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The JDC Archives and What We Have to Offer Jewish Genealogists

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About JDC

Since its inception in 1914, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), popularly known as “the Joint,” has been dedicated to rescue and relief for Jews in need and to reconstruction and renewal of Jewish communities overseas. Operating in over 70 countries world-wide, JDC has borne witness to the greatest events of twentieth-century Jewish history.

The extensive holdings in the JDC Archives -- including correspondence, reports, speeches, telegrams, eyewitness accounts, press releases, logs, passenger lists, emigration cards, and photos -- document more than a century of operations and activities and serve as a record of life in Jewish communities throughout the world.

What can we offer the genealogist?

Names of individuals, often with additional data, are scattered throughout our extensive **text collections**, which are organized chronologically. Our text collections, of which more than 2.6 million pages have been digitized (available online at <http://archives.jdc.org/archives-search/>), include files on geographical areas and localities, *landsmanschaften*, loan *kassas* (credit cooperatives), internment camps, DP centers, and more, providing rich background material.

Our **Names Indexing Project** has made it possible to search over 500,000 names in our database (<http://archives.jdc.org/sharedlegacy/search-names/>).

In addition, we are digitizing our vast **photo collection** of some 100,000 images. Almost 68,000 photos have already been scanned and imported into our searchable database (<http://archives.jdc.org/archives-search/>).

Sample Text Records

Following are sample records on topics of interest to family researchers:

1. **Remittances** – Records of relief funds forwarded by JDC to families in Europe and Palestine from relatives in the United States.

Sent through Messrs. Warburg & Co. Hamburg, Germany.		REMITTANCES FOR POLAND.		
		September 22, 1915		
NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REMITTER	DISPOSITION
568	Gitel Felkman, M. Rosishtohe, Lutzk Ulyesd, Volin.	\$25.00	Samuel Felkman, 217 Segal St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
October 18, 1915				
939	Udel Itzkowitz, o/o Rabbi Shasa, Mka Zoaly or Vilna.	5.00	Rose Isaacson, o/o Goldstein, 39 Attorney St., New York City.	
November 10, 1915.				
137	Riwka Pessa Safirstein, 30 Gesia St. W. 41, Warsaw.	10.00	D. Safirstein, 544 Dufferin Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.	
November 19, 1915.				

Remittances for Poland, September 22, 1915 (AR 14-18, #36-2)

2. **Parcels** – Records and inventories of relief supplies (food, clothing, medicines, equipment, and holiday supplies) sent to the needy in Europe, Asia, and Palestine/Israel.

<u>RE: Packages to France & Belgium.</u>			
<u>Number of packages</u>	<u>Cost US\$</u>	<u>Address of recipient</u>	<u>Ordered by</u>
K 102	6.64	Albert Rosenfeld 36 Rue Ph. de Lasalle Lyon - Rhone, France	José Schlachter Oruro, Bolivia
K 100	4.59	Edouard Rappaport 2, Avenue General de Balfourier Paris XVII, France	Leo Fener Casilla 1007, La Paz
K 101	5.79	"	"
K 101	5.79	Amalia Tetteles Hotel St. Louis de France Croix Rouge Lourdes Hte. Pyrennées	Luise Blau Cajon 9 La Paz
K 104	7.24	"	"

Packages sent from Bolivia to France & Belgium, Aug. 24, 1945
(AR 45-54, #265)

3. **Orphans** – Some of the tens of thousands of children orphaned by war, disease, or pogroms in Eastern and Central Europe and Palestine who were aided by JDC.

Town	Name	girl or boy	age	full orphan motherless fatherless	cause of parents death
<u>Belowsk</u>					
	1. ALEKANDROWITZ Ljuba	girl	10	full orphan	father killed
	2. WIEKIN Ben-Zion	boy	5	fatherless	mother Typhus.
	3. WIEKIN Itte Mere	girl	4	"	"
<u>Dagda</u>					
	4. DOBRIN Jacob	boy	11	full orphan	Typhus
	5. SHLOSSMAN Ephraim	boy	14	fatherless	killed in the war
	6. ALTHAUSEN Michel Hirsh	boy	12	"	killed by a bomb
<u>Dwinsk</u>					
	7. KERNBER Shmerel	boy	9	full orphan	killed by a bomb
	8. BESKIN Basse	girl	9	"	starvation during flight
	9. KILL Basse	girl	14	"	" " war
	10. KARPUS Schmel	boy	12	fatherless	killed in the war
	11. MUNTZ Shore Roche	girl	13	"	Typhus
	12. KARPUS Jisroel	boy	11	"	killed in the war
	13. AUSIN Meisch	boy	8	"	got ill on front and died
	14. SARKIN Selig	boy	12	"	Typhus
	15. ANTIKOL Behr	boy	10	"	killed by a bomb
	16. GOLDSTEIN Gness	girl	6	"	lost in the war

“Adopted” Jerusalem war orphans, March 4, 1921 (AR 19-21, #88)

4. **War casualties** – Jewish victims of the violence and destruction of the war years.

