945
1 Folder
RG-10.094, *Vyacheslav Lovovitch Tamarkin Papers, 1939–1993*

This collection includes a Russian certificate dated September 14, 1993, attesting to the fact that Vyacheslav Tamarkin was an inmate of Nazi concentration camps; his memoir, "In the Burrow," describing his experiences in Lyadi ghetto and an unnamed concentration camp, the killing of Jews, his escape from the camp, and his activities with the partisans from March 1943 to June 1944; a map detailing the locations of the partisan group with whom Tamarkin was affiliated; poems that he wrote about his partisan commander and the fate of Jews from his village; and a certificate authenticating the German actions in his native village.

Provenance: Michael Fishteyn
Language: Russian
Years: 1939-1993
1 microfiche


Certificates, legal documents, identity papers, travel documents, menus, postcards, Reisepasse, school report cards, letters, booklets, and photographs relating to the life of Abraham M. Neumann and the Neumann and Kuerschner families in Warsaw and Vienna, and the emigration of several family members to the US.

Provenance: Abraham M. Neumann, father of Helen Neuman Berger (donor), collected the materials over the span of his life. His wife Getrude inherited the collection in 1989. Gertrude gave the collection to her daughter, Helen Neuman Berger. Helen and her husband donated the materials in 1997, providing an inventory and preliminary description.
Language: German, Polish, and Russian
3.5 linear inches
Finding aid: Folder-level description
RG-10.173, Abe Weiss Papers, 1930-1996

This collection contains letters, postcards, photographs, photo-albums, cards, certificates, and various other documents relating to Abe Weiss and members of the Weiss and Nachbar families in Kolomyja, Poland (Kolomyia, Ukraine), from ca. 1930 to 1978. The correspondence includes letters and postcards exchanged between Abe Weiss after his 1938 arrival in the United States and his father, brothers, and sisters, who remained in Poland during World War II. The photographs include images of Weiss and Nachbar family life in Kolomyja and of Abe Weiss during his visit to Berlin for the 1936 Olympic Games. Also included are restitution papers, most of which are correspondence between Abe Weiss and the United Restitution Organization (URO). The last series of records contains biographical information for Abe Weiss and other members of the Weiss and Nachbar families provided by Abe Weiss' daughter, Barbara Jacobson, in 1996.

Provenance: Barbara Jacobson
Languages: Yiddish, German, Polish, Russian, and English
Years: approx. 1930-1996
10 folders
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-10.433, Semyon Menyuk Papers, n.d.

Memoir entitled “Holocaust Experiences,” written in English and Russian; papers stating Semyon Menyuk was a member of the partisan movement in Ukraine; decorations for military service; photographs of families and of the excavation of a site where 7,000 people were killed.

Provenance: Semyon Menyuk, 1990 and 1995
Languages: English and Russian
2 folders
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-10.451, Fred Schiller Papers, n.d.

Photographs of Miroslav (Fred) Schiller, his friends, and fellow members of a jazz band; identification cards, visas, and applications; and a bill passed by the US House of Representatives for the relief of Fred Schiller.

Provenance: Fred Schiller, 1991
Languages: Czech, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Croatian, Spanish
10 documents, 5 photographs
RG-11.0XX, **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-11.001M.39, **Records of the Verband der jüdischen humanitären Vereinigungen Österreichs des Ordens B'nai B'rith (Union of Jewish Humanitarian Organizations of Austria in the B'nai B'rith Order) (Fond 1221), 1933–1940**

This collection contains letters, notes, and memos of Zionist organizations regarding assistance for German emigrants seeking to resettle in Palestine. Included is an appeal from a Russian aid organization on behalf of Russian Jews.

Language: German  
Years: 1933-1940  
Reel 111 (16 mm, 1 folder)

RG-15.004M, **Records of the Stadtverwaltung Weichselstadt, 1939–1944**

This collection contains circulars, registers, lists, correspondence, and other materials relating to the registration of the urban population in Warthegau (a Polish region annexed into the German Reich); inhabitants conscripted into the Wehrmacht; the evacuation of Poles and Jews to the General Government territory; the registration of property abandoned by Poles and Jews after evacuations; employment for newly resettled Germans; the maintenance of population registry cards for inhabitants of the Hermannsbad district; the used of the letter "P" to designate Polish laborers; travel regulations for Poles and for civilian workers of Russian descent; the punishment of Poles and Jews by police; Polish prisoners of war from Hermannsbad held in the Soviet Union; Polish officers, teachers, and physicians living in Aleksandrów, Poland; the registration of foreigners in Aleksandrów; American citizens in the internment camp at Liebenau, Friedrichshafen district; and the registration of farms and undeveloped land parcels in the town of Weichselstadt. Also included are birth statistics for the Weichselstadt area and census data specific to Inowroclaw, Poland.

Provenance: Institute of National Memory, Main Commission for the Investigation of Crimes Against the Polish Nation, Fond 67.  
Language: German  
Years: 1939-1944  
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-15.112M, The Prison in Radom (Wiezienie w Radomiu, Deutsche Strafanstalt Radom), 1939–1944

This collection contains 14,147 personal files (probably 80 percent of the total number) of the people imprisoned in the Radom jail during the German occupation. The majority were Poles; approximately 2,000 were Jews; others included Germans, Sinti and Roma, and Russians. Approximately 60 percent died in prison, and 25 to 30 percent were shot subsequently at concentration camps. The remainder, mostly those arrested for non-political crimes, was released. The files include a Polish prewar form with name, parents' names, date and place of birth, last domicile, date and reason of imprisonment, and information about the prisoner's fate with respective dates. Some files also include reports of wardens, official correspondence, court sentences, and occasionally messages smuggled to or from the prison.

Provenance: Polish State Archives, Radom Branch, Fond 417
Languages: Polish, German
Years: 1939-1944
22 microfilm reels (35 mm)

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: Main Archival Administration of the USSR, Council of Ministers, Moscow.
Languages: Russian, German, and English
Years: 1941-1945
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

Years: 1941-1945

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

Year: 1944

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: Source of acquisition is Sybil Milton.

Languages: English

Year: 1944

1 folder
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: 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
Years: 1941-1946
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 Vasily Grossman’s articles on Treblinka and Berdichev; work by Agtsiya L. Barto, A.A. Bek, and D. I. Zaslyavskiy; 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
Years: 1941-1946
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

Records of the local Extraordinary Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on the Temporarily-Occupied Territories of the Soviet Union, and of the Smolensk Oblast' Soviet (government). Testimonies and other material address Nazi atrocities in Smolensk and Velizhsk, the abuse of wounded Soviet POWs, the murder of Soviet POWs in 1941, the murder of children related to partisans, the torture of civilians, and displaced persons. Collection also contains documents of the Chief Military Prosecutor of the Soviet Union and records of the prewar Jewish population, including census data.

Provenance: Arkhiv Smolenskoi Oblasti (Smolensk Regional Archive), Fonds 1630 and 2434; 2010.
Languages: Russian
Years: 1942-1944
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
Years: 1940-1945
Ca. 500 photocopied pages
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, and German
Years: 1941-1944
3 linear inches of photocopies
Finding Aids: Item-level description

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 National Archives of the Kalmyk Republic, Russian Federation.
Language: Russian
Years: 1942-1944
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
Years: 1919-1950
69 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

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
Years: 1919-1950
16 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

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 Opis of Fond 7021 reside in USHMM RG-22.002M.)
Languages: German, Russian, Ukrainian, Belorussian, and others
Years: 1938-1945
43 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English


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

Provenance: 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
Years: approx. 1920-1969
32 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian
RG-22.016, *Reports and Investigative Materials Compiled by Military Commissions of the Red (Soviet) Army on Crimes Committed by the Nazis and their Collaborators on the Occupied Territories of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe during WWII, 1942–1945*

Investigative materials, reports, and statements compiled by Military Commissions of the Red Army.

Provenance: Tsentral’nyi Arkhiv Ministerstva Oborony Rossiiskoi Federatsii (Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation), 2005
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
6 boxes (52 folders, ca. 6,000 pages)
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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: State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Fond 9498.
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, French, Spanish, Swedish, and Romanian
Years: 1925-1938
52 microfilm reels (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian
RG-22.018M, Personal Archives of Meer Bomash, Member of the State Duma, 1908-1917

Letters to Bomash from Duma members, civil servants, publishers, students, intelligentsia, and ordinary citizens on the establishment of Jewish educational institutions, antisemitism, compulsory military service, and conditions of the Jewish community of Łódź; requests for recommendations to educational institutions, transfers to various government posts or schools, material and financial assistance to aid societies, and commutation of prison sentences; reports, petitions, rules, directives, agreements, articles, and Duma documents on army service, war refugees, resettlement to Palestine, and other issues.

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and Polish
Years: 1908-1917
7 microfilm reels (35 mm; 7,251 frames)

RG-22.019M, Personal Archives of Sofia R. Kotsyna (1873–1940), Jewish Librarian, Archivist, and Historian, 1888–1937

Lectures by Sofia Rafailovna Kotsyna on education, libraries, and archives (including remarks on the Jewish historian P.S. Marek). Letters from Jewish cultural figures including A.M. Bergengeim, L.E. Motylev, and S.M. Ginzburg; indexes to the collections of P.S. Marek, S.S. Vermel, S.A. Rapoport (Ans-ki), O.B. Gavronsky, and others; notebooks reporting the work of the Society for Dissemination of Education among Jews (1903 to 1917); bylaws, financial information, resolutions, appeals, and other documents of Jewish organizations; letters of teachers to “the working-class youth” of Odessa; newspaper clippings, invitations, posters, and programs for cultural events reflecting the intellectual life of Moscow from the 1900s to the 1920s; and documents on a Jewish musical society, culture-leagues, the Society of Enthusiasts for Ancient Hebrew, theatre collectives, art exhibitions, and other groups and events.

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and English
Years: 1888-1937
4 microfilm reels (35 mm; 3,973 pages)
RG-22.020, Selected Records from the State Historical Archives of the Chuvash Republic Related to the Evacuation of Civilians during WWII, 1941–1945

Records of evacuation to Chuvashia during World War II, including information on resettlement, employment, food supply, and medical assistance provided by the local authorities; lists of evacuees.

