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Introductory Statement

After preliminary negotiations extending over a number of years the Conference on Jewish Relations took the initiative in setting up a commission of leading Jewish scholars and educators in America to investigate the manifold, complex problems of the cultural reconstruction of European Jewry after the devastation of the Second World War. In the spring of 1945 this Commission secured the active collaboration of the Cultural Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the American Association for Jewish Education. More recently it obtained a grant from the American Jewish Committee. Representatives of many other national Jewish organizations have likewise become actively associated with its work.

It is planned to have the Commission serve as the central research and co-ordinating body for all American activities in the field of European Jewish cultural reconstruction and work in close co-operation with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Committee on Restoration of Continental Jewish Museums, Libraries and Archives of the Jewish Historical Society in England and other national and international organizations. According to its original "Terms of Reference" it proposes to accomplish the following purposes:

1. To constitute, together with similar bodies, an Advisory Council to the United Nations in the restoration and/or reconstruction of the cultural aspects of European Jewish life and in the rehabilitation or redistribution of such Jewish cultural institutions (libraries, museums, schools, archives, etc.) as have been destroyed or confiscated.

2. To serve, in collaboration with governmental or intergovernmental agencies, as a Board of Trustees to take charge of and administer Jewish cultural institutions and properties formerly owned by communities now dispersed or by agencies now liquidated.
3. To serve as assessors in the presentation of claims for indemnities in respect of Jewish cultural properties.
4. To prepare plans for the redistribution and re-allocation of Jewish cultural material, where desirable.
5. To assist in the reconstitution of the Jewish school system and in the re-establishment of centers of Jewish higher education (seminaries, university courses, etc.).
6. To serve as an advisory body to see that Jewish needs and interests are properly represented in any more comprehensive educational programs that the United Nations may introduce into former Axis or Axis-occupied countries.
7. To supervise the presentation of material relating to Jews in any educational programs (textbooks, college curricula, etc.) which the United Nations may introduce into former Axis or Axis-occupied countries.
8. To undertake or assist in the training of personnel for Jewish cultural reconstruction in Europe.
9. To take such other measures as may be deemed desirable for the advancement of European Jewish cultural life in the postwar period.

The term "cultural reconstruction" is not to be interpreted in any too narrow a sense. The work of the Commission will of necessity impinge upon the wider fields of communal reconstruction. The Commission wishes to concentrate its attention, however, upon such institutions as libraries, museums and archives and upon all phases of Jewish education. In view of the wholesale destruction of Jewish life and property by the Nazis reconstruction of Jewish cultural institutions cannot possibly mean mechanical restoration in their original form or, in all cases, to their previous location. The Commission intends, in collaboration with other agencies of good will, to devise if necessary some new forms better accommodated to the emergent patterns of postwar Europe. Ultimately it may also seek to help redistribute the Jewish cultural treasures in accordance with the new needs created by the new situation of world Jewry.

While never losing sight of these ultimate major aims, the Commission has decided to concentrate first upon certain immediate tasks of research so as to ascertain the necessary basic facts for its own guidance

and for that of other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. The lack of readily available, reliable data concerning Jewish cultural treasures in the European countries before they were overrun by the Nazis has long been felt as a serious obstacle to intelligent action. Certainly only such data, supported by documentary evidence, may enable the agencies of the United Nations and Jewish communal leadership to identify and to ascertain the present location of those treasures which had been looted by the Nazis and to evaluate the complex problems of restoration and reparation. By maintaining direct contact with several hundred former rabbis, educators, social workers and communal leaders of the formerly Axis-occupied countries who now reside in the United States and by securing whatever information could thus far be obtained from Jewish army chaplains, press correspondents, the personnel of the Joint Distribution Committee and others now active in the European countries, the staff of the Commission has been able to accumulate a considerable body of valuable materials concerning both the former and the present status of these cultural treasures. Information on the present state of these treasures, however, is as yet insufficient to warrant publication.

Even in submitting to the public the following *List* of these cultural treasures known to have existed before the Nazi occupation, the Commission fully realizes its tentative nature. There undoubtedly are many serious omissions and, despite all genuine attempts at avoiding them, some inaccuracies in detail. But it is felt that the publication of such a list may in itself serve as a vehicle for implementing the information on both the conditions before the war and the present state of affairs. It is hoped that additions and corrections of this *List* will be forthcoming from readers here and abroad and incorporated in a supplement to be published before very long.

The *List* includes only movable treasures, such as books, documents or museum pieces. Such important antiquities as synagogues and cemeteries, though indubitably among the most characteristic Jewish communal and cultural institutions in all ages, have not been listed, for their location and present fate are easily ascertainable on the spot. Much information on these institutions, however, has been gathered by the staff of the Commission and will soon be made available to interested agencies.

This *List* has originated from a brief compilation prepared by the

staff of the Hebrew University. The Research Fellows of the Commission, Dr. Hannah Arendt (in charge of the entire project and especially of the West-European areas), Dr. Adolf Kober (Central Europe), and Dr. Raphael Mahler and Dr. Jacob Shatzky (Eastern Europe), working under the guidance of a special subcommittee of the Committee on Research, headed by Prof. Alexander Marx,¹ completely revised that compilation and amplified it greatly by both additional data and fuller documentation. They were aided greatly not only by the magnificent resources of the large New York libraries but also by some valuable information accumulated in the offices of the American Jewish Committee, the World Jewish Congress, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Federation of Jews from Central Europe and other organizations. Certain significant data have also been secured from former officials of the institutions here listed. Some of these persons have taken considerable pains in fully answering pertinent questionnaires. Working under great pressure to complete this undertaking in time for immediate use the research staff of the Commission and the members of its subcommittee have earned the gratitude of all groups and persons interested in this project.

In the presentation of this *List* the authors have decided to begin with the German collections and to enumerate the collections outside of Germany in the alphabetical order of the countries involved. This division suggested itself because of Germany's position as the main enemy country, the great importance of its collections and the fact that ultimately much of the looted treasures from other countries will doubtless be located in some of its caches.

The principal collections of each country are placed at the head and are followed by local collections arranged by communities in alphabetical order, while smaller libraries and other minor collections are grouped separately at the end of the enumeration for each country. Some outstanding private collections, marked by an asterisk (*), are also listed. All other collections were publicly owned by either the Jewish community

¹ Prof. Freimann, in particular has proved very helpful in supplying new and reliable data from his own unmatched knowledge of European libraries. Mrs. Rachel Wischnitzer has lent her expert assistance in verifying the data concerning museums and art collections. The Research Fellows were also aided by certain directives emerging from the work of the Committee on Legal Problems, headed by Prof. Jerome Michael, and the Committee on Co-operation (also concerned with educational problems), headed by Prof. Horace M. Kallen.

as a whole or by a Jewish association or foundation. Details as to the latter type of ownership, however, are given only for Germany and Austria, where they are likely to prove very useful in connection with claims for restoration and reparation. Names of institutions are, with few exceptions, given in the original language. Such exceptions proved unavoidable wherever the literature available in New York failed to mention the original name.

The *Appendix* is devoted to the important collections of Jewish books, art objects, documents, etc., known to have been included in some of the larger general libraries, museums or archives. The arrangement here follows the classification of the main list. Some scattered collections of Hebrew manuscripts, archival documents, books or antiquities, are likewise listed separately at the end of each country included in the *Appendix*, while details concerning the previous owners are again supplied for Germany and Austria alone. The *List* concludes with a full index of place-names. With the aid of this index, it is hoped, any reader will be in a position to ascertain all the cultural treasures of a particular locality recorded under the respective subdivisions.

Since, as is well known, the Nazis transferred many Jewish book and art treasures from public and private collections to the various institutes organized for antisemitic research, it was deemed advisable to compile a special list of some of the major institutes of this type established in various countries. This list of Nazi institutes follows below.

GERMANY

- a. Reichsinstitut für Geschichte des neuen Deutschlands, Forschungsabteilung Judenfrage in MUNICH.

Owned by the State.

Founded in 1936, headed by Walter Frank, the Reichsinstitut established the Jewish division under the direction of Karl Alexander von Mueller.

Publication: *Forschungen zur Judenfrage*, 6 vols. 1936-1941.

- b. Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage in FRANKFORT-on-the-Main.

Owned by the Party.

Founded in 1939, opened in 1941 as "Aussenstelle" of the Hohe Schule. The Hohe Schule was planned as an international "central institute of National Socialist research, teaching and education."

In 1941: 350,000 volumes which included among other collections the Hebraica and Judaica of the Municipal Library of Frankfort, the Archives of the House of Rothschild and the Archives of the Alliance Israélite Universelle.

Director: Alfred Rosenberg. Chief of the Research Division: Dr. Wilhelm Grau.

Publication: *Der Weltkampf* (quarterly). (Die bisherige politische Monatsschrift "Der Weltkampf" ist von . . . dem Verlag der Hohen Schule erworben . . . worden. Sie erscheint hinfort . . . als wissenschaftliche Viertelsjahresschrift.) First issue April-September 1941.

Source: Wilhelm Grau, "Das Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage," in *Der Weltkampf*, no. 1, 1941.

- c. **Institut zum Studium der Judenfrage** (formerly Institut zur Erforschung von Judentum und Bolschewismus) in BERLIN.
Founded in 1934.

Director: Eugen Freiherr von Engelhardt.
Various publications under the heading: Herausgegeben im Auftrage des Instituts zum Studium der Judenfrage, Berlin.

- d. **Institut zur Erforschung und Beseitigung des jüdischen Einflusses auf das kirchliche Leben** in WEIMAR.
e. **Institut zur Erforschung des jüdischen Einflusses auf das kirchliche Leben** in EISENACH.

Source: *Der Weltkampf*, no. 1, 1941, Vorrede.

AUSTRIA

- f. **Institut für Rassenforschung** in INNSBRUCK.

Affiliated with the University.

Director: A. Drexel, Rektor der Missionswissenschaftlichen Anstalt in Innsbruck.
Publication: *Monographien zur Rassenkunde*.

BELGIUM

- g. **National Anti-Jewish Center** in BRUSSELS.

Founded in 1941.

Source: *American Jewish Yearbook*, vol. 44, p. 210.

FRANCE

- h. **Institute for Studies of the Jewish Question** in PARIS.

Affiliated with the Department of Jewish Affairs.

Founded in 1941.

Director: Louis Darquier de Pellepoix.

Source: *Contemporary Jewish Record*, vol. 5, p. 425.

HUNGARY

- i. **Hochschule für Rassenschutz** in BUDAPEST.

German institution.

Founded in 1943.

Source: *Donau-Zeitung*, November 16, 1943.

- j. **Hungarian Institute for Research on the Jewish Question** in BUDAPEST.

Hungarian institution.

Founded in 1944.

Source: *New York Times*, July 9, 1944.

ITALY

- k. Institutes for research on the Jewish Question were established at all major universities.

In 1942: in Florence, Bologna, Milan, Trieste.

NETHERLANDS

- l. **Office to Investigate Racial Jewish and Dutch Indies Problems** in AMSTERDAM.

Founded in 1941.

Director: Dr. T. Goedewagen.

Source: *American Jewish Yearbook*, vol. 43, p. 181.

POLAND

- m. Institut für deutsche Ostarbeit in CRACOW.
 Founded in 1940 by the German Government (Protektorat).
 Research Division for Eastern European Jewry.
 Publication: *Der Bund* (quarterly).
 Sources: *National-Sozialistische Monatshefte*, February, 1941, p. 127. *Der Weltkrieg*, no. 1, 1941, Vorrede.
- n. Branch of the Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage of Frankfurt in LODZ
 (cf. b; above).
 Founded in 1941.
 Director: A. Wendel.
 Sources: *Frankfurter Zeitung*, March 3, 1941; P. Carstens, in *National-Sozialistische Monatshefte*, Nov./Dec. 1942; *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 300.
- o. Reichsuniversität in POZNAN.
 Founded by the German Government in 1941 with a professorship for Jewish history and Jewish languages and a special library of Judaica with about 400,000 volumes from confiscated Jewish libraries.
 Sources: *Frankfurter Zeitung*, March 3, 1941; P. Carstens, in *National-Sozialistische Monatshefte*, Nov./Dec. 1942; *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 300.

In conclusion, we reiterate our request to all informed readers, here and abroad, to communicate all pertinent information they may possess about the past and present state of these cultural treasures to the Commission's offices at 1841 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

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Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction

ABBREVIATIONS

BZ	<i>Bibliologischer Zamlbuch</i>
Cat. cod.	<i>Cataloghi dei codici orientali di alcune biblioteche d'Italia</i>
Cat. Général	Auguste Molinier, <i>Le Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France</i> (1886-1936)
Enc. Jud.	<i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i>
GSAI	<i>Giornale della Società Asiatica Italiana</i>
JDB	<i>Jahrbuch der deutschen Bibliotheken</i>
JGJC	<i>Jahrbuch fuer Geschichte der Juden in der Tschechoslovakischen Republik</i>
JJLG	<i>Jahrbuch der Juedisch-Literarischen Gesellschaft</i>
JJO	<i>Juedisches Jahrbuch fuer Oesterreich</i>
Mitt.	<i>Mitteilungen des Gesamtarchivs der deutschen Juden</i>
MGWJ	<i>Monatsschrift fuer Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums</i>
MZL	<i>Magyar Zsido Lexikon</i>
REJ	<i>Revue des études juives</i>
Riv. Isr.	<i>Rivista Israelitica</i>
ZGJD	<i>Zeitschrift fuer die Geschichte der Juden in Deutschland</i>
ZGJT	<i>Zeitschrift fuer die Geschichte der Juden in der Tschechoslovakiei</i>
ZHB	<i>Zeitschrift fuer hebraische Bibliographie</i>

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GERMANY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

1. **Bibliothek des Juedisch-Theologischen Seminars** in BRESLAU, owned by the Fraenkel'sche Stiftung.

In 1937: 38,143 vols., 433 mss., 54 incunables (*Minerva*, 1937), 3 ed. on parchment, included the Saraval collection and part of the Bernhard Beer collection, see no. 475. This was the most valuable Jewish-owned collection in Germany for ancient literature, Judaica and Orientalia.

Catalogues: L. V. Saraval, *Catalogue de la bibliothèque de littérature hébraïque et orientale et d'auteurs, hébreux du feu M. Léon V. Saraval* (Trieste 1853).
 G. Wolf, *Katalog der Bibliothek des Herrn Bernhard Beer in Dresden* (1863).
 Supplements in the *Jahresberichte des Seminars*.
 B. Zuckerman, *Katalog der Bibliothek des Breslauer Juedisch-Theologischen Seminars von 190 seltenen hebraeischen Handschriften und 263 verschiedenen Ausgaben der Bibel* (Breslau 1876). 2nd ed.
 S. Loevinger and B. Weinryb, *Handschriften-Katalog der Bibliothek des Juedisch-Theologischen Seminars* (1932). (Typescript; copy in the possession of Dr. B. Weinryb, New York.)
 M. Brann, *Incunabeln und interessante Drucke (Schlesische Buchdrucks-Ausstellung. Katalog.)* (Breslau 1900).
 Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. Aron Freimann, "Die hebraeischen Pergamentdrucke," in *ZHB*, vol. 15, 1911.
2. **Lehranstalt fuer die Wissenschaft des Judentums** in BERLIN, an independent corporation supported by endowments and donations.

In 1940: 58,590 vols., 40 mss., some incunables.
 Included the collections of Abraham Geiger, J. Flatau, Wassermann, M. A. Levy. A very valuable, comprehensive library of scientific and rabbinic literature.

Catalogues: No printed catalogue of the whole library.
Buecherverzeichnis der Bibliothek M. A. Levy (1872).
 New acquisitions in *Berichte der Lehranstalt, 1876-1936*.
ZHB, vol. 17, p. 11 (mss. of the Geiger collection).
 Isaak Markon, "The mss. of the Geiger collection," (Hebrew) in *Essays in Honor of Dr. J. H. Hertz* (London 1934).
 Other sources: *JDB*, vol. 25, p. 18.
3. **Bibliothek des Rabbiner-Seminars** in BERLIN, owned by the Seminary.

In 1937: 20-25,000 vols. (including 1,805 in the Reading Room), 139 mss., 2 incunables. A large collection of rabbinic literature, commentaries, Bibles, responsa, Orientalia.

Catalogues: No printed catalogue of the whole library.
Katalog der Lesesaal Bibliothek des Rabbiner-Seminars zu Berlin (Berlin 1933) (mimeographed); 600 entries.
 Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. *JDB*, vol. 21-22, p. 19; vol. 25, p. 17.
4. **Bibliothek der Juedischen Gemeinde, Oranienburger Strasse**, in BERLIN, owned by the Jewish Community, Berlin.

In 1937: 64,000 books and pamphlets; 562 mss., 36 Genizah fragments, incunables, 340 files of clippings.
 Many valuable prints of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Large collection of Judaica and Hebraica; many books in other languages; fiction.

Catalogues: None. New acquisitions in *Berliner Gemeindeblatt. Vorstandsberichte, passim*.
 Other sources: J. Schirmann, "Die poetischen Genizafragmente in der juedischen Gemeindebibliothek," in *MGWJ*, vol. 76, 1932; 36 entries.
 Moritz Stern, in *Berliner Gemeindeblatt*, 1925, no. 11; 1926, no. 3.

JDB, vol. 22, 1931, p. 29; vol. 25, 1934, p. 29.

5. **Kunstsammlung der Juedischen Gemeinde in BERLIN**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Included the collection of Albert Wolf; antiquities; collection of coins and medals; photographs and slides; ceremonial objects; ancient and modern Jewish art.
 Catalogues: Moritz Stern, *Die vierte Ausstellung der juedischen Kunstsammlung* (Berlin 1927).
 Rachel Wischnitzer-Bernstein, *Juedisches Museum in Berlin (Gedenkausstellung Don Jizchak Abrabanel)* (Berlin 1937).
 idem, *Juedisches Museum Berlin (Akiba Eger Ausstellung 1937): Ausstellung im Juedischen Museum Berlin. 1937/1938*: 116 entries.
 Other sources: Moritz Stern, *Die Kunstsammlung der Juedischen Gemeinde zu Berlin* (1917).
 Lotte Loose, *Das Juedische Museum in Berlin (Forum Bratislava, 1934)*.
 Moritz Stern, *Aus dem Berliner juedischen Museum* (Berlin 1937).
 Karl Schwarz, in *Juedische Liberale Zeitung*, vol. 8, no. 11; idem, in *Gemeindeblatt Berlin*, vol. 20, 1930.
6. **Museum juedischer Altertuemer (Rothschildmuseum) in FRANKFURT/M.**, owned by the Gesellschaft zur Erforschung juedischer Kunstdenkmaeler and by the Jewish community. Many objects were on loan from private owners.
 About 18,000 objects. Included the S. Nauheim collection.
 A very valuable collection of furniture, paintings, silver and early prints; 200 *Menoroth* and gold cups of the 17th century.
 Catalogues: *Ausstellung von juedischen Bauten und Kultusgegenstaenden fuer Synagoge und Haus in Duesseldorf* (1908): 1,505 entries.
 "Katalog der Ausstellung des Museums juedischer Altertuemer in Frankfurter Kunstverein, April 1925," in *Die Entwicklung der juedischen Gemeinde Frankfurt/Main*.
 H. Gundersheimer and G. Schoenberger, *Katalog* (1937).
 "Das von Rothschild-Museum: Katalog der Bestaende. 1931," in *Notizblaetter*, 27-28.
 Other sources: *Mitteilungen der Gesellschaft zur Erforschung juedischer Kunstdenkmaeler* (Frankfurt/M. 1900-1915). *Notizblaetter*, 1902-1937, *passim* Erich Toepfritz, *Das Museum juedischer Altertuemer in Frankfurt/M.*
 Information from Dr. R. Geiger and Dr. H. Gundersheimer, New York.
7. **Museum und Archiv der Israelitischen Gemeinde in WORMS**:
 Very valuable collection of old ceremonial objects, such as silver-cups and Torah-plates of the 16th and 17th centuries; curtains, the oldest dated 1678; pictures, Menoroth, the great Menorah of 1656; 600 *Wimpeln* (since 1570).
 Outstanding are: the Mahzor of 1272, 2 vols.; the prayerbook of Simon Eggenfelder, 1452. *Maase Nissim book Gruenes Buch* of 1563 *Minhag*-books: Liwa Kirchheim, 1625; Juspa Schammas, 1648.
 Imperial privileges, 1551-1766, on parchment. *Schutzbriefe*, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. General Jewish Regulations (*Judenordnungen*), the oldest dated 1552.
 Communal regulations, 1641, 1728. Registers of deaths, 1679, 1687, 1765-1829.
 Sources: *Minerva*, 1937.
 J. Kiefer, "Das Museum der Israelitischen Gemeinde Worms," in *ZGJD*, vol. 5, 1934.
 Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905.
 A. Epstein, "Die Wormser Minhag-Buecher," in *Gedenkbuch zur Erinnerung an David Kaufmann* (Breslau 1900).
 J. Rothschild, *Aus Vergangenheit und Gegenwart der Israelitischen Gemeinde Worms* (Frankfurt/M. 1926).
 A. Kober, "Die Deutschen Kaiser und die Wormser Juden," in *ZGJD*, vol. 5, 1934.
 Information from I. Kiefer, founder of the Museum, now in New York. Mr. Kiefer possesses a list and photographs of all valuable pieces.
8. **Gesamtarchiv der deutschen Juden in BERLIN**, owned by the Jewish Community.

Founded in 1905; housed in the building of the Jewish Community, Oranienburger Strasse, since 1926.

Records of 344 communities were placed in the Central Archives until 1926. Among these were: *Memor*-books, Protocol-books (such as those of the Jews of Hessen-Cassel beginning with the end of the 17th century; of the Jews of Cleve; of the Jews in Paderborn beginning in 1730; the death register of the Jews of Krotoschin beginning in 1675); the oldest community-book is that of Ostrowo, 1724; documents of a number of communities in Saxony and Westphalia from the 18th century. Copies from State and City Archives.

The Verband der deutschen Juden, the Verband der oberschlesischen Synagogengemeinden, the Allgemeine Rabbiner-Verband in Deutschland, the Verband westpreussischer Rabbiner, the Verband der juedischen Lehrervereine im deutschen Reich and the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland had placed their records in the Central Archives since 1920.

The contents of the archives of the following communities have been published in the *Mitteilungen des Gesamtarchivs*: Aurich, Bromberg, Deutsch-Krone, Krotoschin, Landsberg/W., Maerkisch-Friedland, Neuenkirchen/Westf., Offenbach/M., Wandsbeck.

Catalogues: See *Mitteilungen des Gesamtarchivs der deutschen Juden*, vols. 1-6, 1909-1926.

Sitzungsberichte (not printed).

A. Freimann, *Geschichte der Israelitischen Gemeinde Ostrowo* (Ostrowo 1896).

Dr. Guggenheim, ed., *Akteninventar der Israelitischen Religionsgemeinde Offenbach a.M. Aus der Vergangenheit der isr. Gemeinde zu Offenbach a.M.* (1915) p. 17-37.

Other sources: Ezechiel Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 209-254.

Guido Kisch in *ZGJD*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 168.

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

Documentary material of varying importance was deposited in the archives of numerous German-Jewish communities. This material consisted chiefly of *Memorbücher*, *pinkasim*, and protocol-books. See the following works:

M. Steinschneider, *Die Geschichtsliteratur der Juden* (Frankfurt/M. 1905), vol. 1, p. 36-39, 175 (with addenda by A. Freimann).

M. Weinberg, *Die Memorbuecher der juedischen Gemeinden in Bayern* (Frankfurt/M. 1937-38: 52 *Memorbücher*).

A. Kober, in *Rheinischer Verein fuer Denkmalpflege und Heimatschutz*, vol. 1, 1931, p. 69.

Siegmund Salfeld, *Quellen zur Geschichte der Juden in Deutschland* (Berlin 1898), vol. 3.

ALTONA

9. Beth ha-Midrash Chacham Zebi Klaus, owned by the Klausvereinigung.

About 4,000 Hebrew vols.

Catalogue: S. A. Goldschmidt, *Reshimat ha-sefarim* (Altona 1904).

Other sources: Information supplied by Dr. M. Plaut, Tel Aviv, and Samuel Frank, Tel Aviv, son of the former head of the community.

AUGSBURG

10. Juedisches Gemeinde Archiv, owned by the Jewish Community.

Documents of all branches of communal administration during the 19th century. Account-books of Pfersee. Register of Pfersee, 1782. Records of the registry-office, 1850-75, kept by the Rabbi. For the *Memorbuch* of Pfersee in the central archives, see no. 8.

BERLIN

11. Bibliothek der Juedischen Gemeinde, Fasanenstrasse. Branch library. cf. no. 4.

Popular library of about 14,000 vols.; many periodicals.

Sources: *Minerva*, 1937.

JDB, p. 29 (11,000 vols.).

Juedisches Jahrbuch fuer Gross-Berlin, 1926, p. 152.

12. **Archiv der Juedischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community and housed in the Central Archives: cf. no. 8.
 Oldest document: Book of the Hevra Kadisha, 1676. Privilege granted in 1714. Population statistics, tax-books, etc., of the second half of the 18th century.
 Sources: *Mitt*, vol. 3, 1911, p. 61.
 M. Stern, "Das Vereinsbuch des Berliner Beth Hamidrash, 1743-1788," in *JJLG*, vol. 22, 1931-32, p. 401-20, I-XII.
 Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 257.
- 12a. **Bibliothek und Archiv des Central-Vereins deutscher Staatsbuerger juedischen Glaubens**, owned by the Central-Verein.
 Coll. of about 6,300 vols. of recent Judaica and Antisemitica.
 Archives comprising 7,600 folders of documents pertaining to recent Jewish history and antisemitism in Germany. Files of 55 periodicals and a large coll. of newspaper clippings. Catalogue arranged in 29 main divisions.
 Catalogue: *New acquisitions in Central-Vereins-Dienst*, 1924 ff.
 Other sources: *Geschaeftsbericht. Zwei Jahre Arbeit im Central-Verein . . .* (1928).
13. **Bibliothek und Zentralarchiv des Ordens Bne Brith**, owned by the Bnai Brith.
 An important collection of Judaica and popular books.
 Catalogue: *Buecherei der Berliner Logen U.O.B.B. Neuanschaffungen*.
14. **Bibliothek des Rabbinate der Israelitischen Synagogengemeinde**, owned by the Congregation Adass Jisroel.
 About 1,500 vols. of rabbinic literature.
15. **Bibliothek des Juedischen Kulturbundes**, owned by Juedischer Kulturbund, E. V.
 Important popular library of Judaica and fiction, founded after 1933. Included many collections of the Verein fuer juedische Geschichte und Litteratur.
16. **Zentralsammelstelle der Gesellschaft der Freunde der Jerusalem Bibliothek**, owned by Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
 About 50,000 vols., Jewish and general, to be shipped to the library of the Hebrew University.
 Source: Information from A. Hofmann, Jessurun Library, Jerusalem.
17. **Archiv der Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der deutschen Juden**, owned by the association.
 Specialized collection of about 3,500 vols. on social work.
 Many periodicals. Historical parts of the Archives transferred to the Central Archives; see no. 8.
 Source: *Fuehrer durch die juedische Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1932-1933.
18. **Archiv und Bibliothek der Zionistischen Organisation**, owned by the Zionist Organization.
 About 3,500 Zionistica. Important newspaper collection.
19. **Spinoza-Loge U.O.B.B.**, owned by the Bnai Brith.
 Collection of photographs of Jewish antiquities.

BONN

20. **Archiv der juedischen Gemeinde in Gemeindehaus**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Coll. of ceremonial objects such as Torah-silver, curtains, etc. from the 18th century.

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Memor-book of 1784. Account-books of the country-Jewry in the district of the archbishopric of Cologne during the 18th century.

Sources: A. Levy, *Aus Bonner Archiven*, 1929.

A. Kober, "Jewish Names in the Era of Enlightenment," *Historia Judaica*, vol. 5, 1943, p. 164.

BRAUNSCHWEIG

21. **Museum der israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Founded by Alexander David (1685-1765).
 Valuable collection of ceremonial objects, curtains, *Mahzorim*, Esther-scrolls, etc.
 Source: G. Ruelf, in *Mitteilungen zur juedischen Volkskunde*, vol. 19, 1906, p. 89-94.

BRESLAU

22. **Bibliothek der Synagogen-Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 About 12,000 vols., Hebraica and Judaica.
 Catalogue: M. A. Levy, *Catalog der Bibliothek der Synagogen-gemeinde Breslau* (1861). *Nachtraege*, 1-6 (1865-1908).
 Other sources: *Fuehrer durch die juedische Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1932-1933.
 Bernhard Weinryb, in *Juedisches Gemeindeblatt*, Breslau, 1932.
23. **Schlesisches Museum fuer Kunstgewerbe und Altertuemer**. Jewish Division owned by the Verein Juedisches Museum, E. V.
 Collection of Jewish arts and crafts as well as documents of historical value.
 Source: E. Hintze, *Katalog der vom Verein "Juedisches Museum" Breslau veranstalteten Ausstellung "Das Judentum in der Geschichte Schlesiens"* (Breslau 1929).
24. **Archiv der Synagogen-Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Documents on communal administration since the 18th century.
 Records and statutes of the Hevra Kadisha since 1727; statutes of 1761. Many documents from other communities.
 Sources: Louis Lewin, *Geschichte der Israelitischen Kranken-Verpflegungs-Anstalt und Beerdigungsgesellschaft zu Breslau* (Breslau 1926).
 Max Freudenthal, "Die ersten Emanzipationsbestrebungen der Juden in Breslau," in *MGWJ*, vol. 37, 1893, p. 43 ff.
 M. Brann, "Geschichte des Landrabbinats in Schlesien," in *Jubelschrift zum siebenzigsten Geburtstag von H. Graetz* (Breslau 1887).
Minerva, 1937.

BRUCHSAL (Baden)

25. **Archive des Bezirksrabbinat**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Statutes; documents on relations with the bishops of Speyer; *Schutzbriefe*; *Geleitsgeld*; privileges; cemetery; name-lists; school-reports.
 The oldest document is dated 1685.
 Source: E. Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 228.

BUCHAU am Federsee (Wuerttemberg)

26. **Juedisches Altertums-Museum**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Objects of the 17th century.
 Source: *Juedische Gotteshaeuser and Friedhoeefe Wuertembergs* (Stuttgart 1902).
 Publ. by Oberrat der Israelitischen Religionsgemeinden Wuertembergs.

CASSEL

27. **Jewish Community (formerly Hessisches Landesmuseum)**, owned by the association Juedisches Museum. The collection formed a special division in the

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Hessisches Landesmuseum until 1939, when it was returned to the Jewish Community.

Collection of Jewish ritual objects of Hessen; arts and crafts.
Sources: Rudolf Hallo, "Juedische Kult- und Kunstdenkmaeler im Hessischen Landesmuseum, Kassel," in *Der Morgen*, 1928.
Information from Dr. Rahel Wischnitzer-Bernstein, New York.

28. **Jewish Community Archives**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Coll. of documents of the beginning of the 18th-19th centuries, including records of the Westphalian Consistory.
Source: S. Steinberg in *ZGJD*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 242.
R. Hallo, *Geschichte der juedische Gemeinde Kassel* (Kassel 1931) vol. 1.
- 29.* **Alexander Fiorino**.
Valuable collection of portrait miniatures by the famed Jewish artist, J.D.A. Fiorino, 1797.
Source: A. Fiorino, *Der Miniaturmaler J.D.A. Fiorino und seine Familie* (Kassel 1926).

COLOGNE

30. **Bibliothek der Synagogengemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Good collection of about 3,000 vols., Judaica and Hebraica.
Source: *Fuehrer durch die juedische Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1932-1933.
31. **Archiv der Synagogengemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Memorbücher of Cologne, Deutz, 1581-1784, Muelheim. Account-books in Hebrew and German, 18th century, from Deutz.
Communal administration documents since 1798. Protocols of the communal administration since 1857.
Collection of ceremonial objects, 18th century, from Deutz.
Register of the Archives.
Source: Adolf Kober, *Cologne* (Philadelphia 1940).

CREFELD

32. **Juedisches Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents for Jewish history in the Rhineland, especially for the time of the Napoleonic Wars.
Source: Information from Dr. Bluhm, former Rabbi of Crefeld, now Amerillo, Texas.

DARMSTADT

33. **Archiv der Juedischen Gemeinde und der Landjudenschaft Hessen**, owned by the Jewish Community.
With Frankfurt/M. the most important Jewish archive in Germany.
Rich material for the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.
Documents on: Jewish diets in the 18th century; taxes for the 18th and 19th centuries; the *Landjudenschaft* from 1831 to 1851.
Ordinances concerning the legal position of the *Israelitisch-Hessischen Religionsgemeinden* since the 17th century.
Complaints of the town Jewry, 1780-1790.
25 facsimiles on taxes and accounts beginning 1770.
Religious services and education since the end of the 18th century.
Cemetery since 1709.
Donations, construction, privileges.
200 vols. of communal bills since 1776, etc.
30 vols. of account books in Hebrew and German since the 18th century.
Part of the older documents was placed in the Central Archives, Berlin; see no. 8.
Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905.

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DESSAU

34. **Archiv der juedischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents since 1685.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 252.

DRESDEN

35. **Buecherei der Israelitischen Religionsgemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Valuable collection of Judaica, including the Wuensche collection.
Catalogue: B. Isaak, *Katalog der Buecherei des Israelitischen Religionsgemeinde zu Dresden* (1927).

DUESSELDORF

36. **Archiv der juedischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents on communal administration; *Memorbuch*; protocols of the Juelich-Bergischen Landjudenschaft. Coll. of Torah-silver and curtains.
Sources: A. Wedell, "Geschichte der juedischen Gemeinde Duesseldorf," in *Festschrift zum 600 jaehrigen Jubilaem der Stadt* (Duesseldorf 1888).
David Kaufmann, *Aus Heinrich Heine's Ahnensaal* (Breslau 1896), appendix.
M. Eschelbacher, *Die Synagogengemeinde Duesseldorf 1904-1929* (Duesseldorf 1929).
- 37.* **Karl W. Simons**.
Valuable ceremonial objects, 17th and 18th centuries.
Source: Kober-Moses, in *Rhein. Verein f. Denkmalspflege* (Duesseldorf 1931) p. 159, 160, 172.

FRANKFORT on-the-Main

38. **Gemeindebibliothek**, owned by the Jewish Community.
In 1937: 15,384 vols.
Founded on the library of the Israelitische Religionsschule and Hermann Cohen collection (mostly philosophy).
Included the collections: R. Kirchheim; Salomon Geiger; part of the Rothschild library; part of the coll. of Abraham Berliner (see no. 433; library of the Verein zu Abwehr des Antisemitismus; and the library of the Vereinigung Israelitischer Religionslehrer und -lehrerinnen.
Catalogues: A. Freimann, *Katalog der Bibliothek der Israelitischen Religionsschule* (Frankfurt/M. 1909); lists 946 Judaica, 3,118 Hebraica.
Ernst Blau, *Katalog der Gemeindebibliothek* (Frankfurt/M. 1932).
Verzeichnis der Buecherei der Vereinigung Israelitischer Religionslehrer und -lehrerinnen (1912); *Nachtraege*, 1913, 1915.
Katalog der Bibliothek des Vereins zur Abwehr des Antisemitismus (1908) (mimeographed).
Other sources: Information from Prof. A. Freimann, New York.
39. **Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft**, owned by the Orthodox Congregation.
Founded on the duplicates of Willi von Rothschild's library.
Catalogue: Chaim Meir Horowitz, *Standortskatalog der der Israelitischen Religionsgesellschaft ueberwiesenen Buecher aus der Bibliothek des Baron W. v. Rothschild* (Frankfurt/M. 1910).
40. **Bibliothek der Frankfurt Loge**, owned by the Bnai Brith.
Popular library of about 5,000 vols.
Catalogue: *Katalog der drei Bnei-Briss Logen zu Frankfurt/Main* (Frankfurt/M. 1927).
- 40a. **Professor Aron Freimann**.
Coll. of about 6,000 vols., including a number of incunables.

Hebraica and Judaica pertaining to bibliography, history, Halakah, liturgy, etc.
Information from Prof. A. Freimann, New York.

41.* **Rabbi Dr. Jacob Horovitz.**

Great rabbinic library of Rabbi Mordechai Horovitz (his father).

42.* **Hugo Bondi.**

Important rabbinic collection.

43. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.

Current material was housed in archives on Fahrgasse.
Material from 1826-1900 was housed in the Boernestrasse Synagogue.
The old documents and the archives of the Verein zur Abwehr des Antisemitismus were housed in the Boerneplatz Synagogue.
Oldest document, 1473: 2 *quellen* for the synagogue.
The Great Community-Book begins with the year 1540.
13 imperial privileges for the Jews in Frankfurt of the 17th and 18th centuries.
The oldest document entered is dated 1551.
44 vols. of notarial material, 1645-1798.
Memorbuch, 1629-1862, on parchment; *Memorbuch*, 1630-1898, on parchment; 536 folio sheets; 2 old funeral books.
Laws on residence and register of persons applying for residence, 1618-1740.
Register of deaths from 1709 to the end of the 18th century and from the beginning of the 19th century to the present time.
Midwife book, 1748-1785; register of births, 1808-1876.
Account-books; ledger and 14 vols. of cash-books, 1741-1804.
Protocols of the Jewish administrative authorities, 1808-1839.
Bills of the community since 1808.
Many documents on relations with non-Jewish authorities.
This was a very important and valuable archive, second only to the Gesamtarchiv in Berlin.
Sources: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 240-243.
I. Kracauer, *Geschichte der Juden in Frankfurt/Main*, 2 vols. (Frankfurt/M., 1925, 1927).
Information from Prof. A. Freimann, New York.