LISTE DES HEBERGES DU CAMP DES MILLES DIRIGES LE						
13 AOUT 1942						
sur CHALON SUR SAONE						
N	Nom	Prenom	Par.	Nat	Date et lieu de naissance	Obser.
1	ABZUG	Alfred		Aut	10/10/10	Vienne
2	AUERBACHER	Salomon		All	22/11/88	Kippenheim
3	AUERBACHER	Gerga		All	20/1/95	
4	BAER	Sigmund		All	3/3/87	Walldorf
5	BERBERICH	Walter		Aut	4/10/09	Grozs-Kitzenburg
6	BLATT	Heinz		All	9/3/10	Berlin
7	BLATT	Rose		All	27/1/03	
8	BLATT	Alfons		Aut	25/8/90	Posen
9	BLATT	Albine	ep	Aut	27/11/90	Berlin
10	BLATT	Elie	fl	Aut	20/11/19	Berlin
11	BORNSTEIN	Meiczielaw		Pol	15/9/03	Varsovie
12	BORNSTEIN	Georges		All	23/11/99	

French Jews deported from Camp Des Milles, Aug. 13, 1942 (AR 33-44, #615)

5. **Rabbis** – Recipients of JDC aid in Palestine, Europe, and Shanghai.

The Joint Distribution Committee appropriated \$30,000. for Rabbis, December 14, 1916, of which was apportioned to Russia 40% equal to 12,000. to be sent to the ICA with instructions that out of that sum, the equivalent of \$3,000. is to be paid to the Chasidie "Gute Yidden" as per the following list.

	City	State	Amount
Rabbi Shlome Gutterman	Ehechelnick	Podol	72.00
" Shlome Shmuel Twersky	Chernobel	Kiev	38.50
" Shlome Ben-Zion Twersky	"	"	38.50
" Pinkus Rabinovitz	Woznosensk	"	48.00
" Jeshua Rabinovitz	Umen	"	48.00
" Israel Perloff	Stolin	Minsk	96.00
" Abraham Geshel	Zinkoff	Podol	72.00
" Noshe Geshel	"	"	72.00
" Yehoshua Geshel	Podolsk	Kiev	72.00

JDC appropriations for rabbis in Russia,
Dec. 14, 1916 (AR 14-18, #147)

6. **Refugees and emigration** – Individuals and groups receiving or seeking JDC aid.

ANNEXE 1957						
ETAT DES SOUMIS VERSÉS SUR LE FONDS COLLECTIF POUR L'ASSISTANCE DES REFUGIÉS D'ÉGYPTE						
N° du Cen.	N° du dossier COJASOR	S.S.&E.N.	Nom et prénom	Nombre de pers.		
				M.	F.	R.
1	40.948	107.898	BANGUN Albert	1	1	1
2	41.595	107.897	ANNAP Isaac	1	1	3
	41.688	108.543	JACOEL Jacques	1	2	
8	41.688	108.880	NATUEL Elie	1	1	2
10	41.688	100.540	DERRI Victor	1	1	3
11	41.688	100.912	COHEN Ernest	1	1	5
12	41.743	108.557	BOREDA David	1	2	4
13	40.915	107.881	MAMANE Marco	1	1	5
14	41.818	108.888	COHEN Elie	1	2	3

Egyptian Jewish refugees in France receiving aid from JDC, 1957 (G 55-64, #EG.26)

7. **Passenger lists** –Lists of passengers onboard vessels such as the Serpa Pinto, Nyassa, Mouzinho, Excalibur, Nea Hellis, Ginyo Maru, Montevideo Maru, and others.

PASSENGER LIST No. _____ FROM AJJIDU CAMP HACHED ADEN.												
Date of Departure _____			Time of Departure _____ (Identification of Plane)									
Serial No.	Age	Sex	FULL NAME	Y	M	D	Y	M	D	Full Name and address of relatives in Israel	Full Name and address of other blood relatives in Aden or in Yemen	Special Operations
1	3751	M	Shmuel Burch Tovim	1938	90	-	PD			none	Sister: Simha Burch Tovim. HAIDA	
2	3752	M	Efregoen Burch Tovim	1938	79	-	PD			none	- do -	
3	3753	M	Hayoon Yehia Dar	1937	52	-	PD			none	Uncle: Chaim Yousef Yehia. MASACHA	
4	3754	M	Yehia Yehia Dar	1939	60	-	PD			none	- do -	
5	3755	F	China Yehia Dar	1940	52	-	PD			none	- do -	
6	3756	M	Salem Hinnac Yousef	1935	91	-	PD			none	Brother: Yousef Hinnac SARAA	
7	3757	F	Shamma Hinnac Yousef	1937	72	-	PD			none	- do -	
8	3758	M	Yehia Hinnac Yousef	1939	51	-	PD			none	- do -	
9	3761	F	Malka Yehia Hassan	1938	67	-	PD			none	Cousin: Shimon Yousef KHANZA	

Operation Magic Carpet Yemenite Airlift, December 1948 (JER 44-52, #210)

8. **Survivors** – Cards of Displaced Persons receiving emigration assistance from JDC after WWII; lists of liberated internees.

P.49	Present	Relatives	How Informed	Remarks
Name of Internees	Whereabouts or Place Found			
	Shmanson & Jacob Rubenfeldt Hospital in Bad Weiskirchen, Germany	Mex Dorf 86 W. 52nd St. New York, N.Y.	From doctor in German hospital	Wishes to help
669	Bergen Belsen Camp 3 Block 17, Rm 12	Mrs. Sam Tangy 1424 S. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 25 Ill.		We forwarded ltr to Eizen in our ltr of 10/4
670	Bergen Belsen Camp 3 M.B. 9, Rm 20	Mrs. Kurt Rosenbaum 4855 N. 18th St. Philadelphia, Pa.		ditto
671	Tusia & Stasia Juninska	Sasha Meesof c/o Russian Tea Room Restaurant Co 150 West 57th St. New York 19, N.Y.		ditto

List of liberated internees whose relatives desire to help, Oct. 24, 1945 (AR 45-54, #1051)