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi Arkhiv sovremennoi istorii Chuvashskoi Respubliki (State Historical Archives of the Chuvash Republic), 2009.
Language: Russian
Years: 1941-1945
44,669 digital images

RG-22.021M, Personal Archives of Pesakh Marek, Jewish Public Figure, Folklorist and Historian, 1862–1920

Personal documents of the literary and public activities of Pesakh Marek: correspondence with friends and colleagues, including Maxime Vinaver, Saul Ginsburg, Yuliy Gessen, Leon Maze, and others; drafts of Marek’s research articles, papers, presentations, and books, as well as notebooks and card catalogue. Marek’s archives contains information about Jewish education in the Russian Empire and early Soviet Russia, including extensive correspondence and surveys of Jewish schools.

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009.
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and Hebrew
17 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-22.022M, Personal Archives of Lazar Motylev, Jewish Public Figure and Politician, 1901–1938

Reports, drafts of presentations and research papers on Jewish organizations in Russia and the Soviet Union, meeting minutes, bylaws, newspapers, concert programs, catalogs of exhibits, leaflets, and other documents.

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009.
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and Hebrew
Years: 1901-1938
5 microfilm reels (35 mm; 4,469 frames)
RG-22.023M, *Personal Archives of Aleksandr (Isaak) Katsenelson, Jewish Public Figure, Publicist, and Historian, 1905–1930*

Reports, drafts of presentation and research papers related to the activities of Jewish organizations in Russia and the Soviet Union, personal documents, a diary covering the years 1909 to 1915, an autobiography, letters to government officials and agencies, activity reports, bylaws of various Jewish organizations, newspapers, concert programs, catalogs of exhibits, flyers.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenny Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009.
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and Hebrew
Years: 1905-1938
5 microfilm reels (35 mm; 4,197 frames)

RG-22.024M, *Records of the Central Committee of the HeHalutz Labor Movement in Russia, 1918–1928*

Minutes of meetings of the central and local committees, bylaws, correspondence with government officials and agencies, statistical information about HeHalutz activities, membership lists and questionnaires, and personal documents of Joseph Trumpeldor, the movement’s founder.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenny Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009.
Languages: Russian and Hebrew
Years: 1918-1928
115 negative microfiches, 11 positive microfiches

RG-22.025M, *Records of the Central Council of the Jewish Communities in Russia, 1918-1920*

Minutes of the meetings of the Tsentralnyi Vaad (Central Council) Executive Council; declarations and circular letters regarding pogroms in Poland and Galicia; correspondence with Jewish communities and public organizations about the evacuation of Jewish civilians, food supplies for refugees, and other needs of evacuees; newspaper clippings, drafts of articles, and questionnaires.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenny Arkhiv Rossiiskoy Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), 2009
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and Hebrew
Years: 1918-1920
168 microfiches
RG-22.026M, *Records of the All-Russian Jewish Congress, 1917-1919*

The collection reflects the history of the All Russian Jewish Congress's establishment. It includes appeals, lists of candidates from various regions, minutes of meetings, resolutions, and texts of speeches.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenniy Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), Fond 7747, Opis 1.
Languages: Russian and Hebrew
Years: 1917-1919
49 microfiches


Name lists of evacuees, correspondence, minutes, and reports regarding resettlement and aid to evacuees. Includes statistical reports and other information about Soviet civilians repatriated from Germany, France, Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and China; a list of Soviet citizens residing in Yugoslavia; lists of Polish citizens returning to Poland.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenniy Arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), Fond. A-327, Opisi 1, 2, and 3; 2011.
Language: Russian
Years: 1942-1956
125 microfilm reels (35 mm)


Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee (JAC) records, including organizational documents, correspondence with the Yiddish-language newspaper Einikait and its contributors, correspondence with foreign Jewish organizations and individuals, name lists of foreign Jewish supporters of the JAC, membership lists, materials intended for publication as the Black Book (on the crimes of the Nazis and their allies), and copies of unedited and edited articles, poems, prose, songs, and literary criticism for Einikait.

Provenance: Gosudarstvenniy arkhiv Rossiiskoi Federatsii (State Archive of the Russian Federation), Fond 8114, Opis’ 1; 2011.
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, Polish, French, Spanish, English, and other languages
Years: 1942-1948
291 microfilm reels (35 mm)
RG-22.029, *Selected Records from the State Archives of the Orel Region, Russian Federation*

Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi arkhiv orlovskoi oblasti (State Archive of Orlov Oblast), 2011.
Language: Russian
14,120 digital images

RG-22.030, *Selected Records from the State Archives of the Bryansk Region, Russian Federation, 1918-1972, bulk 1930-1943*

Records related to partisan resistance and to local administration in the Bryansk region during and after the war. Postwar Soviet records document investigation of crimes against the population during the Nazi occupation. Also includes a small collection of records related to the history of the Jewish population between 1917 and 1941.

Provenance: State Historical Archive of the Bryansk Region (Gosudarstvennyi istoricheskii arkhiv Bryanskoi oblasti), 2011
Language: Russian
Years: 1918-1972
5,707 digital images

RG-22.031, *Selected Records from the State Archives of the Novgorod Region, Russian Federation, 1930-1940*

German occupation in the Novgorod region: murder of local Jews, Roma, other Soviet civilians, and Soviet POWs; records of evacuation; lists of population. Also contains prewar records on conversion of synagogues to other uses.

Provenance: State Historical Archive of the Novgorod Region (Gosudarstvennyi istoricheskii arkhiv Novgorodskoi oblasti); Yad Vashem, 2011.
Languages: Russian and German
Years: 1930-1940
10,373 digital images

RG-22.032, *Central State Archive of the Republic of Mordovia, 1939-1944*

Selected documents and materials on the evacuation of Soviet citizens to the Autonomous Republic of Mordovia, primarily lists of evacuees and correspondence pertaining to food supply, living conditions, and orphanages.

Provenance: Tsentral’nyi gosudarstvennyi arkhiv Mordovskoi respubliki (Central State Archive Republic of Mordovia), 2011.
Language: Russian
Years: 1939-1944
10,664 digital images
RG-22.034, *Selected Records from the Central State Archives of Historical-Political Documentation in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 1923-1940*

- Records related to partisan warfare behind German lines, activities of the underground oblast committee of the Communist Party, a small collection of captured German records, publications, flyers, and posters. Materials include prewar records on the Jewish population: statistics, the Jewish sections of Communist Party organizations, reports, etcetera.

- Provenance: Central State Archive of Historical-Political Documents, St. Petersburg (Tsentrálnyi gosudarstvennyi arkhiv istoriko-politicheskikh dokumentov St. Peterburga), 2011
- Language: Russian
- Years: 1923-1940
- 15,870 digital images

RG-22.035, *Russian Military Medical Museum Records, 1941-1945*

- Records on Nazi persecution and murder of Jews and others in Eastern Europe.

- Provenance: Records collected by field medical units of the Red Army. Source of USHMM acquisition is the Russian Military Medical Museum, St. Petersburg.
- Language: Russian
- 6 folders

RG-22.036M, *Records of the Committee for Allocation of Land to Jewish Laboring People (KOMZET), 1924–1938*

- Records created by the Committee for Allocation of Land to Jewish Laboring People (KOMZET) of the Presidium of the Council for Nationalities of the Central Executive Committee of the USSR: correspondence with individual people’s commissariats, AgroJoint (Jewish Distribution Committee), the Jewish Colonization Society, KOMZET regional offices, and other agencies; meeting minutes of KOMZET’s central and regional offices; activity and financial reports; statistical documents and records concerning the Jewish population, Jewish agricultural colonies, Jewish co-ops, and other matters.

- Provenance: Gosudarstvennyi arkhiv Rossii skoi Federatsii (State Archives of the Russian Federation), 2012
- Language: Russian
- Years: 1924-1938
- 116 microfilm reels (35 mm)
RG-24.021, Moritz and Hildegard Henschel Collection, 1866–1951

Documents, poems, photographs, correspondence, clippings, articles, books, currency, artwork, medals, sheet music, and yellow badges with “Jude” written in black, all relating to Moritz Henschel’s role as director of the “Freizeitgestaltung” (leisure time organization) in the Terezin ghetto.

Languages: Czech, English, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Russian
Years: 1866-1951
29 microfiches

RG-24.022, Esther Lurie Collection, 1919–1993

Collection spanning the personal and professional life of the artist Esther Lurie: documents, art, and artifacts related to the Kovno ghetto, the Stutthoff concentration camp, and the Leibitsch forced labor camp.

Provenance: Esther Lurie, 1995
Languages: Hebrew, English, German, Russian, Lithuanian, French, Yiddish
Years: 1919-1993
5 boxes, 107 folders, 37 sketches, 2 commemorative pins, 1 wooden spoon, 1 linen bag

RG-25.007M, Selected Records Relating to Romania, from the Former Osobyi Archives, Moscow, 1940–1944

This collection contains documentation relating to the activities of the Council of Ministers; the military and economic effects of the General Staff of the Army's 1940 evacuation of Bessarabia; and the General Staff's response to an order from Ion Antonescu dated December 4, 1943. Also included are reports by the Military Cabinet on partisan activities, the treatment of Jews, anti-Soviet propaganda, the disposition of Romanian property in Bessarabia and North Bukovina in 1940, Romanian prisoners of war in the USSR, and SSI correspondence with military organs relating to conditions in Transnistria, Bessarabia, Bukovina, and Moldavia.

Provenance: Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi voennyi arkhiv (Russian State Military Archive), 1993
Language: Romanian
Years: 1940-1944
2 microfilm reels (16 mm)
RG-31.021, *Jewish Political Parties' and Organizations' Election Campaign Leaflets, 1904–1919*

This collection contains election campaign leaflets of Jewish political parties and organizations, 1904–1919.

Provenance: Instytut iudaïky (Judaica Institute), Kiev, 2003
Languages: Yiddish, Russian, Ukrainian, Hebrew, German, Swedish, English
Years: 1904-1919
2 microfiches

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: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute)
Languages: Russian and Yiddish
Years: 1930-1964
3,800 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory


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: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute)

RG-31.085, *Gorodetskii Family Letters, 1941*

5 letters from S.B. Gorodetskii to his wife, Zinaida (Zina), and 1 to his sister Nina in Kazan.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Language: Russian
Year: 1941
14 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory
RG-31.088, *Schwartzman Family Postcards, 1942-1944*

6 wartime postcards to Uzbekistan, Stalingrad, Novosibirsk, and Gorky, with representative Soviet antifascist graphic art.

Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Language: Russian  
Years: 1942-1944  
11 pages  
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.092, *Sklar Family Papers, 1943-1949*

Family papers, principally of Boris Moiseevich Sklar: personal letters, stamped certificates, postcards, 1946 handwritten autobiographical statement by Tsipa Yankelevna Shvidkaia.

Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Language: Russian  
Years: 1943-1949  
42 pages  
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.094, *Solomon Benediktovich Telingater Collection, 1999*

Photocopies of V.S. Telingater’s “Solomon Benediktovich Telingater: Notes about My Father.”

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Language: Russian  
1 folder (100 pages)  
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-46.035M, *Papers of Peter Gabe, 1912–1921*

Manuscripts, notebooks, letters, and newspaper clippings related to "the Jewish Question," the resettlement of Jewish families, and the migration of Russian Jews to agricultural colonies in Palestine.

Provenance: Tsentralen Durzhaven Arkhiv (Central State Archives of Bulgaria), Fond 137, Opus 1, in 2002.  
Language: Bulgarian  
Years: 1912-1921  
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-48.008M, *Selected Records from Central State Archives in Prague, 1939–1945*

This collection contains records of the Reich Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and subordinate Czech agencies dealing with internal security and "racial" policy: Aryanization of Jewish-owned businesses; lists of Jewish employees; Theresienstadt and the Lety camp; lists of art objects in Sbirow castle; information on Jews, Russians, and Roma and Sinti in Gdan’sk, Poland.

Provenance: Národní archiv v Praze (Czech National Archives in Prague), Fond JAF 1005; 2004, 2006
Languages: German, Czech
Years: 1939-1945


This record group holds a wide range of materials and media compiled by Aleksandr Kulisiewicz, primarily during his incarceration as a political prisoner and after his liberation from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. At Sachsenhausen he composed 54 songs; after liberation he continued to compose and also published his and his fellow inmates' lyrics and music. The documents include songs, music, and poetry; manuscripts of books by Kulisiewicz and others; photographs and art; tapes of Kulisiewicz's recordings; and his correspondence with survivors. Published materials from the collection reside in the USHMM Library.

Provenance: Kulisiewicz’s son Krzysztof, 1992
Languages: Polish, German, Yiddish, Russian, French
Years: 1918-1982 (bulk 1939-1980)
55 linear feet

RG-59.004M, *Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence before 1906 relating to the Russian Empire, 1847-1883*

This correspondence relates to the case of Mr. L. Lewisohn
Provenance: National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 65
Language: English
Years: 1847-1883
1 microfilm reel
Finding aid: Inventory description
RG-59.064, Selected Records from the Foreign Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Embassy and Consulate in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (formerly Russian Empire). General Correspondence, 1942–1946

Correspondence and reports from the British Embassy and consulates regarding the liquidation of the Jews in Riga, the joint Allied declaration condemning Nazi atrocities, the settlement of Jews in Uzbekistan, and the situation of other Jews in the USSR.

Provenance: National Archives, UK, FO 181, 2010
Language: English
Years: 1942-1946
183 digital images

RG-60.134X, Hubert Conquere de Monbrison Collection

Exquisite original color film documenting refugee girls from the Russian and Spanish civil wars, and a group of Jewish boys who came to France on a Kindertransport from Berlin in 1939. The boys (most identified), are arriving at a chateau owned by Hubert de Monbrison, who (along with a niece of the last tsar), housed and educated refugee children. De Monbrison’s Jewish physician, a board member of the Ouvre de secours aux enfants, prevailed upon him to shelter the 40 children. In 1940 the German occupation requisitioned the chateau; the boys were relocated to other OSE homes and many survived. One, Norbert Bikales, now in his eighties, notified the USHMM of the film’s existence.

Provenance: Christian de Monbrison, Hubert's son, 2011.
Language: Silent
16mm Kodachrome film (31 min.)

RG-60-4642, Atrocities by the German-Fascist Aggressors in the USSR

Soviet film shown at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

Provenance: Library of Congress, 2005 (LoC prob. received film from the Office of Alien Property or the Military Intelligence Division).
Language: Russian
Videotape (60 min.)
RG-66.005, *Documents Transferred to the Government of Sweden by the Soviet Commission to Investigate the Fate of the Swedish Diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, 1945–1991*

This collection contains copies of documents related to the investigation of the fate of the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who disappeared in the Soviet Union after World War II. Some are from the archives of the Soviet government agencies and ministries, such as People’s Commissariat of Internal Affairs (NKVD and its successors, the MGB and the KGB), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR. The files include correspondence between these and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, the Ministry of Interior of Sweden, and the Swedish Ambassador in Moscow regarding Wallenberg’s fate after he and his driver, Vilmos Langfelder, were arrested by the Soviet authorities in Budapest in May 1945.

Provenance: All the documents were gathered by the Soviet Commission established in 1990 for the specific purpose of clarifying the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. Source of acquisition is the Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm.

Language: Russian

Years: 1945-1991

4 folders containing ca. 500 pages

RG-67.023M, *Berlin Collection of YIVO, 1931–1945*

Portions of reports by agencies of the Nazi government, other printed matter, clippings, and documents of the Reich Ministry for Propaganda and the Reich Civil Administration for the Occupied Eastern Territories.

Provenance: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2009

Languages: German, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, French

Years: 1931-1945

41 microfilm reels (35 mm)


Correspondence, essays, other writings, biographical information, and material pertaining to Pat’s work with the Jewish Labor Committee.

Provenance: Jacob Pat’s granddaughter, Rebecca Pat Cohen, donated this collection to the Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives in 1998. The USHMM obtained this collection in 2009.

Languages: Yiddish, English, French, German, Russian, Hebrew

Years: 1935-1978

5 microfilm reels (35 mm)

Survivor accounts and other documents related to ghettos, labor camps, hiding, the underground, the resistance, orphans, displaced persons camps, and other subjects in many parts of Europe; collected by YIVO, the Jewish Historical Commission in Poland, the World Jewish Congress, Yad Vashem, and various other Jewish agencies.

Languages: Yiddish, Polish, German, French, Hungarian, Italian, English, Russian, Hungarian, Hebrew
Years: 1942-1990
10 microfilm reels (35 mm, ca. 1,900 testimonies) in series I; 9 microfilm reels (35 mm, ca. 520 testimonies) in series III

RG-67.029M, *Berlin Collection (MK 310.33), 1941–1944*

Instructions of Generalkommissar für Weissruthenien (Belorussia); photographs of Reich Finance Minister Lutz von Schwerin-Krosigk in Riga; correspondence about the Jewish Question and gassing equipment; funeral speech for Generalkommissar Wilhelm Kube; reports on the mood of the population; statistics on Germans there; documents of Einsatzstab Rosenberg regarding Minsk, Orel, Briansk, Gorki, and Bialystock; material relating to resistance in Belorussia and the Baltic; information about propaganda; other material.

Languages: German, Russian
Years: 1941-1944
4 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-67.030M, *Itzkhak Giterman Collection at YIVO, 1940–1943*

Records relating to the German occupation of France, Poland, and Soviet territories; subjects include the Wehrmacht, deportation of Jews from France, and German colonization of the “East.”

Languages: German, Russian
Years: 1940-1943
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-68.114M, Archives of the Far Eastern Jewish Central Information Bureau (DALJEWCIB) Harbin-Shanghai, 1938–1940

Administrative files of the Central Information Bureau for Jewish War Victims in the Far East, and the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland (Jewish Aid in Germany). Includes correspondence with Jewish communities and international Jewish and non-Jewish aid and migration organizations in parts of the world such as New Zealand, Italy, China, Switzerland, Germany (including annexed Austria), Australia, Great Britain, Yugoslavia, Poland, Latin America, and the United States; ca. 3,000 applications for emigration to Harbin and Shanghai from Jews in Austria, Germany, Italy, and Poland; and a wide variety of personal documents such as correspondence, photographs, curricula vitae, reference letters, and the like.

Provenance: Records collected by the DALJEWCIB, transferred to the Arkhiyon ha-merkazi le-toldot ha-am ha-Yehudi during the 1950s; 2010.
Languages: Russian, German, Yiddish, English
Years: 1938-1940
171 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-68.118, Literary Archive of the Soviet Yiddish Writer and Journalist Mikhail Lev, 1940–2008

Literary archives of Mikhail Lev: correspondence with readers, colleagues, friends, Holocaust survivors, publishing houses, and literary journals. Lev dedicated much of his career to the Holocaust, the heroism of the Jewish people during World War II, and the history of the Sobibór death camp and the uprising there. Collection contains Lev’s correspondence with Sobibór uprising leader Aleksandr Pecherskii and several other survivors of Sobibór, correspondence between Pecherskii and other Sobibór survivors, personal documents and publications of Pecherskii, a biography of Pecherskii, and other published and unpublished materials related to Sobibór. Material also includes reviews of Mikhail Lev’s published works, texts of lectures, and drafts of manuscripts submitted for publication. The collection also includes papers of: historian and journalist Valentin Tomin (author of a 1964 book about Sobibór); M. Shulman (containing letters from Soviet Yiddish writers); I. Rabin; poet Yakov Shternberg (including letters, photographs, and publications), Yiddish specialist Rosengauz (personal diary); and Yiddish author Girsch Dobin (d. 2001), a survivor of the Minsk ghetto.

Provenance: Purchased from Mikhail Lev, Israel, 2011
Languages: Yiddish, Russian
Years: 1940-2008
9 boxes, ca. 6,000 pages in 158 folders
Excerpts from captured German directives, decrees, lists of Jews who had emigrated, reports, correspondence, and the like. Documents relate to administration of the Gestapo and Sicherheitsdienst (SD); personnel of the RSHA and Gestapo; Zionist and other Jewish organizations, religious conversion of Jews, the Jewish community of Vienna, anti-Jewish laws, the closure of Jewish schools, and the “Aryanization” of Jewish-owned businesses; activities of the German Labor Front; activities of the Zentralbauleitung der Waffen-SS und Polizei in Auschwitz, and of the SD and Sicherheitspolizei in the Baltic; and activities of Polish, Lithuanian, and Jewish partisans.

Provenance: Yad Vashem, 1996. Reproduced earlier in Moscow, but without the Osobyi archival signatures, so that source collections cannot be identified.
Languages: German, Dutch, Yiddish, French, Greek, Romanian, and Spanish
Years: 1932-1945
8 microfilm reels (16 mm)

Articles submitted to Einigkeit, the newspaper of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, relating to the Nazi attempt to destroy the Jews of Europe and Jewish resistance.

