

## SELECTED RECORDS FROM THE CONSISTOIRE CENTRAL DES ISRAELITES DE FRANCE (CC), 1933–1948

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**Scope and Content:** This collection contains documents pertaining to Jews in France before, during, and after World War II, including information on the French rabbinate, deportations from France, French concentration camps and deportation centers, the expropriation of Jewish property, postwar restitution, and the operations of the Union Ge'neral des Israe'lites de France (UGIF).

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Reel 1:**

Series A: Pre-War.

C.P-1: German refugees.

Committee for the defense of Jews persecuted in Germany. From the Consistoire israélite de Paris. Correspondence, 1931-1939. Frames 1-961.

C.P-2: Press. From the Consistoire israélite de Paris. An incomplete selection of news clippings regarding the treatment of Jews prior to the war. The clippings are of German, French, and Jewish origin. 1930-1935. Frames 962-1977.

C.P-3: Press (Continued). From the Consistoire israélite de Paris. A selection of news clipping regarding Hitler's ascension to the Chancellorship, and Jewish interests in France. The clippings are of French and Jewish origin. 1933. Frames 1978-2492.

C.P-4: The Jewish community prior to 1939. From the Consistoire israélite de Paris. A collection of documents illustrating French-Jewish patriotism and loyalty to the French Republic. Includes information on Jewish war veterans of the Great War, anti-Semitism in the 1930's, the Consistoire israélites, and the rabbinate. 1914-1940. Frames 2493-2897.

Series B & C: War and occupation.

B.C.C-5:

Character references for French-Jewish military veterans from former commanding officers and colleagues in arms. Jewish affidavits of French citizenship based on involvement in national life with particular emphasis on military service during the Great War. The majority of affidavits are people falling in the Consistoire's jurisdiction. 1940-1942. Frames 2898-3247.

### **Reel 2:**

Series B & C: War and occupation. (Continued.)

B.C.C-6:

Documents of war veterans from the Consistoire Central. Various affidavits of Jewish veterans of the Great War and of the 1939-1940 mobilization, attesting to their French patriotism. Frames 1-778.

B.C.C-7:

Documents of war veterans from the Consistoire Central, specifically from the Strasbourg community in the Limoges region. Contains information on Algerian Jews seeking refuge in the region as well as information cards for veterans of one or both World Wars; information includes whether the veteran was a POW of the Germans. 1941. Frames 779-1310.

B.C.C-8:

Finances 1939-1945.

Financial records of the Consistoire Central and the Rabbinate, 1939-1945. Frames 1311-2416.

B.C.C-9:

Sections and commissions files, 1941-1944. Contains reports of the various commissions of the Consistoire Central dealing with occupation and deportation issues. Frames 2417-2902.

B.C.C-10:

Correspondence file, 1940-1944.

Collection of correspondence of the Consistoire Central concerning Jewish matters including the Jewish statutes, Jews in German stalags, Jews in the medical training corps of the military, the whereabouts of deported Jews, and the administration of the rabbinate. Frames 2903-3471.

### **Reel 3:**

Series B & C: War and occupation. (Continued.)

B.C.C-11: Correspondence file, 1941-1942.

Correspondence of the Consistoire Central sent to private individuals. Contains information on the attacks in Marseilles and Vichy on 11 August 1941 and correspondence with Rabbi Kaplan. Frames 1-589.

B.C.C-12: Correspondence file, 1941-1942. (Continued.)

Correspondence of the Consistoire Central sent to private individuals. Also contains letters of protest against anti-Jewish legislation and actions sent to Pétain. Frames 590-1243.

B.C.C-13: Correspondence file, 1942-1943.

Correspondence of the Consistoire Central sent to private individuals. Letters from Helbronner sent to the general staff of Vichy protesting anti-Jewish measures. Contains a list of the employees of the Consistoire Central in Lyon. Frames 1254-1966.

B.C.C-14: Correspondence file, 1943-1944.