FUERTH

44. **Archiv der juedischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.

4 *Memorbuecher*: 1. the Altshul, 1592-1828; 2. the Neushul, first entry, 1592; 3. the Verein zur Erziehung von Waisen since 1767; 4. the Klaus; first entry, 1635.
Privileges of 1719; ordinances of 1722, 1767, 1786, 1793.
Dress-regulation of 1770; minutes of communal meetings, 1772-1819.
Documents: (a) general; (b) state law and statistics since 1798; (c) organization and personnel since 1815; (d) general management; (e) budget and bookkeeping since 1798; (f) income of the community since 1803; (g) taxes since 1829; (h) cult since 1820; (i) charity since 1819; (j) hospital since 1822; (k) endowments since 1822.
In possession of the rabbi: register of births, 1698-1875; midwife book, 1787-1804; register of deaths, 1812-1875; register of marriages, 1781-1875; certificates granted by the Kahal, 1804-1830; pawn-books, 1784-1812.
Register of new members of the community.
Sources: E. Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 236-240.
M. Brann, in *Kaufmann-Gedenkbuch*, p. 385-450.
Loewenstein, in *JJLG*, 1909, 1911, 1913.

GLOGAU (Silesia)

45. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.

Hevra Kadisha, 2 death-lists, beginning 1796.
Death-lists, 1710-1850.
Source: M. Brann, *Geschichte der Juden in Schlesien*, vol. 6 (1917).

GOETTINGEN

46.* Max Hahn.

Judaica and coll. of about 250 ceremonial objects.
 Catalogue: Ms. in possession of Dr. S. Lasch, New York.
 Other sources: E. Toeplitz, in *Israelitisches Familienblatt Hamburg*, vol. 2, p. 276 f.

HAMBURG

47. Bibliothek der Deutsch-Israelitischen Gemeinde, owned by the Jewish Community.

In 1937: 30,000 vols. (*Minerva*)
 In 1933: 20,000 vols. (*Fuehrer durch die jud. Gem. Verwaltung*).
 Remarkable library, very much enlarged in recent times: Included the collections
 Wallich Klaus (see No. 90), Sol Levine Klaus (see No. 88), Rabbi Nobel and
 others which were presented by emigrants during Nazi rule
 Collection of popular literature and Judaica.
 Catalogue: Salomon Goldschmidt, *Bibliothek der deutsch-Israelitischen Gemeinde
 in Hamburg* (1907).
 Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937.—*Fuehrer durch die juedische Gemeinde-Verwaltung*,
 1932-1933.

I. Marcon, in *Gemeindeblatt der juedischen Gemeinde Hamburg*, vol. 6,
 nos. 1, 2, 4, 6.

Information from Professor I. Marcon, England, former head of the library.

48. Talmud Tora Realschule, owned by the association:

Great students' library of about 10,000 vols. in 1905.
 Source: J. Goldschmidt, *Geschichte der Talmud Tora Realschule in Hamburg*
 (1905).

49. Museum und Buecherei fuer juedische Volkskunde, owned by the Gesellschaft fuer juedische Volkskunde. Housed in the Community-house.

Museum and library with a special division on the history of the Jews in Hamburg.
 Coll. of Jewish folklore.
 Catalogue: *Verzeichnis der Sammlungen der Gesellschaft fuer juedische Volkskunde*
 (1900).
 Other sources: *Jahrbuch fuer juedische Volkskunde*, vol. 1-2, 1923-1925
Mitteilungen der Gesellschaft fuer juedische Volkskunde, ed. by Grunwald, M.
 (1897-1922), *passim*.

50.* Leo Lessner.

Valuable art collection.
 Source: Information from Leo Lessner, Tel Aviv.

51. Gemeinde-Archiv, owned by the Jewish Community.

Documents from the second half of the 17th century.
 Books and documents concerning the community.
 Copies of privileges.
 Sources: M. Grunwald, *Hamburgs deutsche Juden bis zur Aufloesung der drei
 Gemeinden, 1811* (1904).
idem, "Die Statuten der Hamburg-Altonaer Gemeinden vor 1726," in *MGJV*,
 vol. 11, 1903, p. 28, 69.

52. Archiv der Portugiesisch-Juedischen Gemeinde, owned by the Portuguese Community.

Oldest document: Protocol book of the Portuguese community; first entry: 1652.
 Coll. of books and mss.
 Sources: J. Cassuto, "Aus dem aeltesten Protokollbuch der Portugiesisch-Juedischen
 Gemeinde in Hamburg," in *JJLG*, vol. 6 ff.
idem, "Neue Funde zur aelteren Geschichte der portugiesischen Juden in
 Hamburg," in *ZGJD*, 1930-1931.

HANNOVER

53. **Bibliothek der Synagogen-Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Good collection of Judaica, about 5,000 vols.
 Catalogue: M. Zuckermann, *Katalog der Israelitischen Gemeindebibliothek zu Hannover* (Hannover 1901). *Nachtraege*, 1, 2 (1911-1914).
 Other sources: *Handbuch dere juedischen Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1914-1925.

HEIDELBERG

54. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Memorbuch, 1781-1893; parchment documents, 1717, 1734.
 Deeds 1822-1831. Income and bills 1811-1818; 1833-1904.
 The oldest document: 1717.
 Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 224 f.

KARLSRUHE

55. **Bibliothek des Oberrates der Israeliten Badens**, owned by the Association of Jewish Communities, Baden.
 About 4,000 vols., Judaica, Hebraica and popular literature.
 Archives with mss. and documents concerning the "Oberrat" and the Jewish communities in Baden. Also collection of ceremonial objects.
 Catalogue: Else Salomon, *Katalog der Buecherei des Oberrats der Israeliten Badens*, 1929-1932. 3 vols. Lists: 457 Hebraica; 2,438 Judaica; 870 general works.
 Other sources: Information from Else Salomon, France, former librarian of the library.

KOENIGSBERG

56. **Bibliothek der Synagogen-Gemeinde and Verein fuer juedische Geschichte und Literatur**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Coll. of Judaica, Hebraica and popular literature.
 Old and precious Torah-silver, scrolls, curtains.
 Catalogue: *Katalog der Bibliothek der Synagogen-Gemeinde zu Koenigsberg* (Koenigsberg 1893). Lists 633 Hebraica, 742 Judaica.
 Other sources: Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe, New York.
 R. Cohn, in *Koenigsberger Israelitisches Gemeindeblatt*, vol. 9.
57. **Archiv der Synagogen-Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Documents since the 18th century on communal administration and funeral societies.
 Sources: H. Jolowicz, *Geschichte der Juden in Koenigsberg* (Posen 1867).
Festschrift zum 200 jaehrigen Bestehen der . . . Chewrah Kadisha, 1704-1904 (Koenigsberg 1904).

MANNHEIM

58. **Laemle-Klaus Stiftung**, owned by the Stiftung.
 Valuable collection of old prints, incunables, editions on parchment.
 2,000 Hebraica; coll. of Judaica in various languages.
 Source: Information from H. W. Unna, Palestine, son of Rabbi Unna, formerly Mannheim.
 V. Unna, in *Israelitisches Gemeindeblatt Mannheim*, vol. 7, no. 12.
59. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 9 privileges on parchment: 2 of 1690, 1710, 1717, 1722, 1734, 1711, 1765.
 Last will of Moses Lemle (1723); *Memorbücher* on parchment, 1673-1851. Pro-
 tocol-books 1740-1820; 2 *Mahzorim* on parchment, 18th century.

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Register of births, deaths, marriages, 1810-1870.
 Account books, 18th and 19th centuries.
 Complete registry since 1877.
 Part of these archives was placed in the Central Archives, Berlin, see no. 8.
 Sources: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 223.
Mannheimer Geschichtsblaetter, vol. 25, 1922.
 Information from B. Rosenthal, New York.

MAYENCE

60. **Bibliothek der Israelitischen Religionsgemeinschaft**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Valuable library with rare documents and some mss.
 Outstanding is the *Nuernberger Memorbuch*; first entry: 1296.
 Included collection of Rabbi Dr. M. Lehmann.
 Sources: *Menorah* (Vienna), 1927.
 Siegmund Salfeld, "Das Martyrologium des Nuernberger Memorbuchs," in *Quellen zur Geschichte der Juden in Deutschland* (Berlin 1898), vol. 3.
61. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Oldest documents, 1583.
 The great *Memorbuch* of the community, 1583-1837. Protocol-book of the Hevra Kadisha since 1661. Protocols and account books since 1758; membership-list since 1817. *Memorbuch* of Kastel (near Mayence) since 1785; *Memorbuch* of Mayence since 1837; documents from the time of French occupation under Napoleon. Debts of the community, 18th century. Statutes of the funeral society, 1832.
 Sources: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 218-220.
 Sali Levi, "Magenza," in *Menorah* (Vienna), 1927.
62. **Historische Sammlung der Israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Verein zur Pflege der juedischen Altertuermer in Mainz, housed in the community building.
 Documents, *megillot*, *haftara*-rolls, Torah-silver, *Memorbuch*; ceremonial objects, Torah-curtains (the oldest of 1761).
 Valuable collections of objects from the 17th to the 19th century.
 Sources: Peter Metz, "Ein Gang durch das Museum juedischer Altertuermer, Magenza," in *Menorah*, (Vienna) 1927.
 Ida Posen, "Die Mainzer Toraschreinvorhaenge," in *Notizblatt der Ges. zur Pflege juedischer Altertuermer in Mainz*, no. 29, 1932.

MUNICH

63. **Cosman Werner Bibliothek**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Small collection of Judaica and Hebraica; 2,500 vols. in 1924. Coll. of about 10,000 pamphlets.
 Source: *Handbuch der juedischen Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1924-1925.
64. **Juedischer Museumsverein**, owned by the association.
 Small collection of about 100 ceremonial objects.
65. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 19th-century documents on all branches of communal administration. Membership list of 1827; statutes after 1815; communal statutes, 1828-1834; residence permits, 1815, 1817; educational matters, 1815-1865; budget since 1819, etc. In the hands of the rabbi were placed documents concerning relations with state and municipal authorities; register of deaths (1816-1875), births, (1812-1875); marriages (1826-1875).
 Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 233-235.
66. **Verband Bayrischer Israelitischer Gemeinden**, owned by the Jewish Community, Munich.

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Coll. of documents, ceremonial objects, Torah-scrolls.
Torah-silver from dissolved Bavarian Jewish communities.
Source: Information from Rabbi Dr. Baerwald, New York.

NUREMBERG

67. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Minutes of administration and executive board from 1864 to present time.
In the hands of the rabbi were placed the register of births, deaths, marriages,
since 1857.
Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 236.

REGENSBURG

68. **Archiv der Israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents on communal administration since 1830.
Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 236.

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69. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Privileges issued by King Wladislaus IV (17th century).
Several community records of the 18th century.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 251.

SPEYER

70. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents of the 19th century.
Bills, etc., 1820-1830; negotiations with the authorities: 1829, 1830, 1831; protocols
and various documents; community statutes, 1829.
Sources: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 225-226.
Berthold Herz, *Gedenkschrift zum hundertjaehrigen Bestehen der Synagoge
zu Speyer* (Speyer 1937).

STUTTGART

71. **Bibliothek und Archiv des Israelitischen Oberrats Würtembers**, owned by the
Federation of Jewish Communities in Württemberg.
Collection of Judaica and Hebraica; books on philosophy, education, and religion.
Archives, 1828-1924.
Catalogue: Leo Adler, *Bibliothek des Israelitischen Oberrats Würtembergs.
Judaica* (1929). *Supplements*, 1932, 1933.
Other sources: E. Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 230 f.
A. Tänzer, *Die Geschichte der Juden in Württemberg* (1937).
72. **Archiv des Stadtrabbinats**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents dated 1830 and later.
Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 230 f.

TRIER

73. **Gemeinde-Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Memorbuch of Trier, beginning 1664.
Source: A. Lewin, "Das Trier Memorbuch," in *Juedisches Literatur-Blatt*, 1881,
no. 40, 41.

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74. **Archiv der Israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Documents of the 19th century.
Bills since 1853; family register, register of deaths, marriages, births. Protocols since 1856.
Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905.

WIESBADEN

75. **Archiv der Israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
19th century documents, partly placed in the Central Archives, Berlin.
Register since 1893.

WUERZBURG

76. **Bibliothek der Israelitischen Lehrerbildungsanstalt**, owned by the Teachers' Seminary (Vereinigte Stiftungen der Rabbiner S. B. Bamberger und Hoehberg).
Included coll. of B. Jeiteles, M. J. Landau, and S. L. Rapoport.
some rare prints.
Source: Information from Rabbi J. Hanover, former Rabbi of Wuerzburg, and R. M. Eschwege, former secretary of the community.

SMALLER LIBRARIES AND SCATTERED ANTIQUITIES

Smaller collections of Judaica and Hebraica existed in all Jewish communities. Of some importance are also the numerous branches of the Bnai Brith Lodges and of the "Verein fuer juedische Geschichte und Literatur" (see no. 15), with their collections of popular literature and fiction. (Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe.)

BERLIN

77. **Bibliothek der Juedischen Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
In addition to the main libraries on Oranienburgerstrasse and Fasanenstrasse, the Library had eight branches throughout Berlin.
78. **Bibliothek des Talmudvereins**, owned by the association.
About 1,500 vols. of rabbinic literature.
79. **Bibliothek des Beth-ha-Midrash**, Heidereuthergasse, owned by the orthodox Congregation.
About 1,500 vols. of rabbinic literature.
80. **Synagoge in der Heidereuthergasse**, owned by the orthodox Congregation.
Coll. of old Torah-silver and curtains since 1718.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 4, p. 23.

BREMEN

81. **Lehrbibliothek der Israelitischen Gemeinde mit Archiv**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Over 1,000 vols. of Judaica, Talmudica, religious literature; deeds and documents.
20 Torah- and Esther scrolls.
Source: Max Markreich, New York, former President of the Jewish Community.

CASSEL

82. **Bibliothek der Synagogengemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Collection of Judaica and Hebraica, including 2 vols. of a photostatic copy of the Munich ms. of the Talmud.
Source: U. S. Army Paper, *XIX Corps Scroll*, no. 3, June 24, 1945.

CREFELD

83. **Bibliothek des Bnai Brith**, owned by B'nai Brith.
Good collection of Judaica and general literature.
Source: Information from Dr. Arthur Bluhm (former Rabbi of Crefeld), Amerillo, Texas.
84. **Main Synagogue**, owned by the Jewish Community.
12 stained-glass windows by the Dutch artist John Thorn-Prikker. Mohel-bench, 18th century.
Sources: See above.
Kober-Moses, in *Rheinischer Verein fuer Denkmalspflege*, 1931, p. 164.

FRANKFURT-on-the-Main

- 84a. **Philanthropin, Realschule und Hoehere Maedchenschule der Israelitischen Gemeinde**, owned by the School.
Coll. of several thousand vols.
Source: Information from Prof. A. Freimann, New York.
- 84b. **Realschule der Israelitischen Religionsgesellschaft**, owned by the School.
Coll. of several thousand vols.
Source: See above.

FRIEDBERG (Hessen)

85. **Israelitische Gemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Mahzor, ms. of 1287, in 2 vols.
Collection of Torah-silver and ceremonial objects, 16th-18th centuries.
Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 6, p. 1,173.
Kober-Moses, *l.c.*, p. 151 ff. 171.

GOCH (Rhineland)

86. **Synagogue**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Menorah, 18th century.
Source: Kober-Moses, *l.c.*, p. 157.

HAMBURG

87. **Synagogue am Bornplatz**, owned by the Jewish Community.
About 4,000 vols., including the Amram Hirsch coll.
88. **Beth-ha-Midrash Loeb ben Rabbi Saul**, owned by the Association.
Rabbinic literature.
Catalogue: Salomon Goldschmidt, *Reshimat ha-sefarim ha-omedim be-bet ha-midrash . . .* (Hamburg 1921).
89. **Vereinigte Klaus**, owned by the Association.
Rabbinic literature.
90. **Wallich Klaus**, owned by the Association.
Valuable rabbinic library with many first editions, mss., Judaica and Hebraica.
Catalogue: In the possession of Mr. Moses Wagner, Tel Aviv, grandson of the founder.
Other Sources: Information from Prof. I. Marcon, England.

HANNOVER

91. **Beth-ha-Midrash**, owned by the Michael David'sche Stiftung.
Collection of rabbinic literature.

INGERHEIN a. d. Saale

92. Bibliothek der Israelitischen Volksschule, owned by the Association.
Coll. of Judaica and general literature.
Source: Information from the Fédération of Jews from Central Europe, New York.

KARLSRUHE

93. Bibliothek der Synagogen-Gemeinde, owned by the Jewish Community.
About 1,800 vols. Judaica and Hebraica. Coll. of Hebrew prints of the 18th century.
Source: Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

KOENIGSBERG/Pr.

94. Kantloge U.O.B.B., owned by Bnai Brith.
Popular library.
Source: Information from Herbert Perlmann, Alexandria, Va.

LEIPZIG

95. Juedische Lesehalle und Bibliothek, owned by the Jewish Community.
About 2,000 vols., Judaica and general literature.
Source: *Fuehrer durch die juedische Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1932-1933.

LIEGNITZ

96. Bibliothek der Israelitischen Gemeinde, owned by the Jewish Community.
Popular collection of about 3,500 vols.
Source: Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

MANNHEIM

97. Synagogue, owned by the Jewish Community.
Torah-silver and curtains of the 17th and 18th centuries.
1 golden cup of the 16th century.
Source: Kober-Moses, in *Rhein. Verein f. Denkmalspflege*, 1931, p. 157.

MAYENCE

98. Bibliothek der Rhenus-Loge, owned by the Bnai Brith.
In 1929 more than 1,500 vols., scientific and popular literature.
Source: M. Hertz, *Vierzig Jahre Rhenusloge* (Mainz 1929).

MUNSTER

99. Bibliothek des Juedischen Lehrer-Seminars, owned by the Marks-Haindorf'sche Stiftung.
Catalogue: *Catalog* (Muenster 1906), with 1,110 entries.

NEUSTADT a. d. Saale

100. Bibliothek der Israelitischen Volksschule, owned by the Jewish Community.
Source: Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

NUREMBERG

101. Israelitische Gemeinde-Bibliothek, owned by the Jewish Community.
About 2,500 vols. in 1924.

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1 edition on parchment.
Source: *Handbuch der juedischen Gemeindeverwaltung*, 1924.

102. Verein fuer juedische Geschichte und Literatur, owned by the Verein.
About 2,500 vols.
Source: *Gemeindefuehrer*, 1919.
103. Synagogue, owned by the Jewish Community.
Fragment of the *Aron ha-Kodesh* of the medieval synagogue.

STETTIN

104. Buecherei der Synagogengemeinde, owned by the Jewish Community.
Good collection of Judaica.
Catalogue: *Katalog der Buecherei der Synagogengemeinde zu Stettin. Mit Nachtraegen* (Stettin 1930-1933).

ULM

105. Verein fuer juedische Geschichte und Literatur, owned by the Verein.
About 3,700 vols.
Source: Information from the Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

WUERZBURG

106. Frankenloge, owned by the B'nai Brith and the Jewish Community.
Good popular collection.
Source: Information from A. W. Schwabacher, New York, former president of Frankenloge.
107. Bibliothek der Juedischen Volksschule, owned by the Jewish Community.
School library for teachers and pupils.
Source: Information from R. M. Eschwege, New York, former secretary of the community.
108. Bibliothek des Vereins Mechol Chajim, owned by Verein.
Small, coll. of Hebraica and Judaica.
Source: See above.
109. Bibliothek des Vereins Ohawe Emeth, owned by Verein.
Small coll. of Hebraica and Judaica.
Source: See above.

AUSTRIA

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110. Bibliothek der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, in VIENNA, owned by the Jewish Community.
In 1938: 33,800 vols. mostly Hebraica, with hundreds of rare books and a thousand very valuable books. 3,000 vols. of some 600 periodicals. 645 mss., 300 of which are very valuable. 41 incunables.
Coll. of autographs of Hebrew writers and scholars.
A very important collection of Hebraica and Judaica, founded on the collections of Nachum Beer Friedmann of Sadagora and S. J. Halberstamm.
Catalogues: B. Wachstein, *Bibliothek der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde, Wien. Katalog der Salo Cohn'schen Schenkungen*. (Vienna 1913-1914), 2 vols.: 923 + 415 entries.
Zuwachsverzeichnisse fuer die Jahre 1909-1935, Vienna (1911-1937).

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- Verzeichnis*, 1908-1910 (mimeographed).
Verzeichnisse, 1909-1929: 4,541 entries.
 A. Z. Schwarz, *Die hebraeischen Handschriften in Oesterreich* (1931).
 Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. *JDB*, 1931, p. 159. (Saul Chajes, "Die Sammlungen der juedischen Gemeinde in Wien," in *JJO*, 5693 (1932). Information from Prof. Moses Rath, Tel Aviv, former head of the library.)
 Moses Rath, Tel Aviv, former head of the library.
 B. Wachstein, "Hebraeische Autographen . . ." in *Menorah* (Vienna), vol. 5.
111. **Bibliothek der Israelitischen-theologischen Lehranstalt**, in VIENNA, owned by the Seminary.
 About 23,000 vols., some mss. and incunables, 1 ed. on parchment.
 An excellent collection of rabbinic and scientific literature, based on the J. H. Schorr (Brody) collection.
 Sources: *Jahresberichte der Lehranstalt*, *passim*.
JDB, 1934.
 Information from Prof. Moses Rath, Tel Aviv.
112. **Juedisches Museum**, in VIENNA, owned by the Gesellschaft fuer Sammlung und Konservierung von Kunst und historischen Denkmaelern des Judentums in Wien.
 Some Hebrew mss.; Hebraica, Judaica.
 6,474 objects, historical and art collection.
 Exhibition of sculptures and graphics; coll. of ceremonial objects, coins, medals; *ketubbot*, *megillot*.
 Catalogues: *Fuehrer durch das Juedische Museum*, hrsg. vom Curatorium (Vienna 1906).
Erster Jahresbericht fuer das Jahr 1895 und 1896 (1897).
 S. Weissenberg, "Juedische Museen und Juedisches in Museen," in *Mitt. zur juedischen Volkskunde*, vol. 23, 1907, p. 86 ff.
 Other sources: Moritz Stern, in *Juedische Presse*, 1901, no. 34.
idem, in *Jewish Messenger* (New York), October 4, 1901.

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EISENSTADT

- 113.* **Sandor Wolf**, Library and Museum, of Sandor Wolf, Palestine.
 31,000 vols. of Judaica and a coll. on the history and art of Hungary.
 Museum with the following divisions: archeology, art, history.
 Sources: Sandor Wolf, *Die Kunst in Eisenstadter Ghetto* (Budapest 1919).
JJO, 5693 (1932), p. 87.
 Information from Sandor Wolf, Palestine.
114. **Archiv der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Pinax (Black Book); protocol-books for Jewish history in Eisenstadt and the seven communities in Burgenland, 1689-1867.
 Sources: B. Wachstein, *Urkunden und Akten zur Geschichte der Juden in Eisenstadt und den sieben Gemeinden* (Vienna 1926).
 Max Grunwald, in *Jahrbuch fuer juedische Volkskunde*, 1924-1925, p. 404-536.

GOERZ

115. **Archiv der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Coll. of documents, the oldest dated 1508.
 Sources: *Kalender fuer Israeliten*, 5672 (1911-1912).
Fuehrer durch die Kultusgemeinde der oesterreichischen Monarchie (Vienna 1911), p. 308.

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116. **Beth ha-Midrash der Kultusgemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
 Coll. of Hebraica, scientific and rabbinic literature, based on the Tellek library.

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- Valuable and rare prints were transferred to the local Jewish Theological Seminary; see no. 111.
Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.
117. **Bibliothek der Schiffschule**, owned by Adath Jisroel.
Coll. of rabbinic literature and Torah-scrolls.
Source: Information from Rose Fuerst, New York, daughter of Rabbi S. Fuerst of the Adath Jisroel in Vienna.
118. **Bibliothek des B'nai Brith**, owned by the B'nai Brith.
Popular library of about 10,000 vols.
Source: Information from Dr. Elias, New York, former president of B'nai Brith.
- 119.* **Anton Lourie**.
Large coll. of Judaica with many unique items of special interest for Jewish history. Family-Archives.
Source: Information from Anton Lourie, Los Angeles, and Prof. N. M. Gelber, Jerusalem.
- 120.* **Leo Goldhammer**.
Good library of Judaica and Zionistica.
Source: *JJO*, 1932.
- 121.* **Samuel Krauss**.
Coll. of the former rector of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Coll. of Judaica, about 4,000 vols.
Source: Information from Prof. Moses Rath, Tel Aviv.
- 122.* **Chaim Bloch**.
Coll. of old Hebraica; responsa; 2,000 letters of three centuries.
Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.
123. **Archiv der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde**, owned by the Jewish Community.
Founded in 1840 with 4,000 documents, to which thousands of items were added later. Includes the collection of Joseph Benedikt Veith (1827).
Oldest document, 1670; privileges, family lists, protocol-books, correspondence of the 18th and 19th centuries.
Collection of about 50 portraits of the 18th century.
Current material since 1890.
Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 257.
Saul Chajes, "The First Protocol of the Vienna Jewish Community, 1784," (Yiddish) in *Historische Shriften*, vol. 1, 1929, p. 707-716, XL f.
Information from Prof. M. Rath, Tel Aviv, former director of the archives.

SMALLER LIBRARIES

VIENNA

124. **Juedische Volksbibliothek "Zion"**, owned by the Zionist Organization; affiliated with the Community library.
Zionist coll. of 4,600 vols.
Source: *JJO*, 1932.
Information from Prof. Moses Rath, Tel Aviv.
125. **Lese-und Redehalle juedischer Hochschueler**, owned by the association Kadimah.
Zionist students' library of 1,800 vols. in 1912.
Source: *Kalender fuer Israeliten*, vol. 20, 1911-1912, vol. 25, 1916.
126. **Arbeiterbibliothek B. Borochow**, owned by Poale Zion.
Youth library; coll. of Yiddish pamphlets.
Source: *JJO*, 1932.

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127. **Bibliothek der Jugendgruppe Agudas Jisroel**, owned by Agudas Israel.
Religious youth library.
Source: *JJO*, 1932.
128. **Bibliothek der Jugendzentrale Misrachi**, owned by the Mizrachi.
Religious-Zionist youth library.
Source: *JJO*, 1932.
129. **Alliance Israélite Universelle**, owned by Austrian branch of AIU.
Small coll. of Judaica and Hebraica.
Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.
130. **Union Oesterreichischer Juden**.
Small coll. of books on Jewish history in Austria.
Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.

BELGIUM

ANTWERP

131. **Agudath Zion**.
Zionist collection of several thousand volumes.
Catalogue: *Reshimat ha-sefarim shel ha-biblioteka ha-zionit be-Antwerpen* (1913).
Other sources: Information from Wendel Haber, New York, the former librarian.
132. **Joodsche Gemeende van Antwerpen**.
Small rabbinic collection housed in the synagogue.
Documents of the Community since 1830.
Source: Information from Numar Torcziner, New York, and Simon Aptroot, New York, former secretary of the Community.
133. **Beth Zion (Book club)**.
Small popular collection.
Source: Information from Simon Aptroot, New York.

BRUSSELS

134. **Consistoire Israélite Central de Belgique**.
Small coll. of religious books.
Documents since 1830.
Sources: S. Ullmann, *Historire des juifs en Belgique jusqu'au 18e siècle* (Anvers 1909), p. 86 ff.
Information from Numar Torcziner, New York.
135. **Organisation Sioniste de Belgique**.
Coll. of books and periodicals.
Circulating library.
Source: Information from Numar Torcziner, New York.

BULGARIA

RUSE

136. **Biblioteka Isak i Mazal Bali**.
Library of the Bnai Brith Lodge (Rusenskaya Beneberitska -Lozka "Zigmund Bergel"), founded in 1915. About 4,000 vols.
Source: *Kratka istoriya*, ed. by Bnai Brith Lodge (Ruse 1936), p. 28.

SOFIA

137. **Bibliothèque du Consistoire Israélite**.
General coll. of the Jewish Community.

138.* **Salomon Abraham Rosanes.**

Important coll. of Jewish history in Bulgaria and Turkey.
The library was housed in the Bnai Brith Building.
Source: Information from H. Warman, Jerusalem.

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139. **Knihovna zidovské nabrozenske obce v Praze** (Library of the Jewish Community), in PRAGUE.
25,000 vols. 38 mss. (the oldest of the 12th century, many from the 14th and 15th centuries.)
Included coll. of B. Jeiteles, M. J. Landau, and S. L. Rapoport.
250 early prints, including 16 *Prager Drucke*.
Comprehensive collection of Hebraica and Judaica, and periodicals.
Catalogue: M. Brody, *Die Handschriften der Prager juedischen Gemeindebibliothek* (Prague 1911-1914).
Other sources: T. Jakobovitz, *Die Entstehungsgeschichte der Bibliothek der Israelitischen Kultusgemeinde in Prag*. (Prague 1927). *Idem*, "Zidoyska knihovná a prazske tisky," in *Zidovski Kalendar*, 1938-1939, p. 81-88.
140. **Zidovske Museum** (Jewish Museum) in PRAGUE.
Collection of 600 objects; art and history.
7 documents on parchment pertaining to David Oppenheim.
Catalogues: *Juedisches Museum in Prag. Katalog* (1913).
S. H. Lieben, "Oppenheimiana" in *JGJC*, 1935, p. 437 ff.
Other sources: J. Flesch, *Das juedische Museum in Prag* (Prague 1928). S. H. Lieben, *Das juedische Museum in Prag* (Prague 1925). *Antiquitates judaicae pragenses, und Erlaeterungen*. M. Balaban, *Zabytki historyczne* (Warsaw 1935), p. 23. *Minerva*, 1937.
141. **Central Jewish Museum of Moravia and Silesia**, in MIKULOV (Nikolsburg).
Coll. of 700 objects; art and history.
Archives with 2,000 documents.
Source: Alfred Engel, *Gedenkbuch in Auftrage des Kuratoriums* (Nikolsburg 1936).
142. **Archiv zidovske nábozenske obce prazske** (Archives of the Jewish Community), in PRAGUE.
1,020 bound volumes, the oldest of 1681; included 42 vols. of judiciary protocols, 1682-1779.
Over 250,000 documents and deeds.
Almost complete for the period 1747-1914.
The Archives consisted of 9 divisions: (a) 1625-1780; (b) 1781-1790; (c) 1791-1840; (d) 1840-1918; (e) foundations; (f) documents on liquidated synagogues; (g) material on Libna and Smichov; (h) family-archives; (i) copies of documents from other archives and *Memorbücher*.
Sources: Simon Adler, *Das juedische Prag* (1917).
idem, "Das aelteste Judicial-Protokoll des juedischen Gemeinde-Archivs in Prag (1682)," in *JGJC*, vol. 3, 1931, p. 217-256.
idem, "Archiv zidovské nabrozenske obce v Praze," in *Zidovski Kalendar*, 1938-1939, p. 76-80.

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BOŠKOVICE

143. **Archives of the Hevra Kadisha** (Burial Society).
Founded in 1711; records date back to 1689.
Book of protocols of the Society.
Source: *JGJC*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 286.

BRATISLAVA

144. **Archives of the Hevra Kadisha (Burial Society).**
Resolutions of the Society, 1751-1841; 2 books with membership lists.
Source: Max Schay, "Die Protokolle der Chewra Kadischa der juedischen Gemeinde in Pressburg," in *ZGJT*, vol. 3, 1933, p. 71-88, 152-165.
145. **Jewish Community.**
Coll. of antiquities and large library with about 25,000 vols.
Sources: *Vystavka stare umeni na slovenska v Praze, 1937* (Catalogue of the Prague exhibition).
"Deutsche Kultur im Leben der Voelker," in *Mitteilungen der . . . Deutschen Akademie*. Muenchen, vol. 15. 1940. Heft 1, p. 110.

BRNO

146. **Archives of the Moravia Lodge, B.B.**
Most valuable items: the protocol-book of the *Hevra Kadisha* of the community of Kanitz with its statutes, protocols, minutes, budgets, etc.; the *pinax* of the community of Tobitschan, 1645-1695.
Sources: Heinrich Flesch, "Aus juedischen Handschriften in Maehren," in *JGJC*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 289.
idem, "Aus dem Pinax von Tobitschan," in *JGJC*, vol. 3, 1931, p. 257-273.

IVANOVICE

147. **Archives of the Jewish Community.**
Memorbuch on parchment; first entry May 23, 1709.
Source: *JGJC*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 286.

MIKULOV (Nikolsburg)

148. **Jewish Community Library.**
Coll. of 20 kabbalistic mss. and coll. of Judaica and Hebraica.
Catalogue: A. Z. Schwarz, "Nikolsburger hebraeische Handschriften," in *Studies in Jewish Bibliography and related subjects in memory of A. S. Freidus* (New York 1929).

MUNKACEVO

149. **Beth ha-Midrash ha-gadol.**
Large library of rabbinic literature.
Catalogue: *Luah ha-sefarim debeth ha-midrash ha-gadol depo Munkacs* (Prague 1929).

PREROV (Moravia)

150. **Archives of the Hevra Kadisha (Burial Society).**
Memorbuch with miniatures; first entry 1765.
Source: *JGJC*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 288.

PRESOV (Slovakia)

151. **Jewish Museum of the Jewish Museum Society.**
Historic documents; manuscripts; pictures, autographs, objects of art; illustrated *ketubbot*; *megillot*; *menorot*; silver-hands and other ceremonial objects.
Sources: Theodor Austerlitz, "Das juedische Museum in Presov," in *ZGJT*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 127-128.
idem, "Ein Rundgang durch das juedische Museum in Presov," *l.c.*, p. 225-228.
Vystavka stare umeni na slovenska v Praze, 1937 (Catalogue of the Prague exhibition).

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PROSTEJOV (Moravia)

152. Archives of the Jewish Community.

Protocol-book, 1722-1792.

Source: J. Freimann, "Geschichte der Juden in Prossnitz," in *JJLG*, vol. 15, 1923, p. 31.

TREBIC (Moravia)

153. Archives of the Jewish Community.

Memorbuch of the time of Emperor Charles VI (first entry April 25, 1732) with artistic illustrations; *Memorbuch* of the time of Joseph II, with artistic initials.

Source: *JGJC*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 286-289.

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Smaller libraries were found in all the larger Jewish communities; of some importance were those in BOHUMIN (Silesia), HODONIN (Moravia), and HOLESOV (or Holleschau). See *Statistika zidovskych obci Zidovsky Kalendar*, 1921-1922.

DENMARK

COPENHAGEN

154. Library of the Jewish Community.

The oldest Jewish library in the Scandinavian region, with many Judaica, few Hebraica.

Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 10, p. 303.

Information from Rabbi Dr. Simon Federbusch, New York.

155. Yiddish Library.

Political literature in Yiddish and Danish; small collection.

Source: Information from Dr. Simon Federbusch, New York.

156. Jewish Museum.

Small collection of the Jewish Community.

Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 10, p. 303.

ESTONIA

TALLINN (Reval)

157. Jewish Community Library.

Small collection.

Source: Information from Dr. Max Laserson, New York, formerly professor at the University of Riga.

158. Society of the Friends of the Yiddish Scientific Institute, in Vilna.

Book collection.

Source: See above.

TARTU (Dorpat)

159. Academic Society for the Study of Jewish History and Literature.

Judaica in several languages. In 1937: over 2,000 volumes.

Sources: Reports of the society, 1904-1936.

Catalogue of the Exhibition in commemoration of 50 years of its existence. Tartu 1934. *Juudi kunst trükis ja pildis*.

160. Jewish Community.

Minute-books of the 19th century.

Catalogue: Nosson Genss, *Bibliograafija judaica Eestis* (Tallinn 1937), p. 72-76.

161.* **Nosson Genss.**

Collection of Judaica and printed material published in Estonia in Hebrew and Yiddish.

Source: Genss, *Bibliograafija*, . . . *op. cit.*

162.* **Julius Genss.**

Library of over 20,000 vols., rich in Judaica.

Source: A privately published catalogue in the Russian language, 1932.

FINLAND**HELSINKI**163. **Jewish Community Library.**

Coll. of a few thousand vols. of Hebraica and of Judaica in Yiddish. The library is about 30 years old.

Source: Information from Rabbi Dr. Simon Federbusch, New York, former Rabbi of Helsinki.

FRANCE**THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS**164. **Alliance Israélite Universelle, in PARIS.**

50,000 vols. 300 mss.; 20 incunables; 1 ed. on parchment; 1,500 Genizah fragments.

Largest collection of Judaica and Hebraica in France; founded on the S. Munk collection. Includes Crémieux Archives, S. D. Luzzatto coll.

