Jewish Youth Group, "Berith Trumpeldor," Vienna (Fond 715)
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Descriptive summary

Title: Jewish Youth Group, "Berith Trumpeldor," Vienna (Fond 715)

Dates: 1929-1938
                1932-1938

Accession number: 1993.A.0085.1.30

Extent: 2 microfilm reels (partial)
                410 digital images

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Languages: German
                Hebrew

Scope and content of collection

The entire Fond 715, 1929-1938 (45 Dela) contains organization's charts, correspondence with local leadership, circulars, orders and reports. Includes lists of members and their military trainings. Majority of collection comprises of correspondence with Betar divisions in Germany and with Zionist organizations: Jewish Youth Front of Austria, Jewish State Party, Keren Tel Chai, Brit Hakana'im, Mizrachi of Austria; the Jewish academic organization Bar-Giora and Caritas, the Revisionist Zionist Party, Betar Hatzair, Maccabee, Betar of Yugoslavia, Betar of Czechoslovakia, The Union of Jewish War veterans, the Jewish National Youth Organization, the Revisionist Zionist Land Union, Hechalutz, HaLeumi, Hechalutz, hatzioni Hakalali, Chalutz Mizrachi, Brit Hahayal, Hakhsharra Kibbutzit, the Jewish State Party of Brazil, the youth section of Otzar Hanoar, the Zionist Organization, and Haganah.

Selected records consists of organizational bylaws; meeting minutes; financial reports; Trumpeldor monthly reports; name lists of members; correspondence with organizations including the Graz police, B'nai B'rith in Graz and Vienna, Austrian Jewish Boy Scouts, and World Zionist Revisionists; and basic Hebrew vocabulary used by Trumpeldor.

Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

Administrative Information

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Related materials:
- Fishman, D. E., Kupovetsky, M., Kuzelenkov, V. (ed.), Nazi-Looted Jewish Archives in Moscow. A guide to Jewish Historical and Cultural Collections in the Russian State Military Archive. Scranton, 2010
- USHMM: RG-14.003M; 1993.A.0059. Records of the Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland
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- Browder, G. C. Captured German and other Nation's Documents in the Osobyi (Special) Archive, Moscow. Published by: Cambridge University Press on behalf of Conference Group for Central European History of the American Historical Association. Internet access: http://www.jstor.org/stable/4546224

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Historical note
The Austrian section of the Brit Joseph Trumpeldor (Betar) was funded in December 1926 as a branch of Betar, the international youth organization of revisionist Zionists, headed from its inception by Vladimir Jabotinsky. Betar's ideology stressed that the only solution to the Jewish question was the creation of the Jewish state in Palestine on both banks of the Jordan River. Toward this end, they prepared for settlement activity and trained in the use of weapons to defend Jewish settlements in Palestine. The Austrian "ken" (nest) was headed by E. Wolf and Otto Seidman. The Betar section in Gratz, which is often mentioned in the collection's files, was led by B. Fleising. The organization was of paramilitary nature, structured on the principle of strict hierarchical subordination. An important aspect of Betar's activity in Austria was creation of Youth Camps where organization members engaged in agricultural work and military training.

System of arrangement
Fond 715 (1929-1938). Opis 1; Delo 1-45. Selected records of Fond 715 arranged in three series: 1. Correspondence with Austrian Jewish Youth organizations, 1937; 2. Lists of members, 1932-

1938; 3. Circulars and correspondence, 1933-1937; 3. Minutes, reports, name lists, and Hebrew terms used by the organization, 1934-1937.

Indexing terms
Betar.
World Zionist Organization.
Centralverein Deutscher Staatsbürger Jüdischen Glaubens.
Jews--Persecution--Europe--History--20th century.
Zionism and communism--Europe--20th century.
Antisemitism--History--20th century.
Jewish organizations--Europe--History--20th century.
Jews--Austria--Politics and government--20th century.
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Austria--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century.
Austria--Ethnic relations.
Europe--Politics and government--20th century.
Germany--Politics and government--1933-1945.
Circulars.
Correspondence.
Minutes.
Registers.
Reports.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel 103

   Fond 715, opis 1

   12   Correspondence. 1937. 57 pages. Folder begins at image 781

        Correspondence from Austrian Jewish youth organizations.

Reel 110

   Fond 715, opis 1

   1   List of members. Reports to Graz police. Organizational bylaws. 1934-1938. 60 pages. Folder begins at image 1403

        Correspondence and various other items from B'nai B'rith in Graz and Vienna; also items from Austrian Jewish Boy Scouts, mainly in Graz. 1934-1937.

2   List of members. Reports to Graz police. Organizational bylaws. 1932-1934. 129 pages. Folder begins at image 1470

Fragmentary items, in Hebrew and German, concerning various unidentified Jewish practices.

3   Correspondence. 1933. 101 pages. Folder begins at image 1617

Various reports from Trumpeldor and World Zionist-Revisionists. 1933.

4   Circulars. 1934-1936. Correspondence in German and Hebrew. 83 pages. Folder begins at image 1746

Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

5   Circulars. 1935-1936. Correspondence in German and Hebrew. 51 pages. Folder begins at image 1834

Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

6   Circulars. 1936. Correspondence in German and Hebrew. 2 pages. Folder begins at image 1889

Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

7   Circulars. 1935-1937. Correspondence in German and Hebrew. 47 pages. Folder begins at image 1894

Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

8   Circulars. 1935-1937. Correspondence in German and Hebrew. 54 pages. Folder begins at image 1948

Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

9   Meeting minutes. February - May 1937. 31 pages. Folder begins at image 2006

         Hebrew terminology and commands used by Trumpeldor, with basic Hebrew vocabulary; Trumpeldor administrative matters; organizational setup; financial reports; and Trumpeldor monthly reports. 1934-1936.

10   Name lists, rosters, etc. 1934-1936. 48 pages. Folder begins at image 2040

11   Name lists, rosters, table of organization, etc. 1934-1936. 85 pages. Folder begins at image 2146

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Duplicates of files 7-11. Images 1622-1957.