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Scope and Content: This collection contains reports, minutes, correspondence, and financial records relating to activities of the Central Consistory of the Standing Committee and the Public Cultural and Educational Organization of Jews in the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Included are lists of Jews who left Bulgaria for Israel and lists of Jews living in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Inventory:

Opis 1. Inventory includes material from 1945 through 1962

Reel 1:

I. STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

1. Minutes of the Central Consistory of the Jews Standing Committee. 1947
2. Minutes of the Central Consistory's Executive Committee.1948-1951.
3. Minutes of the Central Consistory's Executive Committee.1952-1954.
4. Minutes of the Central Consistory's Executive Committee.1955-1957.
5. Minutes of the Central Consistory's Executive Committee.1957-1962.

Reel 2:

6. Shorthand record of the Third Conference of Jewish Community Councils. 1948.
7. Reports and resolution from the Fourth Conference of Jewish Community Councils. 1949.
8. Reports and resolution from the Fifth Conference of Jewish Community Councils. 1952.
9. Circular letters from the Central Consistory of Jews in Bulgaria.1945-1953.
10. Circular letters from the Central Consistory.1948-1954.
11. Circular letters from the Central Consistory. 1954-1961.

Reel 3:

II. CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

12. Book of minutes of the society "ORT" (an organization for the promotion of industrial and agricultural labor among Jews. 1945-1948.
13. Book of minutes of the "ORT" society's management. 1948.
14. Book of minutes of the "ORT" committee. 1950-1951.

15. Correspondence between "ORT" and the Joint Distribution Committee, the Directorate for Professional Education and the Ministry of Industry and Trades about the activities of "ORT" in promoting professional education among Jews.
16. Minutes, pay-roll records, balance sheets, etc. to the assets of the "ORT" technical school. 1947-1949.
17. Monthly data and pay-roll records of the "ORT"s electro-technical high school in Plovdiv. 1948-1949.
18. Resolutions, data and letters in connection with the international organization "ORT." (In French and German). 1948.
19. Correspondence between the Central Consistory and the Jewish Community Council in Vidin on school matters. 1945-1946.

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24. Files of student recipients of scholarships from the Central Consistory. 1949

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25. Files of student recipients of scholarships from the Central Consistory. 1949.
26. Files of student recipients of scholarships from the Central Consistory.
27. Files of student recipients of scholarships from the Central Consistory.
28. Files of student recipients of scholarships from the Central Consistory.
29. Register of Jewish scholarship recipients and the amount of their scholarships.

Reel 6:

30. Documents concerning scholarship grants to students at the "S.M.Kirov"

technical school. 1953-1954.

31. Report on the activities of the pioneer camp "S. Friedman" in the village of Boykovo, Plovdiv region.

III. SOCIAL WELFARE

32. Minutes book of the central distribution committee "JOINT." 1945
33. Minutes of the central distribution committee "JOINT." 1945-1947
34. Correspondence between the central distribution committee of "JOINT" and the [local -- tr.n.] distribution committees around the country about the distributed aid to Jews. 1946- 1948
35. Ledger of the central distribution committee "JOINT." 1947
36. Accounting diary of the "JOINT" committee, volume I. 1947- 1948
37. Accounting diary of the "JOINT" committee, volume II. 1947-1948
38. Applications for the importation of machines through the "JOINT" committee. 1947-1948

Reel 7:

39. Monthly data of the central distribution committee "JOINT" concerning the granting of loans to producers' cooperatives. 1948
40. Lawsuits against producers' cooperatives around the country owing money to the central distribution committee the "JOINT."1949-1957
41. Lawsuits against producers' cooperatives around the country owing money to the Central distribution committee" JOINT."1949-1957
42. Reports, balance sheets and letters from the hat manufacturing producers' cooperative "Osvobozhdenie"- Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947

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43. Balance sheet, data and letters from ladies garments manufacturing producers' cooperative "Osvobozhdenie" - Sofia to the "JOINT" committee re. funds and equipment. 1947