Provenance: Yad Vashem, 1998; originals at State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Fond 8114.
Languages: Yiddish and Russian
Years: 1942-1945
3 microfilm reels (16 mm)
Ukraine


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 Maximillian 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

Years: 1934-1993

3 folders of photocopies

Finding Aids: Handwritten list of documents located in third folder

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’kyi State Oblast Archive, Ukraine, from which USHMM acquired them.
Languages: Ukrainian
Years: 1941-1942
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
Years: 1941-1944
9 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Item-level description

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.
Languages: Ukrainian, German, and Russian
Years: 1941-1942
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level description
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, Owruch, 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.
Languages: German, Ukrainian, and Russian
Years: 1941-1943
14 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Preliminary handwritten folder-level research notes

Three-part memoir. Part I: a history of Ostrog, Poland/Ukraine, and its Jewish community. Part II: her family’s experiences during the Soviet occupation in 1939 their flight to Lvov (now L’viv, Ukraine), while she remained in Ostrog with her married sister so she could continue her education; reunion with her family in Lvov in 1941; pogroms following the Nazi capture of the city in 1941 (her father and brother Grisha perished); her mother’s acquisition of working papers for herself, Janet, and Janet’s sister, Anya (saving them from deportation to the ghetto); her mother’s arrest and deportation to Treblinka in 1942; the sisters’ survival under false papers as domestics in Germany; Janet’s postwar return to L’viv, where she attended school under her assumed Christian name; and her emigration to Warsaw, where she worked with war orphans and met her future husband, Feliks Puterman, a painter and fellow survivor. Part III: Rogowsky’s postwar experiences in Warsaw, where the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee put her in touch with relatives in New York, reunion with Anya in a displaced persons camp near Frankfurt, her move to Paris, where Feliks exhibited; and emigration to America. Collection includes some material on Feliks and his family. See also accession 1992.213, the Janet Rogowsky (Feliks Puterman) Collection.

Provenance: Janet Rogowsky, 1996
Language: English
1 folder

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.
Language: German and Ukrainian
Year: 1941
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
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 2nd 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

RG-02.002, American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Collection, 1940–1983 (bulk 1983)

Written testimonies, poems, songs, and various other materials by Holocaust survivors compiled during the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, Washington, DC, 1983.

Provenance: American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 1983
Languages: English, Yiddish, Polish, Hebrew, Ukrainian
Years: 1940-1983 (bulk 1983)
3 boxes (54 microfiches)

RG-02.137, Chiel M. Rajchman Testimony, n.d.

This testimony contains information about the experiences of Chiel Rajchman, including his deportation to Treblinka, his treatment by Ukrainian guards there, the prisoners' revolt in the camp, his escape from Treblinka, and his return to Warsaw.

Provenance: Chiel M. Rajchman, ca. 1988
Language: Hebrew
3 microfiches
RG-02.166, Benjamin Klotz Memoir, n.d.

Benjamin Klotz’s recollections of the German invasion of Poland, life under the occupation of Łódź, escape to Soviet-occupied Lwow, Poland (now L'viv, Ukraine), escape from the German occupation of the city, the fates of family members, incarceration in Bierzanow-Plaszow, Buchenwald, and Bautzen, liberation by the Soviets, life as a DP, reunion with son, emigration to the US.

Provenance: E. Jack Harris, 1994
Language: Undetermined
1 microfiche


In this memoir, Markus Lecker describes his childhood in Romania, the Soviet occupation of northern Bucovina, the German invasion and occupation of the Soviet Union, his attempt to escape and his capture, his survival of "Aktionen" undertaken by Germans and their Ukrainian collaborators, his internment in the Borshchuv (a.k.a. Borshov, Borszow) ghetto, his escape from that ghetto's liquidation and survival by hiding in a forest, his bout with typhus, his liberation and reunion with his parents, and his experiences in the Soviet army. Included are photocopies of photographs of Lecker and his family.

Provenance: Markus Lecker, 1994
Language: English
Years: 1939-1946
1 microfiche

RG-02.183, "Journey through the Valley of Perdition Traveled by Gary A. Keins," 1984

Gary Keins’s memoir describes his life in German Silesia, his life in Poland after World War I, the German invasion of Poland, his life while assuming a false identity, conditions in Warsaw during the occupation, his experiences in Zamosc and L'viv (a.k.a. L'wów, L'vov, and Lemberg), the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, his experiences with the Soviet military, the deaths of his family members, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Gary A. Keins, 1994
Language: English
5 microfiches

Memoir in which Moishe (Michael) Woszczyna of Stepan, Poland recounts the German invasion, anti-Jewish measures by Germans and Ukrainians, the partisan; life in the Stepan ghetto; survival ghetto massacre hiding under an oven, life with the partisans, reunification with older sister, 1944 liberation by Red Army, reunification with another sister. Collection includes postwar poetry.

Provenance: Michael (Moishe) Woszczyna, 2009
Language: English
1 memoir (150 pages)

RG-10.509, Testimony regarding the Ribuschcheetz Family, n.d.

Typed testimony in English, Hebrew, and Russian about the Ribuschcheetz family, who hid the Jewish Sorovitz family in Podmostok, Ukraine, between 1942 and 1945. Details include the false names of the Sorovitzes, descriptions of forest shelters, the heroism of Ivan Ribuschcheetz’s daughter, Mama Varka. Collection includes 2 photographs of the Sorovitz family.

Provenance: Nina Merrick, whose family the Ribuschcheetzes saved, 2010
Languages: English, Hebrew, and Russian
1 folder and two photographs

RG-11.001M.12, Records of the SD-Abschnitt Erfurt und Weimar (Fond 1241), 1939–1943

These records include the 1939 reports of the SD sector in Eisenach; printed materials on the activities of the Institut zur Erforschung und Beseitigung des jüdischen Einflusses auf das deutsche kirchliche Leben ("Institute for the Investigation and Removal of Jewish Influence on German Religious Life"); a 1942 Himmler directive and other reports and regulations on strengthening SS and police combat forces in occupied Poland and the Eastern Territories, including the recruitment of Ukrainians, Balts, and White Ruthenians under the coordination of SS Brigade Leader Globocnik. Also included is a report about an Ordnungspolizei special action (Sondereinsatz) in Marseilles in January 1943.

Language: German
Years: 1939-1943
Reel 80 (16 mm, 1 folder)
This collection contains miscellaneous German military records from the Reichsarchiv and/or Heeresarchiv, Potsdam; reports from the 444th Sicherungsdivision on duty in the southern Ukraine 1941-1943; situation reports on number, distribution of, and plans for eliminating Jews in numerous locations; reports about the Ukrainian pogrom against Jews in Velikiy Boryslav in July 1941; reports on forms and proofs of Aryan purity of members of the German army; reports on administrative matters including efforts to revive industry and mining, the disposal of collective farms, the attitudes of peasants, and food supplies for the population; information about forced Ukrainian labor for work in the Reich, civilian vehicular traffic, and the confiscation of gold; routine administrative reports from 286th Sicherungsdivision, including ammunition reserves, rifle training, and weapons maintenance.

Language: German
Years: 1941-1943
Reels 92, 396–98 (16 mm)

This collection contains information about German, Ukrainian, and Lithuanian terrorism in occupied Poland; resistance movements; and the conditions of the Polish population during occupation.

Provenance: Archives of New Documents-VIth Division-Former Communist Party Archives (Archiwum Akt Nowych-Oddz. VI)
Language: Polish
Years: 1941-1945
3 microfilm reels (35 mm)

This collection contains information about activities of the Department of Information and Press, the occupation policies of the Nazis, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, radio broadcast monitoring in Europe, conditions in various regions of Poland during the occupation, relations between Poles and Ukrainians, propaganda, and communist activities in Poland.

Provenance: Archives of New Documents-VIth Division-Former Communist Party Archives (Archiwum Akt Nowych-Oddz. VI)
Language: Polish
Years: 1938-1945
5 microfilm reels (35 mm)
RG-15.067M, Abwehrant Lublin, 1944

This collection contains counter-intelligence investigation protocols of arrests, agents' reports, correspondence, instructions for agents issued to units with the code names "Einheit Lichtenstein" and "Meldekopf Spesser," and agents' notes. Subjects include Polish underground movements, the attitudes of the Ukrainian population, the Red Army on the Eastern Front, arrests and investigations of members of partisan groups and parachute groups in the Lublin area, Soviet espionage in the Lublin area, and arrests and investigations of Soviet agents.

Provenance: Institute of National Memory, Main Commission for the Investigation of Crimes Against the Polish Nation, Fond 182
Language: German
Year: 1944
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

RG-15.068M, Kreishauptmann Zamosc Records, 1940–1944

This collection contains financial and administrative documents from the Kreishauptamt Zamosc Finanzkasse. The documents relate to confiscated food and fines levied against Jews in the Zamosc area, guidelines for the regulation of non-German labor, reports on the evacuation and relocation of Poles and Ukrainians, lists of families and camp inmates released for labor from the Arbeitsamt Zamosc, and provisions for police and prisoners from the Amt für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft.

Provenance: Institute of National Memory, Main Commission for the Investigation of Crimes Against the Polish Nation, Fond 188. Three files were reproduced from this Fond: File 1 contains Kreishauptmann Zamosc Finanzkasse records, File 2 contains Arbeitsamt Zamosc reco
Languages: German, Polish
Years: 1940-1944
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-15.069M, Teka Lwowska (Lwów Files), 1898–1979 (bulk 1941–1945)

This collection contains reports, articles, clippings, and various other documents relating to the persecution and execution of Jews in Lwów, Poland (now Lviv, Ukraine); the activities of the Jewish council (Judenrat) in the Lwów ghetto; the confiscation of Jewish property; the eviction of Jews from their homes; various "actions" in the ghetto, some specifically targeting elderly Jews; the mistreatment of Jews by Ukrainians; the burning of synagogues; the extortion of money from Jews in the ghetto; the activities of the German police and Gestapo; Jews taken to forced labor camps near Lwów; the activities of the Jewish police; the pogrom against the Lwów Jews at the time of the German invasion in 1941; a massacre in the Brygidki prison in Lwów; and the oaths of Lwów rabbis from 1898 to 1928.

Provenance: Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, Fond 229
Languages: Polish, German
Years: 1898-1979
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

RG-15.186M, Centralny Komitet Żydów w Polsce (CKŻP), Wydział Ewidencji i Statystyki (Central Committee of Jews in Poland, Department of Registration and Statistics), 1944–1950

Minutes, reports, briefs, correspondence, personnel files, and statistics on the Jewish communities throughout Poland; the central index books and registration forms for Jewish survivors in Poland (approx. 280,000 cards); portions of the Lublin, Łódź, Gliwice, and Bielsko-Biała card files; a card file created by the Warsaw committee of the CKŻP; and a file on people sent from Sovietized L'vov to postwar Poland during the population exchange with Ukraine.

