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Title: The Rabbi Nathan Baruch Collection Related to Vaad Hatzala for Germany, 1943-1975 (bulk 1946-1948.)

Extent: 1 photograph album, 2 scrapbooks, 1 haggadah, 1 desk set, 1 bronze plaque, 1 folder containing photographs, 2 linear feet of documents, 1 garrison cap, 1 officer's-style American military tunic, 4 rubber stamps, and 3 publications.

Provenance: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum received the collection from Mrs. Doris Baruch, Rabbi Baruch's wife, on February 5, 2008.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

Organization and arrangement: The collection is divided into three series. Series 1: Correspondence, documents, and official papers. Series 2: Scrapbooks. Series 3: Three-dimensional objects.

Language: In German and English with some Hebrew.

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Biographical note: Rabbi Nathan Baruch was, at 23 years of age, the Director, 1946-1948, of the Vaad Hatzala for Germany. He was responsible for reestablishing Jewish religious life among the Holocaust survivors, the inhabitants of displaced persons camps in Germany. This included the printing and distribution of religious items, including prayer books, haggadahs, etc., and was responsible in large part for getting the U.S. Army to print the so-called 'Heidelberg Talmud,' a full copy of which is in the Museum's custody in the Rabbi Wilhelm Weinberg Collection.

Scope and content note: Contains materials related to Rabbi Nathan Baruch's Directorship of the Vaad Hatzala for Germany, 1946-1948 and that organization's activities related to the reestablishment of Jewish religious life.

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Inventory:

Series 1: Correspondence, documents, and official papers.

Series 1, Box 1

- RG-19.072.01*001 Baruch, Rabbi Nathan, 1944-1949. (Biographical material, semicha certificate, works for Vaad Hatzala.)
- RG-19.072.01*002 Baruch, Rabbi Nathan, Correspondence and reports regarding the work of Vaad Hatzala, 1946-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*003 Vaad Hatzala - Statistical information and summaries of activities, 1947-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*004 Vaad Hatzala - Reports on the future of Vaad Hatzala and the Jewish DPs, 1948. (By Samuel M. Schmidt and an unknown person [first two pages missing.]
- RG-19.072.01*005 Vaad Hatzala - Minutes of Special Meeting, July 27, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*006 Vaad Hatzala - Photocopies of material from Yeshiva University Archives, 1944-1948.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED MATERIAL

- RG-19.072.01*007 Agudath ha-Rabanim of the United States and Canada (Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada), 1948. (Proclamation regarding the importance of the study of *Daf Yomi*; cable to Gen. Lucius Clay regarding the importance of the work of Vaad Hatzala.)
- RG-19.072.01*008 Agudas Israel Organisation of Sweden, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*009 American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1947-1948. (Includes copy of agreement with the Agudath ha-Rabanim of the United States and Canada regarding the formation of the Central Orthodox Committee; report by Rabbi Solomon Shapiro, JDC Director for Religious Affairs - Germany, on Vaad Hatzala; photocopies of material from the JDC Archives in Israel.)
- RG-19.072.01*010 Anti-Semitic incident of July 24, 1946. (Portion of a report.)

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- RG-19.072.01*011 Bergman, Bernard, 1948. (Correspondence regarding help for relatives.)
- RG-19.072.01*012 Bloch, Rabbi Elijah M., undated. (Letter from the Rosh Yeshiva of Telshe Yeshiva in Cleveland wishing Rabbi Baruch success in his endeavors.)
- RG-19.072.01*013 Bronfman, Harry, 1946.
- RG-19.072.01*014 Bunim, Irving, M., 1946-1948, 1977. (Includes a photocopy of a letter from Claude Lanzmann with a note from Bunim to Baruch, 1977.)
- RG-19.072.01*015 Burg, Dr. Joseph, 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*016 Burstein, Rabbi Aviezer, 1965.
- RG-19.072.01*017 Central Orthodox Committee, 1947-1948. ("Aid for the Religious Needs of Europe's Surviving Jews: A Special Report" submitted by Dean Samuel L. Sar, European Director, Central Orthodox Committee; letter from Abraham Horowitz, Executive Director of the Central Orthodox Committee to Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, regarding Sar's report; copies of COC material from Yeshiva University Archives.)
- RG-19.072.01*018 Chill, Samuel J., 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*019 Department of State (US) / Hugh S. Fullerton, 1943.
- RG-19.072.01*020 Foreign Service of the United States of America, 1947-1948. (Correspondence concerning visas, correspondence regarding Vaad Hatzala's permission to import tobacco to Germany.)
- RG-19.072.01*021 Galinski, Rabbi Jacob (Vaad Ha-Yeshivot be-Germanyah [Germany]), 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*022 Ganz, Chaplain Irving, 1947-1948. (Jewish Welfare Board.)
- RG-19.072.01*023 Gefen, Rabbi T., 1947.

