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Biographical/Historical Note: The Larissa Jewish community dates back to the Roman era and that for at least 1,900 years Jews have continuously lived in the city. A letter [dated 150 C.E.] by a Christian Apostle to the Jews of the city is testimony of this long presence. However, there is the opinion that the Jewish presence in Thessaly, including Larissa, dates to the 5th century B.C.E. The Jews of the area were involved in commerce and industry. Evidence of this long presence was a recent [1973] archeological find close to the central square of the city of a colonnade with the inscription “Alexandros the Educator and Protector.” Under the inscription [in the style of the Second temple Period] was the Jewish symbol of the menorah. According to the archeologist who studied the colonnade, it dates to the 1st century C.E. It can now be found under the archeological care of the city of Larissa. It is not know who “Alexandros the Educator and Protector” was and why his name was engraved on the colonnade. However, everyone acknowledges the symbol of the menorah as a Jewish symbol.

Scope and Content Note: Contains Esdras Moissis personal archives. Documents represent various archival records, correspondence and publications related to the history of the Jewish community of Larissa in Greece. All these records were gathered and preserved by the longtime President of the Jewish community Mr. Esdras Moissis.

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- The Press 001.** Newspaper: L'Action/The Action, 1931-1939 (French)
- The Press 002.** Newspaper: L'Aurore/The Dawn, 1932-1933 (French)
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- The Press 004.** Newspaper: La vera Luz (Ladino), 1959-1963
- The Press 005.** Newspaper: El Tiempo/The Times (Ladino), 1959-1963
- The Press 007.** Newspaper: Evraiki Estia/The Jewish Home, 1952-1957
- The Press 008.** Newspaper: Israelitiki Epitheorisi/Jewish Review, 1964-1970
- The Press 009.** Newspaper: Israelitiki Epitheorisi/Jewish Review, 1970-1970
- The Press 010.** Newspaper: Israelitiki Epitheorisi/Jewish Review, 1975-1979
- The Press 011.** Newspaper: La Renecencia Judia/The Jewish Renaissance (Ladino)
- The Press 012.** Newspaper: La Tribune Juive/The Jewish Tribune (French), 1946-1947
- The Press 013.** Periodicals 01: Periodical <<Hellas-Israel>>
- The Press 014.** Newspaper: Mesazero/Messenger (Ladino), 1939-1941
- The Press 015.** Miscellaneous – Additional Material

J.C.L.

Volume 001. Jewish Community of Larissa, General Assembly Administrative Council

- 1) General Assembly
 - a. Administrative Report
 - b. Budget – Financial Records

Volume 002. J.C.L. Elections of Officers, Demographics, Communal property, Buildings, Restoration, Personnel, Administrators

- 1) Elections
 - a. Elections
 - b. Demographics
 - c. Records
- 2)
 - a. Real Estate (a: Community Offices)
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- d. Opening of Lesvou St. – Bldg. of State General Archives
- e. Apartment Houses on 10 Thukididu St.
- f. Information provided by attorney Barbuti – old contract

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Volume 003. J.C.L. Items: Historical, Cultural, Folklore

- 1) Historical Items J.C.L.
- 2) Cultural: (A: Plays: “Ester” and “Anne Frank”
 - a. Convention of current members of J.C.L. and former members from all over the world, May 2001
 - b. Programs presented by the community of Larissa and other communities at the “Sepharad 92”
 - c. 3) Folklore J.C.L.

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 - a. Synagogue of Larissa, other synagogues
 - b. Hebrew School
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- 2) Zionist Organizations
 - a. Union of Zionists of Greece – Zionism
 - b. Zionist Association of Larissa “Ohave Zion”/”Lovers of Zion”
 - c. Women’s Division, WIZO-AVIV
- 3) Jewish Youth of Greece – Jewish Youth of Larissa, etc.

Volume 005. J.C.L. Religions, Jewish Religion, Holidays, Traditions

- 1) Religion
 - a. Religion (general)
 - b. The Jewish Religion – Holidays, Traditions
- 2) Holidays
 - a. Holiday Addresses by Administrative Council, J.C.L.
 - b. Holiday Addresses by Ezdra Moissis, President of the Community of Larissa

Volume 006. J.C.L. Park and Holocaust Memorial

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 - a. Correspondence with the Municipality of Larissa
 - b. Correspondence with the Central Jewish Council (KIS) and other Jewish organizations
 - c. Correspondence with members of the Jewish Community of Larissa
 - d. Plans for the Construction of the Memorial
- 2) Ceremonies

- a. Ceremony of the unveiling of the memorial
 - b. Addresses related to the unveiling of the memorial
 - c. Memorial of “Anne Frank” – Memorials in other cities
- 3) The Press
- a. The press referring to the unveiling

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Volume 007. J.C.L. Rites of Passage in Life – Inaugurations of Jewish Organizations

- 1) Organizations
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 - b. Bar/Bat Mitzvah
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Volume 010.

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- 1) International Jewish Conventions – Greek Participation
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 - b. Milan (1977)
 - c. Geneva (1986)
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 - e. Miscellaneous International Conventions and Symposia (1971-1988)

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Volume 012B. Old Jewish Press in Greece

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- “Evraikon Mellon” / The Jewish Future, 1946
- “Evraiki Echo” / The Jewish Echo, 1950
- “Bulletin of Jewish News,” 1945-1946
- “Israelitikon Vima” / Jewish Tribune, 1945

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- 1) Holocaust – Observances
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- 1) Holocaust – Concentration Camps
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 - b. The Nazi murderers – Resolution of the members of the Jewish community of Larissa concerning the cessation of their procreation – Interview with Simon Wiesenthal
 - c. Concentration camps – Journal of the visit of the concentration camps (April 1993)
 - d. Cataloguing the Holocaust victims – Reparations
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- 2) Jews in the Resistance

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- b. Stavros Diamantis (correspondence – Stomio 1989)
- c. Observances in Zalvani Patras and Zakynthos
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