Descriptive summary

Title: Berliner Zionistische Vereinigung (Fond 713)
Union of Berlin Zionists

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Creator: Berliner Zionistische Vereinigung

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3,438 digital images

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Washington, DC 20024-2126

Languages: German
Hebrew
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Scope and content of collection
The collection includes the organization's statute; meeting minutes; correspondence with other Zionist
organizations such as the Jewish National Fund (Keren kayemet le-Yisrael); correspondence
with members regarding their financial contributions to assist individuals' efforts to obtain travel
documents to Palestine; directives on Hebrew instruction; financial accounts; various reports by
other organizations including an activity report of the section for emigration of the Agudat
Israel, a Jewish orthodox organization in Vienna, and a 1936 report by the chairman of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine; instructions on the selection of delegates to the 19th and 20th
(1937) Zionist Congresses; name lists of members; brochures in Hebrew about a Zionist
congress; materials of the Zionistische Vereinigung für Deutschland (ZVfD), including the 25th
ZVfD Congress showing friction among religious Zionists, non-religious Zionists, and non-Zionists;
an audit of the ZVfD youth group; and an index to ZVfD archival materials.
Note: USHMM Archives holds only selected records.

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**System of arrangement**

**Indexing terms**
Jewish National Fund.
Berliner Zionistische Vereinigung.
Jewish Agency for Palestine.
Agudat Israel.
Zionist Congress.
Jews--Germany--History--20th century.
Jews--Legal status, laws, etc.--Germany--History--20th century.
Zionism--Europe--History--20th century.
Jewish organizations--Germany--History--20th century.
Emigration and immigration--Jews--Germany--20th century
Germany--Politics and government--1933-1945.
Germany--Ethnic relations--History--20th century.
Palestine--Emigration and immigration--20th century.
Brochures.
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1 Charter. no date. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0188.00002030.jpg

2 Directive regarding teaching of the "Jewish" language. Course by the BZU versus course by the Berlin Zionist Obshchina (Community). Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0188.00002173.jpg

   Berlin Zionist documents from the year 1937: the main report addresses procedures for the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

3 Instructions on election of delegates to 20th World Zionist Congress. 1937. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0188.00002205.jpg

   Berlin Zionist documents from the year 1937: the main report addresses procedures for the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

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4 Protocols of meetings of BZU. 1937. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000006.jpg

4a Protocols of meetings of BZU. 25th Conference of German Zionist Union (GZU). 1936. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000020.jpg

   Protocol of the Congress of the German Zionist Organization of Germany. The speeches reflect the still existing friction between the Zionist and non-Zionist elements. The non-Zionists (traditionally the community leaders are accused of not accepting the leadership role of the Zionists who have made emigration the priority mission for German Jewry. The proceedings also reflect tensions between non-religious Zionists and
At one point, the religious walked out the Congress in protest of perceived personal slights; ultimately reconciliation.

Correspondence between members of BZU and Zionist organizations and publisher regarding distribution of Zionist literature, lectures, and reports. Recruiting members. 1919-1939. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000294.jpg

January 5, 1939[?] report of the Section for Emigration of Agudas Jisroel, an orthodox organization in Vienna. The report indicates that between May 10 and December 31, 1938, the organization facilitated the emigration of 3,075 individuals. 251 children were sent from Vienna to England on two children's transports on December 20 and 21, 1938[?]. 571 individuals are enrolled in 45 training courses organized by Agudas Jisroel.

Correspondence between GZU and other organizations. 1934-1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000684.jpg

Notification to subscribers and advertisers that the publication the Zionistische has been prohibited as of November 9 [year?].

Correspondence between Zionist organization Keren Ka'met Lyezrael (Tel Aviv) regarding work of the BZU and its subsidiary in Tel Aviv. 1937-1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000708.jpg

Correspondence between members of BZU regarding assistance they gave to those going to Palestine. 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000753.jpg

Correspondence between members of BZU regarding assistance they gave to people in getting travel documents to Palestine. 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000815.jpg

Correspondence of members of BZU regarding members resigning and/or members rejoining. 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000868.jpg

Accounts 1930-1936. Correspondence with the Arnold Brothers bank and other banks. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000878.jpg

Receipt statements for membership dues. 1936-1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00000963.jpg


Accounts and balance sheet for 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001056.jpg

Report on audits of youth groups of GZU. Name lists of BZU members. Correspondence with groups of BZU regarding activities. 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001077.jpg
18  Name lists of BZU members. 1934-1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001118.jpg

19  Lectures and seminars of BZU. 1935. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001203.jpg


21  Report of the chairman of the Jewish Agency in Palestine at a meeting of the acting committee, 19 November 1936 regarding activity of Kings Colony, Palestine. 1931-1936. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001267.jpg

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24  Regarding meeting of leaders of various Zionist organizations; letter of the Zionist action committee regarding need for cooperation. 1933-1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001485.jpg

25  Brochure in Hebrew regarding Zionist Congress. 1937. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0189.00001505.jpg

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5  Report on the activities of the Zionist organization 'Keren Kayemeth Leizrael' in Tel Aviv for February-June 1930. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0381.00001910.jpg

6  Correspondence with members of the association, Zionist organizations and publishing houses about lectures and reports, on assistance in obtaining visas to enter Palestine, providing material assistance to relatives of members of the association, etc. 1915-1928. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0381.00001927.jpg

22  Form letters to members and membership cards. No date. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0381.00002424.jpg

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32  Association newsletters regarding the political situation in Palestine. 1938. Folder begins at image RG-11.001M.0382.00001074.jpg