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- RG-19.072.01*024 [Goldman], Ann, 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*025 Goldman, [Majer], 1975. (Photocopy of a letter to Prof. Yaffa Eliach, 1975.)
- Series 1, Box 2**
- RG-19.072.01*026 Gordon, Nison, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*027 Gould, Gertrude, 1947-1948. (Correspondence regarding press publicity for work of Vaad Hatzala.)
- RG-19.072.01*028 Griffel, Jakob - Biographical sketch by Rabbi Nathan Baruch, undated.
- RG-19.072.01*029 Guttman, Alexander, 1948. (Letter from Alexander Guttman, professor at the Hebrew Union College, to Dr. Samuel M. Schmidt, requesting help for his brother, Henry Guttman.)
- RG-19.072.01*030 Hapoel Hamizrachi Overseas Relief Committee, 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*031 Herzberg, Paul, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*032 Hyman, [?], 1949. (Telegram.)
- RG-19.072.01*033 Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees (C.I.R.), 1947. (Includes agreements with Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela regarding taking in refugees.)
- RG-19.072.01*034 International Refugee Organization, 1947-1948. (Includes correspondence regarding the "Netherlands Emigration Scheme for Unattached Single Persons.")
- RG-19.072.01*035 Jewish Agency for Palestine, 1946. (Request for assistance for Jewish camp in Neu-Ulm Ludendorf Kasserne.)
- RG-19.072.01*036 Kalmanowitz, Rabbi Abraham, 1947-1948. (Mirror Yeshiva, New York.) (Includes handwritten letter in Hebrew about Rabbi Salominsky (?); copies of letter to General Lucius Clay regarding the project of printing the Talmud in Germany and regarding the shipment of Bibles to Lebanon.)

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- RG-19.072.01*037 Karlinsky, Rabbi Jacob, 1946-1948. Correspondence and undated telegrams.
- RG-19.072.01*038 Karsten, Frank M. (member US House of Representatives), 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*039 Klein, Stephen, 1946-1948. (Correspondence and telegrams regarding immigration and other forms of aid for Displaced Persons; a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Sternbuch, dated June 20, 1947, discussing Vaad Hatzala's relationships with Mizrachi and the Joint and conflict over which organization should be in charge of immigration.)
- RG-19.072.01*040 Kotler, Rabbi Aaron. (Undated letter regarding yeshiva students who were slated to travel from Germany to Paris and then the United States questioning the source of delays in their travel.)
- RG-19.072.01*041 Lasher, Rabbi Saul, 1948. (New York Committee of Laymen.)
- RG-19.072.01*042 Lew, Rabbi Joseph, 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*043 Lewin, Dr. Isaac, 1947-1948. (Correspondence chiefly regarding republishing Dr. Lewin's father's works in Germany.)
- RG-19.072.01*044 Libman, Rabbi Gershon (Zeilsheim Yeshiva), 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*045 Lichtenstein, Rabbi Hilel, 1948. (Chief Rabbi of Landsberg, Germany.)
- RG-19.072.01*046 Lippert, David I., 1948. (President, GI Council.)
- RG-19.072.01*047 Lyons, Rabbi Maurice, 1947-1948. (Letters regarding help for Pupko family.)
- RG-19.072.01*048 Munk, Rabbi Dr. M.L., of Berlin, 1947-1948. (Chiefly thank-you letters for books and financial assistance.)
- RG-19.072.01*049 [Novick, Rabbi William?], 1948. (Letter about Zeilsheim Yeshiva.)
- RG-19.072.01*050 Pardes, Rabbi S.A.

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- RG-19.072.01*051 PCIRO (Preparatory Commission - International Refugee Organization), 1947-1949 (includes a 10 page report by Rabbi Baruch on “Continuation of Vaad Program and Future Plans of Operations,” Oct. 20, 1947.)
- RG-19.072.01*052 Rescue Children Inc., 1947. (Correspondence with Rabbi William Z. Novick, Executive Director, and with individuals who “adopted” children.)
- RG-19.072.01*053 Rosenberg, Rabbi Alexander S., 1948. (Includes correspondence between Rabbi Baruch and Dr. Naomi Baumgarten, Rosenberg’s daughter, 1998.)
- RG-19.072.01*054 Rosenberg, Rabbi I. Solomon, 1947. (Letter to Mr. [Abraham?] Horowitz [of Central Orthodox Committee?] praising Rabbi Nathan Baruch’s work.)
- RG-19.072.01*055 Rosenkrantz, Arthur B., 1946.
- RG-19.072.01*056 Schechter, Rabbi Samuel, undated biographical sketch.
- RG-19.072.01*057 Schmidt, Samuel M., 1947-1948. (Correspondence and telegrams from Schmidt in Europe and Cincinnati to Rabbi Nathan Baruch regarding shipments of *Sifre Torah*, distribution of funds, and the work of Vaad Hatzala.)
- RG-19.072.01*058 Schoen, Pincus, 1947-1948. (Correspondence and telegrams regarding distribution of funds, particularly to individuals, the financial situation of Vaad Hatzala, and the future of Vaad Hatzala.)
- RG-19.072.01*059 Seiden, Stanley, 1946.
- RG-19.072.01*060 Sherman, Leo, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*061 Silver, [Rabbi Eliezer], undated telegrams. (Some co-signed by [Samuel M.] Schmidt.)
- RG-19.072.01*062 Singer, Rabbi Philip, 1948.

