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Descriptive summary

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Scope and content of collection

Records relating to the activities of the Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Yugoslavia and its affiliated lodges "Serbia", "Sarajevo" and "Zagreb". Consists of circular letters, register of proceedings ("Serbia" lodge), list of board members, biographical information on the leaders, letters of recommendation and application of candidates, bylaws, minutes and agendas of the meetings ("Zagreb" and "Sarajevo"), list of members and leaders of the "Menorah" lodges in Osijek and

"Manat Yad" in Subotica; correspondence with the Yugoslav authorities, various reports on activities (struggle against antisemitism, fundraising for the relief efforts for Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria, Romania and other countries during and after 1938-1939). Also contains records related to the activities of the B'nai B'rith lodges in Greece. It consists of general reports, applications for membership (Lodge "Salonika"), and financial records of the lodges "Acropolis", "Byzantium", correspondence files with other lodges, reports on fundraising activities. Other group of records in this collection constitute archival records of the non B'nai B'rith provenance, originating from the archival collections of the Jewish community of Belgrade (see also: RG-11.001M.96, Jewish Community in Belgrade (Fond 1429). Includes speeches, correspondence, materials related to the construction of the synagogue in Belgrade, lists of cultural, charitable, educational and religious Jewish organizations active in Yugoslavia, the list of Belgrade Jewish community electors (1931), minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Yugoslavia, articles, texts of lectures, printouts of newspaper publications on Jewish emigration etc.

Administrative Information

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System of arrangement

Fond 1225 (1875-1941). Opis 1-2; Dela 60. Selected records arranged in three series: 1. Activities of the Grand Lodge of B'nai B'rith in Yugoslavia and its affiliated lodges "Serbia", "Sarajevo" and "Zagreb"; 2. Activities of the B'nai B'rith lodges in Greece; 3. Archival records of the non B'nai B'rith provenance related to Jewish community of Belgrade and the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Yugoslavia.

Indexing terms

B'nai B'rith .
B'nai B'rith.--Anti-defamation League.
Jews--Yugoslavia--History--19th century.
Jews--Yugoslavia--History--20th century.
Jewish refugees--Yugoslavia--20th century.
Jews--Yugoslavia--Social conditions.
Jews--Yugoslavia--Societies and clubs.
Jews--Greece--Societies and clubs.
Antisemitism-
Belgrade (Serbia)--History.
Osijek (Croatia)
Sarajevo (Bosnia and Hercegovina)
Subotica (Subotica, Serbia)
Thessalonikē (Greece)
Zagreb (Croatia)--History--20th century.
Applications.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence.
Letters.
Minutes.
Registers.
Reports.
Speeches, addresses, etc.

CONTAINER LIST

Note: Folders (dela) 1, 7, and 13-18 were reproduced as part of the original RG-11.001M set of microfilm reels, and are found on those reels 194, 199, and 200 filed alongside materials from other collections. The remaining folders (dela) were reproduced on a separate set of five microfilm reels.

Also, according to the original Russian cataloging information all folders (dela) in this collection are part of Fond 1225, opis 2. There does not appear to be an opis 1 for this collection, although some target sheets are listed as opis 1.

The following descriptions are based on machine translations from Russian, and therefore some proper names may be misspelled or mistranslated.

Reel 194 of original RG-11.001M collection

- 1 Minutes of meetings, correspondence and other materials of the Yugoslav-Palestinian Economic Committee ('Yugolevant'). 1932-1936. 210 pp. Folder begins at image 956

- 7 Materials of the Jewish World Relief Conference (Conférence universelle juive de secours), the Committee of Jewish Delegations, their correspondence with leadership of the Jewish community of Belgrade, minutes of meetings, materials, correspondence of the Yugoslav-Palestinian Economic Committee (Yugolevant) on economic issues, tourism, participation in the economic exhibition in Tel Aviv, and other matters. 1938-1939. 36 pp. Folder begins at image 1211