Catalogue: M. Schwab, "Les manuscrits et incunables hébreux de la bibliothèque de l'Alliance Israélite Universelle," in *REJ*, vol. 49, 1904, p. 74 ff, 270 ff. (130 + 13 entries).

Other sources: M. Schwab, "Un Mahzor illustré," in *REJ*, vol. 48, p. 230 ff.

idem, "Un rituel cabbalistique," in *REJ*, vol. 34, p. 127.

Minerva, 1937.

Narcisse Leven, *Cinquante ans de l'histoire*. 2 vols. (1911, 1920).

165. **Ecole Rabbinique de France, in PARIS.**

25,000 vols.; 150 mss.; Coll. of incunables.

Comprehensive library of scientific and rabbinic literature.

Catalogue: M. Abraham, "Catalogue des manuscrits et incunables de l'Ecole Rabbinique de France," in *REJ*, 1924 (129 + 24 entries).

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Documents since ca. 1808.

Source: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905.

METZ167. **Archives du Consistoire Israélite.**

The oldest *Memorbuch* of an Alsatian community, from the end of the 16th century to 1754.

Documents of the Consistoire since 1808.

Sources: Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905.

M. Ginsburger, "Les Mémoires alsaciens," in *REJ*, vol. 40, 41.

PARIS

168. **Bibliothèque et Archives du Consistoire Israélite.**
Mss., incunables and Genizah fragments.
Coll. of Judaica and Hebraica.
Archives founded in 1808.
Catalogue: M. Schwab, "Les manuscrits du Consistoire Israélite de Paris provenant de la Guéniza du Caire," in *REJ*, vol. 63, 64, 66 (1911-1913).
Other sources: R. Anchel, *Napoléon et les juifs* (1928).
Narcisse Leven, *Cinquante ans de l'histoire*.
169. **Pernikow Bibliotek**, library of the Fédération des Sociétés Juives.
About 6,200 vols., with a special Hebrew division.
Many Judaica in Russian.
Source: E. Tscherikover, *Yidn in Frankreich* (New York, 1942).
170. **Nomberg Bibliotek**, library of the Medem Farband (Bund).
Yiddish coll. of about 3,300 vols.
Source: *idem*.
171. **Yiddishe Folks--Bibliotek fun Shalom Aleichem "Zapho."**
Library of the Kultur-Liga.
Yiddish collection of about 3,800 vols., with many editions from Soviet Russia.
Source: *idem*.
- 172.* **Collection Edmond de Rothschild.**
Large collection of books and valuable art-objects.
173. **Congrès Juif Mondial.**
Coll. of documents on the pogroms in the Ukraine, 1919-1921, for about 800 communities.
These archives were transferred to Paris from Berlin where they were known as Ostjuedisches Historisches Archiv.
Source: *Enc. Jud.* vol. 3, p. 287.

STRASBOURG

174. **Bibliothèque et Archives de la Société pour l'Histoire des Israélites.**
Collection of books and documents related to Jewish history in Alsace.
Source: *Minerva*, 1937.
175. **Archives du Consistoire Israélite.**
Documents since 1806 on relations with French authorities and the Central Consistory in Paris.
Documents from other Alsatian communities.
Minutes, registry and decisions since 1812.
Source: E. Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 229.
176. **Musée Juif pour l'Alsace-Lorraine, of the Société pour l'Histoire des Israélites.**
Section of Musée Alsacien, Strasbourg.
Coll. of about 200 objects (in 1908).
Source: M. Ginsburger, *Das juedische Museum fuer Elsass-Lothringen* (Gebweiler i.e. 1909).

SULZ

177. **Archives of the Jewish Community.**
Register of names concerning the cemetery in Jungholz, 1779; protocol-book and account-book in Hebrew concerning the cemetery; *mohel*-book, 1783; *Wimpeln* 17th and 18th centuries. Excerpts from the Metz *Memorbuch*.
Oldest document from the 17th century.
Source: E. Zivier, in *MGWJ*, vol. 49, 1905, p. 229.

Smaller Jewish libraries were found in almost all Jewish communities. Of some importance were the collections in NANCY, LILLE, and in the Ecole Israélite Orientale in PARIS, which possessed an illuminated *mahzor*; see *Hebraica, documents d'art juif* (1930). Scattered documentary material was kept in the archives of almost all Jewish communities in France; see *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 290 ff. R. Anchel, *Napoléon et les juifs*, p. XIII-XIV. M. Ginsburger, "Les mémoriaux Alsaciens," in *REJ*, vol. 40, p. 231-247; vol. 41, p. 118-143.

GREECE

SALONIKI

178. Jewish Community Library.

Collection at least 300 years old, with valuable material.

Source: Information from Dr. Alcalay, New York, former Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia.

179. Bibliothèque Bene Brith.

Small collection of books; Judaica in French.

Source: See above.

HUNGARY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

180. Orszagos rabbiképző intézet (Rabbinical Seminary), in BUDAPEST.

About 30-40,000 vols., including the Della Torre coll.

Outstanding scientific and rabbinic library.

Catalogue: *Catalogue de la bibliothèque hébraico-judaïque du feu Lelio della Torre* (Padua 1872): 794 + 611 entries.

Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. Information from Dr. G. Lanyi, New York.

181. Orszagos Magyar Zsido Museum (Jewish Museum) in BUDAPEST.

Founded by the Hungarian Jewish Literary Society; opened in 1916. 2,200 objects: art and crafts. Also coll. of books and documents, letters, mss. of Goldziher. Religious objects; plans and pictures of synagogues, arts, almemors. Coll. of ceremonial objects from synagogues and homes. Symbols and amulets; signets, seal-rings, gems, coins, artistic and graphic objects. Old costumes. Family-relics. Division of modern Jewish art.

Sources: *MZL*, p. 566.

Minerva, 1937.

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BUDAPEST

182. A Pesti Izraelita Hitközség Könyvtára (Jewish Community of Pest-Library).

About 10,000 vols., Hebraica and Judaica.

Rich coll. of historical documents, including coll. on Jews in the Hungarian revolution of 1848.

Coll. of periodicals in defense against antisemitism.

Source: *MZL*, p. 703.

183. A Buda Izraelita Hitközség Könyvtára (Jewish Community of Buda-Library).

About 15,000 vols., Hebraica and Judaica.

Important coll. of historical documents.

Source: *MZL*, p. 150.

184.* Baracs Karoly (former President of the Community; died around 1935).

5,000 vols. on general subjects.

Source: *MZL*, p. 150.

- 185* Dr. Ignaz Friedmann.
Coll. of antiquities.

KESZTHELY

186. Community Archives.
Source: *Enc. Jud.* vol. 3, p. 271.

OBUDA (Old Buda)

187. Community Archives.
Coll. of important historical documents.
Source: *MZL*, p. 659.

SZEGED

188. Community Library for Teachers.
Valuable collection.
Source: *MZL*.
- 189.* Rabbi Immanuel Loew (died in 1944).
Coll. of 6,000 vols., Judaica.
Source: *MZL*, p. 830.

ITALY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

190. Biblioteca del Collegio Rabbinico, in ROME.
Very old and very valuable collection.
16 incunables. Many mss.
Catalogue: Umberto Cassuto, "Gli incunaboli ebraici del Collegio Rabbinico italiano," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 5, 1908 (16 entries).
Other sources: Umberto Cassuto, "Manoscritti e incunaboli ebraici nelle biblioteche italiane," in *Atti di primo Congresso mondiale delle biblioteche e di bibliografia*, vol. 3 (Rome 1931). Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Italia Judaica* (Rome 1924).
191. Biblioteca del Talmud Tora, in LEGHORN (Livorno).
129 mss. 1 edition on parchment. Many incunables and rare prints.
Very valuable collection.
Catalogue: Carlo Bernheimer, *Catalogue des manuscrits et livres hébraïques de la bibliothèque du Talmud Tora de Livourne* (Livorno 1914).
Other sources: *idem*, "La Bibliothèque du Talmud Tora de Livourne," in *REJ*, 1913, p. 301-309. Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Manoscritti e carte orientali nelle biblioteche e negli archivi d'Italia* (1930). Carlo Bernheimer, "The Library of the Talmud Torah at Leghorn," in *Studies in Jewish Bibliography . . . in memory of A. S. Freidus* (New York 1929).
192. Biblioteca della Comunità Israelitica, in MANTUA.
84 (or 170) mss. Valuable prints.
Catalogue: Marco Mortava, *Catologo dei mss. ebraici della Bibl. della comunità Israelitica di Mantova* (Livorno 1872): 84 entries.
Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *op. cit.* Marco Mortava, "Die Gemeindebibliothek zu Mantua," in *ZHB*, vol. 4, 1861, p. 48 ff., 74-79.
193. Archivi della Università Israelitica, in ROME.
Founded in 1929.
Four divisions: (a) Documents of the community since 1590; administration, taxes, statistics. (b) Synagogues and charitable institutions since 1553. (c) Inter-

course with the authorities since 1240; papal bulls and edicts; treaties and negotiations with governments. (d) Various documents, wills (since 1682), correspondence, etc.

Source: Attilio Milano and Roberti Bachi, *Storia e Riordinamento dell'Archivio della Università Israelitica di Roma* (1929), p. 29-37.

Erm. Loevinson, *Roma Israelitica*. Frankfurt 1927.

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FERRARA

194. Archivi della Comunità Israelitica.

Minerbi collection with very old and valuable documents.

Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 6, p. 958.

FLORENCE

195. Archivi della Comunità Israelitica.

Small book collection, including the *Biblioteca della Confraternità (Ets Chaim ve-ohave Tora)* with Montefiore coll.; religious literature.

Documents relating to Jewish history in Florence, Pisa and Leghorn (Livorno) from the 16th to the 19th century. The oldest document is a copy of the privileges granted by Cosimo di Medici in 1591.

Sources: Richard Gottheil, "Les Archives juives de Florence," in *REJ*, vol. 60, p. 303-317; vol. 62, p. 114-128.

Umberto Cassuto, in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 3, p. 133-136, 171-176.

S. H. Margulies, in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 5, p. 70-73.

LEGHORN

196. Museo della Comunità Israelitica, founded 1930 as Central Jewish Museum by the Jewish Community.

Rich collection of ceremonial objects, *ketubbot*, Torah-scrolls, and artistic objects; coll. of documents and prints important for Jewish history in Leghorn.

Sources: A. Toaff, *Il museo della comunità Israelitica Liburni civitas* (Livorno 1931) (Illustrated).

Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, vol. 7, p. 148-149.

MANTUA

197. Archivio della Comunità Israelitica.

11 vols. with 6,000 pages. A detailed register (1782-1810) was compiled by Bonaiuolo Isaac Levi.

Sources: Vittore Colorni, "Le magistrature maggiori della comunità ebraica di Mantova (sec. XV-XIX)," in *Rivista di storia del diritto italiano*, vol. 11, 1938, p. 57-126.

See also no. 198.

MILAN

198. Archivio del Consorzio degli Israeliti di Milano.

Communal documents since 1840.

Source: *Cenni storici ed amministrativi delle comunità Israelitiche italiane* (Rome 1914), p. 42-45.

¹ On the Italian-ruled colony of RHODES the library of the Collegio Rabbinico contained about 2,500 vols., including several hundred rare books, chiefly of rabbinic literature; see *The Hebrew University News Bulletin* (published by the American Friends of the Hebrew University); vol. 9, no. 2.

PADUA

199. **Archivio della Comunione Israelitica.**
Important material for Jewish history in Venetia.
Source: E. Morpurgo, "Bibliografia della storia degli ebrei nel Veneto," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 7-9 (1910-1912), esp. vol. 7, p. 14 ff.
200. * **Raccoltà Morpurgo.**
Family archives.
Source: *ibid.*

PISA

201. **Archivio dell' Università Israelitica.**
Interesting material for Jewish history in Italy in the 16th and 17th centuries.
Source: S. H. Margulies, "Dall' Archivio dell' Università Israelitica di Pisa," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 5, 1908, p. 70-73.

REGGIO EMILIA

202. **Archivio della Comunità Israelitica.**
Archives of the Bassani family.
Source: U. Dallari, *Gli Archivi della storia d'Italia* (1910), ser. 2, vol. 1, p. 153-156.
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 292-293.

ROME

203. **Biblioteca della Comunità Ebraica.**
Rich collection, including the old and very valuable libraries of the local synagogues and *bate-ha-midrash*.
Many mss. and incunables.
Catalogue: Richard Gottheil, "Bible Manuscripts in the Rome Synagogues," in *ZHB*, 1905 (14 entries).

ROVIGO

204. **Archivio della Comunione Israelitica.**
Documents since the 17th century.
Source: E. Morpurgo, in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 7, 1910, p. 181; vol. 8, 1911, p. 20 ff.

SIENA

205. **Archivio della Università Israelitica.**
Documents on Jewish history in Siena.
Source: I. Zoller, "Per la storia del 28 giugno 1799 Siena," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 7, 1910, p. 138 ff.

VERONA

206. **Biblioteca Unione Israelitica (Comunità ebraica).**
Good collection of religious literature. 1 Hebrew ms.
Sources: Umberto Cassuto, "Manoscritti e incunaboli ebraici nelle biblioteche italiane," in *Congr. Mondiale delle Biblioteche e di Bibliografia*, vol. 3 (1931).
Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Manoscritti*, *op. cit.*

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SMALLER JEWISH LIBRARIES

FERRARA

207. **Biblioteca della Scuola Ebraica.**
Small book collection with a few Hebrew mss.
Source: Cassuto, *l.c.*, p. 71.
208. **Biblioteca della Talmud Tora.**
Small religious collection with a few mss.

PADUA

209. **Biblioteca della Comunità Israelitica.**

VENICE

210. **Biblioteca della Scuola Ebraica.**
Small book collection with 6 Hebrew mss.
Sources: Cassuto, *l.c.*
F. Morpurgo, *Inchiesta sui monumenti e documenti del Veneto interessanti la storia . . . degli ebrei* (Udine 1912), p. 23-25.

LATVIA

DAUGAPOLIS (Dvinsk, Dinaburg)

211. **Zidu Izglitibas Biedriba (Society for Enlightenment of Jews).**
Coll. of about 2,000 vols. in Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian.
Source: Information from Dr. Max Laserson, New York.

LIEPAYA (Libau)

- 212.* **Dr. Katznelson.**
Private collection of about 3,000 vols. of Judaica.
Source: See above.

LUCIN (Laizen; province Letgalia)

- 213.* **Rabbi Benzion Donchin.**
Collection of archivalia pertaining to the Jews of Lucin.
Source: *Evreiskaya Starina*, 1912, p. 263-273.

In the province of LETGALIA there existed several large rabbinic collections. Outstanding were the libraries of Rabbi Meir Simha and of the rabbi of Rogatshev.

RIGA

214. **Zidu Izglitibas Biedriba (Society for Enlightenment of Jews).**
Collection of about 8-10,000 vols. in Hebrew, Yiddish, German and Russian.
Source: Information from Dr. Max Laserson, New York.
- 215.* **Prof. Simon Dubnow.**
Coll. of Judaica and personal archives.
Source: *Kiryath Sepher*, vol. 20, 1943, p. 177-179.
- 216.* **Polotskoy Wolf.**
Coll. of about 5-6,000 vols. Talmudica, rabbinica, biblical literature.
Source: Information from Dr. M. Laserson, New York.

217.* **Dr. I. Joffe.**

Private coll. of about 2-3,000 vols. on Jewish history.

Source: See above.

218.* **Jacob Zhagorski.**

Complete coll. of Yiddish books, periodicals, leaflets and ephemeral material printed in Latvia.

Source: M. Gertz, *25 Yor Yidische Presse in Letland* (Riga 1933).

YELGAVA (Mitau)219. **Jewish Community Library.**

Small coll. with a pinax of the Hevra Kadisha of the 18th century.

Source: Information from Dr. M. Laserson, New York.

LITHUANIA**KAUNAS (Kovno)**220. **Mapu-Biblioteka** (Library of the Mapu Library Society).

Founded in 1908. In 1939: about 15,000 vols. and a gallery of portraits of Jewish writers.

Coll. of Hebraica, including rabbinica and periodicals of the Haskala period; many Judaica in Yiddish.

Source: Information from Dr. Mendel Sudarski, New York (in Kaunas until 1937), and Yudi Mark, New York (in Kaunas until 1936).

221. **Zidu Historius Etnografius Draugija namo Simon Dubnow** (Historical and ethnographical Society named in honor of Simon Dubnow).

Founded in 1926, the Museum housed the coll. of Rabbi Isaac Elhahan; coll. of of Torah-curtains and—mantles; *menorot*, lamps, etc. Coll. of portraits of Jewish personalities; photographs of towns and synagogue. Archives: Coll. of old books, including old Talmud editions; the *pinkassim* of the towns of Kejdanie, Wilkowiszki; mss. of rabbis, scholars and writers, including some of Abraham Mapu; coll. of letters; the archives of the former Jewish National Council of Lithuania; archives of Jewish Communities which had been dissolved by the authorities. The private documentary collections of Dr. Simon Chorazycki, Dr. Abba Lapin, and others.

Source: *Yor ein-yor ois. Jarbuch Kalendar* (Report and Inventory) (Kaunas 1939).

222. **Mokslo Miletojn Draugija Biblioteka** (Library of the Friends of Knowledge Society).

Coll. of 8-10,000 vols., mostly in Yiddish, but also in Russian, Polish and other languages.

This library is the former library of the "Kultur-Liga" which had been dissolved by the Lithuanian Government. It included large quantities of textbooks and other publications of the same Society.

Source: Information from Dr. Mendel Sudarski.

223.* **Baloserio-Biblioteka** (Lending Library; private property of Abba Balosa).

Coll. of about 20,000 vols. in Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, and German.

Source: See above.

224.* **Simon Chorazycki.**

Private coll. of several thousand vols. of Hebraica, Judaica and Yiddish books.

Source: See above.

225.* **M. Janusevic.**

Private coll. of Judaica, Hebraica and Yiddish books.

This collection included mss.

Source: See above.

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226.* Jacob Robinson.

Coll. of literature on national minorities and related legal problems, belonging to Dr. J. Robinson, New York.

Important collections of rabbinica were in the libraries of the Yeshivot and Bate-ha-Midrash in the following cities: KELME, TELSE, KEJDANIE, WILAMPOLE (Slobodska).

Mokslo Miletojn Draugija (Society of the Friends of Knowledge) maintained libraries in the following cities (in addition to no. 222):

227. UKMERGE (Wilkomir): about 4-5,000 vols.

228. SIAULIAI (Shavel): about 3-4,000 vols.

229. PANEVEZYS (Ponieviez): about 3-4,000 vols.

To these must be added smaller collections in 10 other towns.

Zidu Svietimo Draugija (Jewish Society for Enlightenment) maintained libraries in the following cities: YURBURKAS: Mendele Library; ALYTUS, ANYKSCIAI, and several other towns.

NETHERLANDS

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

230. Bibliotheek van het Portugeesch Israelietisch Seminarium "Ets Haim," (Bibliotheca Montezinos), in AMSTERDAM.

About 25,000 vols. 12 incunables. 4 editions on parchment. 1,000 old pamphlets. This library consisted chiefly of the very rich and valuable coll. of David Montezinos, whose main divisions are the following: (1) Spanish and Portuguese Judaica; (2) incunables; (3) Hebrew poems and prayers; (4) Purim-literature; (5) rabbinic decisions; (6) rare prints; (7) coll. of copper-plates and graphic prints.

The archives contain documents since 1616 or 1637.

Catalogues: Alfei Menasche, *Catalogus der tentoonstelling in het portugeesch Israelietisch Seminarium "Ets Haim" te Amsterdam ter herinnering aan het driehonderd jarig jubileum van het eerste door Menasseh ben Israel gedrukte boek* (Amsterdam 1927).

J. S. da Silva Rosa, "Die spanischen und portugiesischen gedruckten Judaica in der Bibliothek des jued portugiesischen Seminars "Ets Haim" in Amsterdam," in *Bijdragen en Mededeelingen van het Genootschap voor de joodsche Wetenschap*, 1933.

idem, *Catalogus van de tentoonstelling . . . in de Bibliotheek van het Port. Isr. Seminarium* (Amsterdam 1917).

Rafael Montezinos and Jacob Pereira, *Reshima mekol sifre beth midrashenu Ets Hayyim* (Amsterdam 1843).

Anonymous, *Reshimah shel sifre beth ha-midrash Ets Hayyim* (Amsterdam 1858); *supplement* (Amsterdam 1864).

Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. J. S. de Silva Rosa, "David Montezinos," in *Centraal Bland voor Israelieten*, 1914. M. C. Pereira and Silva Rosa, *Gedenkschrift . . . driehonderd jarig Bestaan . . . Talmud Tora en Ets Haim* (1916). J. S. da Silva Rosa, *Geschiedenis der Portugeesche Jooden te Amsterdam* (1925).

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AMSTERDAM

231. Beth ha-Midrash Ets Haim (Ashkenazim).

About 4,000 vols.; good rabbinic collection.

Catalogue: *Reshima misifre beth ha-midrash Ets Hayyim Ashkenazim* (Amsterdam 1825).

Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937.

232. **Bibliotheek van het Nederlandsch Israelietisch Seminarium.**
About 3,400 Hebraica.
300 books in other languages, rabbinic literature.
Source: *Minerva*, 1937.
233. **Oostelike Federatie (Zionist Organization)**, owned by its youth organization Sichron Jaakow.
Extensive coll. of Zionistica and Judaica.
Catalogue: *Catalogus van de Bibliotheek der oostelike federatie van den Nederlandschen Zionistenbond* (1905). *Supplement*, 1-2.
234. **Museum en Archief van het Portugeesch Israelietische Gemeente.**
Coll. of old books from Spain and Portugal.
Rich coll. of ceremonial objects, old wrappers for Torah-scrolls, candlesticks, etc.
Documents since 1614.
Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 293-295.
da Silva Rosa, *Geschiedenis der Portugeeschen Jooden te Amsterdam* (1925).
Jaarboek van 5674 (1913-1914).
Henriques de Castro, *De Synagoge der Portugeesch-Israelietisch Gemeente te Amsterdam* (1875).
Mendes da Costa, "Kort Overzicht van de Geschiedenis der Port. Isr. Gemeente te Amsterdam," in *Feestelijke . . . van het 250 jarig Bestaan* (1925).
235. **Nederlandsch Israelietische Hoofdsynagoge.**
Coll. of Hebrew mss.; *Mahzorim*.
Coll. of ceremonial objects.
Documents since 1640; valuable historical material.
Sources: David Sluys, in *Nieuw Israelietisch Weekblad*. 1925, no. 1.
Jaarboek van 5674.
Verslag van den Toestand der Nederl. Isr. Hoofdsynagoge (Amsterdam 1923).
Sigmund Seeligmann, "Losse Bydregen tot de Geschiedenis der Jooden in Amsterdam," in *Centraalblad voor Israelieten in Nederland*, vol. 15, no. 47 ff.
236. **Joodsch Historisch Museum, Waaggebouw.**
Founded in 1931; contains a good collection of Jewish folklore in Holland.
Source: *Gids voor het Joodsch Historisch Museum* (1931).
237. **Portugeesch Synagoge.**
Coll. of beautiful curtains, silver, ornaments, Torah-scrolls.
Sources: J. S. da Silva Rosa, *Geschiedenis der Portugeesche Jooden te Amsterdam*, p. 95 ff.
D. H. de Castro, *De Synagoge der Portugeesch-Israelietische Gemeente te Amsterdam* (s'Gravenhage 1875).
- 238*. **Sigmund Seeligmann.**
Important collection of ancient literature, Judaica and valuable prints.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 2, p. 731.
- 239.* **J. L. Palache.**
Important coll. of Orientalia.
- 240.* **Friedmann-Bibliotheek.**
Important coll. of Hebraica and Judaica.
Source: I. M. Hillesum, "De Friedmann-Bibliotheek te Amsterdam," in *Vrydagavond*, 1926, no. 12.

LEIDEN

241. **Gemeente-Archief.**
Documents since the 18th century.
Source: *Verslag over den toestand van het Gemeente Archief te Leiden* (1919).
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 295.

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242. **Gemeente-Archief.**

Placed in the Rijks-Archief of the province of Zeeland.
Documents since 1705.

Source: A. Felix, in *Rijksarchief of the Province Zeeland*, vol. 2, 1923, p. 137-153.

ROTTERDAM

243. **Gemeente Archief.**

Documents since the 17th century.

Source: *Jaarboek van 5674*, p. 163.

THE HAGUE

244. **Rijks-Archief.**

Contains valuable documents on the Jewish Community in Surinam, which were placed in the Rijks-Archief for safekeeping. Oldest documents of the 17th century.

Sources: *Verslag von het Rijksarchief* (Haag 1920).

Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, vol. 10, p. 108.

Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 295.

245. **Gemeente Archief in de Hoogduitsche Gemeente.**

Documents of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Source: D. S. van Zuiden, *De Hoogduitsche Jooden in's Gravenhagen* (Gravenhagen 1913), p. 5 and *passim*.

SMALLER LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

Almost all the Jewish communities had small book-collections which are not separately listed. Apart from these the Joodsche Boekerij in Amsterdam and the libraries of the Joodsche Litteraire Club with branches in Amsterdam and Rotterdam ought to be mentioned. See *Jaarboek 5674*; *Statuten . . . der Vereeniging* (Amsterdam 1908).

Since the beginning of the 19th century, the Jewish communities had placed their death-registers, *mohel*-books and family-lists in the municipal archives of the respective cities. All the archives of Jewish communities are listed in the *Jaarboek*, 1913-1914. See also: *Centraale Organisatie voor de Religieuse en Moreele Verheffing der Jooden in Nederland* (Amsterdam 1913). The archives of the following communities date back to the 18th century: DEVENTER, DORDRECHT, HAARLEM, HERTOGENBOSCH, KEMPEN, MEPPEL.

NORWAY

OSLO

246. **Jewish Community Library.**

Small coll. of Judaica in all languages with a few Hebraica and some Yiddish books.

Source: Information from Dr. Simon Federbusch, New York.

POLAND

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

247. **Biblioteka Judaistyczna przy Wielkiej Synagodze na Tlomackiem in WARSAW**
(Library for Jewish Studies, of the Great Synagogue on Tlomackie Street).

In 1940: more than 40,000 vols. (in 1937: 35,200 vols. according to *Minerva*, 1937); 150 mss. (in 1938); 10 incunables; many *pinkassim*; an Amsterdam Haggadah of the 17th century.

- Included the collection of Szymon Rodzyn, M. Moszkowski, and Ch. J. Bornstein. Very valuable scientific and rabbinic library.
- Sources: M. Balaban, *Zabytki historyczne Żydów w Polsce* (Warsaw 1929) p. 33.
idem, *Yidn in Poilen* (Vilna 1930) p. 286-287.
 A. Gawza, "Di yudaistische hoiptbibliotek in Varshe," in "*Haint*" *Yovel Buch* (1938) p. 300-304.
Nauka Polska, vol. 7, 1927, p. 216.
Wajsborg, M., in *Literarische Bleter*, 1925, p. 35; 1929, p. 749 ff.
idem, in *Przeglad Biblioteczny*, vol. 2, 1928, p. 169-171.
248. **Biblioteka im. M. Straszuna in VILNA** (M. Straszun Library).
 In 1937: 35,000 vols.; 150 mss.; 5 incunables; many rare prints.
 Included the collections of Straszun, Fin, Markon, Baer Ratner, M. Epstein.
 This library of the Jewish Community was very valuable for all branches of rabbinic literature and Jewish scholarship.
 Catalogue: *Likkute Shoshanim* (Catalogue of the coll. of Mathias Straszun) (Berlin 1889).
 Other sources: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 34. *idem*, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 287-288. D. Magid, in *Fun noenten ovar* (Vilna 1937), vol. 1. Ch. Lunski, *Bichervelt* (1922) p. 263-268.
249. **Yiddisher Visenshaftlecher Institut (YIVO) in VILNA** (Yiddish Scientific Institute).
 At the outbreak of the war the headquarters of the Yiddish Scientific Institute were transferred to New York City.
 In 1939: 85,000 vols., of which only 20,000 were catalogued. 75,000 handwritten documents and mss.; over 100,000 items of Jewish folklore.
 The library was outstanding for Jewish history and included Judaica in all languages.
 The archives included documentary material of the former rabbinical school in Vilna, of several liquidated Jewish communities in the district of Poznan, scores of *pinkassim*; the collection of over 2,000 books on folklore and ethnology of the late folklorist Judah Leib Cahan, besides Cahan's own manuscript archives (contained material for six volumes and only one volume was published): the manuscript of Alfred Landau's Yiddish dictionary, compiled over a period of sixty years; thousands of documents relating to Jewish history in Eastern and Central Europe; the collection of 600 life-histories of Jewish youth (over 70,000 handwritten pages); many manuscripts of a religious character; over thirty manuscripts of *Toledot Yeshu*; thousands of letters of Yiddish and Hebrew authors and many of their manuscripts; a great part of the archives of Simon Dubnow; very large collections on the history of the Jewish labor movement in Eastern Europe and America; the archives of J. Dinesohn; a great part of the archives of Rabbi E. Gutmacher from Grodziec; material on the history of Jewish colonization in Argentina and on Jews in the Ukraine during the pogroms of 1918-1919.
 The press division contained over 14,000 volumes of Jewish periodicals in many languages; over 400 current periodicals were received regularly.
 The Esther Rachel Kaminski Theater Museum, founded in 1927, contained tens of thousands of objects concerning the history of the Jewish theater.
 The Art Museum of the Yivo, founded in 1935, contained a good collection of paintings and etchings, by Marc Chagall, Mane Katz, etc.; figures by Ryback.
- Sources: Max Weinreich, "Der Yiddisher Visenshaftlecher Institut," in *Zamelbuch*, (New York 1935) ed. Yefim Yeshurin, p. 327-328.
Der akvettlecher Tzusamenfor fun Yiddishen Visenshaftlechen Institut (Vilna 1936), p. 56 ff.
Zydowski Instytut Naukowy, YIWO (Vilna 1937).
Yivo noch draytsen yor arbet (Vilna 1938).
Yedies fun Yiddishen Visenshaftlechen Institut, nos. 1-86 (Vilna 1925-1939), *passim*.
Minerva, 1937.
250. **Biblioteka Gminy Wyznaniowej Izraelickiej in LWÓW** (Library of the Jewish Community).

In 1930: 16,479 vols.; 1,012 vols. of periodicals; 17 mss., among which those of Rabbi Abraham Cohn, Solomon J. Rappoport); 4 fascicles of the beginning of the 19th century; 3 *pinkassim* of the Jewish Community of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The library, founded in 1901 by Salomon Buber, had a rich collection of Judaica and Hebraica and contained the archives of the Jewish Community since 1925.

Sources: *Wschód*, 1901, p. 15.

Buczek, Karol, "Archiwa Polskie," in *Nauka Polska*, vol. 7, 1927, p. 45.

Demby, Stefan, "Biblioteki," *loc. cit.*, vol. 12, 1930, p. 158.

M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 37-38.

idem, *Yidn in Polen*, p. 288.

Edward Chwalewik, *Zbiory Polskie* (2 vols., Warsaw 1926-1927) vol. 1, p. 380.

251. **Muzeum Gminy Wyznaniowej Żydowskiej im. Mathiasa Bersohna in WARSAW**
(The M. Bersohn Museum of the Jewish Community).

The Museum, founded in 1905 by M. Bersohn, included 83 paintings, 23 chandeliers and about 600 other ritual objects. (94 signets, rings, medallions, etc.); ark-curtains; ceramica with Hebrew legends; amulets; candlesticks from the 14th century on; pictures and photographs of wooden synagogues. Among the 39 mss. and documents were the sermons of Jacob Frank; illuminated parchments of the 16th and 17th centuries; many illuminated *ketubbot* from Italy, 17th century. A *pinax* of the Hevra Kadisha of Praga (near Warsaw) from 1785-1870. Some *pinkas*-books and a coll. of banners from other communities.

A small book collection of about 2,000 vols. included many old prints.

Sources: E. Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 340.

M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 27.

Nauka Polska, vol. 7, 1927, p. 155.

Chawa Warszawska, "Der Muzei ofn nomen fun M. Bersohn," in *Yunger Historiker*, vol. 1 (1926) p. 99-101.

Hillel Seidman, "Museum im. Bersohna," in *Glos Gminy Żydowskiej*, vol. 3, 1937, p. 57-59.

252.* **Mieczysław Zagajski formerly in WARSAW** (now in New York).

Private collection housed in 1939 in 6 rooms.

About 7,200 objects including 1,180 silver pieces from the 14th to the 18th century; 140 ark-curtains of which 1 was embroidered by the daughter of Hakam Zebi Ashkenazi, 3 were from the Vilna Gaon Synagogue, 1 from the synagogue of Rabbi Mendel of Kock, 16 from the synagogue in Sandomierz; about 100 Torah-mantles; about 100 Torah-ribbons; Torah-scroll from Spain, 15th century; several hundred Torah-indices (*yad*); about 100 *megillot*; 70 silver goblets; 100 silver covers for books; coll. of all ceremonial objects, needed from birth to death; 100 circumcision-knives from the 14th to the 18th century; 160 Hanukkah-lamps from the 16th to the 18th century; 300 spice-cases of the same period; 40 *menorot*; 8 vessels for Levite washing; several hundred Hebrew coins; circumcision-fauteuil of Kurnik (Posen) of the 16th century, as well as all objects of the liquidated synagogue of the same town; garments of Jewish personalities such as Disraeli, Montefiore and of Jewish women in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Included 15 very rare synagogue brocades, 14th-16th centuries.

Coll. of paintings: 120 by M. Gottlieb, 7 by Joseph Israel, 5 by Liebermann, several by Pissaro, 2 by Markovitch, Rembrandt's (esquise) Christ's Circumcision.

150 illuminated mss. (13th to 17th century), including illuminated *Haggadoth*;

30 incunables; several hundred rare books of the 16th century.

40 Bibles in silver bindings.

Sources: *Arkady* (periodical), Nov. 1935.

Black Book of Polish Jewry (1943) p. 310.

R. Feldschuh, *Yiddisher Gezelshaftelecher Lexikon* (Warsaw 1939) p. 223.

Information from Mr. Zagajski, New York; photographs in his possession.

253. **Muzeum Towarzystwa Historyczno-Etnograficznego im. Sz. Anskiego in VILNA**
(S. Anski Museum of the Historical-Ethnographical Society).

The Museum and the Archives were founded in 1913 together with a small book-collection of about 2,000 vols. and mss. The Museum included a coll. of Jewish painters and sculptors, such as Antokolski, Aronson, Ginsburg, Treger, Lejbowicz,

and others; coll. of photographs of famous rabbis and of synagogues; folklore; coll. of ceremonial objects; portraits of the Gaon of Vilna and of Antokolski by Ryepin. The Archives included the correspondence and archives of S. Anski, letters of Mendele, Sholem Aleichem, Perez, Bialik, etc.; documents and press-archives; the following *pinkassim*: 7 of Jewish communities and communal organizations (including Society *Bedek ha-bayit*, Vilna, 1750-1830; Old Beth-Ha-Midrash, Vilna, 1758-1875; of the Communities of Szaki [1776-1848], Wrzesnia, [1823-1869], Burial Society of Musnik [1734-1826], Community of Krywlany [1810-1908], Society *Zedaka Gedoleh*, Vilna [1859-1931], 8 *pinkassim* of Synagogues and Study-societies of the 18th and 19th centuries, 10 *pinkassim* of *Gemilut-hesed* Societies of Vilna of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Sources: S. Herbst, in *Nauka Polska*, vol. 12, 1930, p. 135.

M. Szalit, "Der Anski-Archiv," in *Literarische Blätter* (1929 no. 16).

A. J. Goldszmidt, "Di *Pinkassim* fun dem Hist. Etnogr. Gezellsch. Archiv," in *Fun noenten Ovar*, vol. 1 (1937) no. 1 p. 21-23.

Ch. Linsky, *Pinkos* (Vilna 1922) p. 855-864.

254. **Archiwum Gminy Wyznaniowej Żydowskiej in WARSAW** (Archives of the Jewish Community).

In 1927: about 3,500 fascicles and loose documents; 14 folders.

Included deeds and documents since the 16th century; very rich material on the first half of the 19th century; documents on finances, government-orders, Jewish schools; material on role of Jews in the Polish uprisings of 1831.

Sources: E. Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 280.

M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 42.

idem, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 297.

Nauka Polska, vol. 7, 1927, p. 87.

Hillel Seidman, "Archiwum Gminy Żydowskiej w Warszawie," in *Almanach Gminy Żydowskiej*, vol. 1, 1939.

255. **Archiwum Gminy Żydowskiej in CRACOW** (Jewish Community Archives).

Founded in 1908, the archives contain 12 original royal charters, privileges, decrees, protocols, documents of the community dating back to the 16th century; 5 *pinkassim* (1 of the Jewish Community, 1603-1780, 4 of the Jewish Court, 1644-1782); statutes of 1595.

Several mss. on parchment including a commentary on Maimonides, an illuminated Bible mss. of the 14th century from Regensburg; rare prints of the 16th and 17th centuries from Cracow.

Sources: M. Schorr, in *Evreiskaya Starina*, 1909, p. 247.

Majer Balaban, *Przewodnik po żydowskich zabytkach Krakowa* (Cracow 1935) p. 109-110.

idem, in *JJLG*, vol. 10-11, 1913, 1916.