44. Balance sheet and correspondence of producers' cooperative "Elektromontyor"
- Sofia with the "JOINT" constructive committee re. granting of funds and
equipment. 1947
45. Balance sheet and correspondence of producers' cooperative "Vat", Sofia
with the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
46. Letters from the glass- manufacturing producers' cooperative "Gebedje",
Varna to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
47. Letters from the shoe-manufacturing producers' cooperative "Iliya
Eherenburg", Varna to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
48. Letters and balance sheets from the furniture- manufacturing producers'
cooperative "Narodna Mebel"- Plovdiv to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
49. Balance sheets and letters from the clothing-manufacturing producers' cooperative
"Osvobozhdenie", Sliven to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment.
50. Balance sheets and letters from the tinsmith producers' cooperative "Osvobozhdenie"
- Stara Zagora to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
51. Balance sheets and letters from the tinsmith producers' cooperative "Sabetai
Kalderon" Yambol to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947
52. Balance sheets and letters from the shoe-manufacturing producers' cooperative
"Osvobozhdenie" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947-1948
53. Minutes, report and letters from the haberdashery producers' cooperative
"Osvobozhdenie" - Sofia to the "JOINT" committee re. funds and equipment. 1947
54. Balance sheet and letters from the umbrella- manufacturing producers' cooperative
"Svoboda" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947-1949
55. Balance sheets and letters from the tinsmith producers' cooperative "Osvobozhdenie"
to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1947-1948
56. Minutes and letters from the clothing-manufacturing producers' cooperative
"Georgi Dimitrov" - Pazardjik to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948
57. Balance sheet and letters from the optical producers' cooperative "Optika" - Sofia
to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948

58. Report and letters from the knitwear producers' cooperative "Trikotazh" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948
59. Balance sheet and letters from the brush-making producers' cooperative "Dimitar Blagoev" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948
60. Report and letters from the upholstery producers' cooperative "Narodna Mebel" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948
61. Balance sheets and letters from the tinsmith producers' cooperative "Suglasie" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1948
62. Minutes and letters from the precision-mechanics producers' cooperative "Osvobozhdenie" to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1949
63. Reports and letters from the paper-processing producers' cooperative "Balkan" - Sofia to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1949
64. Letters from the producers' cooperative "Emil Shekerdjiyski"-Pleven to the "JOINT" re. funds and equipment. 1956-1958

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65. Correspondence between the Central Constructive Committee "JOINT" with business representatives about the supply of machines for producers' cooperatives
66. Correspondence between the "JOINT" and the Employees Trade Popular Bank in connection with the granting of funds. 1948
67. Minutes, statements and decisions of the Supreme Court in connection with the lawsuits against the producers' cooperatives owing money to the "JOINT. 1952-1956
68. Citywide Committee for the Support of the Hagana's (the popular Jewish underground movement in Palestine -- tr.n.) register of cash received. 1948
69. Book of minutes of "OZE" (the Medico-Social Committee of the Central Consistory of Jews). 1948
70. Statements by Jews, foreign citizens, to the Inter- Allied Control Commission in Bulgaria concerning Jewish assets and the damages caused to them during the time of the Fascist regime. 1945-1946

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71. Turnover book of the Jewish public cooperative publishing house "Edinstvo." 1947-1949
72. Inventory book of the Jewish public cooperative publishing house "Edinstvo." 1946-1950
73. Minutes of the Jewish public cooperative publishing house "Edinstvo," sent to the Central Consistory. 1950

IV. FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

74. Cash-book of the Central Consistory. 1947-1949
75. Order book of the Jewish Hospital in Sofia. 1948
76. Title deeds in connection with the liquidated assets of Jewish community councils. 1948-1950
77. Minutes and letters from the Ministry of National Health and Social Welfare to the Central Consistory in connection with compensatory payments for the Consistory's real- estate property following the repeal of anti-Jewish laws. 1948-1950
78. Cash ledger of the Sofia Jewish Community Council, volume I. 1949
79. Cash ledger of the Sofia Jewish Community Council, volume II. 1949
80. Minutes, records, etc. in connection with the return to the Jewish Hospital in Sofia of its building and other property. 1950-1951
81. Quarterly reports (copies) sent by the Central Consistory to the State Planning Commission. 1950-1951
82. Minutes of financial inspections conducted at the Jewish public library "Emil Shekerdjiyski." 1951-1952
83. Minutes of the commission for the inspection of Jewish institutions in Sofia. 1952-1953
84. Collected reports of the Central Consistory to the State Planning Commission on the monetary revenues and expenditures of the Jewish population, the

financial planning, the registering of pay-rolls, etc.1952

85. Collected reports of the Central Consistory to (two illegible abbreviations) on the flow of the Consistory's basic funds, on the number of available personnel, on the revenues and expenditures of its State Social Security Fund; reports on the deductions and payments going into the State Social Security Fund, etc. 1953