Reel 199 of original RG-11.001M collection

- 13 Lists of Masonic literature, biographies of some Masonic leaders of Yugoslavia, lists of Masonic lodges in Yugoslavia. Reports of the great secretary of the Masonic Lodge 'Yugoslavia' on the work of the lodge. Copies of the minutes of the Masonic lodges in Yugoslavia (Serbo-Croatian, German). 1937-1941. 58 pp. Folder begins at image 1995
- 14 Extracts and translations of the minutes of the annual meetings of the Masonic lodges in Yugoslavia, lists of the Masonic lodges of Yugoslavia and the main members of the lodges, compiled for the German and Croatian fascist authorities in Croatia (German). 1941. 42 pp. Folder begins at image 2056
- 15 Minutes of the meetings of the subsidiary lodges of the Great Lodge 'Bnei Brit': 'Serbia', 'Solomon Alcalay', 'Zagreb'. Draft amendments to the charter of the box. Book with receipts for the payment of contributions to the fund 'Bikur Holim' ('Charity of the Sick') and other materials (Serbo-Croatian, French, Belarusian). 1910-1940. 375 pp. Folder begins at image 2102

Reel 200 of original RG-11.001M collection

- 15 (Continued from previous reel.) Folder begins at image 6
- 16 Report of Dr. Leo Steindler on the Jewish youth movement in Yugoslavia (in Serbo-Croatian). 12/01/1933-31.12.1933. 15 pp. Folder begins at image 135
- 17 Reprints from newspapers about anti-Semitism in various countries, about Jewish emigration, about Jewish participation in banking, about the essence of the Jewish problem in the book of the English Jew Golding, and other materials (in Serbo-Croatian). 1937-1940. 21 pp. Folder begins at image 158
- 18 Documentation on the resolution of fisheries and the minutes of meetings of the administrative committee of the joint stock company 'Channel Peter I'. Engineering and financial documentation on the channel of King Peter I. Documentation of the state mortgage bank for the issuance of loans at the request of the ministries and departments of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia; text of speeches and speeches at the conference of the Union of Religious Jewish Communities; Minutes of the meetings of the Jewish Masonic Lodge 'Sarajevo'; materials and financial documents of the All-

Yugoslav Banking Commonwealth, etc. (Serbo-Croatian, English, French, German). 1919-1940. 285 pp. Folder begins at image 192

The remainder of the folders (dela) were received on separate microfilm reels, as numbered below.

Reel 1

- 2 Documentation on fundraising, copying, invoices, drawings, drafts (sketches) of design and other materials covering the construction of the synagogue - the religious center of the Serbian-Jewish community of the Ashkenazi rite of Belgrade. 1924-1939. 314 pp. Folder begins at image 1
- 3 Pre-election materials, meeting minutes, correspondence, lists of members of the Yugoslav National Party and its youth organization. 1894-1939. 161 pp. Folder begins at image 431 (also reproduced beginning image 621)
- 4 Book of minutes of meetings of the Lodge 'Serbia' - a branch of the order 'B'nai-Brith'. 03/01/1932-28.02.1933. 111 pp. Folder begins at image 810
- 5 Lists of members, historical references of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia', the branch of the Lodge 'B'nai-Brith' (Yugoslavia), references and materials of Jewish Zionist organizations, materials of Jewish Zionist youth organizations; materials about the life of Jews in the USA, Palestine; issues of the magazine 'Ha-Noar' ('Youth') - organ of the Jewish youth organizations of Yugoslavia and other materials. 1927-1937. 115 pp. Folder begins at image 924
- 6 Minutes of meetings of the lodge 'Sarajevo' - branch 'B'nai Brith'. 1938-1939. 36 pp. Folder begins at image 1094
- 8 Drafts, invoices, receipts, extracts, letters from Aron Alcalay; minutes of the meetings of the union committee in the meeting room of the Jewish community in Zagreb (Croatia, Yugoslavia); proposal for the organization of youth aliyah (+ migration) from Yugoslavia to Palestine and other materials (Serbo-Croatian, German). 1933-1940. 157 pp. Folder begins at image 1135
- 9 Minutes of the meetings of the Solomon Alkalai Jewish Masonic Lodge in Novi Sad, the Serbia subsidiary in Belgrade (Serbo-Croatian, German). 1934-1935. 75 pp. Folder begins at image 1344
- 10 Minutes of the meetings of the Jewish Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' (Belgrade) (Serbo-Croatian). 1924-1927. 144 pp. Folder begins at image 1431