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- RG-19.072.01*063 Snieg, Rabbi Samuel A., 1948. (Letters from Rabbi Snieg, Chief Rabbi of the US Zone in Munich, thanking Vaad Hatzala for its help and for the books it published.)
- RG-19.072.01*064 Soloveitchik, Rabbi J[osph Duber], and Rose, 1947. (Letters regarding help for relatives.) Also includes a receipt from the Brisk Yeshiva in Jerusalem signed by Rabbi Yosef Dov ha-Levi Soloveitchik, 1972.
- RG-19.072.01*065 Spira, Rabbi Israel, undated.
- RG-19.072.01*066 Stein, Lee, 1947-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*067 Stein, Menashe, 1946-1947.
- RG-19.072.01*068 Sternbuch, J. August 18, 1948. (Letter to Agudas Israel World Organization / Mr. Goodman.)
- RG-19.072.01*069 Tress, Michael G., President, Agudath Israel Youth Council of America, Inc., 1947. (Letters and cables regarding orphans who will be adopted in the US.)
- RG-19.072.01*070 UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration), 1946-1947. (Includes correspondence re: UNRRA acceptance of Vaad Hatzala proposal to serve DPs, May 1, 1946; correspondence about infiltration into the US Zone, Oct. 12, 1946.)
- Series 1, Box 4**
- RG-19.072.01*071 US Army - Adviser on Jewish Affairs / William Haber, 1948-1949. (Includes correspondence with Abraham S. Hyman, Assistant to Adviser on Jewish Affairs, minutes of meeting, March 15, 1948; copy of a letter discussing proposed dedication of Book of Psalms to General Clay, July 20, 1948.)
- RG-19.072.01*072 US Army - Correspondence with Generals John Hildring and G.L. Eberle, regarding retention of Rabbi Baruch as Director of Vaad Hatzala in Germany, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*073 US Army - European Command, Roster of General Officers, 1947.

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- RG-19.072.01*074 Vaad Agudas Ha-Rabanim of Germany - Second Rabbinical Convention, 1947 (?) (Rabbi Samuel A. Snieg, Chief Rabbi.)
- RG-19.072.01*075 Vaad Hatzala Publications - Thank-you letters, 1947-1948. (Includes a letter from Gen. Lucius Clay.)
- RG-19.072.01*076 Voluntary Agency Personnel (lists of persons in various zones), 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*077 Windsheim Yeshiva, press release, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*078 World Jewish Congress, 1945-1946. (Photocopies of material from World Jewish Congress Archives, includes a copy of a memo submitted to the 4th Session of UNRRA, 1946.)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRINTED MATERIAL

- RG-19.072.01*079 Vaad Hatzala Bulletin, 1946-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*080 Vaad Hatzala - Public Relations and Fundraising material, 1946-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*081 Vaad Hatzala Dinner Conference - McAlpin Hotel, Sept. 15, 1948. (Seating arrangement.)
- RG-19.072.01*082 Newspaper clippings (photocopies, mainly on work of Vaad Hatzala), 1947-1948.
- RG-19.072.01*083 Newspaper clippings, 1943, 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*084 *Unzer Weg (Our Way)*, Oct. 19, 1945 (no. 2) (Yiddish newspaper issued by the *she' eris ha-peletah*, the liberated Jews in Germany.)
- RG-19.072.01*085 *JTA Daily News Bulletin* (scattered issues), 1943-1946.
- Series 1, Box 5**
- RG-19.072.01*086 Vaad Hatzala Dinner Conference 15 Sep 1948 seating arrangement.
- RG-19.072.01*087 Letters to N. Baruch from Rabbis.

