

**AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS INDEX CARDS,  
1940s  
1990.A.0178**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: American Jewish Congress and World Jewish Congress index cards

Dates: 1940s

Accession number: 1990.A.0178

Creator: American Jewish Congress

Additional creator: World Jewish Congress

Extent: 1.5 linear feet (8 card file boxes)

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Abstract: The American Jewish Congress (AJC) and World Jewish Congress (WJC) index cards primarily consist of an index to Holocaust survivors and war victims in Europe requesting aid through the AJC and WJC and American sponsors who volunteered to provide assistance. Additional index cards comprise sponsor reply cards, an index to members of the American-Polish Medical Alliance, miscellaneous indexes to activities of the AJC and WJC, and an alphabetical index of *Aufbau* articles.

Languages: English

**Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: Julius Schatz donated the American Jewish Congress and World Jewish Congress index cards to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990 and 1998. The accession previously cataloged as 1998.A.0140 has been incorporated into this collection.

Custodial history: Julius Schatz worked for the American Jewish Congress. The index cards were considered dead files by the AJC, so Schatz donated them to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Related archival materials: Digital copies of photographs Julius Schatz loaned to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum can be found on the Museum's website (Photograph numbers 42572, 05057, 50556, 96176, and 17880).

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, February 2015

#### **Biographical note / Administrative history**

The American Jewish Congress (AJC) was first convened in 1918 as an organization of American Jewish leaders pursuing equal rights for Americans. In 1936, the AJC helped establish the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and acted as a liaison between the WJC and the American government on issues related to emergency relief for Jewish refugees. After World War II, the WJC assisted the rebuilding of European Jewish communities, and the AJC aided these efforts by providing support for Holocaust survivors, displaced persons, and other victims of the war.

#### **Scope and content of collection**

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The index to requests for aid and sponsors tracks requestors, sponsors, and assignments made between them. Most cards provide minimal information, but they often include addresses and sometimes include a brief statement about the requestor's situation or specific needs, birthdates, or concentration camps where they were liberated. Some of the cards document what kind of help was provided and when.

Sponsor reply cards indicate whether sponsors initiated or maintained contact with their assigned person(s) in need and what kind of aid was provided.

The American-Polish Medical Alliance card file is a membership index.

Miscellaneous indexes document the activities, personnel, and contacts of the AJC and WJC.

The alphabetical index of *Aufbau* articles comprises an index card file providing subject access to volumes 6, 7, and 9 of *Aufbau* (1940-1941 and 1943). The index was created by the AJC.

### **System of arrangement**

The American Jewish Congress and World Jewish Congress index cards are arranged as five series:

- Series 1: Index to requests for aid and sponsors, 1940s
- Series 2: Sponsor reply cards, 1948
- Series 3: Members of the American-Polish Medical Alliance, approximately 1940s
- Series 4: Miscellaneous indexes of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, approximately 1940s
- Series 5: Alphabetical index of *Aufbau* articles, 1940-1943

### **Indexing terms**

American Jewish Congress.

World Jewish Congress.

*Aufbau* (New York, N.Y.)

Jews--United States--Charities.

Holocaust survivors--Europe--Registers.

Holocaust survivors--United States--Public opinion.

International relief--Europe.

New York (N.Y.)

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Index to requests for aid and sponsors, 1940s**

<b>Box</b>	
1	Index to requests for aid and sponsors, A-E, 1940s
2	Index to requests for aid and sponsors, F-K, 1940s
3	Index to requests for aid and sponsors, L-R, 1940s
4	Index to requests for aid and sponsors, S-Z, 1940s

### **Series 2: Sponsor reply cards, 1948**

<b>Box</b>	
5.1	Sponsor reply cards, 1948

**Series 3: Members of the American-Polish Medical Alliance, approximately 1940s**

Box	
5.2	Members of the American-Polish Medical Alliance, approximately 1940s

**Series 4: Miscellaneous indexes of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, approximately 1940s**

Box	
6	Miscellaneous indexes of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress,

**Series 5: Alphabetical index of *Aufbau* articles, 1940-1943**

Box	
7	Alphabetical index of <i>Aufbau</i> articles, A-L, 1940-1943
8	Alphabetical index of <i>Aufbau</i> articles, M-Z, 1940-1943