Correspondence of the Consistoire Central with various rabbis in their constituency. Frames 1967-2810.

B.C.C-15: Communities, 1940-1944.

Questionnaires generated by the Consistoire Central and sent to the various communities. Contains information on demographics and rabbinical administration. Frames 2811-3807.

### **Reel 4:**

Series B & C: War and occupation. (Continued.)

B.C.C-16: Communities, 1940-1944. (Continued.)

Demographic information on the communities, divided by city and department. Frames 1-856.

B.C.C-17: Charitable works, 1940-1943.

Contains information on the operation of various charitable organizations active in the area, including HICEM. Frames 857-1498.

B.C.C-18: Press clippings, 1941-1944.

Contains press clippings from various French newspapers and magazines, concerning Jewish interests and concerns. Frames 1499-1742.

B.C.C-19: Reactions to the statutes, 1940-1941.

Various letters of protest from Jews and non-Jews, sent to Pétain and Laval objecting to the anti-Jewish statutes. Frames 1743-2384.

B.C.C-20: Arrests and deportations, 1942-1943.

Contains the correspondence of a variety of Jewish internees protesting their situation to Vichy authorities, as well as deportation orders for Jews and name lists of Jewish internees. Frames 2385-3048.

C.C.C-21: The Rabbinate, 1939-1944.

Contains information pertaining to the Rabbinical chaplaincy to the military. Also contains correspondence exchanged between rabbinate and with Vichy officials. Frames 3049-3861.

C.C.C-22: The Rabbinate, correspondence, 1940-1943.

Contains name lists of the Rabbinate, divided by region, as well as correspondence from the rabbis in the various regions detailing the situation for their congregations. Frames 3862-4639.

### **Reel 5:**

Series D: Union Générale des Israélites de France (UGIF), 1941-1944.

UGIF Paris; from the Georges Edinger collection.

D.C.C-23: Contains documents on UGIF's history before and after liberation, documents of the coordination committee, various UGIF official journals, name lists of deported persons, reactions to the ordinances, and a variety of UGIF correspondence. Frames 1-667.

UGIF Paris; Debates and plenary meetings, 1942-1944.

D.C.C-24: Contains the minutes of various UGIF plenary sessions, debates, and meetings of the consulting committee. 1942-1944. Frames 668-820.

UGIF Paris; Official reports, 1942-1943.

D.C.C-25: Contains a chronological arrangement of UGIF official reports pertaining to administrative and policy matters. Frames 821-1347.

UGIF Paris; Resolutions, 1943-1944.

D.C.C-26; Contains a chronological listing of UGIF resolutions on a variety of actions connected to Jewish interests, including supplying the internees at Drancy, providing for children whose parents were arrested, and official responses to the opening of more internment camps. Frames 1348-1740.

UGIF Paris; Resolutions, 1944.

D.C.C-27; Continuation of previous file. Frames 1741-1929.

UGIF Paris; Personnel and administration, 1942-1944.

D.C.C-28; Contains a list of 538 UGIF employees on information cards. Each card contains first and last name, date of birth, citizenship, marital status, children (if any), and date of employment with UGIF. Frames 1930-2706.

UGIF Paris; Alphabetical list of people who left France. [**Cataloger's note:** "left France" is a euphemism for arrested or deported], 1941-1944.

D.C.C-29; Contains a list of 803 people, on index cards; each card may contain their first and last names, address, date of birth, country of origin, employment, and date of departure. People who were arrested or 'kicked out' of the county are listed as having "departed". A through L. Frames 2707-3316.

UGIF Paris; (Continued) Alphabetical list of people who left France. [**Cataloger's note:** "left France" is a euphemism for arrested or deported], 1941-1944.

D.C.C-30; Contains a list of 803 people on index cards with their first and last names, address, date of birth, country of origin, employment, and date of departure. People who were arrested or kicked out of the county are listed as having "departed". M through Z. Frames 3317-3742.