Zofja Ameisenowa, *Biblija hebrajska z XIV wieku* (Cracow 1929).

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

ALEKSANDRÓW KUJAWSKI

256.* **Edward Reicher.**

Collection of paintings by S. Hirszenberg, M. Gotlieb, and others.

Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 2.

BIALYSTOK

257. **Biblioteka im. Szolem Aleichema** (Scholem Aleichem Library).

In 1938: 41,834 vols. of which 13,930 were in Yiddish, and 12,292 in Polish.

This library of the Jewish Community was a popular collection with books in all languages.

Sources: *Yiddishe Ekonomik*, vol. 2 (1938) p. 191.

Buletin fun der Bibliotek "Szolem Aleichem," 3 issues, 1933-1937.

258. **Biblioteka Gminy Żydowskiej** (Library of the Jewish Community).

Coll. of more than 5,000 vols., Judaica and Rabbinica.

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Source: Herszberg, *History of Jews in Bialystok* (unpublished ms. in the possession of Yivo).

259.* **Abraham Samuel Herszberg.**

Large private coll. on archeology of the Talmud.
1,800 vols.

Sources: See above.

Bialistoker Yorbuch, 1931-1932.

260.* **Rabbi Salomon Heilprin.**

Rabbinic collection of about 1,500 vols.

Source: Information from J. Heilprin, Jerusalem.

BRODY

261. **Jewish Community Archives.**

Several *pinkassim*; rich documentary material.

Sources: N. M. Gelber, "Aus dem Pinax des alten Judenfriedhofes in Brody (1699-1837)," in *JJLG*, vol. 13, p. 119-141.

Wurm, D., *Zdziejów zydowstwa brodzkiego* (Brody 1935).

BYDGOSZCZ (Bromberg)

262. **Archives of the Jewish Community.**

Documents relating to the history of Jews in Bydgoszcz.

Sources: "Akteninventar der Synagogen-Gemeinde in Bromberg," in *Mitt.*, vol. 2, 1910.

Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 39.

Mitt., vol. 6, 1926, p. 116.

CRACOW

263. **Biblioteka judaistyczna "Ezra" (Library of Judaism "Ezra").**

About 6,000 vols. Special coll. of rabbinica; German-Jewish periodicals; rare Hebrew and Yiddish periodicals from Galicia.

Sources: E. Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 211.

M. Balaban, *Przewodnik po zydowskich zabytkach Krakowa* (Cracow 1935) p. 108.

idem, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 289.

264. **Muzeum Zydowskie w Starej Boznicy (Jewish Museum in the Old Synagogue).**

Coll. of 31 Torah-curtains, 27 Torah-mantles of the 17th and 18th centuries.
Memorbuch of the 17th century.

Source: M. Balaban, *Przewodnik*, p. 92-94, 99, 72, 55-56, 37-38.

CZORTKÓW

265. **Jewish People's Library.**

In 1936: Over 10,000 vols.

One of the best public Jewish libraries in Eastern-Galicia, supplied with books and funds chiefly by Jews in America who had emigrated from that town.

Source: Reports of the Library.

DROHOBYCZ

266. **Biblioteka Domu Zydowskiego (Library of the Jewish Community).**

Good popular library with books in Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and German.

Catalogue: *Katalog biblioteki domu zydowskiego w Drohobyczu* (1928).

267. Archives of the Jewish Community.

Pinkassim and other archival material.
Source: Schipper, I., *Przyczynki do dziejów Żydów w Drohobyczu do końca XVIII w.* (Drohobycz 1936).
idem, *MGWJ*, vol. 56, 1912, p. 461.

INOWROCLAW (Hohensalza)

268. Jewish Community Archives.

Coll. of documents.
Source: St. Simon, *Żydzi Inowrocławscy za czasów Księstwa Warszawskiego 1807-1815* (1939).

KALISZ

269. Archives of the Jewish Community.

Valuable documentary material for Jewish history in that city.
Source: *Nauka Polska*, vol. 7, 1927, p. 22.

KROTOSZYN

270. Archives of the Jewish Community.

Valuable documentary material for Jewish history.
Sources: "Akteninventar der Synagogengemeinde Krotoschin," in *Mitt.*, vol. 2, no. 1, 1910.
Nauka Polska, vol. 7, 1927, p. 33.
Mitt., vol. 6, 1926, p. 118.

LODZ

271. Biblioteka Bnej Brith (Library of the Bnai Brith Lodge).
Collection of Judaica in all languages.272. Biblioteka "Ivriah."
Several thousand vols. of Zionist and Hebrew literature.
Coll. of the Tarbut Association.273. Biblioteka "Borochow."
Several thousand vols., mostly in Yiddish.
Source: *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 300.274. Biblioteka "A. D. Gordon."
Several thousand vols. of Judaica and Hebrew literature.275.* Dr. Markus Braude.
Private scientific library; Judaism, philosophy, education.276.* Dr. A. Tartakower (now in New York).
Private library: economics, Jewish and general sociology.277.* Michael Brandstaetter.
Private coll.; fiction and education.278. Żydowskie Towarzystwo Krzewienia Sztuk Pięknych (Jewish Art Society).
The gallery, a branch of the Art Society in Warsaw (see no. 322), had a collection of modern Jewish painters and sculptors.
Source: Information from Jacob Apenszlak, New York, founder of the Jewish Art Society.

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279.* **Maurycy Poznanski.**

Coll. of paintings including pictures by S. Hirszenberg, L. Pilichowski, P. Rozen, M. Trebacz.

Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 442.

LUBLIN

280. **Sifriat Yeshivat Hakme Lublin** (Library of the Yeshiva "Sages of Lublin").

Great rabbinic collection of 12,000 vols.; many editions of the 16th century.

Source: J. Shatzky, *Der Polisher Yid* (New York 1945) p. 12.

281. **Bibljoteka gminy izraelickiej** (Library of the Jewish Community).

Good coll. of Judaica, Hebrew and Yiddish literature.

Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 354.

282. **Beth ha-Midrash.**

Rich collection of Rabbinica dating back to the 16th century.

Source: Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.

283. **Archives of the Jewish Community.**

Coll. of *Pinkassim*, 1 of the Maharshal Synagogue, dating back to 1799; 1 of the Maharam Synagogue, dating back to 1778.

Sources: Dubnow, S., in *Voskhod*, 1895, 1-2.

Nisenbaum, S. B., "Un Manuscrit de la gueniza de Lublin," in *REJ*, vol. 50, p. 84-89.

LWÓW

284. **Biblioteka Gminy Wyznaniowej Izraelickiej** (Library of the Jewish Community).

The coll. includes minute-books of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Catalogue: *Katalog wystawy książki lwowskiej hebrajskiej i zabytków sztuki żydowskiej. Maj—Czerwiec* (Lwów 1928).

Other sources: M. Balaban, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 288. Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 381. Józef Grabowski, "Wystawa heb. książki lwowskiej i zabytków sztuki żyd," in *Gazeta Lwowska*, 1928, no. 130.

286. **Bibljoteka "Bnej Brith"** (Bnai Brith Library).

A good popular library pertaining to Jewish history, with a gallery of paintings by Jewish artists.

Source: *Yidisher Gezelshaftlecher Lexikon* (Warsaw 1939) vol. 1.

287. **Jewish Community.**

Rich coll. of ceremonial objects.

Catalogues: *Katalog Wystawy zabytków starożytnych we Lwowie*, 1894. (Exhibition of 1894). (Numbers 217-242, 245-293 were borrowed from synagogues in Galicia. Among them were 56 *parochot*, of which 11 were of the 16th and 21 of the 17th century.)

Other sources: *Katalog*, 1928. M. Balaban, *Yidn in Poilen* (Vilna 1930) p. 281. J. Grabowski, *loc. cit.*

288. **Old Synagogues of Lwów.**

In several of them were collected very precious old ritual objects.

Catalogue: *Katalog wystawy zabytków starożytnych we Lwowie* (Lwów 1894); nos. 42-217, 245-293.

Other sources: Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 30. Jakób Schall, *Przewodnik po zabytkach żydowskich m. Lwowa* (Lwów 1935).

289. **Synagoga Postępowa** (The Progressive Temple).

Rich archives pertaining to the history of the Temple.

Source: M. Balaban, *Historja Lwowskiej Synagogi Postępowej* (Lwów 1937); with many facsimiles and reproductions.

290.* **Maksymiljan Goldstein.**

Large coll. of graphics and Jewish folklore.
Source: M. Goldstein-Karol Dresdner, *Kultura i sztuka ludu zydowskiego na ziemiach polskich* (Lwów 1935).

MIR

291. **Jewish Popular Library.**

Large collection.
Source: Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.

OPATÓW

292. **Synagogue.**

About 50 old ark-curtains, 2 silver shields of 1739 and 1784.
Source: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 87, 91.

PINCZÓW

293. **Synagogue.**

Coll. of about 50 old and valuable ark-curtains.
Source: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 91.

294.* **Rabbi Rapoport.**

In 1918: 3 *pinkassim*, miscellaneous documents from the Pinczow Community archives, privileges, and other official documents of the 17th century. Also a prayer-book on parchment from 1764. Copies in the Balaban collection (see no. 324).
Source: M. Balaban, *Yidn in Poilen*, 1930, p. 293-294.

PLOCK

295. **Archiwum Gminy Wyznaniowej Zydowskiej** (Archives of the Jewish Community).

1 fascicle of documents of the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th centuries (Old Poland, Prussian occupation, Duchy of Warsaw); document of 1617: agreement between the Jewish community and the municipal authorities; report of 1754 on a ritual murder trial in Plock.
Sources: Karczmarczyk, K., "Dzialalnosc niemieckiego zarzadu archiwow w Warszawie 1915-1918," in *Archiwum Komisji Historycznej Polskiej Akademji Umiejetno sci*, series 2, vol. 1, (1923) p. 120.
Dubnow, S., in *Voskod*, 1894, no. 4.
M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 40.
idem, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 294-295.

POZNAN

296. **Biblioteka "Beth Shlomoh."**

Included about 6,000 vols.; rabbinic collection, a coll. of Judaica and a teachers' library of the Hevrat Lashon Lemorim.
Catalogue: Ms. catalogue of the rabbinica in the hands of Dr. A. Ch. Freimann, Jerusalem.

297. **Library of the Jewish Community.**

Included the coll. of Judaica of the "Juedische Lesehalle" and the coll. of Rabbi W. Feilchenfeld, rich in rabbinic literature, rare prints, and general literature in many languages.
Catalogues: *Katalog der juedischen Lesehalle zu Posen* (date unknown).
Typewritten catalogue of the Feilchenfeld coll. in the hands of Dr. A. Ch. Freimann, Jerusalem.

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298. **Bóżnica Domu Starców** (Synagogue of the Old Men's Home, Lutz Foundation).
Rich coll. of rabbinica, gathered from Bate hamidrash of the province.
Source: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 100.
299. **Museum of the Jewish Community**.
Important coll. of ceremonial objects, gathered from liquidated communities in the province.
Source: Information from Jacob Apenszlak, New York.
300. **Archiwum Gminy Żydowskiej** (Archives of the Jewish Community).
5 record-books of the local Jewish Community: 1. 1621-1793; 2. 1689; 3. 19th century; 4. 1607-1813; 5. Protocols of the rabbinic court, 1806-1808.
Many fascicles uncatalogued.
The main material had been transferred to the Central Archives in Berlin before 1920 (see no. 8).
Sources: *Nauka Polska*, vol. 7, 1927, p. 64.
Mitt. vol. 6, 1926, p. 119.
301. **Archiwum Państwowe m. Poznania** (State-Archives in Poznan).
Documents were deposited in the State Archives by the Jewish Community for safekeeping. Among them were originals of the privileges granted by the Polish kings to the Jewish Community.
Sources: Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 43.
A. Warschauer, *Die staedtschen Archive in der Provinz Posen* (Leipzig 1901).

RADOM

302. **Żydowskie Towarzystwo Krzewienia Sztuk Pięknych** (Jewish Art Society).
The gallery, a branch of the Warsaw Art Society (see no. 322), had a collection of modern Jewish painters and sculptors.
Source: Information from Jacob Apenszlak, founder of the Society, New York.

SIEDLCE

303. **Gezelschaft Yiddishe Kunstbibliotek**, Jewish Art Library (Association). Housed by the Jewish Community.
In 1926: About 8,000 vols. Special art collection.
Source: *Zum 25 jergicem Yubileum fun der bibliotek bei der "Gezelschaft Yiddishe Kunst in Siedlce"* (Siedlce 1926).

STANISLAWÓW

304. **Biblioteka Izraelickiej Gminy Wyznaniowej** (Jewish Community Library).
The library had a collection of mss. and documents with 1 pinax (1693-1815).
Source: Leon Streit, *Dzieje Wielkiej Miejskiej Synagogi Stanisławów* (1936) p. 9.
305. **Abraham Goldfaden Society**.
A library rich in Jewish plays and music.
1,600 vols., including many mss.
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
- 306.* **Leon Streit**.
A rich coll. of Judaica pertaining to Stanisławów, including local Yiddish, Hebrew, and Polish newspapers.
A coll. of photographs of tombstones of the old Jewish cemetery and of ritual antiquities.
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.

TARNOPOL

307. **Biblioteka Izraelickiej Gminy Wyznaniowej** (Jewish Community Library).
The library included a coll. of mss.
308. **Biblioteka szkoły zydowskiej im. J. Perla** (Library of the Joseph Perl Jewish School).
Founded in 1815 by Joseph Perl coll. of Hebraica and Judaica, including many valuable mss., the archives of Joseph Perl, letters and mss. of Maskilim, etc.
Sources: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 236.
I. Weinloes, "Yoseph Perl, zain lebn un shafn," in *Yoseph Perls Yiddishe ksovim*, publ. by Yivo (Vilna 1937) p. XXX.
S. Katz, "Naye materialen fun dem Perl Archiv," in *Yivo Bleter*, vol. 13, 1938, p. 7-8, 557.
Ph. Friedman, "Di ershte kamfn tsvishn Haskole un Hasidizm," in *Fun noenten ovar*, no. 4, 1938, p. 259.

TARNÓW

309. **Zydowska Biblioteka Ludowa** (Jewish Community Library).
Good popular collection.
Catalogue: *Zydowska biblioteka ludowa, Katalog* (Tarnow 1924); 3 supplements, 1926-1930.

VILNA

310. **Biblioteka Towarzystwa Szerzenia Oswiaty—"Mefitse Haskalah"** (Library of the Association to spread Enlightenment).
About 50,000 vols. (in 1915: 15,000 vols.). Huge popular library with many rare books.
Sources: M. Szalit, in *Vilner Zamlbicher*, vol. 1, 1916, p. 38-50.
Information from Samuel Bernholz, New York; and Hirsh Abramovicz, Brooklyn, N. Y.
311. **Biblioteka Zydowskiego Centralnego Komitetu Oswiaty** (Library of the Association "Zentraler Bildungs-Komitet," Central Committee for Education).
About 40,000 vols., mostly popular, in Yiddish, Hebrew, Polish, Russian, Children's library.
Sources: M. Szalit, *Vilner Zamelbicher*, vol. 1, 1916, p. 50-52.
Pinkos of the An-ski Society (Vilna 1922) p. 767-772.
312. **Zydowskie Towarzystwo Krzewienia Sztuk Pieknych** (Jewish Art Society).
The gallery, a branch of the Art Society in Warsaw (see no. 322), had a collection of Jewish painters and sculptors.
Source: Information from Jacob Apenszlak, New York.
- 313.* **Max Weinreich**.
Coll. of about 7,000 vols. chiefly concerning Yiddish and general linguistics; about 1,500 relating to the early history of Yiddish and Hebrew literature; dictionaries; books on history and sociology.
Source: Information from Dr. Max Weinreich, Research Director of the Yivo, New York.
- 314.* **Pinchas Kon**.
A collection of 1,200 vols. of Judaica; rare documents and printed material pertaining to the history of Jews in Lithuania; Hebrew and Yiddish books printed in Vilna. Rare dissertations of Vilna Jewish physicians of the 17th and 18th centuries.
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.

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315.* **Mosze Szalit.**

A rich collection of tracts, pamphlets, reports, and periodicals, pertaining to Jewish social service. A wealth of material relating to the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee in Eastern Europe.

An exceptionally complete collection of books on Vilna.

Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.

316.* **Drukarnia Romm.**

Archives and warehouse of the publishing firm, owned by widow and brothers Romm.

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317. **Biblioteka im. B. Grossera** (Grosser Library of the Kultur-Liga).

In 1936: 29,799 vols., chiefly in Yiddish and Polish.

Periodicals in 14 languages.

The best organized social science library in Warsaw.

Sources: *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 300.

H. Kruk, in *Yidisher Gezelshaflecher Lexikon*, vol. 1, (1939) p. 571-573.

318. **Stowarzyszenie pracowników handlowych w. m.** (Society of commercial employes of Jewish faith).

About 8,000 vols. on social and economic problems, with a large section on Jewish problems.

Archives include minute-books and correspondence since 1858.

Sources: N. Szwalbe, "A History of the Union of the Commercial Employes," (Polish) in *Przegląd, Codzienny*, 1913, no. 32-46.

Freid, J. M., *Yomim Veshanim* (Tel Aviv 1938) vol. 2.

319. **Beth Hasefarim "Hefetz Hayyim"** (Hefetz Hayyim Library).

Library of the Agudat Israel, with 5,000 vols. of rabbinic literature, among them a complete Talmud printed in Italy in the 16th century (uncensored copy). Rich coll. of Kabbalistic literature, of Italian and oriental provenience.

Source: *Yidisher Gezelshaflecher Lexikon*, vol. 1 (1939) p. 573.

320. **Biblioteka "Zycie"** (Library of the "Life" Society).

In 1934: 12,900 vols. in Yiddish; Labor library.

Source: B. Temkin, "Yidishe Bibliotekn in Varshe," in *Dos Virtshafliche Leb'n*, 1934, no. 6-7, p. 22.

321. **Związek Literatów i Dziennikarzy Żydowskich** (Union of Jewish Writers and Journalists).

Coll. of objects pertaining to J. L. Peretz. Coll. of letters from eminent Hebrew and Yiddish writers.

Source: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 125.

322. **Żydowskie Towarzystwo Krzewienia Sztuk Pięknych** (Jewish Art Society).

The Society, founded in 1920, had a gallery of paintings and sculptures of modern Jewish artists and organized 120 exhibits between 1920 and 1939.

Sources: Printed catalogues of the exhibits.

Information from Jacob Apenszlak, New York, founder of the Society.

323. **Towarzystwo przyjaciół uniwersytetu hebrajskiego** (Friends of the Hebrew University).

In 1939: more than 10,000 vols. ready to be shipped to the University Library in Jerusalem.

Sources: *Minerva*, 1937.

Information from Edward Poznański, Jerusalem.

324.* **Majer Balaban.**

6,000 vols. of Judaica and Hebraica.

Remnants of Community Archives of many towns in Galicia, family-papers (18th

- and 19th centuries) of Salomon Rapoport, Nachman Krochmal, Abram Kohn; documents relating to the political role of the Galician Jewry in the revolution of 1848. Many Hebrew unica.
- Sources: M. Balaban, *Judeo-Polonica* (Lamus 1911).
idem, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 297.
idem, "Fun majn archiv," in *Yivo Historishe Shriften* vol. 1, 1929, p. 737-750.
idem, in *Jewish Studies in Memory of George A. Kohut*, (New York 1935) p. 47-48.
idem, in *Jubilee Volume in Honor of Braude* (Warsaw 1932) (Hebrew), p. 31.
idem, *Zydzi w Galicyi* (Lwow 1914) p. 218, 221, 223, 224.
- 325.* **Jesaiah Ratnehmer.**
 Collection of 26,000 vols. The most important private coll. of Hebraica; sets of periodicals.
 Sources: Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 33.
 J. Shatzky, *Polisher Yid* (1945) p. 13.
- 326.* **Professor Moses Schorr.**
 Private collection, housed in the building on Tlomackie Street (see no. 247). About 3,000 vols. on Jewish history in Poland; Semitics.
- 327.* **Samuel Adalberg.**
 Clippings pertaining to Jewish affairs from Polish newspapers and collected for over 50 years. Perhaps donated to the Synagogue Library in Warsaw (see no. 247). Archives of the Jewish educational organization "Daath." Archives of the Wawilberg Foundation to promote Jewish historical research at the University of Lwów. Private correspondence. Books and pamphlets on Jewish history (2,000 vols.). Collection of Jewish folklore.
 Sources: Chwalewik *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 377.
 Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
- 328.* **Joseph Lipski.**
 2,500 Bibles in several languages.
 Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
- 329.* **Joel Lifschitz.**
 Over 40 *pinkassim* from small Jewish communities.
 Source: Shatzky, in *Der Polisher Yid* (1945).
 Balaban, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 296.
- 330.* **Noah Prylucki.**
 About 25,000 vols. with many rare old Yiddish books; 45 mss.; coll. of documents on Jewish folklore, and private letters (about 15,000).
- 331.* **Emanuel Ringelblum.**
 Coll. of about 2,000 vols. relating to Jewish history in Poland.
- 332.* **Benjamin Minc.**
 Private coll. of the art-dealer. Rich coll. of Bezael pieces, also many valuable old pieces. The part of the coll. shown at the World's Fair in 1939 is still in the U. S. in the possession of Mrs. B. Minc.
 Source: Information from Mrs. Minc, New York.
- 333.* **Tadeusz Reicher-Sosnowski.**
 Included in his private gallery paintings of the brothers Maurice and Leopold Gottlieb.
 Source: *Nauka Polska*, vol. 12, 1930, p. 129.
- 334.* **Maurycy Prezeworski.**
 Private collection of paintings, including M. Trebacz's Jankiel Cymbalista.
 Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.* vol. 2, p. 382.

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- 335.* **P. Pawe.**
Coll. of synagogal art and ritual objects, such as candlesticks, ark-curtains, spice-boxes, circumcision-knives, etc.
Paintings and etchings of Jewish artists.
Source: *Yidisher gezelschaftlecher Lexikon*, vol. 1, (contains many reproductions from this coll.).
- 336.* **Abraham Manes Gliksohn.**
Coll. of rare Hebrew books, including the older and modern literature.
Source: *loc. cit.*, p. 695.
- 337.* **Abraham Mordecai Alter**, Rabbi of Góra Kalwarja (*Gerer Rebe*).
Coll. of rare Hebrew books and mss.
Source: *loc. cit.*, p. 484.
- 338.* **M. Bassis.**
Private coll. of documentary material, such as documents and letters of Filip Lubelski, physician in Napoleon's army.
Sources: Schipper, I., *Zydzi w 1831* (Warsaw 1932) p. 204-206.
M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 140.

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339. **Biblioteka im. J. L. Pereca** (J. L. Peretz Library).
About 6,000 vols. in Yiddish, Hebrew, and other languages.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 535.

Only a few of the valuable collections of rabbinic literature of the *Bate-ha-midrash* have been listed above. All Jewish communities in large cities as well as in small towns had such collections with precious Talmudica, rabbinica, and old Hebrew uprints. All three synagogues of MIELEC for instance, possessed book-collections, among them the Wooden Synagogue with some 3,000 vols. The total contents of the libraries of the synagogues and *Bate-ha-midrash* in BRZYZANY was estimated at about 20,000 vols.

SMALLER LIBRARIES

Jewish libraries existed in every Polish city and town. They had been established by various organizations such as youth associations, labor unions, cultural societies, and the like. Widespread were the libraries of the "Kultur-Liga," the "Borocho-Libraries," the libraries named after Wladimir Medem, J. L. Peretz, S. Anski, etc., and libraries of the Hashomer Hatzair, and other Zionist youth organizations. Only a fraction of them are listed below. According to a tabulation by Dr. J. Shatzky, Poland possessed in 1939 251 Jewish libraries with a total of 1,650,000 books.

- Sources: J. Shatzky, *Polisher Yid*, p. 13.
Majer David, "Yiddishe bibliotekn in Poilen" in *Bicher Welt* (Warsaw 1922) p. 467-475.
M. Weisberg, in *Literarische Blätter*, vol. 2, 1926, p. 603-605.
B. Temkin, "Jewish Libraries in Warsaw in the light of statistical data," (Yiddish) in *Dos Virtshaftliche Lebn*, vol. 6-7, 1933, p. 20-27.

BEDZIN

340. **Biblioteka "Hazomir."**
About 1,500 vols. of popular literature, founded in 1905, subsidized by the Jewish Community.
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

BELZ

341. **Beth Ha-Midrash.**
Coll. of Rabbi Rokeach; rabbinica.
Source: See above.

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342. Biblioteka Żydowskich Związków Zawodowych (Library of Jewish Labor Unions).
About 2,000 vols. of popular literature.
Source: See above.

CRACOW

343. Biblioteka im. J. L. Pereca.
About 2,000 vols.
Source: *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 301.
344. Library of the Jewish High Schools.
Coll. of the Jewish Primary and High School Association with about 4-5,000 vols.
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

CZESTOCHOWA

345. Powszechna Biblioteka Robotnicza (General Workers' Library).
Several thousand vols. in Yiddish and Polish; popular library.
Source: Information from Raphael Federman, New York.
346. Biblioteka Związku Rzemieslników żydowskich (Library of the Jewish Artisan Association).
Popular coll. with about 2,000 vols.
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

GRODNO

347. Biblioteka Gminy żydowskiej (Library of the Jewish Community).

KRYNKI

348. Biblioteka im. J. L. Pereca.
Popular coll. of about 3,000 vols.
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

LÓDZ

349. Towarzystwo Żydowskich Szkół Średnich (Jewish High School Association).

LOMZA

350. Biblioteka Żydowskiego Towarzystwa Oświatowego Robotników (Library of the Cultural Society of Jewish workers).
Several thousand vols.; popular coll.
Source: Information from Benjamin Bursztyn, New York.

LWÓW

351. Bnai Brith Library.
About 2,000 vols. in Yiddish, Hebrew, German, and Polish.
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

NOWY SACZ

352. Żydowska Biblioteka Ludowa im. J. L. Pereca (J. L. Peretz Library Society).
Coll. of about 3,000 vols. in Yiddish and Hebrew and Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.

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NOWY TARG

353. **Biblioteka Zydowska (Jewish Library).**
Popular coll. of about 3,000 vols.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 19.

PLOCK

354. **Biblioteka "Hazomir."**
About 6,000 vols., mainly in Yiddish and Polish.
Source: *Plock Bleitech Geshichte* (Buenos Aires 1945) p. 192 (picture of the library), 219.

SAMBOR

355. **Zydowska Biblioteka Ludowa (Jewish People's Library).**
Source: Information from the World Jewish Congress.

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356. **Biblioteka Borocho.**
In 1934: about 5,000 vols. in Yiddish and Hebrew.
Sources: *Black Book of Polish Jewry* (1943) p. 300.
B. Temkin, "Yidishe Bibliotekn in Varshe," in *Dos Virtshaftliche Lebn* (1934) no. 6-7.
357. **Biblioteka Związku Zawodowego Drukarzy Zydowskich (Library of the Jewish Printers Union).**
About 4,000 vols. in Yiddish and Polish.
Source: B. Temkin, *op. cit.*
358. **Library of Jewish Travelling Salesmen.**
In 1934: 6,500 vols.
Source: B. Temkin, *op. cit.*
359. **Biblioteka "Hazomir."**
In 1934: 5,000 vols.
Source: See above.
360. **Seminary for Teachers of Jewish Religion.**
Coll. of 4,476 vols. (1,595 in Hebrew); students' library.
Source: See above.
361. **Takhkemoni (Seminary).**
Coll. of 1,200 vols. (400 in Hebrew); students' library.
Source: See above.
362. **High School "Askola."**
Coll. of 3,921 vols. (1,228 in Hebrew); school library.
Source: See above.
363. **High School M. Krinski.**
Coll. of 3,550 vols. (650 in Hebrew), school library.
Source: See above.
364. **Hinuk High School.**
Coll. of 1,600 vols. (696 in Hebrew); school library.
Source: See above.

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365. **Laor High School.**
Coll. of 2,011 vols. (500 in Hebrew), school library.
Source: See above.
366. **Jehudiah High School.**
Coll. of 1,597 vols. (660 in Hebrew), school library.
Source: See above.

SCATTERED ANTIQUITIES AND MANUSCRIPTS

CRACOW

367. **Kupa-Synagogue.**
Collections of ark-curtains.
Source: M. Balaban, *Przewodnik*, p. 92-95, 99, 72, 55-56, 37-38.
368. **Wysoka Bóznica (High Synagogue).**
Collection of ark-curtains.
Source: See above.
369. **Boznica Remu (Remu Synagogue).**
Coll. of ark-curtains; 1 ms. Bible; 1 *Memorbuch*; 1 *Seder Haftarat*, 1666.
Source: See above.
370. **Bóznica Izaka (Synagogue of Isaac).**
Coll. of ark-curtains; 1 ms. Siddur on parchment; 1 *Seder haftarat*, illuminated and illustrated, 1646.
Source: See above.

JANOWIEC (District of Lublin)

371. **Synagogue.**
Siddur, illuminated, on parchment, 18th century.
Source: Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.

KALISZ

372. **Synagogue.**
4 precious ark-curtains, the oldest of the 18th century.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 142.

KAZIMIERZ (on the Vistula)

373. Old Jewish town with many interesting pieces of Jewish folklore in private households. 1 illuminated ms. prayerbook on parchment, 18th century (in 1917 in the possession of Rabbi Silberminz).
Sources: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 39.
idem, *Yidn in Poilen*, p. 293.
Information from Jacob Apenszlak, New York.

LUBLIN

374. **Gmina wyznaniowa zydzowska (Jewish Community).**
1 silver ladle for the Hevra Kadisha of 1707; menorah light-reflectors, and other precious ceremonial objects were in the Maharam Synagogue, and in the Maharshal Synagogue.
Source: M. Balaban, *Die Judenstadt von Lublin* (Berlin 1919).

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PRZEMYSL

375. **Israelicka Gmina wyznaniowa** (Jewish Community).
1 pinax of the rabbinic court of the 17th century.
Source: M. Schorr, *Zydzi w Przemyslu* (Lwów 1903) p. 280.
- 376.* **L. Lichtbach**.
Pinax of the Jewish tailors' guild dating back to the 17th century.
Source: Schorr, *op. cit.*, p. 274.

RZESZÓW

377. **Synagogue**.
A very rare prayerbook ms.
Source: R. Wischnitzer-Bernstein, "Der Siddur der Altstaedtischen Synagoge in Rzeszów," in *Festschrift fuer Aaron Freimann* (Berlin 1935).

ZÓLKIEW

- 378.* **Zimmels Family**.
Remnants of the archives of the Jewish Community.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 278.

SCATTERED DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL

Organized Jewish archives existed only in the larger Polish cities and a few communities in the district of Poznan listed above. In most of the smaller cities and towns, valuable *pinkassim* were in the hands of private persons, the rabbis, the chairmen of various societies, and the like. Some of those listed below have been donated to the YIVO (Yiddish Scientific Institute, see no. 249.), the Anski-Society in Vilna (see no. 253), and other libraries. The Historical Commission of the Warsaw branch of the YIVO, under the direction of the late Dr. Ignacy Schipper, the late Dr. Emanuel Ringelblum, Dr. Raphael Mahler (now in New York), and Isaiah Trunk (now in the Soviet Union), started during the years 1936-1939 an extensive investigation of the extant *pinkassim*. The results were first published in *Yedies* (Bulletin of the YIVO), 1939, no. 3-4, p. 6-10.

Other sources: Izak Lewin, "Protokoly kahalne z XVIII i XIX wieku w Malopolsce Srodkowej," in *Przewodnik Historyczno-Prawny* (Lwów), 1931, p. 1-6.

M. Hendel, "Mezritsher Pinkassim," in *Yivo Bleter*, vol. 8, 1935, p. 61-67.

Sh. Winter, "Pinkossim fun Chevres," *loc. cit.*, vol. 12, 1938, p. 77-94.

idem, "A Kuntres mit chesboines fun Librontser Kohol," *loc. cit.*, vol. 8, 1935.

Additional information supplied by Dr. R. Mahler, New York, from his notes.

The following information on *pinkassim* until 1875 is given below: 1. Name of the Community; 2. Organization to which the Protocols refer; 3. Year or century of the first entry; 4. Special source wherever available.

The following abbreviations are employed:

BS	Burial Society (<i>Hevra Kadisha</i>)
CHS	Charitable Society
d. u.	date unknown
GU	Guild
JC	Jewish Community
Rabb. Court	Rabbinic Court
RS	Religious or study-association
Synagogue	Synagogue or Beth ha-Midrash

ANTOPOL: JC 1804; BS d.u.; RS 1826, d.u. AUGUSTÓW: BS beginning of the 19th century. BELZ: BS 1861. BEREZA KARTUSKA: RS 1781, 1800, 1881. BERESTECZKO: JC 1792. BIALA PODLASKA: BS 1802. BIALYSTOK: RS 1850. BIELICA (near Lida): JC 1794; BS 1712; RS 1861. BILGORAJ: BS 1745; GU 1769. Source: Perla Kramer, in *Miesiecznik Zydowski*, 1932, p. 262. BIRZE: JC 1782, 1792. BRODNICA: BS 1805; RS 1865; Synagogue 1852. BRODY: BS 1699; RS 1822. Source: N. M. Gelber, in *JJLG*, vol. 13, 1920. BRÓK: BS 18th century. BRZESC KUJAWSKI: BS 1848; RS 1862. BRZESC N.B. (Brest Litovsk): RS 1824, 1850. BRZEZANY: JC

1699; Synagogue 1861. CHODZIEZ: BS 1840. CHRZANÓW: JC 1863 and 2 of the 19th century. CIESZYN: JC 1823. CZORTKÓW: JC 1738; GU 1721, 1738. DOBRZYN: JC 17th to 18th century. DROHOBYCZ: JC 1734. DROHICZYN: BS 1830; RS 1868. DUBNO: JC 18th century; BS 1746. Source: M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 41. GOLINA: JC 1852; GU 1818. GRODNO: BS 1636; GU 1767, 1773. GRYBÓW: BS 1771. HRUBIESZÓW: GU 1849, d.u. IZBICA KUJ: GU 1821, 1867. JAROSŁAW: BS d. u. KALUSZYN: BS 1628. KAMIONKA: BS 1815; GU 1825. KANCZUGA: Synagogue end of the 18th century; ChS 18th century. KIEJDANY: GU 1875. Source: M. Wischnitzer in *Bleter far yiddisher Demografie, Statistik un Ekonomik*, no. 5. KLODAWA: BS 1778, 1838, 1865. KOJDANÓW: BS 1826; GU 1806. KONSKIE: JC 1793. KOSÓW POLESKI: GU 1781. KOSTOPOL: BS d.u.; GU d.u. KOWEL: BS 1732. KRANICZYN: BS 1870. KRYNKI: 2 BS end of the 18th century. KUTNO: BS 1808; GU 1862. LANCUŁ: JC 1730. LYNTUPY: BS 1811. ŁÓDŹ: RS 1830, 1836, 1866. LOMZA: ChS 1853. LUBOMŁ: BS 1720; GU 1720. LUBRANIEC: JC 1818; GU 1843; RS 1832. LUCK: GU 1721. Source: *Measef (St. Petersburg)*, 1902. LUNNA: BS 1749. LUNNA WOLA: BS 1775. LUTOMIERSK: BS 1849. MACIEJOWICE: BS 1826. MARKOWA: RS d.u. MEREĆ: RS 1873. MIEDZYRZEC PODLASKI: JC 1747; Rabb. Court 18th century; BS 1767; GU 1834, 1836; ChS 1852; RS 1839, 1843, 1844, 1857. MIKULINCE: BS 18th century. MŁAWA: RS 1831. MUSZ: BS 1750. NOWEMIASTO: ChS 1860, 1861. NOWOGRÓDEK: BS 1828, d.u.; ChS 1849, 1862; RS 1757. OLKIENIKI: JC 1781. OPATÓW: JC 1601. OSTROWIEC: BS 1742. OSTRZYNA: BS 1848. OSZMIANA: BS 1835. PAJECZNO: JC 1845. PIASKI: BS 1768; ChS 1816. PINCZÓW: JC 1647; Rabb. Court 1785; BS 1648; RS 1802. PINSK: BS 1836; RS d.u. PIOTRKÓW TRYBUNALSKI: BS 1736, 1744, 1825; ChS 1840; Synagogue around 1765. PŁOCK: GU 1798. Source: E. Ringelblum, in *Yivo, Ekonomishe Shriften*, vol. 2, 1932, p. 20. POZNAŃ: BS 1760; RS d.u. PRZEMYSL: 2 BS d.u.; ChS 1797; RS 1817. PRZEWORSK: JC 1759. PUŁAWY: BS 1846. PULTUSK: BS 1815; GU 1861; RS 1852, d.u. RADZIEJÓW: Synagogue 1837. RADZYN: BS 1869. RAKÓW: RS 1809. RATNO: RS 1800. REJOWIEC: BS 1779. ROPCZYCE: BS 1800; Synagogue 1801. RYMANÓW: JC 1810. RZESZÓW: JC 1702. SANOK: BS 1812. SARNAKI: BS 1832. SIDRA: BS 1749; RS 1805, 1806. SIEDLCE: RS 1858, 1875. SKIDEL: GU 1757. SŁONIM: JC 1818; BS 1760; GU 1785; ChS 1795; RS 1803. SNIADÓW: Synagogue 1786. SOKÓŁKA: ChS 1863. SOKOŁÓW PODLASKI: RS 1810. STANISŁAWÓW: BS 1692. STOLIN: BS 1723; RS 1823, 1828. STOLPCE: BS 1725; RS d.u. SWIERZE: BS d.u. SZARAKOWSZCZYNA: BS 1854. SZCZUCZYN: RS 1800. SZRENSK: BS end of the 18th century. TARCZYN: BS 1844. TARNOGRÓD: ChS 1814. TURKA: BS d.u. TURZYSK: BS 1720. TYKOCIN: RS 1766. TYSMIENICA: BS 1760. TYSZÓWCE: GU 1816. VILNA: Rabb. Court 1760; BS 1748; GU 1859, 1849, 1873; ChS 1859, 1869, 1871; RS 1776, 1798, 1812, 1875; Synagogue 1750, 1758. WEGRÓW: BS 18th century. WIELUN: BS 1773, 1859, 1873, 1874; ChS 1817, 1857, 1871, 1873, and 3 d.u. WISNIOWIEC: BS 1788; Synagogue 1860. WŁOCŁAWEK: BS 1783; ChS 1862. WODZISŁAW: JC 1699. WOJNILÓW: ChS 1818. WOJSLAWICE: GU 1845. WOLPA: BS 1771. ZAMOSC: BS 1695. ZAREMBY KOSCIELNE: BS 1757. ZARÓW: BS 1840; RS 1851. ZMIGRÓD: Rabb. Court d.u. ZÓLUDEK: BS 1825; ChS 1862.