Provenance: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny imienia Emanuela Ringelbluma (Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute), Syg. 303/V (previously Syg. 307); 2010
Languages: Polish, Yiddish
Years: 1944-1950
100 microfilm reels (35 mm; 109,135 frames)


Elizaveta Volfson’s poem “Babi Yar,” about the 1941 massacre of approximately 33,000 Jews near Kiev.

Provenance: Elizaveta Volfson, 1988
Language: Ukrainian (with English-language translation)
1 microfiche

In her poem “Shma Israel” (Hear, O Israel) Olga Zaslavsky recounts the massacre of Soviet Jews at Babi Yar.

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, and English
1 microfiche

RG-25.045M, Selected Records from Collections of the Suceava Branch of the Romanian National Archives, 1936–1950 (bulk 1938–1946)

This collection contains selected records from the gendarmerie, police, district prefectures, and mayors' offices of many localities of Suceava County in Southern Bukovina. Topics include Jewish communal life; anti-Jewish laws; standards for qualifying for Romanian citizenship; denaturalization; the "evacuation" of Jews from rural areas, their internment in camps, and their deportation to Transnistria; and the "Aryanization" of Jewish property. It also contains documents and statistics on Roma and Sinti, Germans, Hungarians, and Ukrainians.

Provenance: Romanian National Archives (Romania Arhivele Nationale), Suceava Branch, from the following fonds: Prefectura judetului Baia, Prefectura judetului Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Prefectura judetului Radaut, Prefectura judetului Suceava, Pretura plasii Siret, Pretu
Language: Romanian
Years: 1936-1950 (bulk 1938-1946)
16 microfilm reels (35 mm)
Julius Kühl, a Polish Jew employed at the Polish embassy in Switzerland, helped save hundreds. 8 series: 1. Correspondence: efforts to rescue Jews from Poland and Romania; locating relatives in occupied France; assistance to internees in Switzerland; communications with rescuers such as Raoul Wallenberg. 2. Telegrams: work with organizations, pleas for immigration papers, government decisions, deportations of notables, schooling interned children, hiding children with Gentiles, postwar tracing. 3. Clippings: affairs in Europe and Palestine, Swiss antisemitism, Nuremberg trials, embassy work. 4. Reports, Pamphlets: refugee organizations, emigration to Palestine, prewar persecution in USSR, suit against publishers of Protocols of Zion, resistance in France, life in camps, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Jewish rescue efforts, aid to displaced persons. 5. Miscellanea (Primarily on Polish Jews): property issues, diplomatic passports, German arrest-warrants, permits to visit camps, relief organizations, transports, child refugees, Auschwitz, Dutch and French Jews, publishing in Palestine, restitution, the Swiss-Israelite Association. 6. Interview of Zionist Figure Reuben Hecht by Dr. Monty Penkower: Zionist organizations, talks with Catholic Church and US intelligence representative. 7. Report by Treblinka Escapee Jankiel Wiernitz: living conditions, murder of inmates, treatment of inmates by Germans and Ukrainians, John Demjanjuk, rape, preparation of uprising. 8. Autobiography: Galicia, studies, Polish legation, mother’s deportation and liberation from Soviet exile, rescue efforts by Papal Nuncio Berndini and others, emigration to Canada.

Provenance: The United States Holocaust Memorial Council received these copies from an anonymous donor in 1980.
Languages: Polish, English, German, French, Hebrew, Yiddish, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Danish
Years: 1929-1980
7 boxes, 70 microfiches

RG-31.001M, Selected Records from the L’viv State Oblast Archive, 1941–1944

Files 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 Kriehauptmann Drohobycz, and other organizations.

Provenance: Records Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Arkhiv Ukrainy, L’viv (Central State Historical Archive in L’vov) abandoned by the retreating Germans, taken by Soviet security forces, then housed at the L’viv State Oblast Archive.
Languages: Ukrainian, German, Yiddish, Polish
Years: 1941-1944
34 microfilm reels (16 mm)
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
Years: 1940-1945
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 (Lvov), 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
Years: 1942-1945
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
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 Odessa Oblast Archive, where Yad Vashem representatives chose files and documents for reproduction.
Languages: Romanian and Ukrainian
Years: 1941-1944
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
Years: 1941-1944
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 (Czernowitz [German], Chernovtsy [Russian], Černăuți [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
Years: 1941-1944
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
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

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
Years: 1941-1944
75 microfiche cards and 1 folder of photocopies
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

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, Russian, and German
Years: 1941-1944
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.
Languages: Romanian, German, and Ukrainian
Years: 1941-1943
34 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
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

Years: 1944-1980

0.25 linear inches of photocopies

Finding Aids: Item-level description

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.

Languages: Polish, German, and Ukrainian

Years: 1920-1942

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) (name lists); the condition of local economic enterprises; supplying military units; agricultural and other economic conditions; police and security matters; anticomunist 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

Years: 1941-1944

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.

Language: Russian

Years: 1943-1944

43 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Preliminary document-level descriptions in Russian

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

Years: 1941-1960 (bulk 1941-1946)

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

Years: 1937-1943

9 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: File-level descriptions in English


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

Years: 1945-1970

31 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Preliminary case-level description in Russian
RG-31.019M, *Crimean Branch, Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate Nazi Crimes, 1944*

This collection contains records related to the Crimean branch of the Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate Nazi Crimes during World War II.

Provenance: Derzhavnyi arkhiv Avtonomnoi Respubliki Krym (State Archives of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea), 2003
Language: Russian
Year: 1944
50 microfilm reels (35 mm)


This collection consists of 901 affidavits solicited by the Chernivtsi Jewish Survivors Organization in order to press the Soviet government for pension supplements compensating for World War II atrocities. The organization continued to receive affidavits after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Provenance: Chernivtsi Jewish Survivors Organization, 1993
Language: Russian
Years: 1990-1993
35 microfiches
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.021, *Jewish Political Parties' and Organizations' Election Campaign Leaflets, 1904–1919*

This collection contains election campaign leaflets of Jewish political parties and organizations, 1904–1919.

Provenance: Instytut iudaïky (Judaica Institute), Kiev, 2003
Languages: Yiddish, Russian, Ukrainian, Hebrew, German, Swedish, English
Years: 1904-1919
2 microfiches

RG-31.022, *Literary Archives of Mikhail Yakovlevich Pinchevskiy, 1930–1950*

Poetry, stories, and plays by Mikhail Yakovlevich Pinchevskiy in Yiddish and translated into Russian. Poetry dedicated primarily to Jewish life in Bessarabia (now Moldova) and Ukraine, and to the heroism of Jewish soldiers during World War II.

Provenance: Instytut iudaïky (Judaica Institute), Kiev, 2003
Years: 1930-1950
Languages: Yiddish, Russian, and Ukrainian
19 microfiches
RG-31.023, *Anti-Jewish Nazi and Collaborationist Leaflets and Announcements, 1941–1943*

Nazi and collaborationist antisemitic flyers from occupied Ukraine.

Provenance: Instytut iudaiky (Judaica Institute), Kiev, 2003  
Languages: Ukrainian, Russian, German, Yiddish  
Years: 1941-1943  
1 microfiche

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  
Years: 1930-1983  
200 photocopied pages

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: Judaica Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine.  
Languages: Russian and Yiddish  
Years: 1930-1964  
3800 photocopied pages  
Restrictions: On publication. Permission of the Judaica Institute required.  
Finding Aids: English-language list of titles of works
RG-31.026M, Selected Records from the Former Archives of the Communist Party of Ukraine, 1941–1950

Records of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine about Nazi-occupied territories, including secret reports to Nikita Khrushchev about liberated areas, Ukrainian nationalist organizations, antisemitism, and repatriation of Ukrainians from Germany. The collection also includes captured German documents, wartime diaries, and materials of the Special Commission for the History of the Great Patriotic War of the Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR about the partisan movement.

Provenance: Tsentral'nyi derzhavnyi arkhiv hromads'kyh ob'iednan' Ukrainy (Central State Archives of Public Organizations of the Ukraine, formerly Archives of the Communist Party of Ukraine), 2003
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, German
Years: 1941-1950
20 microfilm reels (16 mm)


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: Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine.
Languages: Ukrainian and Russian
1.6 linear feet of photocopies
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: Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine.
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, and Yiddish
Years: 1930-1950
Ca. 0.75 linear feet of photocopies
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

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: Archives of the Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine. Languages: Polish, Yiddish, and Russian
Years: 1943-1970
500 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Preliminary document list in Russian and English

RG-31.030M, *Administration of the City of Kerch during the Nazi Occupation, 1941*

Records of the local administration, including orders, announcements, information on the Jewish population, and lists of Jewish-owned property.

Provenance: Derzhavniy arkhyv Avtonomnoi Respuliki Krym (State Archives of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea), 2004
Language: Russian
Year: 1941
3 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.032M, *Office of the German Commandant of Kerch Harbor, 1941*

Records of German commandant of Kerch harbor, including orders, announcements, information about the Jewish population, and lists of Jewish-owned property.

Provenance: Derzhavniy arkhyv Avtonomnoi Respuliki Krym (State Archive of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea), Fond P-1465; 2004
Language: Russian
Year: 1941
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
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

Years: 1917-1939

131 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level finding aid in Ukrainian


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

Years: 1938-1943

3600 photocopied pages

Finding Aids: Letters arranged chronologically
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: Vospomynanyia (In the Hearth of Revolution: Memoirs)*, completed ca. 1966 in Kyiv.

Provenance: Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian
Years: 1942-1950
260 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Russian-language list of the letters


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: Judaica Institute in Kyiv, Ukraine.
Languages: Yiddish and Russian
Years: 1930-1960
1200 photocopied pages

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
Years: 1873-1928
23 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
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 Malapolska. 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 Malapolska 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
Years: 1921-1939
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1895-1940
38 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
This collection covers the activities of the Lwow branch of the Jewish welfare organization Towarzystwo Ochrony Zdrowia (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
Years: 1923-1939
17 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1926-1939
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1929-1939
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
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
Years: 1929-1939
7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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: Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian
Years: 1941-1942
Ca. 200 photocopied pages

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: Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian
Years: 1941-1945
76 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian
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
Years: 1941-1945
41 photocopied pages of photocopies
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian

RG-31.048, *Memoirs of Lyubov Tartakover, Serye kachaiuishie-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: Lyubov Tartakover.
Languages: Russian
Years: 1944-1945
61 photocopied pages


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
Years: 1989-1997
Ca. 440 photocopied pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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: Judaica Institute in Kyiv, 2006
Languages: Yiddish and Russian
Years: 1943-1962
4 boxes, 30 folders (ca. 1,440 pages)


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: Institut Judaiki (Judaica Institute)
Languages: Russian
Years: 1968-1970
233 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English and Russian
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: Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian
Ca. 1,000 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Russian


This collection contains memoirs written in late 1990 covering primarily the period from 1941 to 1944. Topics include life before the war in Ilyintsy (Vinnitsa region), and the evacuation in Uzbekistan. Tesytlin 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: Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian
60 photocopied pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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
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: Judaica Institute, Kyiv.
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, and Yiddish
62 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

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
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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

This collection contains records of various organs of Obshetskom 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
Years: 1918-1924
29 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
RG-31.058M, *Selected Records Related to the History of Jewish Communities, from the State Archive of the Kyiv Region of Ukraine, 1917–1957*

Records of Jewish organizations and Communist Party organizations on history of Jews in the Kyiv region before, during, and after World War II.

