

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives  
Finding Aid  
RG-45  
Greece

**RG-45.002M**  
**Acc. 1997.A.0220**

**Title:** Thessaloniki Jewish Community Records, 1939-1945 (bulk 1943).

**Extent:** 12 microfilm reels

**Provenance:** The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives branch received the collection in July 1997 via Heinz Kounio, Chairman of the Thessalonika Jewish Community, who discovered the records in Athens, Greece.

**Historical note:** The largest prewar Greek Jewish community was in Salonika, located in northern Greece and later in the German occupied zone. At the time of the German occupation, Salonika had a Jewish population of about 50,000. In July 1942, 2,000 Jewish males in Salonika were assigned to forced-labor projects for the German army. Another 7,000 were ransomed from the Nazis with funds raised in desperation by the Jewish community, including proceeds from the sale of the ancient Jewish cemetery to the Salonika municipality. In February 1943, the Germans concentrated the Jews of Salonika in two ghetto areas of the city. Between March and August of that year, German officials deported over 40,000 Jews from Salonika to the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp. SS members stationed at Birkenau murdered virtually all of the Salonikan Jews upon arrival.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement is alphabetical by surname.

**Language:** Greek, with some German.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains registration records for over 43,000 Salonika Jews completed prior to their deportation to Auschwitz. The cards contain personal information as well as itemized lists of real and material property subsequently aryanized by occupying forces and Greek collaborators.

**Inventory:**

\**Note:* An outstanding guide to this collection titled *Jewish Community of Salonika 1943* by Aure Recanati is available in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Library under call number [name lists] DS135 G72 T48 2000. The guide duplicates most of the material available in this collection and also contains additional information about victims culled from other sources. The guide also provides English-language translations for all of the information in the collection and explanations for transliteration rules.

**Reel 1:**

Declaration of property: Avraam, Sabetai Avayu – Angel, Yuda Avraam

**Reel 2:**

Declaration of property: Angel, Isaak Solomon – Gategno, Rofel Yuda

**Reel 3:**

Declaration of property: Regina, (widow) Mason Gategno – Karasso, Angel Iakov

**Reel 4:**

Declaration of property: Karasso, Aser Maurice – Levy, Isaak Solomon

**Reel 5:**

Declaration of property: Levy, Isaak Rafaletto – Menahem, Simeon

**Reel 6:**

Declaration of property: Menahem, Flor (widow) – Beraha, Alvertos Isaak

**Reel 7:**

Declaration of property: Avraam, Isaak Beraha – Nahmias, Haim Rafael

**Reel 8:**

Declaration of property: Nahmias, Haim David – Porfeta, Solomon Yuda

**Reel 9:**

Declaration of property: Ravouna, Mordo – Sasson, Riketta (widow) Avraam

**Reel 10:**

Declaration of property: Sason, Samuel Iakov – Talahon, Ovadia Mose

**Reel 11:**

Declaration of property: Talahon, Sol Mose – Frantzi, Solomon David

**Reel 12:**

Declaration of property: Hamat Mahel Vidal – Hounli Sounhoula Israel