RUMANIA BUCHAREST

379. Biblioteca, Muzeul si Archiva a Templului Coral (Library, Museum and Archives of the Choir Temple).

Collection of about 10,000 vols. with many Rumanian Judaica. *Pinkas* of the Community in the Archives.

Sources: Templul Coral: *Buletinul bibliotecii, Muzeului si arhivei istorice*, vol. 1, 1935.

M. A. Halevy, *Monografia istorica a Templului Coral din Bucuresti* (1935).

idem, in *Sinai*, vol. 2, 1929.

idem, *Templul "Unirea-Sfanta" din Bucuresti* (1937).

idem, "Pinkassim hadashim gam yeshanim mekehilot Bukarest," in *Sinai*, vol. 5, 1932.

Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York.

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380. **Biblioteca Mauriciu Singer.**
Coll. of about 8,000 vols., mostly Zionistica and Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York, and Dr. Solomon Bickel, New York.
381. **Public Library of the Sephardic Community.**
Over 5,000 vols., mostly Hebraica.
Source: Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York.
- 382.* **Moses Schwarzfeld.**
Large collection, including 13 *pinkassim* (18th and 19th centuries) of the Iuliu Barasch Historical Society; record-books of Jewish guilds of shoemakers, tailors of Bacau (Moldavia), Iasi and other Moldavian towns. Documents dealing with Jews in Galicia; source material for the biography of Barasch (1815-1863).
Sources: Izik Schwarz, "Pinkassim in Rumania," in *Yedies fun Yivo*, no. 83-84 (March-April 1939) p. 11-12.
Analele Societatii istorice Iuliu Barasch, vol. 1-3 (1886-1889).
Anuar pentru Israeliti, vol. 18 (1896), p. 49.
M. Schwarzfeld, *Dr. J. Barasch* (1919).
383. **Societatea Istorica Iuliu Barasch.**
See above no. 382.
- 384.* **Barbu Lazareanu.**
Private collection of copies of documents.
Source: Information from Dr. Solomon Bickel, New York.
- 385.* **Isidor Goldberg.**
Private collection of Jewish theater archives.
Source: See above.

BOTOSANI

386. **Cercul Cultural.**
Coll. of about 10,000 vols.

CERNAUTI (Czernowitz)

387. **Biblioteca Wladimir Medem al Societatii cultural Morgenroit.**
Coll. of about 10,000 vols. of Judaica, mostly in Yiddish.
Sources: Sh. A. Soifer, *Das juedische Wohlfahrtswesen in Czernowitz* (Cernauti 1925, p. 96-98).
Information from Dr. Joseph Kissman, Jewish Labor Committee, New York.
388. **Historians' Circle.**
The library possesses several original *pinkassim* of Iasi (of the Jewish musicians' guild, 1888), of Sadagora, Briceni, and other towns.
Source: Schwarz, *op. cit.*
389. **Great Synagogue.**
Archives, since 1877.
Source: *Comunitatea evreeasca. Editia festiva inchinata jubileului de 60 ani de la inaugurarea Templului* (1937).
- 390.* **Izik Schwarz.**
Coll. including several *pinkassim*, originals and copies.
Source: Schwarz, *op. cit.*
- 391.* **Dr. Alfred Ramler** (Director of the Psychiatric Hospital).
Private collection of art objects, including a large collection of Jewish music.
Source: Information from Bernhard Reder, New York.

FOCSANI

392. Jewish Communal Archives.

Archives of the Zionist organization "Ahabat Zion."
Source: M. A. Halevy, in *Almanahul evreesc ilustrat pentru Romania*, ed. A. Mibashan (Bucharest 1932).

IASI

393. Jewish Community.

Archival material.
Source: M. A. Halevy, in *Sinai*, vol. 3, 1931.

394.* J. Kaufmann (historian).

Collection which included many *pinkassim* in original and copies.
Source: Schwarz, *op. cit.*

395.* Chaim Robinson.

Coll. of documents relating to Jewish history in Rumania.
Source: *Yedies fun Yivo*, no. 5 (March 1935) p. 5.

ISMAL

396. Jewish Community.

Pinax (18th-19th century).
Source: J. Reicher, in *Sinai*, vol. 3, 1931.

TIMISOARA

397. Jewish Community.

Archives.
Source: J. Singer, in *Sinai*, vol. 3, 1931.

SMALLER LIBRARIES

BUCHAREST

398. Biblioteca Barasheum.

399. Biblioteca Scoala: Jacob si Carolina Loebel.

400. Biblioteca Dr. Isidor Bauberger.

401. Biblioteca Institutului.

402. Biblioteca Elias Marcus, founded in 1906.

403. Biblioteca pentru Studii Judaice, founded in 1927.

Source: Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York, and Dr. Solomon Bickel, New York.

404. Scoala Progresul Culturi, high school library.

405. Scoala Focsaneanu, high school library, founded in 1889.

Source: *Comunitatea Evreilor din Bucuresti; Activitatea si Gestiunea Financiara, 1920-1923*, p. 105.

406. Biblioteca Eliezer Steinberg.

Library of the Kultur-Liga; coll. of Yiddish books.
Source: Information from Dr. Solomon Bickel, New York.
Other libraries of the Kultur-Liga were located in BRICENI, CHISINAU (Kishinev) and IASI.

CERNAUTI (Czernowitz)

407. **Biblioteca Societatii Scoala Evreasca.**
Hebrew coll. of about 3,000 vols.
Source: Sh. A. Soifer, *op. cit.*
408. **Biblioteca Ber Borocho.**
Coll. of Zionistica and socialist literature.
Source: Sh. A. Soifer, *op. cit.*

CHISINAU (Kishinev)

- 409.* **Rabbi Leib Zirelson.**
Good coll. of Rabbinica.
Source: Information from Dr. Solomon Bickel, New York.

IASI

410. **Biblioteca "Hametivi."**
411. **Temple Jacob.**
Small collection.

LIPCANI

412. **Biblioteca Yehuda Steinberg.**
Coll. of about 4,000 vols.
Source: Information from Dr. Solomon Bickel.

SIGHET

413. **Library Society.**
Coll. of about 2,000 vols.
Source: *idem.*

ORADEA MARE (Grosswardein)

414. **Jewish Community Library.**
About 1,600 vols.
Source: *MZL*, p. 638.

SOVIET UNION

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

Note: All the larger Jewish libraries in the U.S.S.R. are state property. Those listed below were all outstanding collections organized to serve as centers of research. Many smaller libraries were transferred to them. In addition to these principal collections, there existed both in the Ukraine and in White Russia many smaller Jewish libraries maintained by unions, by clubs and other societies as well as many Jewish divisions in city libraries, consisting mainly of Yiddish books. In 1925-1926 there were in the Soviet Ukraine 225 libraries with a total of 111,906 Yiddish and Hebrew vols., and in White Russia 87 libraries with a total of 49,430 Yiddish and Hebrew vols.

Source: A Bruchman and J. Zshiv, editors, *Yidn in F.S.S.R.* (atlas of diagrams) (Moscow 1930), p. XLVI.

KHARKOV

415. **Kharkivska Dyerzhavna Biblioteka im. V. G. Korolenko** (Kharkov State Library named in honor of V. G. Korolenko, Jewish Division).

Founded in 1904, with about 4,500 vols. in 1925; in 1929: about 10,000 vols., including 4,596 in Yiddish, 2,000 Judaica, and 800 in Hebrew.
Source: Ch. Nadel, "Der Yiddisher Opteil ba der Kharkover Meluche Bibliotek ofn nomen V. G. Korolenko," in *BZ*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 297-299.

KIEV

416. **Bibliotek un Presse-Arkhiv funem Institut far Yiddisher Kultur** (Library and Press-Archives of the Institute for Jewish Culture).

In 1930: 110,000 vols. 1,200 Hebrew and Arabic mss.
350 current periodicals.

Established in 1929 as the central Jewish research library in the Ukraine. Most of the Hebraica and Judaica of smaller collections in Ukrainian provincial towns were transferred to it by decree of the government. Included the collection of liquidated Hevrat Meffitze Haskala (Obstchestvo Prosviestchenia Mezhdv Evreyem v Rossyi) of Leningrad with its 50,000 vols. of Hebraica and Judaica and about a thousand Hebrew and Arabic mss.; periodicals; the archives of Abraham Harkavy and the letters of J. L. Gordon; the collection of the liquidated Jewish Historical-Ethnographical Society in Leningrad with about 4,000 valuable books, 200 mss., 43 original *pinkassim*, and 70 copies of *pinkassim*.
Sources: J. Liberberg, "Di Bibliotek un der Presse-arkhiv funem Institut far yiddisher Kultur," in *BZ*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 249-265.
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 280, 287.

417. **Kiever Tsentrale Yiddishe Meluche-Bibliotek ofn Nomen fun Wintshevsky** (Jewish Central State Library named in honor of M. Wintshevsky).

In 1929: 47,616 vols., of which 17,700 were in Yiddish, 14,454 in Russian, and Ukrainian, 11,445 in Hebrew, and 4,007 Judaica in other languages.

The library was founded in 1919 as the library of the Kultur-Liga and renamed and reorganized in 1924.

Included the collections of O.P.E. (Society for Promotion of Education among Jews); of the Kiev Chor-Synagogue; of the Tarbut Association; and the private collections of the scholars, Ch. I. Gurland and Dr. I. Israelson.

Source: L. Brovarnik, in *BZ*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 272-280.

418. **Vsyenarodna Biblioteka Ukrainy pri U.V.A.N., Evreyski vidil** (Ukraine National People's Library of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Jewish Division).

In 1930: 4,000 vols., with many obligatory copies, and rabbinica; 25 mss. including a work of Maimonides on parchment, copied in 1336.

Included Russian Judaica which were part of the coll. of Ikonnikov; and the Naumenko coll. on Jews in Ukrainian folklore.

Good coll. of Hebraica and Judaica gathered from monasteries.

Sources: J. Mitlman, in *BZ* vol. 1, 1930, p. 268.

Bibliolohiczni Visti, 2 vols. (Kiev 1928-1929).

J. Kvitni, "Oifgabes fun Institut far yiddishe Kultur fun die Alukrainisher Visenshaftlicher Akademie," in *Visenshaft un Revolutsie*, no. 1-2, 1934, p. 159 ff.

L. Pasternak, *Vsenarodna biblioteka Ukrainy* (Kiev 1923).

I. Galant, *Report of the Judaica* (pamphlet), 1924.

MINSK

419. **Veisruslendishe Meluche-Bibliotek, Yiddisher Opteil** (White Russian State Library, Jewish Division).

In 1930: 13,500 catalogued vols., of which 3,700 were in Yiddish, and 1,700 Judaica. Many thousands of uncatalogued items.

Founded in 1923, the library took over the coll. of the Moscow Chor-Synagogue with about 7,500 vols. of Rabbinica and Hebrew Haskala-literature (the collections of Vysotzky, Gavronski, and others); the collection of the J. L. Peretz Library in Minsk.

Source: N. Rubinstein, in *BZ*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 281-290.

ODESSA

420. **Alukrainisher Bibliotek un Muzei far Yiddisher Kultur ofn Nomen fun Mendele Moicher Sforim** (Ukrainian National Library and Museum for Jewish Culture named in honor of Mendele Moicher Sforim).

The library was organized in 1918: 40,000 vols., some incunables and mss. A coll. of Hebrew prints from the 16th and 17th centuries, rare East-European publications in Hebrew and Yiddish of the 19th century. The most complete collection of Russian Judaica in the country; Hebrew and Yiddish periodicals. Includes the collections of the former Odessa Yeschiva, of the Jewish Commercial Workers, of the Palestine Society, of the Meñtze Haskala, and some great private collections, such as David Kahane, Rabbi S. Schwabacher, Simha Asaf, Odessa Talmud Torah, etc.

The Museum consists of several rooms with exhibitions in addition to collections in stock. Rich coll. of Jewish ritual objects such as Torah-curtains, menoroth, amulets, etc.; outstanding are the golden crown of the false messiah Jacob Frank and a silver belt worn by a famous Hassidic rabbi. Coll. of modern Jewish artists. Includes a reconstructed cabinet used by Mendele Moicher Sforim, his library, mss. and various relics.

The Archives have a rich coll. of documents on the history of Jews in Russia, a large number of *pinkassim*, a special coll. of documents relating to the Jewish labor movement in Russia, the mss. of the writer Joel Linetzky, and Hassidiana of the Kahane coll.

Sources: Kalman Marmor, "Yidn in Odessa unter der Soventn-Macht," (a report of the author's visit to Odessa in 1934), in *Yiddische Kultur*, vol. 5, no. 4, April 1944, p. 31.

A. Vorobeytshik, "Der Mendele Arkiv," in *Mendele un zayn Tsait* (Moscow 1940) p. 58-60.

S. Borovoy, *Bibliohiczni Visty*, 1926, no. 4.

L. Kahan, *Bibliotekna zhin Odessy Krasny Bibliotekar*, 1927, no. 9-10.

421. **Tsentralna Naukova Biblioteka** (The Central Scientific Library, Jewish Division).
Coll. of Jewish periodicals published in Russia, including the years of revolution and civil war (1917-1921).
Source: S. Rubinstein, *Odeska periodichna pressa* (Odessa 1929).

YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE

422. **Biblioteka Jewrejske Opstine** (Jewish Community Library).
Coll. of books and archives.
Source: Information from Dr. Paul Neuberger, New York.
423. **Cerkveno-Skolska Jewrejske Opstine** (Rabbinic Yeshiva).
About 600 vols. of Talmudica, responsa, Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Alcalay, New York, former Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia.
424. **Bne Brith Omladinske Drustvo** (Bnai Brith Youth Organization).
About 600 vols. of general literature and Judaica.
Source: See above.
425. **Hevra Kadisha**.
Set of silver utensils for *Rehiza gedola* in the hands of the President of the Society.
Source: See above.

DUBROVNIK (Ragusa)

426. **Jewish Community Archives**.
Large coll. of documents, among them the *pinax* of the Jewish Community.
Source: Schlang, Ignatius, *Jevrei u Beogradu* (Belgrade 1926).

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SARAJEVO

427. **Biblioteka Jewrejske Opstine** (Jewish Community Library).
Coll. of more than 1,000 vols. of Hebraica and Judaica.
Source: See above.
428. **Jewish Community Archives.**
Pinax of the Community (2 vols., 1720-1810, 1830-88) and many old documents of the 16th century on the migration of Spanish Jews to Bosnia.
Sources: Moritz Levy, *Die Sephardim in Bosnien* (Sarajevo 1911), p. iv-v.
Information from Dr. Paul Neuberger, New York.

ZAGREB

429. **Biblioteka Jewrejska Opstine** (Jewish Community Library and Archives).
Coll. of about 4,000 vols. of Judaica and Hebraica.
Sources: *Godisnjak izdaje Izraelska bogoslovna opcina, 1927-1928.*
Information from Dr. I. Alcalay, New York, and Dr. Moric Levy, Switzerland.
- 430.* **Dr. Lav Arje Schick.**
About 15,000 vols. Judaica, especially on Jewish history in Balkan countries. Coll. of old newspapers pertaining to Jewish life in Croatia and Slovenia. Mss. and documents on local history.
This was the most valuable coll. in Yugoslavia.
Source: Information from Dr. Moric Levy, Switzerland, formerly connected with Museum in Sarajevo.

Smaller Jewish Community Libraries were located in the following towns: NOVI SAD, OSIJEK, SKOPLJE, SUBOTICA.

APPENDIX

JEWISH CULTURAL TREASURES IN NON-JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

GERMANY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

431. **Preussische Staatsbibliothek**, in BERLIN, owned by the Prussian State.
15,000 vols. of Hebraica. 330 mss. 40 incunables.
Special collection of Jewish liturgical and folk music.
Varnhagen Archive with many Jewish letters.
A very large and comprehensive collection of Judaica and Hebraica.
Catalogues: Moritz Steinschneider, "Verzeichnis der hebraeischen Handschriften," in *Handschriften-Verzeichnis der Koeniglichen Bibliothek*, vol. 2 (Berlin 1878-1898): 259 entries.
E. Vouillème, *Die Inkunabeln der koeniglichen Bibliothek und der anderen Berliner Sammlungen* (Berlin 1906-1922).
A. Spanier, *Ueber Umfang und Herkunft der Sammlung der hebraeischen Handschriften in der kurfuerstlichen Bibliothek zu Berlin* (Berlin 1928).
Katalog der Handbibliotheken der Orientalischen Abteilung (Berlin 1928).
Other sources: G. D. Weil, "Die Orientalische Abteilung der Preussischen Staatsbibliothek," in *Juedisches Jahrbuch fuer Gross-Berlin*, 1926, p. 155.
432. **Bayerische Staatsbibliothek**, in MUNICH, owned by the Bavarian State.
Precious collection of Hebraica founded on the collections of Hartmann Schedel, Albert Widmanstetter, and Joh. Jakob Fugger.
432 Hebrew mss., many of which are illuminated, and 4 incunables.
A very valuable collection of old Hebrew prints of the 16th and 17th centuries

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from Bavaria and Wuerttemberg.

Of special importance is *cod. hebr.* 95, a complete copy of the Babylonian Talmud, 1342, the so-called Pfersee ms.

Catalogue: None.

Other sources: Emil Gratzl, "Die Hebraica in der Bayerischen Staatsbibliothek," in *Bayerisch-Israelitische Gemeinde-Zeitung*, vol. 8, 1932, no. 20.

Joseph Perles, "Bibliographische Mitteilungen aus Muenchen. I. Seltene hebraeische Drucke. II. Hebraeische Handschriften," in *MGWJ*, 1876, p. 350-375. G. Scholem, in *Kirjath Sepher*, vol. 1.

433. **Stadtbibliothek**, in FRANKFURT/MAIN, owned by the City.

The Jewish division was largely supported and enlarged through Jewish donations. Endowments: Charles Hallgarten, Baronin Mathilde von Rothschild, Baronesse Edmond de Rothschild, Rabbi Marcus Horowitz, and others.

About 400 ms. 59 incunables. 10,000 Genizah fragments. 29 editions on parchment. Many old prints.

Very comprehensive and large collection of Judaica and Hebraica.

The Jewish division included the following collections:

Hiob Ludolf, Dr. Jost, Merzbacher-Muenchen, Nehemia Bruell, Abraham Berliner, A. Fuld, Rothschild library.

In the archives: *Landgemeindebuch* for the Jews of Bamberg, 1675.

Catalogues: A. Freimann, *Stadtbibliothek Frankfurt a.M. Katalog der Judaica and Hebraica* (Frankfurt/M 1932), vol. 1: Judaica.

idem, "Die hebraeischen Inkunabeln der Stadtbibliothek zu Frankfurt a.M.," in *Festschrift fuer F. C. Ebrard* (1920): 59 entries.

idem, *Katalog der Ausstellung hebraeischer Druckwerke* (1902).

idem, "Hebraeische Pergamentdrucke," in *ZHB*, vol. 15, 1911, p. 46-57, 82-92.

N. R. Rabinowitz *Ohel Abraham, Reshimat hasefarim asaf Abraham Merzbacher* (Munich 1888).

D. Kaufmann, "Pinkas Bamberg," in *Kobez al yad*, vol. 7, 1896-1897.

Other sources: A. Richel, *400 Jahre Stadtbibliothek* (1929). A. Berliner, *Aus meiner Bibliothek* (1898). Bruell's *Populaerwissenschaftliche Monatsblaetter zur Belehrung ueber das Judentum* (1905), p. 138, 231. A. Freimann and I. Kracauer, *Frankfort* (Philadelphia 1929).

434. **Staats- und Universitaetsbibliothek**, in HAMBURG (= Bibliothek der Hansestadt), owned by the State.

Several hundred important Hebrew mss. 5 editions on parchment. 13 incunables.

The rich Jewish collection, formerly belonging to the Municipal Library, included the library of H. B. Levy, and, since 1938, the important collection of the Sephardic Community with all its manuscripts.

Catalogues: Moritz Steinschneider, *Katalog der hebraeischen Handschriften in der Stadtbibliothek zu Hamburg* (1878): 355 entries.

Wolf, *Bibliotheca Hebraica* (Hamburg 1733), vol. 4.

Sal. Goldschmidt, *Verzeichnis der Judaica aus der Bibliothek des Dr. H. B. Levy in Hamburg* (1900).

Mitteilungen aus der Hamburger Stadtbibliothek, vol. 1-11 (1884-1894).

Jahrbuch der Hamburgischen Wissenschaftlichen Anstalten.

Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. *Mitt. der Soncino-Ges.*, no. 7-10, p. 45. *Juedisches Lexikon*, vol. 3, p. 15-17.

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

ALTONA

435. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.

Documents on Jews in Schleswig-Holstein.

Source: *Jahrbuch der juedischen Gemeinden Schleswig-Holsteins*, no. 1, 1929-1930, p. 131-134.

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AMBERG

436. **Bayrisches Kreisarchiv der Oberpfalz**, owned by the Bavarian State.
Documents relating to Jewish history.
Source: M. Weinberg, in *Mitt.*, vol. 3, 1912, p. 87-114.

AUGSBURG

437. **Maximilian-Museum**, owned by the City.
Ceremonial objects of the early 18th century.

BAMBERG

438. **Staedtische Gemaelde-Galerie**, owned by the City.
Wall and ceiling paintings of the synagogue at Horb.
Housed in the Museum since 1914.
Source: R. Wischnitzer-Bernstein, in *Chicago Jewish Forum*, vol. 4, 1945, no. 1, p. 49-50.
E. Toeplitz in *Menorah* vol. 6 (Vienna 1928) 690 ff.

BERLIN

439. **Universitaetsbibliothek**, owned by the University.
5,000 vols. of Judaica.
Sources: H. Loewe, *Fuehrer durch den Lesesaal. Judentum und Orientalia in der Berliner Universitaetsbibliothek* (Berlin 1914).
Juedisches Jahrbuch fuer Gross-Berlin, 1928, p. 156.
440. **Universitaets-Institut fuer nachbiblisches Judentum. Institutum Judaicum**, owned by the University.
Large collection of Judaica and Hebraica.
Source: *Minerva*, 1937.
441. **Geheimes Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Very important documents for Jewish history in Prussia, such as the emancipation edict of 1812, etc.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 249.
442. **Stadt-Archiv**, owned by the City.
Oldest document, 1295. List of Jewish citizens in Berlin, 1808.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 249.
- 442a. **National-Galerie**, owned by the State.
Coll. of Liebermanns and many portraits of German Jews of the 18th and 19th centuries.
Source: J. B., "Juedische Kunst in Berlin," in *C.-V. Kalender*, 1931.

BIRSTEIN (Hessen)

443. **Birsteinsches Archiv**.
Documents relating to the Jews in Offenbach and on Jacob Frank.
Sources: Guggenheim, *Aus der Vergangenheit der Israelitischen Gemeinde zu Offenbach am Main* (1915).
A. Kraushar, *Frank i Frankisci polscy*. 2 vols. (Cracow 1895).

BONN

444. **Stadtarchiv**.
Many documents of the 18th century relating to Jews.
Source: A. Levy, *Aus Bonner Archiven*. 1929.

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BRESLAU

445. **Stadtbibliothek**, owned by the City.
Jewish division with Hebraica and Judaica: mss. *Mahzorim. Codices Roedigeriani*.
Catalogues: Brockelmann, *Verzeichnis der arabischen, persischen, tuerkischen und hebraeischen Handschriften der Stadtbibliothek Breslau* (1903): 4 mss.
Philipp de Haas, *Beschreibung der Breslauer deutschen Machsor-Handschriften* (Breslau 1906).
446. **Schlesische Gesellschaft fuer Vaterlaendische Kultur**, owned by the Society.
Material for Jewish history in Silesia.
Source: *Minerva*, 1937.
447. **Universitaets-Museum**, owned by the University.
Special division on Palestine: archeological collection with library.
448. **Provinzial und Stadt-Archiv**, owned by the City and the Province.
Material on Jewish history in Silesia.
Sources: M. Brann, "Geschichte der Juden in Schlesien," in *Jahresberichte des Juedisch-Theologischen Seminars*, 1896-1917.
Bernhard Brillling, in *JGJC*, vol. 7, 1935, p. 387.

CASSEL

449. **Oeffentliche Bibliothek**, owned by the City.
Statutes of the Jewry in Kurhessen.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 250.

COBLENTZ

450. **Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Memorbuch of Coblentz; property of the Jewish community placed in the Archives for safekeeping.
Documents concerning the history of the Jews in the Rhineland; name-lists; personal registry, since 1808.
Sources: Kober-Moses, in *Rheinischer Verein fuer Denkmalspflege*, 1931.
G. Liebe, "Die rechtlichen und wirtschaftlichen Zustaende der Juden im Erzstift Trier," in *Westdeutsche Zeitschrift fuer Geschichte und Kunst*, vol. 12, 1893, p. 311-374.

COLOGNE

451. **Rheinisches Museum**, owned by the City.
Collection of Jewish ceremonial objects.
Source: Kober-Moses, in *Rheinischer Verein fuer Denkmalspflege*, 1931, *passim*.
452. **Historisches Archiv der Stadt Koeln**, owned by the City.
Hebrew documents on pigskin, 1236-1347; minutes of the City Council from the 16th to the 18th century; papal bulls of the 13th century; imperial privileges, 13th to 15th century.
Source: Adolf Kober, *Cologne* (Philadelphia 1940) p. 343 f.

DARMSTADT

453. **Hessische Landesbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Valuable collection of Hebrew manuscripts, including the famous Haggadah.
Correspondence of the Dukes of Darmstadt with dealers in Hebrew books in the 17th and 18th centuries.
Catalogue: M. Mannheimer, "Inhaltsverzeichnis des im Jahre 1878 aufgefundenen

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codex manuscriptus (Nr. 13 der orientalischen Handschriften)," in *Jued. Literaturblatt*, vol. 7, no. 24, 27, 30.

Other sources: Erich Toeplitz, "Die Darmstaedter Haggadah," in *Menorah*, Vienna 1925, p. 79 ff.

Aron Freimann, "Die Darmstaedter Pessach-Haggadah," in B. Italiener, ed. *Die Darmstaedter Pessach-Haggadah* (Leipzig 1927).

454. **Hessisches Landesmuseum**, owned by the State.
Arts and crafts and collection of important historical Jewish material.
455. **Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Documents and material on Jewish history in Hessen.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 231.

DESSAU

- 455a. **Anhaltische Landesbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Extensive collection of Mendelssohniana. Bible ms. on parchment in 2 vols.
Sources: *Mitteilungen der Soncino-Gesellschaft*, no. 7-10 (March 1931) p. 46.
J. Jakobson, in *Soncino Blaetter*, vol. 1, 83.

DRESDEN

456. **Saechsische Landesbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Collection of Judaica and 6 Hebrew mss. 1 ed. on parchment.
Catalogue: H. L. Fleischer, *Catalogus codicum manusccriptorum orientalium Bibliothecae Reg. Dresdensis*. . . (Leipzig 1831).
457. **Saechsisches Hauptstaatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Register of visitors to the fair in Leipzig.
Source: Max Freudenthal, *Leipziger Messgaeste* (Frankfurt/M., 1928).

DUESSELDORF

458. **Kunstgewerbe-Museum**, owned by the City.
Jewish arts and crafts.
Catalogue: "Katalog der Ausstellung von juedischen Bauten und Kultgegenstaenden fuer Synagoge und Haus in Duesseldorf," in *Mitt. d. Gesellschaft zur Erforschung juedischer Kunstdenkmale*, 1908.
459. **Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Documents and material on Jewish history in the Rhineland.
Source: See no. 450.

ERFURT

460. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Jewish material in Manuscript Division, II, no. 1.
Erfurter Judenbuch.
Source: A. Suessmann, "Das Erfurter Judenbuch," in *Mitt.*, vol. 5, 1914.

ERLANGEN

461. **Universitaetsbibliothek**, owned by the University.
Coll. of 18 Hebrew mss.
Catalogues: J. C. Irmischer, *Handschriften-Katalog* . . . (Frankfurt/M.-Erlangen, 1852).
Aron Freimann, in *ZHB*, vol. 9, p. 128.

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FRANKFORT-on-the-Main

462. **Freiherrlich Carl v. Rothschild'sche Bibliothek**, owned by *feste Stiftungen*, supervised by the municipality. Founded by a donation from Freiin Luise von Rothschild in 1887.
Collection of music and modern languages.
113,000 vols.; 318 mss.
Sources: *JDB*, 1931, p. 63.
Bericht ueber die Verwaltung, 1891 ff.
Dresslers Kunsthandbuch, vol. 1, 1923, p. 361.
463. **Staetisch-historisches Museum**, owned by the City.
Important collection of ceremonial objects and very valuable documents for Jewish history in the Archives.
Catalogue: Aron Freimann, "Die Abteilung der Israelitischen Ritualgegenstaende im Staedt.-Hist. Museum zu Frankfurt/Main," in *Die Sammlungen des Staedt.-Hist. Museums* . . . (1900).
464. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Very valuable and rich material on the history of the Jews in Frankfort from the end of the 13th century until our times.
Source: I. Kracauer, *Urkundenbuch zur Geschichte der Juden in Frankfort* (1914): *Vorrede*.

FULDA

465. **Landesbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Collection of 18 Hebrew manuscripts bought in the 18th century.
Catalogue: M. Weinberg, "Die hebraeischen Handschriften der Landesbibliothek Fulda," in *JILG*, vol. 20, 1929, p. 273-296: 18 entries.
Other sources: J. Theele, *Zur Geschichte der Landesbibliothek Fulda* (1928).
B. Horowitz, in *Israelit*, vol. 69, no. 5.

GLOGAU

466. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Material on Jewish history in Glogau.
Sources: "Uebersicht der Judenakten des Stadtarchivs in Glogau," in *Inventare der nicht-staatlichen Archive Schlesiens* (1915), vol. 2, no. 28.
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 253.

GUBEN

467. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Documents of the 14th century pertaining to relations between Jews and the guilds, between Jewry and the Dukes of Saxonia.
Source: R. Lehmann, in *Niederlausitzer Mitteilungen*, vol. 27, 1927-1928, p. 14 ff.

HALLE

468. **Bibliothek der Deutschen Morgenlaendischen Gesellschaft**, owned by the Association, and administered by the University Library.
Many Judaica and Hebraica, forming part of the large collection of Orientalia.
Many mss.
Catalogues: *Katalog der Bibliothek der Deutschen Morgenlaendischen Gesellschaft* (1880-1911), 2 vols.
Supplements, in *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenlaendischen Gesellschaft*, 1911 ff.
Other sources: *Minerva*, 1937. *JDB*, 1936, p. 73.

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469. **Stadtarchiv, owned by the City.**

Documents of the beginning of the 19th century pertaining to Jews. (a) general: 1817; (b) establishment and reception: 1808.
Source: Guido Kisch, in *ZGJD*, vol. 2, 1930, p. 166-168.

HAMBURG470. **Staats-Archiv, owned by the State.**

Valuable material for the history of Jews in Hamburg, Vienna, and Prague.
Source: M. Grunwald, *Aus dem Hamburger Staatsarchiv* (Berlin 1902).

HANNOVER471. **Staatsarchiv, owned by the State.**

Material for Jewish history.
Catalogue: M. Zuckermann, in *Mitt.*, vol. 2, 1910, p. 65-136.

KARLSRUHE472. **Badische Landesbibliothek, owned by the State.**

Collection of Hebraica, includes the collection of Joh. Reuchlin.
Manuscripts. 2 incunables.
Catalogues: S. Landauer, "Orientalische Handschriften," in *Die Hss. der Grossherzoglichen Badensischen Hof- und Landesbibliothek in Karlsruhe* (1892); vol. 2: 18 entries.
Juedisches Lexikon, vol. 3; p. 15-17 (incunables).

473. **General Landesarchiv, owned by the State.**

2 important documents: the privilege of 1090 by Heinrich IV for the Jews in Speyer in copy of 1282 (Kopialbuch 262), and the privilege for Jews in Worms of 1157, in a copy of 1360.
Source: Sara Schiffmann, in *ZGJD*, 1930, p. 28 ff.

KOENIGSBERG/Pr.474. **Stadtbibliothek, owned by the City.**

Coll. of very valuable Hebraica. 2 Bible mss.
Catalogues: I. C. Lilienthal, *Commentatio Critica* (1770).
F. Perles, in *Catalog der Handschriften der Stadt-bibliothek zu Koenigsberg/Pr.*
August Pfeiffer, *Catalogus Bibliothecae Rabbinae . . .* (1699): 262 entries
A. M., in *ZHB*, vol. 3, p. 11-13.

LEIPZIG475. **Universitaets-Bibliothek, owned by the University.**

Rich collection of Judaica and Hebraica.
Part of Bernhard Beer collection; see no. 1.
Catalogues: K. Vollers, "Katalog der islamischen, christlich-orientalischen, juedischen und samaritanischen Handschriften," in *Katalog der Handschriften der Univ. Bibliothek zu Leipzig* (Leipzig 1906), nos. 1099-1119.
Katalog der Handbibliothek der Orientalischen Abteilung (1929).
G. Wolf, *Catalog der Bibliothek des Herrn Bernhard Beer in Dresden* (Berlin 1863).

476. **Stadtbibliothek, owned by the City.**

Includes the *Ratsbibliothek* (Bibl. Senatoria), with valuable Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: H. L. Fleischer et F. Delitzsch, "Codices orient. ling., in *Catalogus librorum manuscr. qui in bibliotheca senatoria civitatis Lipsiensis* (Grimma 1838).

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477. **Deutscher Verein zur Erforschung Palaestinas**, owned by the Association.
Museum and about 10,000 vols. on Palestine.
Source: *Minerva*, 1937.

MAYENCE

478. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Important Jewish documents of the 13th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.
Source: Sali Levi, "Magenza," in *Menorah*, 1927, p. 101-107.

MUNICH

- 478a. **Universitaet: Semitistisches Seminar**, owned by the University.
The library of the Semitics department, including Judaica, was maintained and enlarged with the aid of annual grants from James Loeb.
Source: Information from Dr. Joseph Prijs, Switzerland, formerly professor of Jewish history at the University.
479. **Bayrisches Nationalmuseum**, owned by the State.
Coll. of Jewish ceremonial art objects and tombstones from Regensburg of the 14th century, etc.
Sources: Adolf Kober, "Jewish Monuments of the Middle Ages in Germany," in *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research*, vol. 14, 1944, p. 176.
S. Weissenberg, in *Mitteilungen zur juedischen Volkskunde*, vol. 22, 1907, p. 85-86.
480. **Alte Pinakothek**, owned by the Bavarian State.
Collection of Jewish ceremonial objects.
481. **Stadtarchiv**, owned by the City.
Rich documentary material on Jews in the 18th century.
Source: Arthur Cohen, in *ZGJD*, 1930, p. 262.
482. **Haupt-Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
Rich material on Jews in Bavaria.
Sources: Adolf Altmann, *Geschichte der Juden in Stadt und Land Salzburg*, 2 vols. (Berlin 1913; Frankfurt/M 1930).
Moritz Stern, in *JJLG*, vol. 22, 1931-1932.

NOERDLINGEN

483. **Museum**, owned by the City.
Coll. of Jewish ceremonial objects.
Source: Rahel Wischnitzer, in *Chicago Jewish Forum*, vol. 4, 1945, no. 1, p. 49 f.

NUREMBERG

484. **Germanisches Museum**, owned by a corporation and maintained by the State and City.
Large collection of Hebrew mss., including the *Mahzor Nuernberg* and illuminated Haggadot (cod. 7121 and 2107).
Sources: B. Ziemlich, "Das Machsor Nuernberg," in *Magazin f. die Wiss. des Judentums*, 1886.
Die Kunst- und kulturgeschichtlichen Sammlungen des Germanischen Museums. Wegweiser (Nuremberg 1906), p. 224.
J. A. M. Nagel, *Dissertatio de duobus mss.* (1749).
Aron Freimann, in *ZHB*, vol. 9, p. 128.