Reel 2

- 11 Bannestein's lyric poems; Lyrical poems by Ignaz Sonnenstein from Ptuj (German). 1928. 13 pp. Folder begins at image 6
- 12 The texts of the charter, draft amendments and additions to the charter of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia', copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Masonic lodges 'Serbia' (Belgrade), 'Zagreb', 'Solomon Alcalay' (Novi Sad); Correspondence between members of Masonic lodges on changes to the provisions of the statutes of Masonic lodges - subsidiaries of the B'nai B'rith Brit of Yugoslavia (Serbo-Croatian). 1938-1939. 264 pp. Folder begins at image 32
- 19 Report by Aron Alcalay 'Jews in Mesopotamia', read on 12/23/1925 in the Tsargrad lodge B'nai B'rith (Constantinople (Istanbul) - Turkey). The list of members of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' (Belgrade) in alphabetical order; English language exercises (Serbo-Croatian, English). 1925-1940. 34 pp. Folder begins at image 337
- 20 Report by Leo Steindler at the meeting of the Masonic Lodge 'On the causes and nature of anti-Semitism' (Serbo-Croatian). 01/01/1920-31.12.1920. 13 pp. Folder begins at image 380
- 21 Minutes of the meetings of the Great Lodge 'Yugoslavia', the supreme committee of the Union of Religious Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia; statutory documents, minutes of meetings of the Serbian-Jewish Singing Society; correspondence, financial documents, drafts of the Serbian-Jewish Singing Society (Serbo-Croatian). 1912-1934. 125 pp. Folder begins at image 397
- 22 Brochure Y.M. Ovidia "National Enlightenment of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia" (Belgrade, 1925); charter society 'Masaryk'. Passport in the name of Arona Alcalay (1919). Documents of the Zagreb Lodge. List of shareholders of the People's Bank of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (1940). Addresses of the subsidiary lodges of the Great B'nai B'rith in Europe; cultural, charitable and religious Jewish institutions and their chairmen in Yugoslavia (list). Excerpts from newspapers about the attitude of the Germans to the policy of Yugoslavia and other reports on the eve of the German occupation of Yugoslavia (1940). Report by Eugenio Villas (Buenos Aires, Argentina): 'Eretz Yehuda: Contribution to the solution of the Jewish question' (1939) (Serbo-Croatian, German, English, Slovene, French). 1919-1940. 72 pp. Folder begins at image 594
- 23 Charters of the 'Serbia' Lodge (No. 676) (German). [1929]. 25 pp. Folder begins at image 721
- 24 Minutes of the meetings of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' (Belgrade); recommendations and questionnaires of candidates for members of the Lodge (Serbo-Croatian). 1933-1938. 56 pp. Folder begins at image 750
- 25 Report of Dr. Solomon J. Alcalay at the meeting of the II Congress of Great and Local Lodges Outside America, held in Vienna on December 5, 1927 (Serbo-Croatian). 1927. 15 pp. Folder begins at image 816