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86. Register of the Central Consistory's buildings. 1960

V. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

87. Correspondence between the Central Consistory of Jews in Bulgaria and the World Jewish Congress about the granting of aid to Bulgarian Jews. 1944-1945
88. Correspondence between the Central Consistory and Jewish institutions in the United States, England, France, Poland, Romania, etc. in connection with celebrations, the management of property, medical care, etc. 1947
(In English and French)
89. Letters from the World Jewish Congress to the Central Consistory of Jews in Bulgaria about the holding of Jewish conferences in New York and Paris.1947
(In English and French)
90. Information about the Jewish population of Austria, Belgium, Germany, Romania, Switzerland, etc. in connection with the preparations for the international executive conference on the fight against anti-Semitism. 1947
91. Letters from the World Jewish Congress to the Central Consistory of Jews in connection with preparations for the World Jewish Congress' Second Session in Geneva and the Cultural Affairs Committee.
(In English and French)

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92. Letters from the World Jewish Congress to the Central Consistory concerning the sending of delegates to the World Jewish Council, the preparations for a second plenary session of the World Jewish Congress in New York, etc.
(In English and French)
93. Letters from the World Jewish Congress to the Central Consistory re. preparations for a World Jewish Congress session in London and the WJC statutes. 1948

(In English and French)

94. Official announcements from the Second Plenary Session of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland. 1948

95. Correspondence between the Medico-Social Committee of the Central Consistory of Jews in Bulgaria (OZE) and the international OZE committee concerning the practical activity of the OZE committee in Bulgaria, the relationship between the OZE committee and the "JOINT", etc. 1947-1948

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VI. COMMITTEE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

96. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on October 25, 1948 -- from No.1 to 4

97. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on October 25, 1948 -- from No. 5 to 8.

98. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on Nov. 8, 1948 -- from No. 9 to 14.

99. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on Nov.30, 1948 -- from No. 15 to 20.

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100. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on Dec. 11, 1948 -- from No. 21 to 23.

101. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on Dec. 11, 1948 -- from No. 24 to 27

102. Lists of Jews who left for Israel.

103. Lists of Jews who left for Israel.

104. Lists of Jews who left for Israel.

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105. Lists of Jews from Sofia who left for Israel.

106. Lists of Jews from Sofia who left for Israel.

107. Lists of Jews who left for Israel.

108. Lists of Jews from Sofia who left for Israel

109. Register of Jews who left for Israel.

110. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel. 1948- 1949

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111. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on January 15, 1949--from No.26 to 30.

112. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on January 15, 1949 -- from No.31 to 33.

113. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel during January of 1949 from No. 34 to 41.

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114. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on February12, 1949 -- from No.42 to 46.

115. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on March 9, 1949 -- from No.47 to 50.

116. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on May 9, 1949 -- from No. 51 to 54

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117. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on April 6, 1949 -- from No.55 to 59.

118. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel on April 6, 1949 -- from No. 56 to 60,
61, 62.

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119. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel -- from No. 65 to 68.

120. Group passports of Jews who left for Israel -- Nos.63, 64, 69.

121. List of Jewish men from Sofia who left for Israel during the period 1948-1949.

122. Statistical data on the Jews who emigrated from Bulgaria and on those who stayed
behind. 1948-1956

123. Lists of Jews living in Sofia. 1949

124. Minutes, letters, applications, licenses, lists, etc. of the Central Consistory's
Committee on Jewish Emigration. 1947-1948

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- 125. Licenses, lists, applications, letters addressed to the Committee on Jewish Emigration in connection with the emigration of Jews to Israel. 1948-1949
- 126. Registration cards of the Jewish Society for Asylum and Aid to Emigrants used in the search of Jews abroad.