UGIF Paris; Alphabetical listing of personnel who stayed at their stations in 1944. D.C.C-31; Contains 648 names, on index cards; each card may contain first and last names, date of birth, citizenship, marital status, children (if any), and date of employment with UGIF. A-K. Frames 3743-4254.

UGIF Paris; Alphabetical listing of personnel who stayed at their stations in 1944.

D.C.C-32; Contains 648 names, on index cards; each card may contain first and last names, date of birth, citizenship, marital status, children (if any), and date of employment with UGIF. L-Z. Frames 4255-4670.

UGIF Paris; Consistoire israélite de Paris under occupation.

D.C.C-33; Contains correspondence between the Consistoire israélite de Paris, UGIF, and the Commissariat général aux Questions juives. Also contains a file on the attacks on Paris synagogues in 1941. 1941-1944. Frames 4671-4898.

### **Reel 6:**

Series E: Spoliations, 1941-1944.

Each list contains the name of the victim, their address, the nature of the confiscation, and the administrator for their goods.

E.C.C-34; Alphabetical list of spoliation in Paris, A-G. Frames 1-882.

E.C.C-35; Alphabetical list of spoliation in Paris, H-N. Frames 823-1545.

E.C.C-36; Alphabetical list of spoliation in Paris, O-Z. Frames 1546-2327.

E.C.C-37; Alphabetical list of spoliation in the provinces, A-G. Frames 2328-3189.

E.C.C-38; Alphabetical list of spoliation in the province, H-Y. Frames 3190-4206.

### **Reel 7:**

Series F: Post war.

F.C.C-39; Consistoire central correspondence concerning [the fate of] people. Also contains correspondence concerning the repatriation of expropriated goods. 1944-1945. Frames 1-370.

F.C.C-40; Contains documentation and correspondence concerning the return of deportees and other victims. Also contains information on people who were murdered or died during the war and the nature of their deaths. 1944-1945. Frames 371-777.

F.C.C-41; Contains a large file of the French Ministry of Prisoners and Deportees which was the agency responsible for liaising with the Consistoire central for the payment of reparations after the war. 1944-1945. Frames 778-1440.

F.C.C-42; A large correspondence file that seems to work as a catch-all file for affairs that did not fit neatly into any other category. Contains files for the children of the Oeuvres de Secours des Enfants (OSE), the Finaly affair, the Orphelins et dépitage commission, the Organisation Reconstruction Travail (ORT), and a file on post war memorialization and services. 1945-1953. Frames 1441-1909.

F.C.C-43; Contains information on the continuing problem of anti-Semitism in post-war France and on some of the law suits that resulted. 1945-1948. Frames 1910-2469.

F.C.C-44; Newspapers and news clippings. Contains a variety of news stories, many from Jewish publications, regarding post war issues of restitution, repatriation, etc. 1944-1947. Frames 2470-2862.

F.C.C-45; Reconstruction of the Jewish community. Contains information on how the Jewish community reconstructed itself, from the Northern regions Southward through France, through the leadership and guidance of various synagogues and rabbis. 1945-1948. Frames 2863-3868.

### **Reel 8:**

Series F: Post war. (Continued.)

F.C.C-46; Contains a census drawn up by the Consistoire central and sent to the various synagogues and Jewish communities. The census is a detailed questionnaire that established the pre- and post-war composition of the individual Jewish communities and that is an effective measure of the devastation of the French Holocaust. 1946. Frames 1-254.

F.C.C-47; Consistoire central correspondence concerning post war reconstruction of Jewish communities and the accounting of people lost or deported during the war. 1944-1946. Frames 255-1388.

F.C.C-48; Consistoire central correspondence concerning routine administrative activities and post war Jewish concerns. 1946-1949. Frames 1389-1734.

F.C.C-49; Research into children, deported during the war, and the fates of their families. Frames 1735-2400.

F.C.C-50; Contains information on the building of the memorial to rabbis who were killed during the occupation. 1946. Frames 2401-2920.