- 26 Articles of the members of the Jewish Lodge 'Serbia' on economic topics, about the economy of Yugoslavia; receipts of the State Mortgage Bank of Yugoslavia; economic statistics, charts. Arona Alcalay's correspondence on economic and other topics (Serbo-Croatian, English, French). 1935-1940. 97 pp. Folder begins at image 851
- 27 Minutes and meetings of the Masonic lodges 'Sarajevo', 'Dr. Solomon Alcalay' (Novi Sad), B'nai B'rith (Belgrade); Circulars of the central Masonic Lodge B'nai B'rith for local lodges in Yugoslavia. Correspondence between the leaders of lodges on Yugoslavia. Correspondence between heads of subsidiary lodges in current affairs and on solemn occasions (Serbo-Croatian, French). 1935-1940. 129 pp. Folder begins at image 985
- 28 Correspondence of Masonic lodges 'Zagreb', 'Sarajevo', 'Serbia' on financial issues (Serbo-Croatian). 1935-1940. 113 pp. Folder begins at image 1118
- 29 Reports on the activities of the Rotary Club of Czechoslovakia and its subsidiaries. The text of the oath when entering the box 'Ivan Graf Draskovic' (Zagreb). Questionnaires for members of the Zagreb Lodge (Serbo-Croatian, Czech). 1933-1937. 17 pp. Folder begins at image 1221
- 30 Charters of Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' in German translation. 68 pp. Folder begins at image 1244
- 31 Report of the member of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' Arona Alcalay: 'What is happening in the other boxes of our district' (Serbo-Croatian). 1928. 14 pp. Folder begins at image 1315
- 32 Minutes of the meetings of the committee of officials of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia'. Correspondence on financial issues. Correspondence with the printing house of 'Nova Dob' by Barašić and Brajevic by members of the leadership of the Lodge Fredo Binder regarding the execution of the order of the leadership of the Lodge for printed products (Serbo-Croatian, German). 1921-1939. 57 pp. Folder begins at image 1332
- 33 Proposals for amendments to certain articles of the Charter of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia'. Handwritten notes on the situation in Palestine, on Sigmund Freud, Spinoza and others. The mourning speech of Rafailo Margulis in connection with the death of Nahum Sokolov. Report at the meeting of the box on the VI Congress of the Union of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia (April 15, 1936). Speech on the 20th anniversary of the Serbia Lodge (Serbo-Croatian). 1936. 76 pp. Folder begins at image 1432
- 34 Financial and statistical reporting of the lodges: Zagreb, Serbia, Dr. Solomon Alkalay (Novi Sad), Sarajevo, Matnat Yad (Subotica), Menorah (Osijek). Lists of members and heads of lodges (Serbo-Croatian, French). 1936-1940. 132 pp. Folder begins at image 1514
- 35 Travel notes (Paris - London) of the member of the Lodge 'Serbia' Mosha Josip (Serbo-Croatian). 1933-1934. 17 pp. Folder begins at image 1677

- 36 Report of the member of the Masonic Lodge 'Serbia' Rafailo Margulis 'Two glorious masters in medicine - Zemelweis and Erlich' (Serbian-Croatian). 1933. 49 pp. Folder begins at image 1697
- 37 Materials by Arona Alcalay and Alfred Shatner, members of the 'Serbia' lodge, on the work of the London B'nai B'rith lodge (Serbo-Croatian, English). 1926-1930. 23 pp. Folder begins at image 1750
- 38 Protocols, correspondence, regulations, internal regulations of the Jewish Masonic Lodge 'Zagreb' (Serbo-Croatian). 1928-1940. 165 pp. Folder begins at image 1787

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- 39 Drafts of the charter and charter of the "Great Lodge of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia" (B'nai B'rith), the boxes of "Serbia" (Serbo-Croatian, French). 1926-1937. 59 pp. Folder begins at image 6
- 40 Correspondence, minutes of meetings of subsidiaries of the B'nai B'rith of the Great Lodge of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia: Serbia, Zagreb, Solomon Alcalay (Novi Sad), Matnat Yad (Subotica), etc. (Serb-Croatian, French, German). 1936-1937. 620 pp. Folder begins at image 75
- 41 Statutory documents, meeting minutes, correspondence, newsletters of the Jewish Masonic lodges B'nai B'rith, 'Yugoslavia', 'Serbia', the local committee of assistance to Jewish refugees in Belgrade, and others (Serbo-Croatian, German, French, Hungarian). 1895-1940. 212 pp. Folder begins at image 828
- 42 Abstracts of Arona Alcalay in the box 'Serbia' 'Palestinian centrist tendencies and our youth' (Serbo-Croatian, English). 1935. 24 pp. Folder begins at image 1119
- 43 Minutes of the B'nai B'rith Yugoslavia, Serbia, Zagreb, Sarajevo, Dr. Solomon Alcalai (Novi Sad) Unified Assembly of Representatives of the Jewish Masonic Lodge p Solomon Alcalay 'in Novi Sad (Serbo-Croatian). 1933. 5 pp. Folder begins at image 1148
- 44 A report by Rabbi Dr. Isaac Alcalai, a member of the Lodge Serbia, on the activities of the Lodge XI from June 1924 to December 1929. (French). 12/01/1929-31.12.1929. 43 pp. Folder begins at image 1156
- 45 Reports, minutes of meetings, reports on the meetings of the Masonic lodges of B'nai B'rith Yugoslavia, Serbia, Zagreb, Sarajevo on the development of Palestine by Jews and the Jewish question on a global scale reports on the financial position of the lodge (Serbo-Croatian). 1935-1939. 100 pp. Folder begins at image 1202
- 46 Circulars of the leadership of the Lodge B'nai B'rith on Yugoslavia subsidiary boxes. Charters and regulations of the Great Lodge of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, the 'Serbia' Lodge, the fund for the fraternal assistance of the Great Lodge of the 18th district.

