

**ŁÓDZKA GMINA WYZNANIOWA ŻYDOWSKA (SYGN. 228),
1885-1939
(Jewish Community in Łódź)
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Scope and Content of Collection

Contains records relating to Jewish community of Łódź dwellers before the War World Second. Includes records of Jewish cemeteries, synagogues and houses of prayer; appointments of rabbis, religious celebrations and ritual matters; social welfare matters as day care for children, and care of orphans; a list of children under the custody of a community, applications for allowances, holiday rations of food for the poorest; medical care: general and mental hospitals; schooling and culture: construction and management of schools, and celebration of anniversaries and state holidays. Includes also records of a board of the community meetings and financial documents: minutes, protocols, membership fees, funds for schools and synagogues, endowments and loans. Contains lists of Jews of Łódź dwellers (in an alphabetical order of streets), lists of the community constituency as for 1924, registries of births, marriages and deaths.

System of Arrangement

The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in microfilm reels.

Historical Note:

The Jewish Community in Łódź emerged in 1806, and consisted of a Council, a Board and Rabbinate. The members of elective organs represented all Jewish political orientations in Łódź. The community tasks were to pass resolutions and to run a budget. Main expenses were for keeping synagogues, institutions of a ritual character such as: ritual baths (mikwe) and slaughter houses, maintaining of cemeteries, management of schools, as well as a broadly developed social welfare network, running of the care facilities of elderly people, orphanages for children, distribution of allowances for the poorest members of the community and a financial support for hospitals. The communities were also in charge of the registration of births, marriages, and deaths. The community stopped operating on September 8, 1939 after the German occupation of Lodz making it part of the Warthegau, which in turn was annexed to the Reich.

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REEL LIST

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