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POTSDAM

485. Reichs-Archiv.

Important documents on modern Jewish social and economic history in Germany.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 249.

REGENSBURG

486. St. Ulrich's Provincial Museum der Oberpfalz, owned by the Province.

Collection of Hebrew tombstones.
Source: F. A. Endres, *Fuehrer durch die mittelalterlichen Sammlungen von Regensburg*, vol. 30, 1920, p. 253-271.

ROSTOCK

487. Universitaets-Bibliothek, owned by the University.

O. G. Tychsel collection with many Hebrew mss. and prints.
Catalogues: A. Th. Hartmann, *Catalogus Bibliothecae Olai Gerardi Tychseli qua continentur libri tam typis expressi quam manuscripti* (Rostock 1817);
L. Donath, "Ueber die hebraeischen Mss. in der Universitaetsbibliothek zu Rostock," in *Mag. fuer jued. Gesch. u. Lit.*, 1874.

ROTHENBURG ob der Tauber

488. Museum, owned by the City.

Hebrew documents of the 15th century.
Coll. of 40 tombstones.
Source: Max Grunwald, "Aus Rothenburg ob der Tauber," in *MGWJ*, vol. 72, p. 204-212.

SCHWAEBISCH HALL

489. Historisches Museum, owned by the City.

Murals of the synagogue of Hall Unter-Limpurg of the 18th century.
Source: *Gotteshaeuser und Friedhoefe in Wuerttemberg*, publ. by the "Oberrat der Israelitischen Religionsgemeinschaft Wuertembergs," Stuttgart 1932, p. 28.

SPEYER

490. Historisches Museum der Pfalz, owned by the Province.

Coll. of tombstones, and two windows of the former synagogue.
Source: A. Kober, "Jewish Monuments of the Middle Ages in Germany," in *Proc. of the Am. Academy for Jewish Research*, vol. 14, p. 187.

491. Stadt-Archiv, owned by the City.

Hebrew document of 1338.
Sources: Alfred Hilgard, *Die Urkunde der Stadt Speyer* (Strassbourg 1885).
David Kaufmann, in *MGWJ*, vol. 35, 1886, p. 517-520.

492. Staatsarchiv, owned by the State.

Documents on Jewish history in Rheinpfalz during the 18th and 19th centuries.
Source: Notes in the possession of Dr. A. Kober, New York.

TRIER

493. Stadtbibliothek, owned by the City.

Coll. of Bible mss.
Catalogue: M. Keufner, *Die Bibel-Handschriften der Stadtbibliothek zu Trier. Nos 1-112* (Trier 1888).

494. **Stadt-Archiv, owned by the City.**
 Jewish documents on the history of Jews in Trier since the 17th century.
 Sources: G. Kentenich, *Geschichte der Stadt Trier* (Trier 1915).
 G. Liebe, "Die rechtlichen und wirtschaftlichen Zustände der Juden im
 Erzstift Trier," in *Westdeutsche Zeitschrift f. Geschichte und Kunst*, vol. 12, 1893.
 A. Kober, "Rheinische Judendoktoren," in *Festschrift des Juedisch-Theolo-
 gischen Seminars*, vol. 2, 1929.

ULM

495. **Stadtarchiv, owned by the City.**
 Rich material of the 14th and 15th centuries on Jews in Ulm.
 Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 12, p. 340-342.
 Jes. Strassburger, in *Festschrift . . . Dr. Kroner* (Stuttgart 1917), p. 225-226.
 Hermann Dieker, *Die Geschichte der Juden in Ulm* (1937), p. 116.

WOLFENBUETTEL

496. **Herzog-August-Bibliothek, owned by the Province or State.**
 Coll. of 13 Hebrew mss.
 Catalogue: O. von Heinemann, *Die Handschriften der herzoglichen Bibliothek zu
 Wolfenbuettel*, 8 vols. (1884-1903).
 Other sources: Kurt Wilhelm in *MGWJ*, vol. 75, 1931, p. 135-143.

WORMS

497. **Stadt-Archiv, owned by the City.**
 Complete documentation on negotiations between the town and its Jewry since 1628.
 Source: H. Boos, *Urkundenbuch der Stadt Worms* (Berlin 1886--1890).

WUERZBURG

498. **Fraenkisches Luitpold-Museum, owned by the City.**
 Important collection of Jewish art-objects.
 The synagogue of Kirchheim (1700), gift of Kommerzienrat H. Reiss, a Jew
 from Kirchheim, in 1912.
 Catalogue: The published catalogue of the museum.
 Sources: Alfred Grotte, *Deutsche, boehmische und polnische Synagogentypen* (Ber-
 lin 1915), p. 63 and *passim*.
 Max Grunwald, in *MGWJ*, vol. 72, p. 205.
 E. Toeplitz, *Beitraege zur juedischen Kulturgeschichte* (Frankfurt/M, 1929).
 F. Kreuter, "Die Synagoge von Kirchheim b. Wuerzburg," in *Mitt. des
 Central-Vereins*, 1926 (or 1927).
 R. M. Eschwege, *Die Synagoge von Kirchheim* (typewritten mss. in posses-
 sion of the Museum).
499. **Fraenkisches Kreisarchiv, owned by the City.**
 Rich material on Jewish history in the records of the archbishopric of Mayence.
 Source: J. Kracauer, *Urkundenbuch zur Geschichte der Juden in Frankfurt* (Frank-
 furt/M, 1914) p. VI.

SCATTERED MANUSCRIPTS AND ANTIQUITIES

Hebrew mss. were found in almost all of the state and municipal libraries, as well as in a large number of castles, particularly in Southern Germany. The list presented below is far from complete because of the great difficulty in tracing such widely scattered items.

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BONN

500. **Universitaets-Bibliothek**, owned by the University.
Some Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: J. Gildemeister, *Catalogus librorum manuscriptorum orientalium in Bibliotheca Academica Bonnensi servatorum* (Bonn 1864-1876).

BRESLAU

501. **Staats- und Universitaetsbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Some Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: G. Richter, *Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften der Breslauer Staats- und Universitaetsbibliothek*, 1933.

CASSEL

502. **Landesbibliothek**, owned by the State.
Bible mss. of the J. D. Michaelis Coll.
Catalogue: Leopold Zunz, "Das Alter der Cassel'schen Bibelhandschriften," in *Gesammelte Schriften* (1875-1876), vol. 2, p. 77-80.

EHINGEN (Wurtemberg)

503. **Museum**, owned by the City.
Hebrew tombstones of 1370 and 1482.
Source: *Juedische Gotteshaeuser und Friedhoeefe in Wuerttemberg* (1932), p. 38-39.

GOETTINGEN

504. **Universitaets-Bibliothek**, owned by the University.
A few Hebrew manuscripts.
Catalogues: *Die Handschriften in Goettingen*, vol. 3: *Universitaetsbibliothek, Orientalische Handschriften* (Berlin 1894).
L. Techen, *Zwei Goettinger Machsor-Handschriften* (Goettingen 1884).

GOTHA

505. **Landes-Bibliothek**, owned by the State.
Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: W. Pertsch, *Die orientalischen Handschriften der Herzoglichen Bibliothek zu Gotha. Anhang: Die orientalischen Handschriften mit Ausnahme der persischen, tuerkischen und arabischen* (Vienna-Gotha 1893).

HALLE

506. **Haupt-Bibliothek der Franckeschen Stiftungen**, owned by the University.
Some Hebrew manuscripts.
Catalogue: F. A. Arnold und A. Mueller, *Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften der Bibliothek des Hallischen Waisenhauses* (Halle 1876).

HAMBURG

507. **Museum fuer Kunst and Gewerbe**, owned by the City.
A few very valuable and beautiful items.
Source: Erich Toeplitz, "Juedische Museen," in *Der Jude*, 1924, p. 339 ff.

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HEILBRONN

508. Museum, owned by the City.
Hebrew tombstones, 15th century.
Source: *Juedische Gotteshaeuser*, p. 8, 9, 36, ff.

JENA

509. Universitaets-Bibliothek, owned by the University.
2 Bible mss.
Catalogue: Joh. Christopf Wolf, *Bibliotheca Hebraea* (1721), vol. 2, p. 299, 313 ff.

KOENIGSBERG/Pr.

510. Universitaets-Bibliothek, owned by the University.
A few mss.
Catalogue: I. C. Lilienthal, *Commentatio Critica* (1770).
Other sources: Information from Prof. Alexander Marx (Jewish Theological Seminary).

MEININGEN

511. Landesbibliothek, owned by the State.
1 ms.
Catalogue: Delitzsch, in *Serapeum*, vol. 20, 1859, p. 369-372.

NUREMBERG

- 511a. Stadtbibliothek, owned by the City.
1 Rashi ms.
Source: D. S. Blondheim, in *REJ*, vol. 91, p. 95.

PFORZHEIM

512. Museum der Kunstgewerbeschule, owned by the School.
Coll. of Jewish rings from the Jeidels coll.
Source: Erich Toeplitz, in *Der Jude*, 1924.

STUTTGART

513. Wuerttembergische Landesbibliothek, owned by the State.
1 Bible ms.
Catalogue: J. Fr. Schelling, *Descriptio cod. manuscritorum hebr. . . . Stuttgardiae in Bibliotheca* (Stuttgart 1775).

AUSTRIA

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

514. Nationalbibliothek in VIENNA, owned by the State.
The important Jewish division had several hundred mss. which were never completely catalogued.
Catalogues: A. Kraft and S. Deutsch, *Die handschriftlichen hebraeischen Werke der K. und K. Hofbibliothek zu Wien* (1847): 195 entries.
J. Goldenthal, *Die neuerworbenen handschriftlichen hebraeischen Werke samt Ergaenzungen zum Kraft'schen Katalog* (1851): 40 entries.
A. Z. Schwarz, *Die hebraeischen Handschriften der K. K. Hofbibliothek zu Wien* (1914): 84 new acquisitions since 1851.
idem, *Die hebraeischen Handschriften der Nationalbibliothek in Wien* (1925): 80 entries.
Other sources: Information from Dr. Rudolf Glanz, New York.

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VIENNA

515. **Universitaetsbibliothek**, owned by the University.
 Large Jewish Division: Jewish history, some folklore, some Hebrew mss.
 Source: Information from Dr. Rudolf Glanz, New York.
516. **Jesuiten-Kollegium**, in Vienna-Lainz.
 Illuminated Hebrew mss.
 Catalogue: A. Z. Schwarz, "Die illuminierten hebraeischen Handschriften des Jesuitenkollegiums in Wien-Lainz," in *Freie Juedische Lehrstimme*, vol. 2, 1913, no. 3.
517. **Rathaus-Bibliothek und -Archiv**, owned by the City.
 Valuable coll. of about 1,500 vols. and documents, such as deeds, real-estate records, etc., since 1400.
 Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 256.
518. **Staatsarchiv**, owned by the State.
 Private letters, since 1619, diplomatic correspondence, and other Jewish documents.
 Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 254.
 Alfred Landau and B. Wachstein, *Juedische Privatbriefe aus dem Jahre 1619* (Vienna 1911).
 Max Grunwald, "Les Archives d'une famille juive au moyen-âge," in *REJ*, vol. 96, p. 199-204.
519. **Archiv des Ministeriums fuer Inneres**, owned by the State.
 Important Jewish documents arranged according to Austrian provinces.
 Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 254.
 Information from Dr. Rudolf Glanz, New York.

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FRIESACH (near Salzburg)

520. **Museum und Verschoenerungsverein**, owned by the Verschoenerungsverein zu Friesach.
 Coll. of Hebrew tombstones of the 13th and 14th centuries.
 Source: Adolf Altmann, *Geschichte der Juden in Stadt und Land Salzburg* (Berlin 1913) vol. 1, p. 75 ff.

SALZBURG

521. **Landesregierungsarchiv**, owned by the State.
 Material on Jewish history in Austria.
 Sources: *idem*, vol. 1, p. X, 123 ff.; vol. 2, p. 140 ff.
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 257 ff.
522. **Archiv der Benedictinerabtei des Stiftes St. Peter**.
 Parchment-fragments of old Hebrew mss.
 Source: Adolf Altmann, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 254-257.
523. **Stift Salzburg**.
 Some Hebrew mss.
 Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.

VIENNA

524. **Kloster Heiliges Kreuz**.
 Many old documents on Jewish history in Austria.
 Source: Information from Chaim Bloch, New York.

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525. **Musée Plantin Moretus.**
Collection of old prints, esp. Bible prints of the 17th century.
Source: Numar Torcziner, New York.

BRUSSELS

526. **Archives Générales du Royaume.**
A few documents relating to Jewish history in Belgium, including one of the 14th century of special importance.
Source: S. Ullmann, *Histoire des juifs en Belgique jusqu'au 18e siècle* (Anvers 1909), p. 86 ff.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BRATISLAVA

527. **University Library.**
Jewish division with many *Pressburger Drucke*.
528. **Municipal Library.**
Contains material on Jewish history in Slovakia.
529. **Muzeum mesta Bratislava.**
Collection of Jewish ceremonial objects, 17th and 18th centuries.
Sources: Hugo Gold, *Die Juden und die Judengemeinde Bratislava in Vergangenheit und Gegenwart* (Brno 1932), p. 156 ff.
Vystava stare umeni v Praze (Catalogue of Prague Exhibition) (1937).

BRNO

530. **Zemsky Archiv v Brně** (Archives of the Province of Moravia).
Material on the history of Jews in Moravia.
Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 266.
B. Bretholz, *Das-maehrische Landesarchiv, seine Geschichte und Sammlungen* (Bruenn 1908).

BUCHLAU

- 531.* **Berchtold Archives.**
Documents relating to Jews since 1650.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 267.

CHUMOTOV (Komotau)

532. **City Archives.**
Rich material on Jews in the province for the 16th and 17th centuries.
Source: Rudolf Wenisch, in *JGJC*, vol. 7, 1935, p. 37.
533. **Real Estate Archives.**
Protocol-books of the Jewish council, 17th century.
Source: *ibid*, p. 176.

KANICE (Kanitz)

- 534.* **Herberstein Archives.**
Privileges granted to Jews in Kanice; lists of Jewish houses between 1676 and 1820.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 267.

OLOMUC

535. Archiv mesta Olomuc (City Archives).
Register of Jews, 1413-1420; official documents relating to Jews from 1500 to the end of the 18th century.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 267.

PILSEN

- 535a. Museum of Czechoslovak Folklore.
Jewish division opened in 1929.
Source: *Mitteilungen der Soncino-Gesellschaft*, no. 7-10, p. 48.

PRAGUE

536. City Archives.
Liber judaeorum albus (1577-1851), 93 vols.
Liber testamentorum judaeorum (1681-1850), 6 vols.
Liber sententiarum jud. (1718-1771).
Liber inventiariorum jud. (1773-1784), 2 vols.
Several more vols. with various documents.
1 ms. on parchment: statutes on Jews of the 13th and 14th centuries.
Bull of Pope Innocent IV, 1253, on behalf of Jews.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 263.
537. Archives of the Ministry of Interior.
Outstanding Jewish division, includes documents bearing on Jews under the jurisdiction of the Bohemian Chamber of Finances, 1527-1748.
Records of the Jewish Commission, 1708-1783.
Sources: B. Matous, "Die Staatsarchive in der Tschecho-Slovakei," in *"Prager Rundschau"*, vol. 5, 1935, p. 185-202.
J. Bergel, *Das Archiv des Ministeriums des Inneren in Prag.*
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 260 ff.
538. Narodni a universitni knihovna (National and University Library).
Hebrew mss., and rich coll. of Hebraica.
539. Narodni Museum (National Museum).
Archival material relating to Jews.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 260 ff.
540. Museum umelecko-prumyslove (Museum of Arts and Crafts).
Coll. of objects of Jewish art.

VITUNEVES (Wittingau)

541. Schwarzenbergisches Archiv.
Material relating to Jewish history in Southern Bohemia.

DENMARK

COPENHAGEN

542. Konelige Bibliothek.
Simonsen division, a rich Jewish collection, including the Simonsen coll.
About 40,000 vols. Many mss., including Maimonides' responsa.
Large coll. of Haggadot.
Catalogue: *Codices hebraici et arabici Bibliothecae regiae Hafniensis. [Cod. Orient. Bibl. regiae Hafniensis, vol. 2] (Copenhagen 1851): 46 entries.*
Other sources: Information from Rabbi Dr. Simon Federbusch, New York.

ESTONIA

TARTU (Dorpat)

543. Tartu Ulikooli Junditeaduse Seminar (Library of the Seminary for Jewish Studies at the University of Tartu).

— Coll. of Judaica.
Sources: Nosson Genss, *Bibliograafija judaica Eestis* (Tallinn 1937), p. 48-49.

FRANCE

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

544. Bibliothèque Nationale, in PARIS.

1,600 Hebrew mss. Many incunables.

Many official documents pertaining to the Jews.

Large collection of Judaica and Hebraica founded on collections of Christian scholars.

Catalogues: S. Munk, J. Derenbourg, and H. Zotenberg, *Manuscrits Orientaux. Catalogue des manuscrits hébreux dans la Bibliothèque Impériale* (1866): 1311 11 entries.

M. Steinschneider, *Supplément aux catalogues des manuscrits hébreux et samaritains de la Bibliothèque Impériale* (Frankfurt/M. 1903).

M. Schwab, *Suppléments*, 1898, 1911.

S. Munk, *Manuscrits hébreux de l'Oratoire à la Bibliothèque Nationale* (Frankfurt/M. 1911).

U. Robert, in *REJ*, vol. 3 (96 documents).

545. Musée Cluny, in PARIS.

Jewish division founded on the coll. of M. Strauss (Paris Exposition, 1878).

Very rich coll. of great historical and artistic value.

Some Hebrew documents.

Catalogues: *Description des objets d'art religieux hébraïques* (Poissy 1878).

Musée de Cluny, *Collection hébraïque* (17 illustrations).

Moïse Schwab, "Manuscrits hébreux du Musée de Cluny," in *REJ*, vol. 50, p. 136-139; vol. 61, p. 294-296.

idem, "Les médailles de la collection Strauss," in *REJ*, vol. 23, p. 136-138.

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

BAYONNE

546. Basqui-Musée.

Special division for Jewish relics.

CARPENTRAS

547. Synagogue Ancienne.

Serves as a museum for a collection of Jewish antiquities.

548. Musée de la Ville.

Coll. of tombstones.

Source: M. Neubauer, in *Archives des Missions scientifiques et littéraires*, ser. 3, vol. 1, 1873.

LE HAVRE

549. Bibliothèque Publique.

Coll. of 26 Hebrew mss., given by Marx-Cahen.

Catalogue: M. Schwab, "Les Manuscrits hébreux de la Bibliothèque du Havre," in *REJ*, vol. 68.

NIMES

550. Bibliothèque Municipale.

Coll. of 20 Hebrew mss. including fragments of a Maimonides ms.
Some valuable Hebrew prints.
Catalogue: Joseph Simon, "Les Manuscrits hébreux de la bibliothèque de la ville de Nîmes," in *REJ*, vol. 3, p. 225-227; vol. 20; p. 147.
M. Neubauer, *op. cit.*, ser. 3, vol. 5.

PARIS

551. Bibliothèque Ste. Geneviève.

Good collection of Judaica, mostly in French.

552. Bibliothèque Mazarin.

Good collection of Judaica.

553. Musée Carnavalet. Bibliothèque de la Ville de Paris.

Special collection of about 1,000 documents on the Dreyfus affair.

554. Musée du Louvre.

Collection of Jewish and Palestinian monuments, forming part of the Département des Antiquités Orientales.
Source: *REJ*, vol. 68, p. 278.

555. Bibliothèque de l'École des Langues Vivantes.

Good material on Palestine.

STRASBOURG

556. Archives de la Ville.

Some important documents of the 14th and 16th centuries.
Source: H. Breslau, "Aus Strassburger Judenakten," in *ZGJD*, vol. 5, 1891, p. 116 ff.

SCATTERED MANUSCRIPTS AND DOCUMENTS

For the scattered documentary material found in the archives of almost all localities inhabited by Jews during the Middle Ages and more recently, which is not listed below, see *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 290 ff., and Anchel, *Napoléon et les juifs*, p. XIII-XIV.

AVIGNON

557. Bibliothèque Municipale.

Jewish documents in the archives.
Source: Cat. Général, vol. 35, 44.

BESANCON

558. Bibliothèque Municipale.

A few Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 42, p. 111 ff.

CAEN

559. Bibliothèque Municipale.

Some Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, "Manuscrits hébreux en France," in *REJ*, vol. 60, p. 98 ff.

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CAMBRAI

560. **Bibliothèque Municipale.**
A few Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 25, p. 250 ff.

CARPENTRAS

561. **Bibliothèque Municipale.**
Jewish documents in the archives; 2 fragments of a Torah-scroll.
Sources: *Cat. Général*, vol. 35, 44.
M. Neubauer, in *Arch. des Missions Scient. et Littéraires*, Sér. 3, vol. 5, 1873.

DIJON

562. **Archives Cote d'Or.**
Coll. of Hebrew documents with two registers.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 656.

LYON

563. **Bibliothèque Publique.**
2 Hebrew fragments; some mss.
Sources: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 60, p. 98 ff.
Neubauer, *op. cit.*, p. 564-568.

MARSEILLES

564. **Bibliothèque Municipale.**
Bible from Algeria in 2 vols.
Source: Neubauer, *op. cit.*

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MELUN

565. **Bibliothèque Municipale.**
Some Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 13, p. 295-300.

NICE

566. **Bibliothèque Publique.**
Some Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 60, p. 98 f.

PERPIGNAN

567. **Bibliothèque Municipale.**
1 Hebrew ms.
Source: Neubauer, *op. cit.*

ROUEN

568. **Bibliothèque Publique.**
A few Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 42, p. 111 ff.

SOISSONS

569. Bibliothèque Publique.

A few Hebrew mss.
Source: M. Schwab, in *REJ*, vol. 13, p. 295-300.

TOULOUSE

570. Musée de Ville.

Some inscriptions from Narbonne.
A bilingual seal in Hebrew and *langue-d'oc*.
Source: Neubauer, *op. cit.*

HUNGARY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

571. Magyar tudományos akademia (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), in BUDAPEST.

Rich collection, including the David Kaufman collection.
594 Hebrew mss. 5 editions on parchment.
1,066 Hebraica. 575 Judaica.
Catalogues: M. Weisz, *Katalog der hebraeischen Handschriften und Buecher des Prof. Dr. David Kaufman* (Frankfurt/M. 1906).
Aron Freimann, "Hebraeische Pergamentdrucke," in *ZHB*, vol. 15.

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

BUDAPEST

572. Nemzeti Muzeum (National Museum).

Coll. of Hebrew mss.
Catalogues: Samuel Kohn, *Die hebraeischen Handschriften des Ungarischen Nationalmuseums zu Budapest* (Berlin 1877): 5 entries.
idem, *A Magyar Nemzeti muzeum Konyvtaranak heber keziratai* (Budapest 1877): 12 entries.

573. Arpad Muzeum.

Jewish material included in the collection on Old Buda.

574. Magyar Történeti Muzeum (Historical Museum).

Coll. of ceremonial objects, coins, documents, pictures.
Rich collection of old Jewish religious objects.

ITALY

THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTIONS

575. Biblioteca Palatina, in PARMA.

1,765 Hebrew mss. 29 ed. on parchment.
Includes collections of Rossi, Foa, Bernardo, and others.
Catalogues: G. B. de Rossi, *Apparatus hebraeo-bilicus seu mss. editique codices sacri Textus* . . . (Parma 1782).
idem, *Mss. codices hebraici Bibliothecae J. B. de Rossi* (Parma 1803), 3 vols.
idem, *Libri stampati di letteratura sacra ebraico e orientale della biblioteca del dottore G. Bernardo* (Parma 1812).
P. Perreau, *Cat dei codici ebraici della biblioteca di Parma non descritti dal de Rossi [Cat. cod. orient.]* (Florence 1880), vol. 2; entries: 55 (Rossi) + 111 (Foa) + 9.
idem, "Descrizione dei 111 codici rabbinici della Nuova Coll. della Parmese," in *ZHB*, vol. 7, 8.
idem, "Correzioni ed aggiunte al Catalogo Derossiano," in *Boll. ital. studior.*, vol. 1, 1890.

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- idem*, "Descrizione dei codici ebreo-rabbinici dell'antica coll. Parmense," in *ZHB*, vol. 7, 1864.
- M. Steinschneider, "Hebraeische Handschriften in Parma nach Mitteilungen des Herrn P. Perreau," in *ZHB*, vol. 4, 7, 8, 10, 12; *Jessurun*, vol. 6.
- Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Manoscritti e carte orientali nelle Biblioteche e negli Archivi d'Italia* (1930). Aron Freimann, "Hebraeische Pergamentdrucke," in *ZHB*, vol. 15.
576. **Biblioteca Vaticana, in ROME.**
747 mss. Great collection of printed Hebrew books; 1 ed. on parchment.
Catalogues: Assemani, *Bibliothecae apostolicae Vaticanae . . .* vol. 1, *Codices hebraici* (Rome 1756): 453 + 59 + 2 entries.
Mai, *Appendix* (Rome 1831), nos. 45-531.
Mariano Ugolini, *Libri ebraici [Inventario dei libri stampati Palatino Vaticani]* (Rome 1886): 35 + 2 entries.
Umberto Cassuto, *I manoscritti palatini ebraici della Biblioteca apostolica vaticana* (1935).
Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Manoscritti*, etc., *op. cit.* F. Lebrecht, "Zur Geschichte der Heidelberger Handschriften in Rom," in *Neuer Anzeiger fuer Bibliographie*, no. 856 (1862): 287 mss.
577. **Biblioteca Casanatense, in ROME.**
Coll. of 231 Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: G. Sacerdote, *Catalogo dei codici ebraici della biblioteca Casanatense [Cat. Cod. Orient., I, 6]* (Florence 1897).
Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *Manoscritti*, etc., *op. cit.*
578. **Biblioteca Ambrosiana, in MILAN.**
Coll. of 200 Hebrew mss.
Catalogues: Carolus Bernheimer, *Codices hebraici Bibliothecae Ambrosianae descripti* (Florence 1933): 121 + 1 entries.
"Mss. di Mosè Lattes nel Ambrosiana," in *Jewish Quarterly Review*, vol. 6, 1894, p. 403-404.
Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *op. cit.* A. Berliner, "Hebraeische Handschriften in Mailand," in *Gesammelte Schriften* (Frankfurt/M. 1913), p. 110 ff.
579. **Biblioteca Laurentiana, in FLORENCE.**
Coll. of 200 mss. and many incunables.
Catalogues: Umberto Cassuto, "Gl'incunaboli ebraici della collezione Delciana nella Bibl. Mediceo-Laurentiana," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 5, 1909: 11 entries.
A. M. Biscioni, *Bibl. ebraicae graecae Florentinae sive Bibl. Mediceo-Laurentiana*, vol. 2 (Florence 1752, 1757).
Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *op. cit.* Umberto Cassuto, "Manoscritti ebraici della R. Biblioteca laurenziana in Firenze," in *Festschrift f. Aron Freimann* (Berlin 1935).
580. **Biblioteca Nazionale Universitaria, in TURIN.**
After the great fire of 1904 about 140 mss. and 29 incunables survived; coll. of tombstone-inscriptions among the mss.
Coll. of old Hebrew prints on parchment.
Catalogues: Elias Artom, "Gli incunaboli ebraici della Biblioteca nazionale universitaria di Torino," in *Soncino-Blaetter*, vol. 1, 1925-1926, p. 47-69: 29 entries.
B. Peyron, *Codices hebr. Taurinensis Bibl. . . .* (1878).
idem, *Codices hebraici manuscripti . . .* R. Bibl. . . . (Turin 1880): 274 entries.
Aron Freimann, in Abraham Berliner, *Ges. Schriften*, vol. 1, p. 231: in 1908, of 274 mss., 43 had been destroyed by fire in 1904, and 100 had disappeared.

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

BOLOGNA

581. **Biblioteca Universitaria.**
Incunables and old prints. 2 ed. on parchment.

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Catalogues: L. Modona, *Catalogo dei codici ebraici della biblioteca della R. Università di Bologna*. [*Cat. cod. orient.*, vol. 4] (Florence 1882): 28 entries.

idem, "Del'incunaboli e di alcune edizioni ebraiche rare o pregevole nella biblioteca della R. Università di Bologna," in *Biblofilo*, vol. 4, 1890, no. 7-9; vol. 11, no. 7-9.

Aron Freimann, "Hebraeische Pergamentdrucke," in *ZHB*, vol. 15.

Other sources: Giuseppe Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

582. **Biblioteca del Archiginnasio.**

Coll. of incunables and old Hebrew prints.

Catalogue: A. Bongiovanni, "Le rare e poco note edizioni ebraiche nei secoli XV e XVI . . . nell' Bibl. dell'Archiginnasio," in *L'Archiginnasio*, vol. 2, 1908.

FLORENCE

583. **Biblioteca Nazionale.**

Coll. of 35 mss.

31 incunables and 1 ed. on parchment.

Catalogues: Umberto Cassuto, "Nuovi manoscritti ebraici della Biblioteca Nazionale di Firenze," in *GSAI*, vol. 21-22, 1908-09.

idem, "Alcuni incunaboli ebraici conservati nelle R. Bibl. Nazionale di Firenze," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 5, 1908: 10 entries.

idem, *Incunaboli ebraici a Firenze* (1912): 43 entries (31 incunables).

D. Castelli, "Catal. dei codici ebr. magliabechiani e riccardiani di Firenze," in *GSAI*, vol. 15, 1902, p. 169: 14 + 3 entries.

584. **Biblioteca Universitaria.**

Collection of Hebrew mss.

Catalogue: Kalman Friedmann, "I manoscritti ebraici della R. Università di Firenze," in *GSAI*, *nuova serie*, vol. 2, fasc. 5, 1932: 8 entries.

585. **Archivi Municipali.**

Jewish division, containing part of the archives of the Jewish Community with documents since the 17th century.

Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 293.

586. **R. Archivio Fiorentino.**

Rich material on Jews in Florence.

Source: Umberto Cassuto, *Gli Ebrei a Firenze nell'Età del Rinascimento* (Florence 1918), p. V-VII, 361 ff.

MANTUA

587. **Archivio Gonzaga di Mantova.**

Jewish Division (folder 3389-3391): (a) Edicts of toleration and privileges, since 1401; (b) Edicts and regulations; 1515-1786; (c) Various documents relating to Jews of the city and the State, 1454-1780. (d) Various documents on foreign Jews, beginning 1499.

Source: Pietro Torelli, *L'Archivio Gonzaga di Mantova*, vol. 1, *Università degli ebrei* (Ostiglia 1920), 3389-3391.

MILAN

588. **R. Archivio di Stato.**

Jewish Division, containing important documents on Jews in Milan.

Source: Nicolò Ferorelli, *Gli ebrei nell'Italia meridionale* (Turin 1915), p. XI-XIII.

MODENA

589. **R. Biblioteca Estense.**

Coll. of 50 mss.

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Catalogue: S. Jona, *Katalog der hebraeischen Handschriften der koeniglichen Bibliothek in Modena* (Belovar 1883).
Other sources: Gabrieli, *op. cit.* A. Berliner, *Gesammelte Schriften*, p. 107-109.

NAPLES

590. **Biblioteca Vittorio Emmanuele III.**
12 Hebrew mss.
Catalogues: A. Monaco, "Les Manuscrits orientaux de la Bibliothèque de Naples," in *Le Museum*, vol. 1, 1882. Berliner, *Gesammelte Schriften*, p. 120-124.
Other sources: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*
591. **R. Archivio di Stato.**
Important documents on Jews in Naples.
Source: Ferorelli, *op. cit.*

PADUA

592. **Biblioteca Universitaria.**
Good collection of Judaica. Some editions on parchment. 7 mss.
Catalogue: *Raccoltà Morpurgo, Biblioteca di letteratura e storia di popoli semiti. Catalogo generale* (Padua 1924): 1,158 entries.
Other sources: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*
593. **Archivio Civico.**
Material on Jewish history in Padua.
Source: E. Morpurgo, "Bibliografia della storia degli ebrei nel Veneto," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 7-9, 1910-1912.
594. **Biblioteca del Seminario vescovile.**
7 Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: E. Morpurgo, *Inchiesta sui monumenti e documenti del Veneto interessanti la storia religiosa, civile et letteraria degli ebrei* (Udine 1912), p. 23-25.

ROME

595. **Biblioteca Angelica.**
Coll. of 64 Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: A. di Capua, *Catalogo dei codici ebraici della Bibl. Angelica* [*Cat. cod. orient.*, vol. 5] (Florence 1878): 54 entries.
Other sources: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*
596. **Biblioteca Vittorio Emmanuele.**
Coll. of 28 mss.
Catalogue: A. di Capua, *op. cit.* (28 entries).
597. **Biblioteca della Pica Casa dei Neofiti di Roma.**
Many Hebrew mss.
Catalogue: G. Sacerdote, *I codici ebraici della Pia casa . . .* (Rome 1893): 39 entries.
598. **Archivi Municipali.**
Collection of Jewish documents since 1536.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 293.
599. **Archivio di Stato.**
Rich material on Jewish history in Italy.
Source: Attilio Milano, *Ricerche sulle condizioni economiche degli ebrei a Roma durante la clausura del Ghetto. 1555-1848* (Città di Castello 1931), p. 3, note.
600. **Archivio Storico Capitolino.**
Copies of deeds since the end of the 16th century.
Source: Milano, *op. cit.*

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SIENA

601. Archivio di Stato.

Material on Jews in Siena.

Source: I. Zoller, "Nuove fonti per la storia del 28 giugno 1799 a Siena," in *Riv. Isr.*, vol. 7, p. 191 ff, 240 ff.

VENICE

602. Biblioteca Marciana.

Coll. of 19 mss.

Catalogue: M. Lattes, *Catalogo dei codici ebraici della Biblioteca Marciana* [Cat. cod. orient., vol. 3, 1] (Florence 1886): 19 entries.Other sources: F. Morpurgo, *Inchiesta sui Monumenti*, p. 23-25.

603. Archivi di Stato.

Rich material on Jewish history in Venice.

Source: Cecil Roth, *History of Jews in Venice* (Philadelphia 1930), p. 371.

SCATTERED MANUSCRIPTS AND ANTIQUITIES

BERGAMO

604. Biblioteca Civica.

2 mss.

Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

BOLOGNA

605. Museo Municipale.

Contains some Jewish tombstones with 16th-century inscriptions.

CATANIA

606. Biblioteca Ventimilliana.

1 Hebrew ms.

Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

CAVA DEI TIRRENI

607. Biblioteca dell'Abbazia.

1 Hebrew ms.

Source: *idem.*

CESENA

608. Biblioteca Comunale.

A few mss.

Source: *idem.*

FLORENCE

609. Biblioteca Riccardiana.

3 mss.

Source: *idem.*

610. Biblioteca Marucelliana.

1 ms.

Source: *idem.*

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611. **R. Archivio di Stato.**
5 Talmudic fragments, ms. on parchment.
Catalogue: Umberto Cassuto, "Frammenti ebraici in archivi notarili," in *Bibliofilia*,
vol. 12.

GENOA

612. **Civica Berio.**
1 Bible ms. in 7 vols.
Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

GROSSETO

613. **Biblioteca Chelliana.**
3 Hebrew mss.
Source: *idem.*

GROTTAFERRATA

614. **Biblioteca dell'Abbazia.**
3 Hebrew mss.
Source: *idem.*

IMOLA

615. **Biblioteca Comunale.**
3 Hebrew mss.
Source: *idem.*

MILAN

616. **Biblioteca Civica.**
2 mss.
Source: *idem.*
617. **Biblioteca Braidense.**
2 mss.
Source: *idem.*

MONTEFIASCONE

- 617a. **Library of the Episcopal Seminary.**
A number of Hebrew mss., including an almost complete *mahzor*.
Source: O. Thomas Aq. Weikert, in *ZHB*, vol. 5 (1901) p. 23-28.

PALERMO

618. **Biblioteca Nazionale.**
2 mss.
Source: *idem.*

PAVIA

619. **Biblioteca Universitaria.**
2 mss.
Source: *idem.*

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PERUGIO

620. Archivio notarile.

Some mss.
Source: Umberto Cassuto, "Manoscritti ed incunaboli ebraici nelle biblioteche italiane," in *Congr. Mondiale delle Bibl. e di Bibliografia*, vol. 3, 1931, p. 73.

PESCOSTANZO

621. Biblioteca.

Fragments of old mss.
Source: G. Sabatini, *Frammenti di antichi codici ebraici in pergamena conservati in Pescostanzo* (Rome 1928).

PIACENZA

622. Biblioteca Comunale.

2 mss.
Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

REGGIO EMILIA

623. Biblioteca Municipale.

7 mss.
Source: *idem.*

RIETI

624. Biblioteca Archivio Notarile.

2 mss. on parchment.
Source: *idem.*

ROME

625. Biblioteca Lincei.

4 Hebrew mss.
Source: *idem.*

626. Biblioteca P. Istituto Biblico.

4 Hebrew mss.
Source: *idem.*

ROVIGO

627. Accademia dei Concordi.

8 mss.
Source: E. Morpurgo, *Inchiesta sui monumenti*, p. 23-25.