Receipts and other materials of the Jewish Refugees Assistance Committee in Zagreb and others (Serbo-Croatian, German). 1930-1940. 179 pp. Folder begins at image 1484

- 47 Correspondence of the Great Lodge of Yugoslavia B'nai B'rith with the lodge 'Serbia' and other Jewish organizations on the issues of holding public events in Yugoslavia, on economic, political, youth and other issues (Serbo-Croatian, German, Hungarian, French). 1928-1939. 62 pp. Folder begins at image 1820

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- 48 Report of Dr. Bela Lampel 'Jews of Vojvodina', read at the meetings of the lodges: 'Dr. Solomon Alkalay' (Novi Sad), 'Serbia' (Belgrade). Materials of the World Jewish Congress on the situation of Jews in the world, etc. (German). 1936-1941. 21 pp. Folder begins at image 6
- 49 Report of Dr. Caesar Caillon 'On the working committee of the great lodges in Prague'. Materials of various committees of the Serbia Lodge; minutes of meetings of lodges: 'Sarajevo', 'Dr. Solomon Alkalay' (Novi Sad). Article by Dr. Zvonko Rosenberger (Belgrade) 'How did Christianity appear', etc. (Serbo-Croatian, English). 1929-1941. 81 pp. Folder begins at image 31
- 50 The Book of Surgery by an anonymous 13th century author. Translated from the original Hebrew, supplied with an introduction and remarks, medicinal and subject index of Isaac Alkalay, Vienna (German, Hebrew). 1906. 203 pp. Folder begins at image 127
- 51 Notebook of registration of correspondence by the name and surname of persons, members of the 'Serbia' Lodge (Serbo-Croatian). 1911-1925. 21 pp. Folder begins at image 345
- 52 Fred Pops doctoral dissertation from Belgrade 'Serbian Home Community ('Zadruga')', presented to the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Zurich (German). 159 pp. Folder begins at image 374
- 53 Correspondence of the leadership of the Lodge B'nai B'rith of Yugoslavia with subsidiaries in Yugoslavia, with the executive committee of the International Masonic Association (Brussels). Minutes of meetings, conferences, materials about the World Jewish Congress in Evian (1938); Correspondence with CCL and other Zionist organizations (Serbo-Croatian, German, French). 1933-1940. 296 pp. Folder begins at image 541
- 54 Textbook on Masonic Judaic terminology and symbolism and their esoteric meaning (English, Hebrew). 1875. 361 pp. Folder begins at image 912
- 55 Correspondence of the leadership of the B'nai B'rith lodge of Thessaloniki with the leadership of the lodge in the city of Athens. Applications for admission and profiles of new members of the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Thessaloniki. Materials of reports made at

meetings of the lodge and other materials (French, Greek). 1924-1939. 70 pp. Folder begins at image 1283

- 56 Correspondence of the leadership of the Masonic Lodge B'nai B'rith (Athens) with the subsidiary lodges of Greece, with the lodge 'Carmel' (Haifa), with other Masonic Zionist organizations, with 'Keren Kayemeth Leisrael' and others). 1925-1940. 229 pp. Folder begins at image 1366
- 57 Record book of income and expenses for various articles of the Masonic Lodge 'Byzantion' (Athens) (Greek). 1927-1932. 41 pp. Folder begins at image 1630
- 58 Record book of income and expenses of the Masonic lodges 'Greater East of Greece', B'nai B'rith of Greece, etc. (Athens) (Greek). 1929-1933. 62 pp. Folder begins at image 1718
- 59 Record book of income and expenses of the Masonic Lodge 'Acropolis' (Part I) (Athens) (Greek). 1939-1940. 64 pp. Folder begins at image 1845

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- 60 Record book of income and expenses of the Masonic Lodge 'Acropolis' (Part II) (Athens) (Greek). 1939-1940. 87 pp. Folder begins at image 6