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RG-19.072.01*088	Letters of complaint to Rabbi Baruch, 1946-1948
RG-19.072.01*089	Travel authorizations.
RG-19.072.01*090	Correspondence, 1943.
RG-19.072.01*091	Correspondence, 1944.
RG-19.072.01*092	Correspondence, 1946.
RG-19.072.01*093	Correspondence, 1947.
RG-19.072.01*094	Correspondence, 1948.
RG-19.072.01*095	Correspondence, 1949-1975.
RG-19.072.01*096	Correspondence, undated.
RG-19.072.01*097	Telegrams.
RG-19.072.01*098	Hebrew and Yiddish correspondence.
RG-19.072.01*099	Munich Military Post Officers Club chit book.
RG-19.072.01*100	Vaad Hatzala N.Y. pamphlet: <i>Shall Judaism Survive?</i>
RG-19.072.01*101	Congressional Record for 26 November 1943 on the rescue of the Jewish & other peoples in Nazi-occupied territory.
RG-19.072.01*102	Jewish Materials in the Archives of Agudath Israel of America.
RG-19.072.01*103	Untitled essay concerning the birth and operations of Vaad Hatzala.
RG-19.072.01*104	Note cards for unknown and undated speech.
RG-19.072.01*105	Unused letterhead.
RG-19.072.01*106	Portrait print labeled <i>Gerer Rebbe</i> , 1969.
RG-19.072.01*107	Financial issues.
RG-19.072.01*108	Programs, dinners, receptions and speeches.

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- RG-19.072.01*109 Vaad Hatzala Canadian Emergency Relief Committee handbills.
- RG-19.072.01*110 Agency listings in the U.S. Zone.
- RG-19.072.01*111 Personnel roster of voluntary societies in U.S. Zone, Germany, 31 September 1947.
- RG-19.072.01*112 Personnel roster of voluntary societies in U.S. Zone, Germany, 18 February 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*113 News clippings, 1946-1947.
- Series 1, Box 6**
- RG-19.072.01*114 Unused notepab bearing Rabbi Baruch's name and title.
- RG-19.072.01*115 *Hagadah* printed by Vaad Hatzala.
- RG-19.072.01*116 *Jewish Pictures*, 1947
- RG-19.072.01*117 *Jewish Pictures*, January 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*118 Cover of 1948 issue of *Jewish Pictures*.
- RG-19.072.01*119 *Jewish Pictures*, ca. 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*120 *Jewish Pictures*, 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*121 *American Joint Distribution Committee Operations in U.S. Zone Germany 1948*.
- RG-19.072.01*122 *Necach Israel*, May 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*123 *Necach Israel*, June 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*124 *Necach Israel*, August 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*125 *Necach Israel*, September 1948.
- RG-19.072.01*126 Photographs.
- RG-19.072.01*127 Military Government for Germany temporary travel documents for the Chudy family, 1947.

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RG-19.072.01*128 U.S. Passport for Nathan Baruch, 1946.

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RG-19.072.01*129 Series of ten newsprint photos depicting a Rabbi's march on Washington in protest of the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazi. Undated but sometime prior to 1944.

Series 2: Scrapbooks, Boxes 1-4

RG-19.072.02*01 Brown leather scrap book album. 13.5" X 10.5" Embossed with "Mr. & Mrs. Pincus Schoen, Munich, Germany 1948. Bound with two stainless steel finger screw bolts. 50 pages, 28 of which contain various memorabilia related to Rabbi Baruch's time in Europe with Vaad Hatzala.

RG-19.072.02*02 Brown leather scrapbook album. 17" X 12" Unbound with 56 pages of various correspondence, news clippings and other material related to Rabbi Baruch's Directorship of Vaad Hatzala, Germany.

RG-19.072.02*03 Photo album bound in brown leather and embossed in gold "My Experiences With the Sherith Hapeita as Director of Vaad Hatzala Germany from September 1946 to September 1948 Rabbi Nathan Baruch." 17" X 12" Bound with three steel screws, one is a replacement, one is missing. 106 pages. Photos depict various Vaad Hatzala activities throughout Germany. Most are grouped by geographic location and are of exceptional clarity and quality.

RG-19.072.02*04 A 1948 catalog of Vaad Hatzala activities in American High School yearbook type format titled, *Pictorial Review: Vaad Hatzala, 1948*. 262 pages.

Series 3: Three-dimensional objects, Boxes 1-5

RG-19.072.03*01 Rubber stamps: collection of four rubber stamps and one rubber stamp handle, in various Stages of repair, used by Vaad Hatzala for official purposes.

RG-19.072.03*02 Brass name plate engraved "Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director."

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- RG-19.072.03*03 Khaki, officer's style, U.S. Army garrison cap. Size 7-3/8, manufactured by Rogers Peet Company.
- RG-19.072.03*04 Marble based pen desk set with two (non-functional) pen stands. Engraved with brass name plate "Rabbi Nathan Baruch, Director Vaad Hatzala, Germany."
- RG-19.072.03*05 Khaki U.S. Army Officer's style, summer weight tunic. No size designation. All Distinguishing marks (i.e. rank of insignia, unit designation, etc) removed. Manufactured by Rogers Peet Company.