UDINE

628. Biblioteca Archivescovile.

6 mss.
Source: *idem.*

VENICE

629. Seminario Patriarcale.

1 ms.
Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

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630. **Biblioteca Querini Stampalia.**
2 mss.
Source: *idem*.

VEROLI

631. **Biblioteca Comunale.**
1 Hebrew ms.
Source: *idem*.

VERONA

632. **Biblioteca Capitolare.**
5 mss.
Catalogue: A. Berliner, "Hebraeische Handschriften in Verona," in *ZHB*, vol. 17, 1914, p. 17-18.

VICENZA

633. **Biblioteca Bartoliniana.**
1 ms.
Source: Gabrieli, *op. cit.*

LATVIA

RIGA

634. **City-Library.**
Coll. of Judaica and documentary material.
Source: Information from Dr. Max Laserson, New York.
635. **State Library.**
Coll. of Judaica and documentary material.
Source: *See above*.

YELGAVA (Mitau)

636. **Kurland Provincial Museum.**
Coll. of Jewish ceremonial objects and documentary material.
Source: *Sitzungsberichte der Kurlaendischen Gesellschaft fuer Literatur und Kunst*, vol. 13-14, 1901 ff., *passim*.

LITHUANIA

KAUNAS

637. **Central State Library.**
Rich coll. of Judaica, including all printed material dealing with Jews in Lithuania.
Source: Information from A. Skema, Washington (former librarian).
638. **University Library.**
Coll. of Hebrew and Yiddish publications printed in Lithuania since the 16th century.
Source: W. Birzyszko, *Report* (in Lithuanian), 1936.

LUXEMBOURG

- 639.* **Château de Clairvaux.**
Many documents on money transactions between Jews and the aristocracy.
Source: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 656.

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NETHERLANDS

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640. **Bibliotheek der Universiteit, in AMSTERDAM.**
 Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana, donated by G. Rosenthal, son of the collector.
 About 20,000 vols. 300 ms. 5 ed. on parchment. Some incunables.
 Very important collection of old Hebrew literature and of Judaica.
 Files of 81 current Jewish periodicals.
 In the Archives: the death registers and *mohel*-books of the Jews in Amsterdam.
 Catalogues: L. Hirschel and M. S. Hillesum, *Systematischer Catalogus van de Judaica der Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana* (1936-1939), vols. 1-4.
 Jeremias M. Hillesum, *Een keur uit de handschriften en boeken* (Amsterdam 1919).
 "Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana (Hebraica en Judaica)," in *Catalogo van de Tentoonstelling der Universiteitsbibliotheek* (1932): nos. 158-225.
 C. P. Burger, jr., "Hebreuwsche boeken . . ." in *De Incunabeln en de Nederlandsche uitgaven tot 1540 in der Bibliotheek der Universiteit van Amsterdam* ('s Gravenhagen 1923).
 M. Roest, *Catalog der Hebraica und Judaica aus der Rosenthalschen Bibliothek* (Amsterdam 1875), 2 vols.
 Other sources: Louis Lamm, *Die Rosenthaliana in Amsterdam* (Berlin 1930).
Lijst van de loopende tijdschrifte der Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana (Amsterdam 1930).
641. **Rijksuniversiteit Bibliotheek, in LEIDEN.**
 15,000 vols. of Hebraica. Many mss.
 Very valuable and rich collection; special material on Judaism and the East.
 Very important mss.
 Catalogues: Bibliotheca Academica Lugduno Bataviae. *Catalogus*, Deel XIV, XXII, XXVI: *Inventaris van de Handschriften* (Leiden 1932, 1934, 1935).
 Steinschneider, *Catalogus codicum hebraeorum Bibliothecae academicae Lugduno Bataviae* (Leiden 1858).

COMMUNAL COLLECTIONS

Material pertaining to the history of the Jews in Holland was to be found in all local archives.

AMSTERDAM

642. **Rijksmuseum.**
 Interesting Jewish material, such as portraits and engravings of rabbis and community leaders, pictures of Jewish cemeteries and synagogues.
643. **Stedelijk Museum.**
 Has a special Jewish division.

ROTTERDAM

644. **Archief der Stad Rotterdam.**
 "Ghifteboek."
 Source: Zwarts, *Hoofdstukken uit de Geschiedenis der Joden in Nederland* (1929).

THE HAGUE

645. **Museum Meermanno Westreenianum.**
 Coll. of Hebrew mss. and incunables.

UTRECHT

646. **Archief der Bisschoppen van Utrecht.**
A few important documents.
Source: Zwarts, *op. cit.*
647. **Rijks-Archief Utrecht.**
Many Hebrew documents.
Source: Zwarts, *op. cit.*

POLAND

CRACOW

648. **Polska Akademia Umiejetnosci (Polish Academy of Science).**
Remnants of archives from liquidated Jewish communities in Galicia. Galician Judaica.
Collection of literature pertaining to proverbs, donated by Ignac Bernstein (1836-1908), consisting of 5,000 vols.
Sources: J. Czubek, *Katalog Rekopisow* (1900-1906).
Bernstein, *Katalog*, 2 vols. (Warsaw 1903).
Balaban, *Zydzi w Galicji* (Lemberg 1914) p. 213.
649. **Biblioteka Jagiellonska (University Library).**
Rich material on Jewish history, including a New Testament in Yiddish, printed in Cracow in 1540; coll. of engravings illustrating Jewish life.
Sources: The monographs by Rygiel, Bar, and Piekarski.
M. Balaban, *Zabytki historyczne zydów w Polsce* (Warsaw 1929), p. 127.
idem, *Przewodnik pe zydowskich zabytkach Krakowa* (Cracow 1935), p. 24.
650. **Muzeum Narodowe (National Museum).**
Coll. of Jewish museum objects, donated by the heirs of Adolf S. Sternschuss of Lwow, and M. Goldstein.
The division entitled: Muzeum im. Erazma Baracza includes a coll. of Jewish women's hoods.
The division entitled: Muzeum Czapskich includes a coll. of Polish coins with Hebrew legends of the 12th century, and a rich collection of etchings depicting Jewish types.
Sources: Edward Chwalewik, *Zbiory Polskie*, vol. 1 (Warsaw 1926), p. 242, 225, 227.
M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 26.
651. **Muzeum Czartoryskich (Museum of the Czartoryski family).**
Its library includes material on Jewish history.
The Archives contain documents relating to Jews in Poland including the acts of the Komitet Starozakonnych in Warsaw during the first half of the 19th century; collections of Polish newspaper-clippings relating to Jews. Unpublished letters of eminent Polish Jews.
Sources: J. Korzeniowski, and St. Kutrzeba, *Catalogus codicum manuscriptorum*, 2 vol. (1908-1913).
C. Piotrowicz, *Index nominorum et rerum*. 2 vol. (1928-1931).
M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 33.
Jacob Shatzky, *Yiddishe Bildungspolitik in Poilen 1806-1866* (New York 1943) p. 8.
idem, "Yiddishe Bibliotekn in Poilen," in *Der poilishe Yid* (New York 1945) no. 28.
652. **Archiwum Akt Dawnych m. Krakowa (Archives of old documents of the city of Cracow).**
2 pinkassim of the Jewish Community in Cracow of the end of the 16th century.
Source: M. Balaban, *Przewodnik*, p. 110.

GUMNISKA (near Tarnow)

653.* Family-Archives of the princes Sanguszko.

Fascicles 168-177 contain material on Jews, partly printed in *Archiwum Sanguszkoi*, 5 vol., 1887-1897.

Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 118.

LIDA

654. Biblioteka Miejska (City Library).

Jewish division with several thousand books in Yiddish and Hebrew.

Source: Information from Samuel Bernholz, New York.

LUBLIN

655. Biblioteka Publiczna im. Lopacinskiego (The Lopacinski Public Library).

Rich collection of books and documents relating to the history of Jews in Lublin. A complete index of loose material pertaining to Lublin, including newspaper items of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Sources: A. Jawrowski, *Katalog rękopisów* (Lublin 1913); *Supplement*, 1917. *Rocznik Lubelski* (Lublin Yearbook). 3 vols. (1936-1938).

656. Muzeum Lubelskie.

Coll. of brass *menorot* and brass Hannukah-lamps, donated by the Jewish Community in 1917.

Sources: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 1, p. 363. M. Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 26, 145.

657. Archiwum Państwowe w Lublinie (State Archives in Lublin).

City record-books relating the excesses against Jews in the 17th and 18th centuries; administrative acts referring to Jewish communities in Lublin and the province (Chelm, Hrubieszow, Kazimierz, Krasnik, Miedzyrzec, Szczepieszym, Zamosc, Lubartow, etc., 1837-1914. Very valuable are the decrees regulating Jewish dress as well as documents relating to the Rabbinic school in Warsaw. Full records of Jewish schools in Lublin and vicinity.

Catalogue: Bialkowski, L., *Archiwum Państwowe w Lublinie. Inwentarz* (Warsaw 1931).

Other sources: Jan Riabinin, *Archiwum Państwowe w Lublinie* (Warsaw 1926), p. 27-29, 31, 35, 53, 57, 74, 77.

LWOW

658. Biblioteka Uniwersytetu im. Jana Kazimierza (University Library).

Large coll. of Judaica.

Source: Ludwig Finkiel, *Katalog rękopisów* (Lwow 1910).

659. Biblioteka Zakładu narod-im. Ossolinskich (Library of the National Institution named in honor of Ossolinski).

Large coll. of Judaica and documents pertaining to Jews in the revolution of 1848.

Catalogue: W. Ketrzynski, *Katalog rękopisów* (Lwow 1889-1894), 3 vols. I. Schipper, in *MGWJ*, 1912.

660. Biblioteka Pawlikowskich (Library of the Pawlikowski family).

A Hebrew Bible of the 13th century.

Literature on the Jewish question; coll. of engravings relating to Jews.

Catalogue: M. Gerbarowicz, *Katalog rękopisów* (1929).

Other sources: Z. Ameisen, *Bestiariusz w Bibli Hebrajskiej z 13 wieku* (Warsaw 1933) (illustrated).

661. Biblioteka fundacji W. Baworowskich (Library of the Baworowski Foundation).

Coll. of Judaica and Jewish Iconography.

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662. **Archiwum Ziemskie we Lwowie** (Province Archives in Lwow).
6 vols. of juridical acts of the province-courts for Jews, from 1740-1742.
Sources: *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 275-276.
M. Balaban, *Zabytki*.
Z. Pazdro, *Organizacja i praktyka zydowskich sadow podwojewodzinskih* (Lwow 1903).
663. **Archiwum Panstwowe we Lwowie** (State Archives in Lwow).
Many documents relating to Jewish taxes (on kosher meat and candles), to Jewish agricultural colonization in Galicia; documents on the emigration of Russian Jews and their stay in Brody; a fascicle on the Hassidim (1814-1838), etc.
Sources: M. Balaban, *op. cit.*
Enc. Jud., vol. 3, p. 275-276.
Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.
- 663a. **Szewczenko Scientific Society**.
Founded 1894. Complete coll. of printed material pertaining to Jews in the Ukraine. Rich coll. of unpublished letters, memoirs, etc. Coll. of paintings, prints and photographs depicting Jewish life in the Ukraine.
Source: L. Biernacki, *Publiczne biblioteki lwowskie* (Lwow 1926).

PLOCK

664. **Towarzystwo Naukowe Plockie** (The Plock Scientific Society).
Documents and pictures pertaining to the Jewish participation in the upheavals of 1831 and of 1863.
Judaica related to the Prussian occupation of Plock (1794-1805).
Sources: A. Maciesza, *Przewodnik po Muzeum T-wa Naukowego*. (Plock 1906).
Sprawozdanie Biblioteki (1936).

POZNAN

665. **Biblioteka Uniwersytetu** (University Library). (See Introduction, no. o.)
Rich material on Jewish modern history, especially for recent times, includes the Kronthal Collection.
Source: *Kronika miasto Poznania*, 1926, *passim*.
666. **Towarzystwo Przyjaciol Nauk** (Association of Friends of Science).
Rich coll. of Judaica.
Source: *Biblioteki wielkopolskie i pomorskie* (Poznan 1929).
667. **Muzeum Wielkopolskie** (Museum of the province of Great Poland).
Founded in 1894 under German rule, reopened in 1920.
Rich coll. of Jewish ritual objects in silver, donated by Gustav and Arthur Kronthal.
Sources: *Amtlicher Fuehrer fuer das Kaiser Friedrich Museum zu Posen* (Posen 1911), p. 13.
Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 114.
Balaban, *Zabytki*, *op. cit.*, p. 90.
668. **Muzeum Mielzynskich**.
Coll. of ceremonial objects gathered from synagogues throughout Poland.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 101.
- 668a. **Archiwum Panstwowe m. Poznania** (State Archive of Poznan).
Rich collection of documentary material on local Jewish history; cf. no. 301.
Sources: Balaban, *Zabytki*, p. 43.
A. Warschauer, *Die staedtischen Archive in der Provinz Posen* (Leipzig 1901).

PRZEMYSL

669. **Archiwum Akt Dawnych** (City Archives).
Important documents relating to the history of Jews.

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Catalogues: Jan Smolka, *Katalog archiwum miejskiego* (Przemysl 1921).
idem, *Katalog* . . . 1927, p. 190-198.

670. **Towarzystwo Przyjaciół nauk** (Society of the Friends of Science).
 Documents, newspaper clippings, pamphlets and tracts related to Jews.
 Sources: See above.
Rocznik (yearbook) published by the Society, 7 vols.

SANOK

671. **Municipal Archives.**
 Rich in Judaica.
 Source: *Borzemski Archiwa w Sanoku*. Sanok 1905.

TARNOW

672. **Municipal Archives.**
 Rich Jewish material.
 Sources: Leniek-Herzig, *Dzieje miasta Tarnowa* (Tarnow 1911).
 Schipper, I., in *Kwartalnik historyczny*, 1905.

VILNA

673. **Biblioteka publiczna i uniwersytecka** (Public and University Library).
 Some Hebrew mss.
 Coll. of material pertaining to Jewish history in Lithuania from the 16th to the 19th century.
 A unique collection of several thousand Hebrew and Yiddish books approved by the local censorship.
 Sources: *Kirjath Sepher*, vol. 8, p. 130; vol. 11, p. 110; vol. 14, p. 118.
 Pinkhas Kon, in *Yivo-Bleter*, *passim*.
674. **Biblioteka Publiczna im. Wroblewskiego** (The Wroblewski Public Library).
 Lithuanian Judaica. Complete sets of Hebrew and Yiddish periodicals printed in Lithuania.
 Source: J. Shatzky, in *Yivo-Bleter*, vol. 3, p. 65.
675. **Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Nauk** (Society of the Friends of Science).
 Archivalia pertaining to the Jewish problem (1801-1846); private archives of Eliza Orzeszko (1842-1910), with about 800 letters and documents on Jewish topics.
 Coll. of books and pamphlets on Jews (2,400 vols.).
 Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
676. **Archiwum Akt Dawnych w Wilnie** (State Archives in Vilna).
 Several vols. on Jewish central autonomy in the Duchy of Lithuania; scores of vols. of the census of Jews in the Duchy of Lithuania in 1765; 29 vols. which are part of the Jewish community archives in Vilna, under the class-mark "Archiwum Kahalne," 1808-1838.
 Sources: Kon, Pinkas, "Di gefunene teiln fun Vilner Kohelshn Archiv," in *Historische Schriften (YIVO)*, vol. 2, 1937, p. 538-548.
 Mienicki, R., *Archiwum Akt dawnych w Wilnie* (Vilno, 1923).
677. **Archiwum Miejskie** (City Archives).
 44 vols. part of the Archives of the Jewish Community in Vilna for the years 1809-1845; many vols. not catalogued.
 Source: Kon, Pinkas, in *Ateneum Wilenskie*, vol. 15, 1928, p. 151-166.

WARSAW

678. **Biblioteka Narodowa** (National Library).
 Includes the great collection of the Polish Emigre Archives in Rappersville

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- (Switzerland). Rich material on Jewish participation in Polish national movements (1794-1863).
Sources: Adam, Lewak, *Katalog rękopisów Biblioteki Narodowej*, vol. 1. *Zbiory Biblioteki Rapperswilskiej* (Warsaw 1929).
M. Balaban, in *Miesięcznik Żydowski* (1933).
679. **Biblioteka Publiczna (Public Library).**
Several hundred rare Hebrew prints from the 16th to the 19th century. Includes the Library of Stanislaw Mendelson, with a coll. of letters leaflets, and pamphlets on Jewish participation in the Polish Labor movement; the private archives of Jean Bloch with their rich material on the economic and social status of Jews in Poland during the second half of the 19th century; and remnants of the official Jewish Committee in Poland (1825-1860).
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
680. **Biblioteka Uniwersytetu im. J. Piłsudskiego (University Library).**
Coll. of Hebrew mss. and Judaica.
Sources: J. Bielinski, *Biblioteka Królewskiego Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (1817-1831)* (1907-13).
Przegląd biblioteczny, vol. 1, 1908, p. 37-54.
681. **Biblioteka Ordynacji Krasieńskich (The Krasinski Library).**
Documents pertaining to blood-libel trials in Poland, archive material on the history of Jewish education in Poland. A rich collection of Polish antisemitica.
Sources: F. Pulaski, *Opis 815 rękopisów Biblioteki Krasieńskich*. (Warsaw 1915).
M. Hornowska, *Rękopisy . . . do dziejów szkolnictwa polskiego* (Warsaw 1930).
682. **Biblioteka Ordynacji Zamojskich (The Zamojski Library).**
Material pertaining to Jews in agriculture, education, trade and commerce. Archives of the Zamojski family.
Important archivalia on Zamosc and the Jews, as well as on Jewish physicians in Poland.
Source: Information from Dr. Shatzky, New York.
683. **Biblioteka Hr. Przedzieckich (The Przedziecki Library).**
Contains documentary material relating to the history of Jews in Poland in the 18th and 19th centuries, among which the documents of Jacob Frank are the most important.
Source: A. Kraushar, *Frank i frankisci*, 2 vols. (1890).
Chmiel, A., *Zbiór dokumentów . . .* (Cracow 1890).
684. **Muzeum Narodowe (National Museum).**
Coll. of paintings by M. Gottlieb; coll. of Jewish museum objects, donated by Leopold Meyer; Jewish glass and other objects from several donors.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 346.
685. **Muzeum Przemysłu i Rolnictwa (Museum of Industry and Agriculture).**
Coll. of Jewish ceremonial objects, donated by H. Lew, B. Wysokinski, Dr. J. Geliebter, Ignaz Bernstein, and Regina Lilienthal.
A rich library on Jewish folklore and ethnology.
Source: Chwalewik, *ibid.*
686. **Politechnika (School of Technology).**
600 drawings by Prof. Noakowski of old synagogues in Poland.
Source: *Katalog wystawy Noakowskiego* (Warsaw 1921).
687. **Muzeum Społeczne (Social Museum).**
Coll. of printed material on the history of the Jewish Labor and Socialist movements in Poland.
Source: Yearly reports, 1926-1938.

688. **Muzeum Pedagogiczne** (Pedagogical Museum).
Coll. of primers, textbooks, grammars, and other publications in Hebrew, Yiddish, German, and Polish, used in schools for Jews in Poland.
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
689. **Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych** (Central State Archives).
An outstanding coll. of Jewish documents since the 14th century.
In addition to single documents, 95 bound vols. on the Jewish census in 1764-1795, and on Jewish central and provincial autonomy in ancient Poland; a census of Jews in Poland in 1550; Hebrew documents, including 5 on parchment with ornaments of the 15th and 16th centuries; many Hebrew letters and Hebrew records of the Jewish central autonomy authorities.
Sources: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 275.
T. Wierzbowski, *Opisanie dzieł w warsz. głównym archiwie dziełnych aktów* (Warsaw 1912).
M. Balaban, in *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 273.
E. Ringelblum, *Zydzi w Warszawie* (Warsaw 1932), p. 123-126.
Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.
690. **Archiwum Akt Dawnych** (Archives of Old Documents).
Many vols. and fascicles relating to Jews in the Kingdom of Poland during the first half of the 19th century.
Source: Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.
691. **Archiwum Skarbowe** (Finance Archives).
25 vols. on registration and taxation of Jewish books in Poland during 1775-1793; scores of vols. on the kosher meat tax in the first half of the 19th century; census of Jews during the first half of the 19th century; material on Jewish occupations; lists of cities and towns with "privilegia de non tolerandis Judaeis," etc.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 284.
A. Warschauer, *Die Handschriften des Finanzarchivs zu Warschau* (Warsaw 1917).
Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.
692. **Archiwum miejskie** (Municipal Archives).
Coll. of Jewish documents since 1815, pertaining to the history of Jews in Warsaw.
Sources: J. Warszawski, in *Historische Schriften (Yivo)*, vol. 2.
idem, in *Miesięcznik Żyd.*, vol. 1, 1930, p. 55-67.
J. Shatzky, *A History of Jews in Warsaw* (manuscript).
693. **Warszawskie Towarzystwo Naukowe** (Warsaw Scientific Society).
Includes the private archives of Henryk Wohl, the Nussbaum and the Toeplitz families.
Material on Jewish participation in the Polish Insurrection of 1863, and on Jewish cultural movements in Warsaw.
Source: Information from Dr. J. Shatzky, New York.
694. **Archiwum Oświecenia Publicznego** (Archives of Public Instruction in the University).
Records of the Komitet Starozakonnych (Jewish Committee), 1825-1837; records of the Szkoła Rabinow (Rabbinic Seminary) in Warsaw 1826-1863; fascicles of documents on the Hassidim in Poland in the first half of the 19th century; census of Jewish books, etc.
Sources: M. Balaban, in *Enc. Jud.*, vol. 3, p. 273.
Jacob Shatzky, *op. cit.*, p. 8.
Information from Dr. Raphael Mahler, New York.
695. **Archiwum Wojskowe Centralne** (Central Military Archives).
Scores of complete sets of Yiddish periodicals and newspapers for the time of the German occupation, 1915-1918. Rich material on Jews in Polish military formations.
Source: Chwalewik, *op. cit.*, vol. 2, p. 287.
J. Konic, *Zydzi w armji polskiej* (Warsaw 1924).

- 696.* **Archiwum Kronenbergow** (Archives of the Kronenberg family, 1812-1890).
Collection of Baron Julian Leopold Kronenberg of letters and documents relating to Jews in Poland.
Source: J. Shatzky, *op. cit.*, p. 8.

RUMANIA

BUCHAREST

697. **Academia Romana, Fundatia Universitara.**
The library included a good collection of Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York.
698. **Biblioteca I. C. Bratianu.**
Rich coll. of Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Edward Herbert, New York.

CLUJ (Klausenburg)

699. **University Library.**
Received copies of all Judaica published in Rumania. Had a valuable collection of Judaica.
700. **Muzeul National Transilvanean.**
Included Jewish art-objects as well as documents pertaining to Jewish history.

YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE

701. **Rockefeller Foundation Library.**
Included a collection of Judaica.
Source: Information from Dr. Alcalay, New York, former Chief Rabbi of Yugoslavia.
702. **Drzavna Arhiva (State Archives).**
Special fascicle of documents on Jewish history in Yugoslavia, Serbia and Italy.
Source: See above.

DUBROVNIK (Ragusa)

703. **Gradska Biblioteka (City Library)**
Large collection of Judaica in Latin.
Source: See above.

SARAJEVO

704. **Zemaljski Muzej za Bosnu i Hercegovinu (National Museum for Bosnia and Hercegovina).**
Coll. of many rare prints, incunables, tombstones and ceremonial objects. Outstanding were the illuminated Haggadah, some *ketubbot* on parchment, the earliest printed *mahzorim* in Balkan countries, and Turkish-Jewish commercial documents.
Sources: H. Mueller and J. Schloesser, *Die Haggada von Sarajevo* (Vienna 1898).
Printed reports in The Bulletin of the Museum, since 1880, *passim*.
Information from Dr. Moric Levi, Switzerland, formerly connected with the Museum.

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January 18, 1946.

TO: DR. J. ROBINSON
FROM: ZORACH WARHAFTIG

CC: Rabbi Federbush, Dr. Kubowitzki.

During my trip in Germany, I visited the Rothschild Library in Frankfurt (Unter dem Mainker 15) where Jewish books and documents seized by the Nazis, particularly those in possession of the anti-Jewish Institute, are being collected, segregated, and preserved under the supervision of the American authorities until a further decision is taken.

The larger part of the books is still in Hungen, about 70 miles from Frankfurt whither they are brought in trucks.

According to Mr. Goodman, an American Gentile, who is in charge of the library, there are in Frankfurt and Hungen from two to five million volumes, many of them of extreme importance. There are Jewish books, as well as books on Jewish subjects, from public and private Jewish libraries from all over Europe. There are also hundreds of Torah scrolls.

The books are now being sorted and put in order on the premises of the former Rothschild Library, but I can hardly believe that there is enough space there for all the books.

Attached please find a provisional list of the libraries whose books are now in the Frankfurt collection. This list contains the names of only those libraries whose name is found inscribed in the book in Latin letters. There is not a single person on Goodman's staff who can read Hebrew and Yiddish and can complete the list. Until September one Jew, Aroni of New York, worked there, but he has already left for the States.

The general supervision of the library is in the hands of Captain Buckman.

There is so far no definite plan for the future of this great Jewish cultural treasure. Only one thing is certain: the Americans are ready to give the books back to their owners if ownership is proved. And indeed, in Paris I was told by Rabbi Liber, Director of the Ecole Rabinique, that he was supposed to proceed to Frankfurt to get back the libraries of the Ecole Rabinique, the Consistoires, the Alliance Israelite, and his own private collection.

Meanwhile there is a great danger that many of the books, particularly the rare ones, will get lost. The Jewish DP's are urging, and perhaps rightly so, that books should be given to them for study; of course, they ask for simple, not rare copies or editions, but due to the lack of Jewish knowledge on the part of the librarian and his staff, mistakes may be made. Recently Rabbi Rosenberg, representative of the J.D.C., was promised 25,000 books for the DP's; one can imagine how many valuable books will be among these volumes.

It should be added that Jewish books are scattered not only in Frankfurt, but all over Germany, particularly in Munich, among them valuable volumes from known Jewish libraries.

May I add that in the Frankfurt depot, namely in Hungen, there are the archives of the Nazi anti-Jewish Institute. Mr. Goodman promised me to give or send to our Institute/Affairs the manuscripts of many unpublished materials of the Nazi Institute. ^{Jewish}

Something should be done to secure the Frankfurt library and all other Jewish books in Germany for the Jewish people.

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Leon Kubowitzki

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March 5, 1946.

MEMO

FROM: Dr. Federbush
TO: All Office Committee Members

Please find attached an interesting report about looted books in Frankfort. The author, Mr. A. Aaroni, worked in the Rothschild Library in Frankfort for many months, assorting these books. He stresses the necessity of our sending an experienced scholar to salvage these books.

Herewith is also attached a report about 425,000 volumes of Jewish literature found in Berlin. Dr. Zuckerman, head of the mission of the United States Library of Congress emphasized the urgent need for saving of these books by Jewish organizations. In this connection I would also like to quote the following cable received from Judge Rifkind:

"Suggest you arrange with one of voluntary agencies already accredited this theatre preferably Jewish Agency for Palestine to call forward your representative Stop That would simplify procedure and operation Stop If suggestion not agreeable please apply Washington for permission usual manner"

The question of sending an expert on behalf of the WJC will be discussed at one of the next Office Committee meetings.

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March 4, 1946

MEMORANDUM
SUBMITTED TO DR. FEDERBUSCH
by A. AARONI

(Assigned by the U.S. Army in the Rothchild Library
in Frankfurt, Germany)

Regarding Looted Jewish Books, Archives and Religious Articles
now in the Vicinity of Frankfurt a/m Germany

I. Recommendations:

Because these books and documents enumerated below are all that remain of the vast collections on the continent of Europe, they must be saved and the following steps should immediately be taken:

1. Send a Hebrew scholar, preferably a librarian and archivist who would organize a staff of workers to sort the books as to ownership and subjects and then supervise their partial cataloguing wherever possible.

This recommendation is to take precedence over all others. There was not a single person (as late as October 16, 1945) with the knowledge of Hebrew letters helping with this work. A person who would devote himself solely to this work, could find among the present Jewish population in Germany enough people with a sufficient knowledge of Hebrew to help him in this work.

2. Wherever definite institutional ownership can be established, the books should be returned to the proper owners through accepted governmental channels.
3. Minor, unimportant works and duplicates should be used immediately to replenish the libraries of Jewish reconstructed institutions.
4. It is estimated that the ownership of about 60% of the books and documents cannot be established. The more important of these books should be sent to the Hebrew University Library in Jerusalem.

II. History:

It was Alfred Rosenberg's idea to organize in Nazi Germany and in Nazi Europe a sort of super university with institutes in all branches of human knowledge. One of these institutes was the Institute for Research in the Jewish Problem (Institut zur Erforschung der Judenfrage) with headquarters in Frankfurt. Government archives, public libraries and private collections were looted in all invaded countries and their contents transported into Germany with the hope of establishing a "super library" of Judaica and Hebraica. The two main collecting points for this looted wealth were Berlin and Frankfurt.

When allied heavy bombardments of cities started, most of these books and other articles were removed from the large centers to rural communities. The Berlin collection was thus moved to Bohemia, probably to Castle Neufalkenberg in Deutsch Gabel. The Frankfurt collection was moved to

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U. S. MISSION FINDS 425,000 JEWISH BOOKS

Berlin. - A special mission of the United States Library of Congress has discovered two storehouses jammed with more than 425,000 volumes of Jewish literature, which had been seized by the Gestapo all over Europe and sent there.

Twenty-five thousand books were found in a basement of the former Orthodox Synagogue, which is again being used as a house of worship, despite extensive damage. The volumes, which included prayer books, literature and old Jewish newspapers, were in poor condition.

At the former Free Mason's lodge, which had apparently been the main Gestapo collection center, over 400,000 volumes were discovered. Included among these documents and books were collections stolen from the libraries of Andre Maurois, noted Jewish author; Artur Rubinstein, world renowned Jewish concert pianist, and many famous private and public collections of Jewish books.

Dr. J. Zuckerman, who heads the mission, urged the formation of a Jewish committee to claim the books. He declared that the books should be kept intact and used to establish a special Judaica library, or be given to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

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Hungen, Kreis Giesen. To the best of my knowledge, the American authorities in Germany have no information about the former collection. The latter, however, is in the American zone of occupation.

III. The Recent Status of the Frankfort Collections.

Part of this collection was first found in June 1945 in the basement of 78 Bockenheimerlandstrasse in Frankfort. The collection was definitely endangered by the atmospheric conditions of a subbasement completely lacking ventilation. Late in July the 150,000 volumes found there were finally removed to the renovated Rothschild Library at 15 Mainerkai where they were being sorted according to previous ownership, cleaned, disinfected and partly catalogued. This work was being done under the supervision of Captain Julius H. Buchman, Fine Arts, Monuments and Archives Officer of Military Government Detachment No. 6, Frankfort.

These 150,000 volumes were but a minute fraction of the bulk of the collection that had been removed to Hungen. This collection required thirty eight (38) freight cars to move it from Frankfort. My estimate is that it consists of more than 1,000,000 volumes. As of October 16, 1945, in spite of promises by high military authorities, and in spite of the earnest and wholehearted effort of Captain Buchman, the collection was still in Hungen scattered in nine different places; a large shed, a former office building, a castle, and five or six basements all over the town. It was planned to transport them from Hungen and house them in an I.G. Farben plant in Offenbach near Frankfort. However, as of October 16, 1945, that removal had not yet been started. In Hungen these precious books, documents, religious articles and archives are in danger of complete loss.

IV. Some Elements of the Collection:

A superficial examination of this collection revealed definitely and beyond any doubt parts of the following collections:

1. Rosenthaliane of Amsterdam
2. Alliance Israélite of Paris (valuable 15th and 18th century manuscripts.)
3. Strashun Library of Vilna
4. Rothschild collection of Paris
5. Sephardic Community Archives of Amsterdam
6. Archives of the Ministry for Jewish Affairs of Lithuania
7. Librairie Lipschitz Paris
8. Kiev Jewish Public Library
9. Judische Gemeinde - Riga
10. Rabbinical Seminary of Breslau
11. Mainz archives (birth records, etc.)
12. Frankfort a/m archives
13. About 300 Torah scrolls and innumerable Megilloth and literally dozens of other public and private collections of great historic value.

Addenda:

1. About the Berlin collection consult, Dr. Ernst Gramach, 54 Schlutterstrasse, Charlottenburg - Berlin.
2. About Military Government phases of the work, consult Sgt. Child, Fine Arts, Monuments and Archives Division, Office of Military Government, APO 742, PM New York (Berlin). Also Captain Julius H. Huchman, Mil. Gov. Det. #6, APO 757, PM New York, (Frankfort).

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April 29, 1946

Dr. A. Leon Kubowitzki
World Jewish Congress
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New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kubowitzki:

You are undoubtedly familiar with the work of the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction. Organized under the auspices of the Conference on Jewish Relations and sustained by grants from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Committee, the American Association for Jewish Education, and the Conference on Jewish Relations, the Commission has recently issued its first work entitled, "Tentative List of Jewish Cultural Treasures in Axis-Occupied Countries". This important inventory was executed by the Research Staff of the Commission, comprising such outstanding scholars as Dr. Hannah Arendt, Dr. Adolf Kober, Dr. Raphael Mahler and Dr. Jacob Shatzky, working under the direction of a Research Committee headed by Professors Marx, Freimann and others.

The Staff of the Commission has also accumulated much material concerning the present whereabouts of these cultural treasures. The Commission is really in a position to serve as a focal agency in located and salvaging Jewish cultural treasures in war-ravaged Europe. It has, for example, established contacts with chaplains of all faiths and with general relief and service organizations to enlist their support in tracking down and preserving the remains of Jewish culture in Europe.

The Commission is also engaged in an extensive program of research concerning the pre-war status of the Jewish schools, seminaries and yeshivoh in Axis-occupied Europe, and in the present status of the newly reestablished schools, to ascertain their needs and determine what types of assistance can be extended to them through the United States. Another sub-committee of the Commission, headed by Professor Jerome Michael of the Columbia Law School, and aided by a full-time Research Fellow, is engaged

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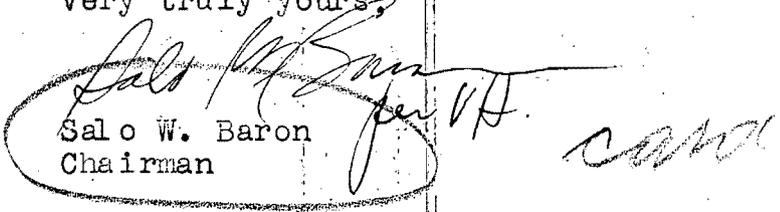
in clarifying the legal and political issues involved in the difficult problems of restitution, reparations, and redistribution of Jewish cultural and religious treasures.

Moreover, the Commission is planning to extend its activities. At the last meeting of the Commission it was decided to accept a suggestion from the Jewish Historical Society of England that a delegation of experts be sent from America, England and Palestine, to visit the various European countries to help locate the cultural property and assist in its redistribution, advise the communities there on cultural and religious programs, etc. It is contemplated that six scholars each be sent from the three countries, the delegation then dividing itself into smaller teams of two or three to visit individual sections in Europe and reconvening at a central point for purposes of final deliberation and decision. Some of the cultural treasures may ultimately be transferred to Palestine, the United States or other countries.

In order to be able to go ahead with our program, it is necessary for us to raise an additional \$15,000 at least. As a central organization in Jewish life, the World Jewish Congress would undoubtedly wish to assist the work of the Commission, which at this juncture we believe to be of decisive importance for the welfare and perpetuation of our people. We therefore invite you to contribute the sum of \$5,000 to the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction thereby matching the grants of the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish Committee, and the Conference on Jewish Relations to the Commission.

I shall be delighted to answer any questions that you might wish to raise about the program and activity of the Commission. We are very eager to enlist your support so that all the major Jewish organizations may be united behind the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction.

Very truly yours,


Salo W. Baron
Chairman

P.S. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the first publication by the Commission entitled, "Tentative List of Jewish Cultural Treasures in Axis-Occupied Countries".

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To: Dr. Federbusch
From: Dr. W. Robinson
Dr. Karbach

May 3, 1946

Last Saturday, April 27th, we attended a meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Commission for European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction.

The Commission attributes great importance to a working cooperation with the World Jewish Congress. Although the Congress is represented by you and Prof. Pekelis, as well as by the aforementioned members, the WJC, according to complaints made by members of the Commission, has embarked on unilateral action without consulting, or even informing the Commission.

The Commission now has about seventy-five members, individually appointed, but closely connected with all the leading American Jewish organizations. It is therefore now a very impressive representation of the Jewish scholars of this country, and thus, it is felt that their suggestions for closer cooperation should find appropriate attention on the part of the WJC which, it should expressly be added, is regarded with high esteem by the Commission, and has frequently been mentioned as the agency which could help the work of the Commission to great advantage.

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CC: Dr. Kubowitzki

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THE Germans systematically destroyed and plundered Jewish libraries, museums and archives, the whole intellectual and artistic heritage of our people accumulated during the centuries.