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- 127. Minutes of the Central Jewish Commission within the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Workers Party (Communists -- tr. n.). 1945-1946
- 128. Statements in connection with the repeal of the anti-Jewish law, resolutions adopted by Jewish party (Communist -- tr. n.) conferences, letters in connection with the setting up of the Marx-Lenin School, etc., 1945-1947
- 129. Accountability reports of Jewish commissions affiliated with the regional committees of the Bulgarian Workers Party in Berkovitsa, Bourgas, Varna, Vidin, Karlovo, Kazanluck, Plovdiv, Haskovo, etc. Letters to the Central Jewish Commission within the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Workers Party in connection with the activity of Jewish communist organizations, etc. 1945-1947
- 130. Lectures delivered at the course organized by the Central Jewish Commission within the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Workers Party. 1945
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- 131. Shorthand minutes of the Second National Conference of Jewish Committees. 1946
- 132. Reports and notices to the Central Jewish Fatherland Front Committee. 1945
- 133. Book of minutes of the Central Committee of the United Democratic Youth. 1946-1947

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This inventory includes documents from 1963 to 1978

There are also documents from 1957 and 1962

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2. Reports and provision of information to the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party about the social and cultural-educational activity of the organization during the period 1971-1977.
3. Proposals to the State Council re. granting of state and government awards to organization activists during the period 1971-1977.

B. Conferences

4. Shorthand minutes, reports, accountability reports, resolution adopted at the Second Regular Conference of the organization on the activity of the organization and the election of leadership bodies -- June 22, 1962.
5. Shorthand minutes, reports, accountability reports, resolution adopted at the Third Regular Conference on the activity of the organization and the election of leadership bodies -- February 12, 1967.
6. Shorthand minutes, reports, resolution adopted at the Fourth National Conference on the activity of the organization and the election of leadership bodies -- March 5, 1972
7. Shorthand minutes, reports, accountability reports, resolution adopted at the Fifth National Conference on organization's activity and the election of leadership bodies -- February 22, 1977

C. Plenary Sessions

8. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1963 -- December 29, 1963.

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9. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1964 -- December 20, 1964.
10. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1965 -- December 26, 1965.
11. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1967 -- November 26, 1967.
12. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity

in 1968 -- February 21, 1969.

13. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1969 -- December 21, 1969.
14. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1970 -- December 13, 1970.
15. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1971 -- December 19, 1971.
16. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1972 -- December 17, 1972.
17. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1973 -- December 16, 1973.
18. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1974 -- September 15, 1974.
19. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1975 -- December 14, 1975.
20. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1976 -- February 26, 1977
21. Minutes and report of the plenary session devoted to the organization's activity in 1977 -- February 5, 1978.

D. Executive Committee

22. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period May 28, 1962 - July 10, 1964
23. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period June 14, 1962 - January 27, 1966
24. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period March 1, 1966 - May 3, 1968.

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25. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period June 12, 1968 - September 17, 1968 (?).

26. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period November 11, 1971 - January 11, 1974.

27. Minutes of the Central Leadership's Executive Committee sessions for the period March 19, 1974 - June 22, 1976.

II. CULTURAL -EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

28. Report on the cultural- educational activity of the organization in light of the report of the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, Mitko Grigorov, on the subject of the Party's ideological work -- January 7, 1963.

29. Shorthand minutes of the press briefing on the subject: "The Views of Bulgarian Jews on the Middle East Crisis and the Zionists' Provocations -- April 7, 1970

30. Minutes and report delivered at the expanded session of the Central Leadership on the subject: "In Accordance with the Requirements of Life and the Imperatives of the Times" -- May 5, 1974.

31. Shorthand minutes of the meeting with the organization' chairmen, secretaries and cultural-educational activists in connection with the decisions taken at the Sixth Plenum of the Bulgarian Communist Party's Central Committee -- September 25, 1976.

III. FINANCIAL-ACCOUNTING ACTIVITY

32. Annual budgets of the organization for the period 1960-1970.

33. Annual budgets of the organization for the period 1971-1977.

34. Annual budgets of the organization for the period 1968-1970.

35. Annual accountability reports for the implementation of the organization's budget for the period 1971-1978.