Provenance: Derzhavnyi arkhiv Kyivskoi Oblasti (State Archive of the Kiev Region), 2007
Languages: Ukrainian, Russian, Yiddish
Years: 1917-1957
29 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.059M, *Selected Records Related to the Holocaust and the Nazi Occupation, from the State Archives of the Kyiv Region, 1941–1944*

Collection includes records of several organizations and institutions: lists of Ukrainian policemen, orders and circulars of police and administrative institutions, correspondence with the German authorities, payrolls, secret police instructions, passport and other identification document applications, and a population census.

Provenance: Derzhavnyi Arkhiv Kyivskoi Oblasti (State Archive of the Kiev Region), 2007
Languages: Ukrainian, Russian, Yiddish
Years: 1941-1944
70 microfilm reels (35 mm)


Selected material from local state and Communist Party organizations on various aspects of Jewish life in the Zhytomyr region, chiefly before World War II. It includes records of the Jewish sections of the Party; Jewish social and political organizations; Jewish schools; closures of synagogues and confiscation of religious objects; and Jewish agricultural colonies and collective farms. There are also demographic information, records of the Berdichev District Committee to Assist Victims of Pogroms during the Civil War, and records of trials of pogromists.

Provenance: Derzhavny Arkhiv Zhytomyrsk'koi Oblasti (State Archives of the Zhytomyr Region), 2007
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, Ukrainian
Years: 1917-1949
33 microfilm reels (35 mm)

This collection contains documentation of Jewish World War II veterans, primarily transcribed interviews, but also biographical and autobiographical accounts. In addition to detail about the war, the accounts also record daily life, religious activities, family affairs, and education before and after the war.

Provenance: Instytut Iudaiky (Judaica Institute), 2007
Language: Russian
ca. 1,000 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory


This collection contains correspondence and photographs related to Yiddish writers, artists, and other cultural figures. It includes articles by and about Chaim Beider; drafts and copies of Beider's children's book Der Freylekher Alef-beys (The Happy Alphabet); publications about Jewish life in Birobidzhan; unpublished manuscripts; and translations of operas, poems, plays, and songs into Yiddish.

Provenance: Chaim Beider’s widow, 2007
Languages: Russian, Yiddish, Ukrainian, Polish
Years: 1920-2003
14 boxes (ca. 10,000 pages)
Finding aid: English-language inventory

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, Stanislwow Regional Administration.
Languages: Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew, and German
Years: approx. 1920-1939
26 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Combined roll list and preliminary guide in Russian
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, Stanislwow Regional Executive Office.
Languages: Polish, German, Czech, Italian, and English
Years: 1918-1938
101 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: English-language roll index by last name


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
Years: 1935-1939
14 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
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
Years: 1924-1939
27 microform rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1925-1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1931-1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1930-1933
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
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
Years: 1931-1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1926-1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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
Years: 1935-1936
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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

Years: 1935-1936

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Findings: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian

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

Years: 1918-1931

35 microfilm rolls (35 mm), 4 videotapes (299 min.)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
RG-31.075, *Prewar Jewish Records from the Vinnytsia Oblast' Archive, 1920s–1930s*

This collection includes a variety of records of the Soviet governmental and Communist Party regional administration on Jewish communities of the Vinnitsa region. Included are statistical information, family lists, documents about schools and reading rooms, the promotion of literacy and vocational training, bylaws of Jewish religious communities, files on Jews who appealed for the reinstatement of their electoral rights, files of Jewish owners of businesses, and inventories of synagogues and prayer houses. The collection also includes records of the Jewish Community Committee (Evobshestkom) for the relief of victims of pogroms, as well as records of the Jewish communities of Mogilev-Podolskiy and Gaisin.

Provenance: State Archive of Vinnytsia Region
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, Yiddish
Years: approx. 1920-1939
Ca. 199,000 digital images

RG-31.076, *Jewish Source Material from the Former Central State Archive of the Highest Organs of Government and Administration, 1918-1930s*

Records of: the Ministry of Jewish Affairs of the Ukrainian People’s Republic, Ministry for Jewish Affairs of the Ukrainian State, Central Jewish Committee for Aid to Victims of Pogroms, All-Ukrainian Jewish Committee for Aid to Victims of Pogroms, Central Jewish Bureau of the People’s Commissariat of Education of Ukraine, Temporary Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, All-Ukrainian Commission for the Agricultural Settlement of Jewish Workers (KOMZET), Ukrainian Council of the Society for Agricultural Settlement of Jewish Workers (OZET), Ukrainian Central Committee of the Jewish Communist Youth League, Scholarly Research Department for Jewish Culture of the All-Ukrainian Academy of Science, Moscow Branch of the Russian Society for the Health Protection of the Jewish Population, Ukrainian Central Committee of the Society for Aid to Jewish Victims of War, Moscow Society to Aid Jewish Victims of War, Kharkov Electoral Area Office for Preparation for Elections to the All-Russian Jewish Congress, Central Committee of the United Jewish Socialist Workers’ Party, First Jewish Infantry Battalion in Odessa, Jewish National Secretariat of the Ukrainian State, Jewish National Secretariat of the Ukrainian People’s Republic, a Jewish publishing office, and the Special Investigative Commission on the Anti-Jewish Pogroms of the Ukrainian People’s Republic’s Council of Ministers.

Provenance: Tsentral’nyi derzhavnyi arkhiv vyshchykh orhaniv vlady ta upravlinnia Ukrainy (Central State Archive of the Highest Organs of Government and Administration of Ukraine), 2009, 2011
Languages: Ukrainian, Russian, Yiddish, German, and English
Years: 1918- approx. 1939
453,268 digital images
RG-31.077M, Selected Records from the Central State Archive of Public Organizations of Ukraine (Former Ukrainian Communist Party Archive), L’viv, 1944

Materials of the Extraordinary Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory, pertaining to L’viv oblast: reports on atrocities, name lists of victims.

Provenance: Tsentral’nyi gosudarstvennyi arkhiv obshchestvennykh organizatsii Ukrainy, L’viv Oblast’
Language: Russian
Year: 1944
1 microfilm reel (16 mm)

RG-31.078M, Selected Records from the Khmel’nyts’kiy (Khmelnitski) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1942

Documents relating to the confiscation of Jewish-owned property; census statistics on Jewish residents, including name lists; newspapers published during the occupation.

Provenance: Khmel’nyts’kiy State Oblast Archive, 1996. Records created by Ukrainian civil authorities under occupation, subsequently reviewed by Soviet security agencies and transferred to Ukrainian archival authorities
Language: Ukrainian
Years: 1941-1942
7 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.079, Records of the Regional Headquarters of the Jewish Youth Organization Hanoar Hazioni, 1935–1939

This collection contains photocopies of the personal letters and postcards of Deborah (Nina) Iakovleva Averbukh, who survived the early German occupation of Kharkov in 1941. The collection contains photocopies of letters, postcards, and newspaper clippings about Averbukh, a radio engineer.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute)
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
Years: 1935-1937
ca. 47 pages
RG-31.080, Averbukh Family Letters, 1941–2004 (bulk 1941)

Personal letters, postcards, and newspaper clippings of Deborah (Nina) Iakovleva Averbukh, a survivor of the 1941 German occupation of Kharkov.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
Years, 1941-2004
1 folder (23 items, 49 pages)
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.081, Sulamif Moiseevna Bogoslovskaiia Papers, 1928–1957

Photocopies of an autobiographical statement, records of employment, personal letters, official documents, school work, identification cards, and death certificate.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
Years: 1928-1957
49 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.082, Weinstein Family Papers, 1946-1949

Photocopies of personal letters, a report card, school compositions by Vladimir (Volodia) Weinstein in a Kiev orphanage for gifted children, an unsigned and untitled drawing, and an undated newspaper clipping about Vladimir’s brother, Mikhail, a well-known painter.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Language: Russian
1 folder (33 items, ca. 80 pages)
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.083, Boris Samoilovich Duberstein Papers, 1920-1955

9 items, including an autobiographical statement, personal letters, and official documents.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Language: Russian
Years: 1920-1955
18 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory
RG-31.084, Fialkov Family Collection, 1921-1944

Photocopies of official documents; letters, telegrams, and postcards recounting evacuation from Kiev, including information about Iakov Anatolevich Fialkov, Mariia Isaakovna Fialkova (husband and wife, professors at the Ukrainian Academy of Science), and their sons Anatolii and Iurii; letters from Mariia’s father, Isaak Kantor; and letters to Lena Tulchinskii, a childhood friend of Iurii.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
120 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.086, Elena Osipovna Malakhovshaia Collection, 1942–2001

Official documents, personal letters, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Elena Osipovna Malakhovshaia.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian
Years: 1942-2001
1 folder (8 items, 12 pages)

RG-31.087, Memorial to Kiev School No. 77, 1938-2005

Personal letters, official documents, biographical and autobiographical statements, poems, application forms, school transcripts, and newspaper clippings from students and teachers of Kiev School no. 77. Some documents pertain to students who graduated in 1939 or 1940, and concern their civil and military service during WWII. Documents regarding teachers mainly concern arrests in 1937 and 1938.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, German, and French
Years: 1938-2005
126 pages
Finding aid: English-language inventory
RG-31.089, *Segal Family Papers, 1920–1947*

Photocopies of official documents and personal letters of Abram Segal, who was evacuated to Tashkent during the war.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian  
Years: 1920-1947  
47 pages

RG-31.090, *Ulik Family Papers, 1941-1959*

Correspondence of the Ulik family: postcards with Soviet-era art; newspaper clippings and theatre programs enclosed with letters; official documents including Communist Party membership cards and a death certificate.

Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian  
Years: 1941-1959  
1,450 pages  
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.091, *Schwarzman Family Papers, 1883-1945*

Photocopies of official documents, personal letters, poems by members of this Kiev family. Some documents are pre-revolutionary, others are from World War II.

Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian  
Years: 1883-1945  
101 pages  
Finding aid: English-language inventory

RG-31.093, *Ushomirsky Family Letters, 1926-1950*

Letters, postcards, official documents, handwritten poems.

Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009  
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian  
Years: 1926-1950  
176 pages  
Finding aid: English-language inventory
RG-31.095M, Selected Records from the State Archives of Ivano-Frankivsk (formerly Stanislav) Oblast, 1944–1946

This collection contains reports and decisions from the Stanislavskai Oblast' State Extraordinary Commission to Investigate Crimes Committed by the German-Fascist Forces and by Their Collaborators in Ukraine. Also included is information on other activities of the Germans and their allies, details on various localities, and lists of Soviet citizens abused or killed. The collection also includes reports by local bureaus of the People's Commissariat for State Security (NKGB).

Provenance: State Archive of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast (Derzhavnyi arkhiv Ivano-Frankivskoi oblasti).
Languages: Russian and Ukrainian
Years: 1944-1946
7 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.096M, Selected Records from the Zhytomyr (Zhitomir) State Oblast Archive, 1941–1943

Selected records of the Generalkommissar Zhitomir; files of district leaders (Gebietskommissare) in Kasatin, Rushin, Zwiahel, Korosten, Owruch, Radom, Emilchino, Tschudnow, and Berdichev; records concerning Ukrainian Schutzmannschaft in Kasatin commissariat: documentation regarding confiscation of Jewish-owned property, searches for Jews, and the murder of Jewish families found in hiding; monthly Kommandobefehle of the German Gendarmarie in Zhitomir and Vinnitsa (1942–1943); SD interrogations of partisans and Ukrainian nationalists; materials relating to the Ukrainian nationalist independence movement (OUN-B); German police logs of partisan attacks; accounts of roundups for slave labor and deportation schedules from the Zwiahel commissariat; reports on local economy; information on roadbuilding and Organisation Todt; documentation of colonization by Volksdeutsche; ethnographic surveys by Karl Stumpp; and reports from the Volksdeutsche Mittelstelle, Aussenstelle Zhitomir.

Provenance: Zhytomyr State Oblast Archive, 1996. Records abandoned by various German authorities, taken over by Soviet security authorities, and later transferred to the Ukrainian archival system.
Languages: German, Ukrainian, and Russian
Years: 1941-1943
14 microfilm reels (35 mm)
RG-31.097M, Selected Records from the State Archive of Ternopil Oblast, 1941–1942

Various records: statistical census data and the registration of Jews, Jewish forced labor (including name lists), corruption of Ukrainian officials, the issuance of identity papers to Jews, activities of the Judenrat in the Ternopil and Skalat ghettos, confiscated Jewish-owned property, leasing formerly Jewish-owned houses, lists of Ukrainian policemen, files relating to German policemen, documents collected by Soviet security services after the war.

Provenance: State Archive of Ternopil Oblast, 1997
Languages: Ukrainian, German, and Russian
Years: 1941-1942
4 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.098M, Records from the Central State Historical Archive, L’viv, 1941

Alphabetized index cards of L’viv ghetto inhabitants assigned to work in the city. Collection includes register of burials in L’viv’s Jewish cemetery, 1941–1942.

Provenance: Records created by ghetto administration and abandoned as the Germans retreated. The Soviet security services later transferred them to the Ukrainian archival authorities, who permitted the USHMM to copy them in 1997.
Languages: German, Ukrainian
Year: 1941
2 microfilm reels (16 mm)

RG-31.102M, Personal Archives of Maximilian Goldstein, Researcher and Collector of Jewish Art, 1914–1929

Birth certificate, correspondence, catalogues of art exhibits, drafts of publications, research papers.

Provenance: Tsentral'nyi gosudarstvennyi istoricheskii Arkhiv Ukrainy, L’vov (Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lviv), 2009.
Languages: Polish, German, Ukrainian
Years: 1914-1929
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)
RG-31.104M, *Records from the Lwów Branch Office of the Administration for Emigration (Ekspozytura Urzędu Emigracyjnej), 1920–1933*  
Reports, statistical information, correspondence with transport companies, financial records, and other documents relating to emigration and repatriation.

Languages: Polish, German, English, French, Spanish, Russian
Years: 1920-1933
308 microfilm reels (35 mm)

Records of the Przemyśl Ukrainian police during the occupation. The bulk consists of lists of policemen, investigation records, interrogation reports, search warrants, and records of the police stations in Vilshany and Pikulichi.

Provenance: Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Arkhiv Ukrainy, L’vov (Central State Historical Archive of Ukraine in Lviv), 2009.
Languages: German, Polish
Years: 1940-1943
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)

RG-31.107, *Usher Korol’ Letters from the Front, 1941–1945*  
Letters Usher Korol’ sent his family, who were evacuated from Kiev to Bukhara in Uzbekistan. Most concern the well-being and whereabouts of relatives and friends, delays in receiving letters from his wife, and daily life at the Front. Includes other personal documents.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian
Years: 1941-1945
2 folders (195 pages)

Accounts of life in the occupied Soviet territories.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute) 2009
Languages: Russian
Years: 1992-1996
3 folders (ca. 1,000 pages)

Records collected between 1960 and 1990 by amateur historian Joseph Shaykin and relating to the prewar Jewish agricultural colonies in Ukraine: historical overview, statistical and demographic tables, maps, biographies, testimonies. Collection includes publications about the colonies’ history.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2009
Languages: Russian
Years: 1960-1990
4 folders (ca. 1,500 pages)

RG-31.110M, *Selected Records from the State Archives of the Ivano-Frankivs’k Region (Formerly Stanisławów) Related to the History of the Local Jewish Community, 1872–1953*

Jewish-school records from Stanisławów; government surveillance on Jewish organizations; information regarding arrests of Jews associated with Zionist organizations; information on antisemitic violence by Ukrainian nationalists in Stanisławów; various pre-revolutionary records; emigration records for the 1920s and 1930s; documents of Jewish philanthropic associations; inheritance records; vital statistics from the main synagogue in Stanisławów.

Provenance: Derzhavnii Arkhiv Ivano-Frankivs’koi oblasti (State Archive of the Ivano-Frankivsk Region), 2009.
Languages: Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, German, Hungarian
Years: 1872-1953
72 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-31.111, *Memoirs of Fedor Fedorovich Khudiakov Describing His Life before World War II and under the Nazi Occupation in Kiev, 1932–1945*

Memoir recalls the famine, housing shortages, and NKVD repression during prewar years; military operations of author’s Red Army division in Kyiv oblast’ at beginning of war; details of daily life under Nazi occupation.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2011
Languages: Russian
Years: 1932-1945
143 Pages

Personal papers of Soviet Jewish writer Riva Naumovna Baliasnaia, including poetry, biography, critical reviews. Much of her poetry relates to the Holocaust. Collection also contains materials on the postwar Stalinist investigation of her literary work, her arrest and interrogation, and a review of her work by three literary experts to ascertain its “anti-Soviet” character, her conviction, and her time in a psychiatric hospital. Documents also include a post-Stalinist (1954) psychiatric evaluation. Baliasnaia was released in 1955 and rehabilitated in 1956.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2011. (Much of the literary material is from the Central State Archives of Literature and Art of Ukraine; documentation of the Stalinist case against Baliasnaia is from the Central State Archives of Public Organizations
Languages: Yiddish, Russian, Ukrainian
Years: 1940-1977
11 folders (323 pages)

RG-31.113, *Diary of Anna Dashevskaia, 1941–1943*

Diary of Kiev University student recounting her family’s evacuation and life in the Urals region.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2011
Languages: Russian
Years: 1941-1943
1 folder (101 pages)


Personal file of Solomon Golbrikh from the Archives of the Ministry of Defense of the USSR: identity and membership cards; information on service as a cameraman for documentary films (Stalingrad, Battle for the Soviet Ukraine, The Liberation of Budapest, others); autobiography; authorization for travel near the Front; letters from to his wife (née Kucherova) describing his work in Hungary.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2011
Languages: Russian
Years: 1942-1967
90 pages

Letters of Mikhail Rozenfeld from the Front to his wife and daughter, evacuated to Perm (then Molotov), 1942–1944. Letters recount military service, liberation of Nazi-occupied territories, and other matters. Collection includes other personal papers of Mikhail Rozenfeld and documents related to his widow’s return to Kiev.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2010
Languages: Russian
Years: 1942-1967
2 folders (105 pages)


62 letters Isaak Kipnis wrote to his relatives from the Gulag, appeals to get his case reviewed. Letters include specifics about his arrest and imprisonment, as well as the efforts of his relatives to obtain his release.

Provenance: Institut Iudaiki (Judaica Institute), 2011
Languages: Russian, Yiddish
Years: 1952-1955
1 folder (40 pages)


Provenance: The Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogsdocumentatie (NIOD, Netherlands Institute for War Documentation), 2011
Languages: Dutch, German, English, Polish, Russian
Years: 1983-1993
9,242 digital files
RG-43.085M, *Selected Records from the Dr. Boris Tschlénoff Collection, 1923–1951*

This collection contains documents collected by and pertaining to Dr. Benzion Boris Arkadevitch Tschle´noff (1864-1952), a Ukrainian-Jewish doctor employed by Oeuvre de secours aux enfants (OSE, Children's Relief Organization), Geneva. It also includes private correspondence and personal documents.

Provenance: Archives of the OSE, Paris, Tschlénoff Fonds. The materials were found in the cellar of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities in Geneva after Tschlénoff’s death in 1952, and were brought to Paris in 1988.

Languages: French, English, Russian, German, Yiddish

Years: 1923-1951

5 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-50.632, *Oral History Interviews of Members of the Jewish Community of Tulchin, Vinnitsa Oblast, Ukraine, 2005–2006*

St. Petersburg Judaica Project oral history interviews with elderly members of the Jewish community in Tulchin: local history, the Holocaust, and community relations before, during, and after World War II. Transcripts in Russian.

Provenance: Jewish Heritage Centre, Petersburg Judaica Project, 2009

Languages: Russian, Yiddish, Ukrainian

Years: 2005-2006

7 CD-ROMs, 1 digital file


This collection contains 89 audio-digital oral history interviews (transcripts in Russian) conducted by the Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies with elderly members of local communities: Jewish customs, local history, the Holocaust, community relations before and after World War II. Some photographs are included. (The Karaites were a Jewish ethno-religious group usually not killed by the Nazis; the Subbotniks were a Russian Sabbatarian sect who accepted numerous Jewish cultural traditions and regularly were murdered by the Nazis.)