One of the main tasks facing us now is the restitution of the historically valuable books, documents, art and religious objects, thus preserving all these treasures for the future cultural life of the Jewish people.

For this purpose, the Committee for Recovery of Jewish Property has been established. Its aims are:

To make representations to government authorities in this country and abroad in order to get their assistance in the recovery of this cultural property.

To send a group of scholars and experts to Germany to trace and survey the places where the cultural treasures are located and to do salvage work on the spot.

To restore the salvaged treasures to the Jewish communities which are their rightful owners. In cases where the owner is not traceable, the recovered property is to be turned over to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem as the trustee of the Jewish people.

Committee for Recovery of Jewish Cultural Property



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January 22, 1947

MEMO

To: Dr. Kubowitzki
From: Dr. Blattberg

I have your Routing Slip of January 15 and the attached letter from Dr. Gruenewald.

Because of the delay in the formation of the Trusteeship for Cultural Treasures, no formal invitation was extended to the Council for the Protection of Rights and Interests of Jews in London. Consequently, Dr. Gruenewald could not be appointed for the Council. On the other hand, the Federation of Jews from Central Europe is still claiming charter membership in the prospective trusteeship and the Council expressed their view that they would act only in conformation with the Federation. However, all this will be easily settled once the trusteeship is established. Besides, Dr. Jacoby had the impression while talking with the people of the Federation that if they were on the trusteeship Dr. Gruenewald would be acceptable to them.

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SHORT MINUTES OF OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING, Monday, January 27, 1947 at 3 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. Kubowitzki (in the Chair) Dr. Perlzweig
 Dr. Federbush Dr. Schwarzbart
 Mrs. Knopfmacher Dr. Karbach
 Dr. Margoshes Dr. Stein

Later: Dr. Marcus, Rabbi Miller

1. Recovery of Cultural Property - According to a letter from Dr. N. Robinson under date of January 12, he has obtained the following information on the recovery of cultural objects during conversation he recently had with Mr. Howard, Chief of the Section on Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives: Much more time will probably elapse before the properties can be released to Jewish organizations, because some of the objects are subject to international restitution, i.e., to be returned to the countries from which they were removed, and Jewish claims will have to wait until the foregoing claims have been settled. Besides, a policy decision will have to be taken about restitution to certain areas (for example, at present, books from the Baltic areas are not turned over to Russia).

It was suggested that the Jewish organizations submit lists of extinguished communities, and, if possible, families.

After Dr. Federbush's report that the WJC is now the only Jewish organization which opposes the formation of a general trusteeship, insisting instead on the creation of a separate trusteeship for cultural properties, the Office Committee reconsiders its previous decision and agrees to the formation of a general trusteeship provided this body starts to work as soon as possible, with a special department for cultural property which must begin its activity immediately.

It is decided to call the attention of the State Department to the fact that the question of preserving these books is not being duly attended to.

Negotiations will also be taken up with the State Department, on the sending of a Jewish adviser for cultural properties, to Germany, to work with Mr. Howard.

2. Culture and Education - Dr. Federbush reports that, subject to the approval of the Office Committee, the Cultural Department of the WJC will invite Professor Zevi Scharfstein to go to Latin America on a cultural mission. The Office Committee approves the plan and Prof. Scharfstein, who is professor of Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and who has indicated his readiness to accept this invitation, will be requested to proceed to Latin America and spend four months there, principally in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay, in order to make a survey of the cultural and educational situation in Latin American Jewry. A survey of the youth movement as well as the organization of new youth and student groups will also be among his tasks.

3. Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow - In connection with the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers scheduled to take place in Moscow on March 10, it is decided that the WJC will seek representation there. Mr. Easterman will be requested to approach Russian Deputy Gusev for the purpose of ascertaining whether our representative will be granted facilities in Moscow. It is also decided to invoke the assistance of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow.

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4. American Jewish Conference - Dr. Kubowitzki reports on the January 22 meeting of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, at which the Committee on Future Organization presented its report on a permanent American Jewish Conference. According to this report, the AJ Conference will operate through other agencies in the fields of relief and rehabilitation, defense of Jewish rights in the U.S., and in all matters affecting Palestine. However it will act independently in the field of international affairs. The wording even seems to preclude a future affiliation with the WJC.

A discussion takes place as to the position which the AJ Conference should take in this matter, and it is decided that a special meeting of the Office Committee will discuss this question, as soon as Dr. Wise has returned.

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January 31, 1947

MEMO

TO: Office Committee

FROM: Dr. Federbush

Conference on Recovery of Jewish Cultural Property
Held on January 30, 1947

Present: For W.J.C. - Dr. Simon Federbush, Dr. Wolf
Blattberg
For the Commission on European Jewish Cultural
Reconstruction - Professors Salo W. Baron
and Jerome Michael

Professor Michael entered into private conversations with Mr. Hemendinger of the State Department and as a result of these discussions he expects the State Department to approve in general the competence of the trusteeship as outlined by representatives of the World Jewish Congress and the Commission during the conference with General Clay. It is understood that this competence should remain the same regardless of whether a joint trusteeship or a separate one for cultural property would be formed.

During the discussion, Professors Baron and Michael were in favor of a single trusteeship and gave as their motives financial, as well as organizational reasons.

I pointed out that a separate trusteeship is preferable because of the danger to which the books in Germany would be exposed in case of further delay. Some of the precious book collections may disappear or be greatly damaged by the time the joint trusteeship will be able to start functioning. I also stressed the fact that in the meantime UNESCO may put forward claims to the cultural treasures now stored in Germany, as I was informed lately by our observers in UNESCO, Mrs. Klausner and Dr. Steinberg of our London office. I further explained to them that a joint trusteeship can be taken into consideration only under the following conditions, according to the decisions of our Office Committee:

1. That it will be formed in the very nearest future.
2. That its activities will be restricted to Germany.
3. That the operating agency should not be named in the by-laws of the trusteeship but that their nomination be reserved for the board of directors.

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4. That a special status with regard to cultural property should be guaranteed for those members of the trusteeship who have dealt with cultural recovery until now (World Jewish Congress, Hebrew University, Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction).

Professors Baron and Michael agreed to support the incorporation of the latter point into the by-laws.

During the discussion it was agreed according to our suggestion, to take up with the State Department the question of having an advisor with OMGUS for Jewish cultural matters.

It was finally agreed that the letter from the State Department (General Hilldring) should be addressed both to the World Jewish Congress and the Commission.

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April 2, 1947

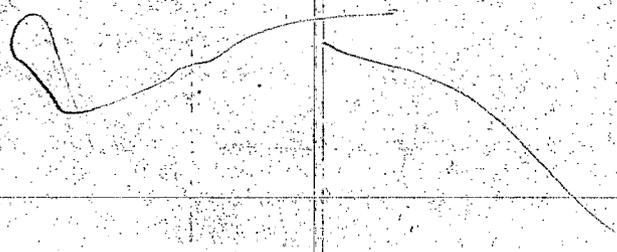
MEMO

TO: Dr. Kubowitzki

FROM: Dr. Blattberg

~~I was holding back the Certificate of Incorporation of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. because of difference of opinion as to who should sign for the London Council. I am now informed by Dr. Jacoby that an agreement was reached between the German Representative Council and the Federation, according to which Messrs. Stein and Kalman of the Federation will sign the document but Dr. Grunewald will be appointed as one of the two delegates of the Council in the corporation to be established. In case there should be only one delegate to the Council it will also be Dr. Grunewald.~~

I think this agreement is satisfactory and that there are, therefore, no objections to the signing of the Certificate of Incorporation.



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(3-31) After prolonged negotiations with officials of the State Department and other government officials, a trusteeship corporation for the recovery of Jewish cultural property, called Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. was formed. The certificate of incorporation has now been approved by the New York State Government and a meeting of the initial members of the corporation will be held in the course of the next days. (Memo from Dr. Federbush, 4/25)

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May 6th, 1947 ^{lk}

TO: Office Committee
FROM: Dr. Federbusch

RE: JEWISH CULTURAL
RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

The first meeting of the members of the newly established Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. was held on May 5th. The following organizations were represented at this meeting:

- The World Jewish Congress
- " American Jewish Committee
- " American Jewish Conference
- " Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction
- " Council for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany
- " Hebrew University
- " Synagogue Council of America.

In addition to the above organizations it was decided to invite also as members of the corporation the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the JDC, and the Board of Deputies. There were suggestions to admit also the United Jewish Educational and Cultural Organizations of Europe (sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and the Alliance) and the Committee on Restoration of Continental Jewish Museums, Libraries and Archives (sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of England). At my suggestion it was approved to make first inquiries on the nature of activities of these two organizations and to postpone the decision on their admission. On my part I proposed as members the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Bavaria. This proposal will be taken up at the next meeting.

By-Laws were approved according to which each member organization will be represented by 3 representatives and 3 directors of the board.

It is anticipated that the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. will constitute later a part of the General Reconstruction Commission conducting all the work pertaining to recovery of cultural property. The president of the corporation was authorized to contact the prospective Restitution Commission which is expected to be formed about June 15, with the view to enable in the meantime the work of the corporation. It was also decided to approach the JDC and the Jewish Agency for allocation of funds (15-20,000\$) to cover the expenses of a delegation of 2 to 3 experts to be sent to Germany and Czechoslovakia, for taking possession of the books, and contacting military authorities. It was the unanimous opinion of the representatives present that this delegation should proceed to Germany as soon as possible. The Department of State which previously approved already the suggestion to send an expert delegation to Germany will be approached shortly in this matter.

At the suggestion of Prof. Jerome Michael the following officers were elected:

- Prof. Salo Baron, President
- Dr. Simon Federbusch, Vice-President
- Dr. Leo Baeck and " "
- Allen M. Strook " "

One vice president will be designated by the Hebrew University.
Prof. Jerome Michael was elected Chairman of the Board,
Rabbi Ahron Offer, Secretary, and
Mr. David Rosenstein, Treasurer

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Memorandum from

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS
1834 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y. • Circle 6-1900

May 8, 1947

To: Dr. Federbusch
From: David Fogelersky
cc: Dr. Kubowitzki ✓
Dr. Goldmann

I have just seen your memorandum with regard to the meeting of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction on May 5th. I notice that although the American Jewish Committee, Conference, and the Synagogue Council were among those present, the American Jewish Congress was not informed of the meeting. Although technically I grant that we may have had no right to be represented, some of our people might have served as representatives of the World Jewish Congress. This would enable us to be much more effective in putting across the program of the World Jewish Congress along the lines that Dr. Goldmann suggested. This is only one example of the kind of thing that has led to situations which we all deplore.

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May 9, 1947

MEMO

To: Dr. David Petegorsky

cc. to Dr. N. Goldmann
Dr. A. L. Kubowitzki ✓

From: Dr. Federbush

I have your memo of May 8, in which you rightly state that there was no possibility for the AJC to be represented separately at the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. It was our intention that Dr. Wise, who is the President of both Congresses, should be our first representative, but he declined. The last meeting justified his attitude, because the Corporation does not seem to be of such significance as to burden Dr. Wise with service thereon. No leading personality of the other organizations turned up at this meeting.

You will recall that some time ago I called you up with a view to having a conference with you at which I intended to discuss the matter of the said Corporation. You then promised to call me back but, apparently due to the pressure of your duties, you failed to do so. Nevertheless, we reserved a seat on the Board of Directors in the event that the AJC should be interested in joining this Corporation.

May I ask you to let me know whether and whom you would like to designate as member of the Corporation, and I should be glad to present him at the next meeting as our representative.

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3. (3-31) The first meeting of the newly established Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. was held on May 5 with the participation of the WJC, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Conference, the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, the Council for the Protection of Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany, the Hebrew University, and the Synagogue Council of America. It was decided to invite also the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the AJDC, and the Board of Deputies. Each member organization will be represented by 3 representatives and 3 Directors of the Board. The following officers were elected: Prof. Salo Baron, President; Dr. Simon Federbush, Dr. Leo Baeck, Mr. Allen M. Strook, and a member yet to be designated by the Hebrew University, Vice-Presidents; Prof. Jerome Michael, Chairman of the Board; Rabbi Ahron Offer, Secretary; Mr. David Rosenstein, Treasurer. The meeting was of the opinion that a delegation of 2-3 experts should proceed to Germany and Czechoslovakia as soon as possible to take possession of the books and to contact military authorities. (Memo from Dr. Federbush, 5/9)

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June 12, 1947

MEMO

To: Dr. A.L. Kubowitzki

From: Dr. Blatberg

Re: Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Cultural
Reconstruction Inc.

An invitation was received here for Dr. Federbush to attend the above meeting, scheduled to be held on June 17, 1947, at 4:30 P.M. It is very important that you attend.

The law of the State of New York does not provide for any alternates in a corporation with voting rights. However, I may attend the meeting as an observer.

In his report of May 6, 1947, on the first meeting, Dr. Federbush stated that it was decided that every member of the organization should be represented by three directors of the Board. He also entered into discussions with Dr. Fetogorsky regarding the designation by the A.C. of a representative to serve as third director. I do not know whether they designated anybody. Would you be so kind and follow up the matter.

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MEMO

To: Dr. A.L.Kubowitzki

From: Dr.Blattberg

Re: Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc.

An invitation was received here for Dr.Federbush to attend the above meeting, scheduled to be held on June 17, 1947, at 4:30 P.M. It is very important that you attend.

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JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

Notice of special meeting of the Board of Directors

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, June 17, at 4:30 o'clock P. M. at the Aldine Club (11th floor), 200 Fifth Avenue, corner 23rd Street, New York City, for the purpose of electing new members of the Board and officers of the Corporation, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated June 11, 1947.

Rabbi Ahron Opher per S. Gordon

Rabbi Ahron Opher
Secretary

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Joseph P. Kampel - President

June 13, 1947

Mr. A. C. A. Liverant
American Jewish Conference
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Handwritten initials

Dear Mr. Liverant:

I have your letter of June 12 with the rough draft of the minutes of the first meeting of the Jewish Restitution Commission.

It appears clearly from these minutes that Messrs. Eliezer Kaplan and Maurice Boukstein have not carried out the promises they made me in a conference which took place, at their initiative, a few hours before the meeting of the Jewish Restitution Commission, and which I reported to the Office Committee of the World Jewish Congress as follows:

"2(b) Jewish Restitution Commission - Dr. Kubowitzki reports that on June 4 he had a conference with Messrs. Eliezer Kaplan and Maurice Boukstein of the Jewish Agency, who insisted that the WJC should not withdraw from the Jewish Restitution Commission. The representatives of the Jewish Agency stated that they could not agree to the appointment of the WJC as one of the operating agents, but would be ready to suggest (1) that the territorial competence of the Jewish Restitution Commission be limited to Germany and possibly to Austria; (2) that the rules for admission for new members be made more stringent; and (3) that every doubt be dispelled regarding the reality of the powers of the Board of Directors. They finally declared that the meeting of the incorporators and of the Board of Directors which was to take place the same afternoon would do nothing to make the stay of the Congress impossible, and that the Jewish Restitution Commission would leave one of the vice-chairmanships and one of the offices of joint treasurer open for the WJC. They also declared that the Jewish Restitution Commission would refrain for the next two weeks from issuing any release on the matter, and that the work relating to the obtaining of a satisfactory Restitution Law would remain within the competence of the Five Cooperating Organizations."

Consequently, the World Jewish Congress reassumes its liberty of action, and the letter addressed by Dr. Wise to Mr. Boukstein should be referred to in the minutes and affixed to them.

This letter is not confidential.

Sincerely yours,

A. Leon Kubowitzki

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Report on meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc.
held on June 17, 1947.

Present: Representatives of all the 7 member organizations. The World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Conference were represented by observers.

Prof. Sale Baron reports on a meeting he had on June 9, 1947, with Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, of the Jewish Agency, and with Messrs. Wartburg, Sobel and Joseph Schwartz, of the JDC. At that meeting the representatives of the Agency and the JDC expressed their willingness to finance to a certain extent the work of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. Consequently, a tentative budget of \$12,000.--(for the next 6 months) was submitted to the Agency & the JDC on behalf of the corporation. The budget includes expenditures for an executive director, who is supposed to spend most of his time in Europe, and for 2 scholars, who will join him on his European mission. These three delegates will then be joined by a delegate of the Hebrew University and, possibly, one delegate from England. The task of the said mission will be to locate new objects, but primarily to take over those objects which might now be turned over by OMOIS (unidentifiable and ownerless cultural property) and, in addition, to negotiate with German Jewish communities. From Germany the commission may proceed to Czechoslovakia.

Profs. Baron and Michael are under the impression that the Agency and the JDC may appropriate less than the requested amount of \$12,000, since the temporary budget of the Restitution Commission is relatively not much higher (\$25,000).

As soon as appropriations are approved, action will be taken in about 4-6 weeks.

Office and telephone services are temporarily offered to the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc. by the Conference on Jewish Relations.

Shipping costs will be taken up later. At this point Prof. Baron remarks that, to his knowledge, the Hebrew University has already approached the Agency and the Joint with a request to provide shipping facilities and expenditures for books to be transferred to Jerusalem. In the course of the discussion, the question of contributions by the member organizations is not raised, but no decision is arrived at on this point. There also arises the question of new members. Prof. Baron explains that, on the basis of his conversations, we may assume that the Joint and the Board of Directors will join the corporation. Alliance and UJECO are among the candidates.

Due to the fact that many directors will be absent during the vacation months, it is decided to appoint for this period a temporary executive committee of 6 members, to be designated by the Chairman of the Board. This executive committee will handle the affairs of the corporation until the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The executive committee will also review all the applications for membership that may come in, and will report to the Board when it meets.

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Finally, the matter of electing additional directors (representatives of the present member organizations) is discussed. The by-laws of the corporation provide for a quorum of one third of the number of directors. Since it is felt that it would be difficult to have a quorum if the present number of directors is increased, it is decided to revise the by-laws and to provide for a quorum of about one fifth. Consequently, it is also decided to postpone the election of new directors to the next meeting of the Board.

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JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Ave. New York

June 17, 1947.

Present: Salo W. Baron, Wolf Blattberg, Michael Friedlaender, Max Gruenewald, Eugene Hevesi, Arthur Liverhant, Jerome Michael, Ahron Opher, Israel Rappoport, David Rosenstein, Leo W. Schwarz and Herbert Strauss.

The meeting was called to order by Professor Michael at 4:40 P. M.

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. were accepted as read.

The secretary was given official copies of the Incorporation Certificate and the revised by-laws.

It was suggested by the American Friends of the Hebrew University that Mr. M. Finkel be replaced by Mr. Leo W. Schwarz.

Professor Baron reported on his letter to Jerusalem concerning the representation of the Hebrew University.

A motion was made to replace Mr. Finkel by Mr. Schwarz. Motion adopted.

Prof. Michael discussed the temporary substitution of directors and pointed out that directors must act in person and that substitution is illegal.

Prof. Baron suggested that an increase be made in the number of directors and a decrease in the quorum to 1/5 of the directors. Messrs. Blattberg and Rappoport agreed with this proposal. Prof. Michael moved that the by-laws be changed to read "1/5 of the members, not less than six."

Prof. Baron and Mr. Gruenewald discussed this proposal from the standpoint of the Council for the Rights of Jews from Germany.

Prof. Michael's motion was seconded; that an amendment be submitted to the next meeting of the members of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. to the effect that the number of directors be increased and that the quorum of the directors be decreased to 1/5, not less than six. Motion carried.

Prof. Baron reported on J.D.C.'s agreement to join the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. and on the J.C.R. invitation extended to the British Board of Deputies to join.

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Prof. Baron reported on negotiations with the Joint and with the Jewish Agency on the question of budget. Money from public funds are necessary as J.C.R. Inc. does not envisage any reimbursement. Distribution in kind is planned policy. Profs. Baron and Michael and Mr. Rosenstein met with Joint and Agency spokesmen and outlined a budget of \$12,000 (six months basis), asking Joint and Agency to grant this sum.

Profs. Michael and Baron reported on a planned mission to Germany, stating that the mission will include 1) executive director and 2) scholars.

Prof. Michael moved that the officers of the Corporation be authorized to undertake necessary business as dealing with the State Department, the German mission, etc. Motion carried.

Prof. Baron reported on the Hebrew University's request for \$10,000 shipping expenses for ownerless books now in Czechoslovakia. The budget of the J.C.R., however, does not include shipping costs.

For two years the Commission on Jewish Cultural Reconstruction prepared the way and is continuing its services.

Dr. Schwarz reported on the European situation and stressed the need for quick action. He suggested that other organizations contribute towards expenses.

Prof. Baron reported on the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction.

Mr. Hevesi suggested selling part of the ownerless property, such as duplicates, in order to meet budgetary needs.

Prof. Michael moved the formation of an executive committee of seven members in accordance with the seven members of the Corporation. Prof. Baron suggested an executive committee composed of those willing to work. Dr. Hevesi suggested that organizations be considered in the selection of its members.

Prof. Michael suggested the formation of an interim executive committee of six members until the next meeting of the members of the Board, these to be nominated by the Chairman of the Board. Approved.

Prof. Michael discussed the representation of J.C.R. Inc. on the Board of the Jewish Reconstruction Commission. Profs. Michael and Baron and Dr. Federbusch were nominated at the last meeting of the Commission. Prof. Baron suggested Profs. Michael, Wechsler and Baron. No decision was reached.

Mr. Rappoport suggested that the Alliance Israelite Universelle be invited to join the J.C.R. Inc.

Prof. Baron reported on the London Committee affiliated with the Jewish Historical Society of England and suggested the formation of a subcommittee on applications.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

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JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to a notice dated October 1, 1947, a copy of which precedes the Minutes of this meeting, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc., was held on Tuesday evening, October 7, 1947, at the office of the American Jewish Conference at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The following directors were present at the meeting: Messrs. Salo W. Baron, Max Gruenewald, David Rosenstein, Leo W. Schwarz and Jerome Michael. There were also present Messrs. Wolf Blattberg, Maurice Halpern, Milton Himmel-farb and Joshua Starr.

Mr. Michael, the chairman of the Board of Directors, acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. Starr acted as secretary of the meeting.

A quorum of the Board being present, the chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 p. m.

The minutes of the last preceding special meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 17, 1947, having been previously circulated among the directors, on motion duly made and seconded, the reading of the minutes of that meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as circulated.

At the chairman's request, Dr. Baron, the president of the Corporation, reported on the activities of the Corporation since the last meeting of the Board.

Dr. Baron first reported that, pursuant to the authorization of the Board, the Corporation had entered into a contract with The Jewish Restitution Commission whereby the Corporation was appointed The Jewish Restitution Commission's agent in relation to confiscated Jewish cultural property, and he presented a copy of the agreement to the meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, the making of the contract between this corporation and The Jewish Restitution Commission and the contract itself were in all respects ratified and approved.

Dr. Baron next reported that, pursuant to the terms of the agreement between this Corporation and The Jewish Restitution Commission, the Corporation had received a check for \$10,000 from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine to cover the estimated budget of this Corporation for the next six months.

Dr. Baron then reported that as the result of negotiations conducted by Dr. Arthur Bergmann, acting on behalf of the Hebrew University and this Corporation, the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia had, with the consent of the Czechoslovakian government, delivered to Dr. Bergmann, as the representative of this Corporation, some fifty thousand books

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which during the war the Germans had sent to Theresienstadt to be catalogued and which were still in Czechoslovakia at the cessation of hostilities in Europe. Dr. Baron stated that with the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency these books had been shipped to the Hebrew University pursuant to an arrangement between the University and this Corporation whereby the University is to hold them and to catalogue and care for them as the agent of this Corporation pending a decision by this Corporation as to their ultimate disposition. He said that the books had already arrived in Jerusalem.

Mr. Schwarz, who in addition to being a director of this Corporation is the Executive Director of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, confirmed Dr. Baron's report regarding the arrangement between this Corporation and the Hebrew University.

Dr. Blattberg asked whether the necessary steps had been taken to vest title to these books in the Corporation. The chairman answered that, as he understood it, the Czechoslovakian government had given the books to the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia which, as Dr. Baron had stated, with the permission of the Czechoslovakian government had delivered them to Dr. Bergmann as the agent of this Corporation, for shipment to the Hebrew University.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the arrangements made by this Corporation with the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia and with the Hebrew University were in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Dr. Baron also reported that the Joint Distribution Committee had nominated two persons to serve as members of the Board of Directors of this Corporation; that the Jewish Agency had not yet done so because of the absence of its officials during a large part of the summer; and that the Board of Deputies of British Jews had accepted the invitation of this Corporation to become one of its members. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Board of Deputies of British Jews was declared to be a member of this Corporation.

Dr. Baron finally reported that he had made an arrangement with Dr. Joshua Starr to act as the Executive Secretary of this Corporation and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the arrangement was ratified and confirmed and Dr. Starr was appointed the Executive Secretary of the Corporation.

The chairman presented to the meeting a draft of a letter to Hon. Charles E. Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, requesting that this Corporation be permitted to send a small mission into Germany and Austria for the purposes of taking possession of the confiscated Jewish cultural property which the Office of Military Government of the United States is at this time willing to turn over to the Corporation, of consulting with the United States authorities with respect to other Jewish cultural property, and of negotiating with the lawful owners of such property for the purchase

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or other acquisition thereof. Upon motion duly made and seconded the officers of the Corporation were authorized to transmit the letter to the State Department.

The composition of the mission to be sent to Germany was then discussed. It was agreed that Dr. Starr should be a member of the mission and Dr. Jacob Zuckerman and Mr. Benson J. Saks were suggested as possible members of the mission. Mr. Schwarz expressed the opinion that, in view of the limited resources of the Corporation, the task of the mission should be carefully defined. He emphasized the urgency of removing the books stored at Offenbach from Germany in order to assure their safety. He also emphasized the importance of including in the mission some person familiar with the procedures of the Office of Military Government and of the United States Forces in Germany and Austria, and in that connection he recommended that an effort be made to induce the Joint Distribution Committee to permit Mr. Joseph Fink to serve as a member of the mission. In the same connection Mr. Rosenstein expressed the opinion that Mr. Louis Wolinsky, the Director of the Ort in Europe, could be very helpful to the mission. Dr. Blattberg suggested the possibility that qualified Europeans could be found to act as members of the mission and it was agreed that the letter to the State Department should be so worded as to provide for that contingency. Mr. Rosenstein recommended that at first the mission be composed of two persons and that the mission should be enlarged from time to time if found to be necessary.

On motion duly made and seconded, Messrs. Baron, Michael and Schwarz were appointed a committee to select the personnel of the proposed mission with power to act.

On behalf of the American Jewish Committee Mr. Himmel-farb transmitted a plan presented to Judge Proskauer by Dr. Solomon B. Freehof for financing the work of the Corporation. Dr. Freehof proposed that such books as the Corporation may recover should be brought to the United States and here sold on the understanding that the purchasers would give them to designated institutions. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the president of the Corporation should advise Dr. Freehof that no decision regarding the ultimate disposition of recovered books could be made until policies governing their disposition were formulated after consultation with the directors of The Jewish Restitution Commission, but that in the meantime effective measures would be taken to safeguard the books.

Discussion ensued of the proposal of Mr. Gruenewald that German Judaica be sent to the United States to create a library to meet the needs and interests of German Jews now living in this country. Mr. Gruenewald was of the opinion that this would elicit financial support for the work of the Corporation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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Resolved That the funds of this Corporation be deposited in THE PUBLIC NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, which is hereby designated a depository of this Corporation, and be subject to be withdrawn by checks, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, notes or other orders or instruments for the payment of money, made or drawn in the name of the Corporation signed by any two of the following officers or agents, to wit: Salo W. Baron, President; David Rosenstein, Treasurer; Jerome Michael, Chairman of the Board; and Ahron Opher, Secretary, who are hereby authorized to sign, make, draw, cash, collect, negotiate, endorse and/or deposit, in the Corporate name, all checks, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, notes or other instruments or orders for the payment of money payable by or to this Corporation, or officers or agents thereof as such, and the said Bank is hereby authorized to pay such checks, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, notes or other orders or instruments for the payment of money, and charge same to the Corporation's account and also to receive the same for credit to said account or for the credit of or in payment from the payee or any other holder, who so signed or endorsed, even though the signer or endorser or one or more of the signers or endorsers be the payee(s) or holder (s) thereof, without inquiry as to the circumstances of their issue or the disposition of their proceeds, whether drawn to or endorsed to or by this Corporation or to the individual order of, or tendered in payment of individual obligations or deposited in the individual accounts of, the officers or agents above named, or other officers of this Corporation, or cashed or the proceeds disposed of otherwise by them. The said Bank is hereby further authorized and requested to pay any such instrument or other order for the payment of money without regard to any notation thereon indicating that it is in payment of a certain account or claim and said Bank is expressly relieved from any duty on its part to pass upon the regularity of such notation or any part thereof, or to make any inquiry in respect thereto, and from any and all liability arising from any omission, change or alteration in such notation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of this Company be and hereby are directed to deliver to the said Bank a certified copy of these resolutions together with a certificate setting forth the names and certifying to the signatures of the respective officers and agents of this Corporation authorized by these resolutions, and that the said Bank may recognize and deal with the said officers and agents whose names are set forth in said certificate and otherwise act upon the authority of these resolutions until the receipt by said Bank of a superseding certificate or of a written notice to the contrary purporting to be signed by the President and Secretary of this Corporation; that said Bank may rely upon any such superseding certificate or written notice so received by it and may treat the same as super-

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seding or modifying the resolutions hereinabove set forth if said Bank believes in good faith that said certificate or notice is authentic and was duly executed by such officers of this Corporation but that said Bank may nevertheless continue (after receiving such superseding certificate or notice) in good faith to act upon the authority of these resolutions and pay or accept, or otherwise deal in any way with, any check, note, draft or other order for the payment of money signed as hereinabove provided in the name of this Corporation and bearing a date prior to the date when, as stated in said superseding certificate or notice, the authority of the person or persons so signing such check, note, draft or other instrument on behalf of this Corporation was changed or terminated; and that, in the event of any controversy, howsoever arising, regarding such or any superseding certificate or written notice, the Bank shall have the right to close the account by mailing or sending to this Corporation the Bank's check payable to the order of this Corporation for the balance in the account, to the last known address of this Corporation as shown on the Bank's records.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Joshua Starr

Acting Secretary

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Cultural Dept.

October 13, 1947

To: Dr. Kubowitzki

cc. to Mrs. Beigel

From: Dr. Blattberg

Meeting of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc.
held October 7, 1947.

Prof. Baren reports that the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction received \$10,000 from the Jewish Agency and the Joint, which amount is supposed to cover the expenses of the corporation for a period of six months. Both the Agency and the Joint joined the corporation. The Joint is represented by Rabbis Jenah Wise and Lookstein. The Agency has not yet designated its representatives.

A mission of experts comprised of about 6 persons will be sent shortly to Germany. The personal composition of this mission is not yet determined and it was agreed that member organizations should suggest appropriate candidates.

Information was received that about 60,000 books of the former Theresienstadt collection were already shipped from Prague to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It is understood that the Hebrew University is serving (with regard to these and other books to be recovered) as agent of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc., although no formal agreement was concluded.

The ING-owned books of the Offenbach collection have already been transferred to New York.

The representative of the Council for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of the German Jews (Dr. Grünwald) put forward the idea that a central library of German Jews be erected in New York City and that an appropriate part of the books recovered should be put aside for this purpose. He believes that it would be possible to secure funds for the establishment of such a library.

A delegation of the corporation is scheduled to see General Clay during his present stay in the United States and discuss with him the entire problem of cultural recovery and its implementation.

Oct. 13, 1947

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC. HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC. BE APPOINTED AS AGENTS OF THE JEWISH RESTITUTION COMMISSION IN REGARD TO CONFISCATED JEWISH CULTURAL PROPERTY. AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED BY DR. ARTHUR BERGMAN, THE COUNCIL OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA HAS DELIVERED TO HIM, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS CORPORATION, SOME 50,000 BOOKS FROM THERESIENSTADT. THESE BOOKS HAVE NOW BEEN SHIPPED TO THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY WHICH WILL HOLD THEM AS THE AGENT OF THIS CORPORATION. DR. JOSHUA STARR HAS BEEN APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION.

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(3-31) Jewish Culture Reconstruction, Inc. Will Send a Mission to Germany

At a meeting of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. on October 7, Dr. Salo Baron reported on the activities of the corporation since the last meeting of the Board. The corporation has entered into a contract with the Jewish Restitution Commission whereby the corporation has been appointed the Jewish Restitution Commission's agent in regard to confiscated Jewish cultural property. As a result of negotiations conducted by Dr. Arthur Bergman, the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia has delivered to him, as representative of this corporation, some 50,000 books from Theresienstadt. These books have now been shipped to the Hebrew University which will hold them as the agent of this corporation. Dr. Joshua Starr has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Corporation.

The meeting approved of a letter to be sent to Charles E. Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State, requesting that the Corporation be permitted to send a small mission into Germany and Austria for the purpose of taking possession of the confiscated Jewish cultural property, which the OMG of the Military Government of the U.S. is willing to turn over to the Corporation.

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November 20, 1947

TO: The Members of the Office Committee

From: Dr. Federbush

Excerpts from a letter of Nov. 11, 1947, which I received from Prof. G. Scholem, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in the matter of recovery of Jewish cultural property in Germany. *sends*

"As you may happen to know, I am dealing, on behalf of the Hebrew University, with matters regarding the Jewish libraries in Germany. From the minutes of the last meeting of the J.C.R. Board we understand that there seem to be some difficulties to reach a decision in favour of the transfer of the Offenbach books to Palestine. The Hebrew University has always understood that the World Jewish Congress is backing their policy in this matter, that is to say, that the bulk of the books should, as far as possible, be transferred to Jerusalem and handed over to the Hebrew University as Trustee for the Jewish people. We thought that there would be more or less agreement between the various organisations which are parties to the J.C.R. that Palestine should get the main part of these books and manuscripts and it would be a pity if Palestine Jewry would have to fight for this rather natural settlement.

May I ask you to give your support to the proposals which we have sent to Professor Baron, the Chairman of the J.C.R., and which no doubt will be brought before the next meeting of the Board. We think it imperative that a definition of policy should be given and an agreement in principle be reached before a mission to Germany would actually leave in order to avoid misunderstandings and disagreement in vital matters. I am enclosing herewith copy of the "observations" Dr. Senator, Administrator of the Hebrew University, and I have made on the last minutes of the J.C.R. Dr. Magnes, who is a director of the Corporation, fully concurs.

We hope to be able to send Professor Assaf as a first representative of the proposed mission. We have been thinking of Dr. Seeligmann of Amsterdam as a possible second representative in case the mission would be launched. We have full confidence in the ability and judgment of Dr. Seeligmann whom we consider the best man later on to be trusted with the administration of the books when they reach Palestine."

Dr. Seeligmann was also suggested by me as member of the delegation of experts to Germany. In his further remarks Professor Scholem points out

"that it should be the considered and agreed policy of JCR that the bulk of the books in Germany are destined to go to Palestine where the Hebrew University will serve as their depositor pending the further treatment and decision as to their disposal to the different institutions to which they should finally go... We would then start the further procedure of sorting, cataloguing, honouring claims of lawful owners and final disposal in accordance with the policy and decisions of JCR. The Hebrew University intends to

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establish a special Department for dealing with all these matters within the framework of the National and University Library, and we hope that we will be able to appoint a qualified scholar (perhaps Dr. Seeligmann of Amsterdam) to head that Department... The principles of such basic policies of allocation of books should, in our opinion, be the following three:

- i. All books of general Jewish value should go to the National and University Library as a trust in order to be distributed to the University and other institutions of a religious and cultural character in Palestine, taking into account the focal role of Palestine as cultural centers of the Jewish people;
- ii. Any material of special importance to Jewries in English speaking countries and should be made available to these, taking into account the special interest of particular groups like Sephardim, Jews from Germany, etc.
- iii. In case of diversions of opinion regarding important books, some board of arbitration should be constituted representing the Hebrew University, the claimant and a third person to be chosen jointly by both sides."

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December 10, 1947

Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc.
c/o Jewish Restitution Commission
521 Fifth Ave. (Conference of Jewish Relations)
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

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I have received a letter from the Jewish communities in Italy dated November 28, 1947, in which they advise us the following:

The Union has been negotiating with the authorities since December 1945, with a view to recovering the extremely valuable Jewish library which was looted and shipped to Germany by the Nazis in 1943. The books in question were traced and identified by the allied military authorities in Germany and by a delegation of the Italian Fine Arts Recovery Section of the Ministry of Education, and we were informed that 57 wooden cases containing our books are stored at the Offenbach archival depot pending shipment to their rightful Italian owners, namely the Rome Jewish community and the Italian Rabbinical College. In their note of September 11, 1947, however, the Fine Arts Recovery Section of the Ministry of Education advised us that the allied command in Germany has suspended the handing over to the rightful owners recovered artistic and bibliographic material until further notice. The Union of Italian Jewish Communities asks that steps be taken in the United States *to see effect* that the library, so desperately needed for their cultural rehabilitation, be returned to them.

Since the recognition of the Jewish Restitution Commission is expected to be granted in the course of this month, I would appreciate it if this matter be kept on file with a view to taking the necessary steps as soon as possible for recovery and return of the books to the Union without delay.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Dr. S. Federbush
Dept. of Culture & Education

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