

**GERMAN JEWISH AID COMMITTEE COLLECTION, 1938-1939**  
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**Descriptive summary**

Title: German Jewish Aid Committee collection

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Languages: German, English

**Administrative Information**

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### **Administrative history**

The German Jewish Aid Committee was founded as the Jewish Refugees Committee in 1933 by the Jewish Banker Otto Schiff under the aegis of the Central British Fund for the Relief of German Jewry. Its purpose was to assist Jews to escape from Nazi Germany to England. At first, the organization took upon itself the costs of arranging for the admission of refugees to England and their maintenance, training, and employment. After the Kristallnacht, the number of immigrants was more than the organization could support and it almost collapsed. Since there was no assistance on the part of the English government, the representatives of the organization were forced to find businessmen, donors and families who could undertake the support of the refugees.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The German Jewish Aid Committee collection is arranged alphabetically.

### **Indexing terms**

German Jewish Aid Committee.

Kitchener Camp for Refugees.

Jewish refugees--Great Britain.

World War, 1939-1945—Refugees—Great Britain.

London (England)

Great Britain--Emigration and immigration.

Germany--Emigration and immigration--History--1933-1945.

Correspondence.

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