Provenance: Ukrainskyi Tsentr Vyvchennia Istorii Holokostu (Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies), 2009

Languages: Tatar, Russian

Years: 2005-2006

3 DVDs (89 digitized interviews)
RG-68.116M, *Holocaust-Related Records from European Archives Collected by Yad Vashem, 1939–1960*

Material from various European archives concerning primarily partisan groups in the occupied Soviet territories, in particular Belorussia and Ukraine. It includes reports to Moscow, name lists, postwar memoirs, and interviews. Other documents reflect Jewish life under German occupation, particularly in Kiev, Pinsk, and Brest: decrees, tax documents, passports, and others.

Provenance: Yad Vashem, 1996
Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, German, Belorussian, Dutch, Hungarian
Years: 1939-1960
33 microfilm reels (16 mm)

RG-68.130M, *Selected Records from the Odessa State Oblast Archive II, 1941–1944*

Documentation of the Romanian occupation of Transnistria and the fate of the Jews on that territory: the “evacuation” of Jews from Odessa; Aryanization; the gendarmerie; forced labor of Jews including physicians, pharmacists, and dentists; transports to ghettos, with name lists; aid from the Jewish community in Bucharest; public health matters.

Language: Romanian
Years: 1941-1944
4 microfilm reels (16 mm)

RG-68.135M, *Selected Records from the State Archives of the Russian Federation III, 1945–1953*

Documentation relating to the lives of religious and Zionist Jews, and to antisemitism in the security services of the USSR, in particular the Latvian, Lithuanian, and Ukrainian republics.

Provenance: Yad Vashem, 1998; originals at State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), Moscow, Fond 6991, Opis 3, excerpts from folders between 471 and 1114
Language: Russian
Years: 1945-1953
1 microfilm reel (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
Years: 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).
Language: Russian, 1942
Years: 1941-1942
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.
Other


CD with handwritten Yiddish-language memoirs of Jozef Bryf. Written in the 1980s, this work recounts childhood in Łaskarzew, Poland, the German bombardment of Warsaw in 1939, escape with future wife Hanna Bleiwais to Soviet territory, deportation to forced labor in the Soviet interior, release and subsequent life in Tashkent, postwar return to Poland, 1946 emigration to France.

Provenance: Jacques-Pascal Bryf, Jozef's son, 2011
Language: Yiddish
1 CD

Accession 2011.314.1, "*A Rejected Stone: My Life, " 1990*

279-page memoir "A Rejected Stone: My Life" by Ben-Zion Schuster, originally of Ozrian, Poland. Author describes prewar shtetl life, yeshiva, return to help family, Soviet occupation, German invasion. Schuster fled into the Soviet interior, travelling through the Stalingrad region before arriving in Tashkent and subsequently being assigned to mandatory labor in Cheliabinsk. Inducted into the Soviet-sponsored Polish army, upon return home Schuster learned of the destruction of his community and most of his family. Having married after the war he and his wife entered the Neu Freimann and Pocking displaced persons camps in Germany, emigrating to the US in 1947. The memoir was completed in 1990.

Provenance: Author's daughter Paula Schuster, 2010
Language: English
1 memoir

RG-02.095, "*Night Train to Siberia," Jack and Bernice Bekier, 1968*

"Night Train to Siberia" is a fictional version of Jack and Bernice Bekier's experiences in Soviet-occupied Eastern Poland, deportation to the Soviet interior, and their experiences in a "special settlement." Ghostwritten by Kathryn Clausen.

Provenance: Bernice Bekier, 1994
Language: English
5 microfiches

RG-02.133, *From the Lida Ghetto to the Bielski Partisans by Liza Ettinger, 1989*

In this memoir, Liza Ettinger describes her life in Lida, Poland, before the outbreak of the war; the Soviet occupation of Poland; the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union; the death of her husband at Ponar (a.k.a. Ponary and Paneriai); her internment in the Vilnius (a.k.a.
Vilna, Wilna, Wilno) and Lida ghettos; her survival of a Selektion; her experiences as a partisan; and the end of the war.

Provenance: Liza Ettinger, 1994
Language: English
2 microfiches

RG-03.010, *The Tragedy of World War Two, n.d.*

This collection contains two typescripts written by Stanley Kowalski concerning his native town of Jazlowiec, Poland. The first typescript (in English) is a copy of pages 158 through 180 of a larger manuscript entitled "Jazlowiec, the Town Lost in History." The second typescript (35 pages) is in Polish. Kowalski was imprisoned by the Soviets and taken to Soviet prisons in the East. Eventually he was a member of the First Polish Armoured Division, which fought on the Western front.

Provenance: Stanley Kowalski, 1991
Languages: Polish, English
2 microfiches

RG-10.017, *Henry Lasker Papers, 1920‒1939*

This collection contains a variety of materials concerning Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe before the Holocaust, the suffering of Jews throughout history, and atrocities toward Jews in the Soviet Union and Poland. Also included is the November 1928 report of the Constituent Convention of the Federation of American Jews of Lithuanian Descent.

Provenance: These materials were collected by Henry Lasker, who became the first Jewish lawyer in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was seriously involved in city politics and Jewish affairs. Source of acquisition is Louise Nathan.
Language: English
Years: 1920-1939
3 linear inches

In his memoir, Michael Goldberg describes his childhood in Poland; Polish and Soviet antisemitism before the Holocaust; his interest in Zionism; the German occupation of western Poland and the Soviet occupation of eastern Poland; his marriage; the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union; his activities while serving in the Soviet military; the end of World War II; his return to Poland; the death of his first wife; his second marriage; and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Eugenia Goldberg
Language: English
Years: 1915-1988
2 microfiches

RG-11.001M.09, *Records of the Beauftragter für den Vierjahresplan (Göring) (Commissioner for the Four-Year Plan) (Fond 700), 1936–1943*

This collection contains directives for organizing the Four-Year Plan, with estimates of labor needed from civilian prisoners, foreign workers, and POWs; a 1936 memorandum from Hitler about German foreign policy, including preparation for war with the Soviet Union, "Lebensraum," and ascriptions of collective Jewish responsibility for economic crimes; information about Göring's conferences with military commanders and the Agriculture Ministry regarding increasing food production for Germany from the Occupied Territories; records about Göring's orders on forced mobilization of the male and female population, the confiscation of food and animals, and the organization of new industry in Occupied Territories; reports on the growth of the partisan movement in the Ukraine; statistics on German losses from partisans in the Ukraine and Belorussia; information about Göring's conferences regarding overall military actions in the Occupied Territories; and several 1943 reports on the Four-Year Plan, fighting partisans, and on partisan activities (apparently translations from German into Russian).

Languages: German, Russian
Years: 1936-1943
Reels 111, 186, 205, 378–81 (16 mm)

RG-11.001M.84, *Records of Romanian Army III Corps (Fond 493), 1943–1944*

This collection contains information on Soviet territory occupied by Romanian forces, as well as reports on the actions of Soviet parachutists and enemy guerrillas against Romanian and German forces in the area.

Language: Romanian
Years: 1943-1944
Reels 451–52 (16 mm)
RG-14.004M, *Selected Records of the Landrat des Kreises Briesen, 1939–1944*

These records contain information about the forced labor of Poles and Soviets, police actions to control forced labor, the management of prisons and prisoners, anti-Jewish ordinances, the treatment of prisoners of war, and young people designated for work in the Reichsarbeitsdienst (RAD).

Provenance: Institute of National Memory, Main Commission for the Investigation of Crimes Against the Polish Nation, Fond 82.
Languages: German, Polish
Years: 1939-1944
2 microfilm reels (35 mm)


This collection contains police, gendarmerie, and intelligence reports; name lists; and correspondence. The documents relate to the situation of Polish refugees in Romania (e.g., Col. Joseph Beck and other Polish dignitaries), Zionists, and members of ethnic minorities; and to the internal situation in various counties in Romania, Northern Bukovina, and Bessarabia under Soviet occupation. Records include name lists of "anti-Romanian" persons, name lists of 1,610 persons who requested repartition to the Soviet Union in 1941, diverse correspondence from gendarmerie in Soroca (Bessarabia), and police reports from Berezovka (Transnistria) on the murder of 4,000 Jews by German police. The collection also contains reports on the deportation of Roma and Sinti (Gypsies) to Transnistria, intelligence reports from Odessa on Communist partisan activities, and some clippings from Romanian newspapers.

Provenance: Romanian National Archives (Romania Arhivele Nationale), Fond Inspectoratul General al Jandarmeriei, 1999 and 2012
Language: Romanian
Years: 1939-1945
31 microfilm reels (35 mm)
RG-29.002M, *Selected Records of the Sota-arkisto (Archive of the Ministry of Defense), Helsinki, 1940-1944*

This collection contains documents concerning Soviet prisoners of war, including Soviet Jews, kept in Finnish camps during World War II; the organization of the Office of Prisoners of War within the Home Front headquarters of the army; the personal diary of Walter Horn, Finnish military attaché in Berlin, from September 1940 to October 1944; and the trial records (1947 to 1948) of Arno Anthoni, wartime head of the Valpo (Finnish State Police).

Provenance: Archive of the Ministry of Defense  
Languages: Finnish, German  
Years: 1940-1944  
2 microfilm reels (35 mm), 2 microfilm reels (16 mm)

RG-46.015M, *Bulgarian Legation in Moscow, 1917-1944*

Reports about mass murders committed by the Germans in the occupied Soviet territories; correspondence regarding Bulgaria's representation of German, Hungarian, and Romanian interests in Moscow.

Provenance: Tsentralen Durzhaven Arkhiv (Central State Archives of Bulgaria), Fond 318, Opus 1 and 2, in 2002.  
Language: Bulgarian  
Years: 1917-1944  
2 microfilm reels (35 mm)

RG-46.040M, *Broadcasting Station "Hristo Botev," 1943–1944*

Samples of radio propaganda directed to Bulgaria from the Soviet radio station "Hristo Botev" on issues such as the persecution of Jews in Thrace and Macedonia and German crimes in Ukraine.

Provenance: Tsentralen Durzhaven Arkhiv (Central State Archives of Bulgaria), Fond 209, Opus 1, in 2002.  
Language: Bulgarian  
Years: 1943-1944  
1 microfilm reel (35 mm)