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Scope and content of collection

Fond 425 consists of records of several Jewish and Zionist organizations that were active in the Czech Republic from ca. 1930-1950, such as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), as well as records that were collected and used by the Czech secret police after 1950. The materials include information about the activities of Jewish communities in the Czech Republic; the Palestine Office established in Prague and Bratislava to facilitate the emigration and rescue of Jews; the records of the Central Committee of Zionists in Prague and Bratislava; records of the Jewish community in Prague 1942-1943; the records of several other Zionist and religious organizations in the Czech Republic 1947-1962 such as the Hashomer Hazair and Makabi; and the records of the Prague and Bratislava offices of the AJJDC 1948-1951. Includes also AJJDC Emigration Service case files of Jewish survivors for the years 1948-1949 seeking to emigrate from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The records include summary accounts of what happened to the applicants during the war, i.e. internment in ghettos and/or concentration camps. The case files also feature correspondence by the AJJDC offices in Prague and Bratislava with other AJJDC offices in Europe as well as other Jewish aid organizations. Also included are affidavits of

relatives living in the United States. Case files include mainly Czech, Slovak, Austrian, and Polish nationalities.

Administrative Information

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System of arrangement

The case files of Jewish emigrants cover last names beginning with the letters A through Z. The file structure consists of folders (452_1; 452_2; etc.) which contain individual case files (452_1_1; 452_1_2; 452_1_3; etc.). The case files are arranged in an alphabetical order. While the files are alphabetically arranged by first letter of last name, the order of names within each letter is not necessarily alphabetical.

Indexing terms

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.
World Hashomer Hatzair.
Gordonyah--Makabi ha-tsa'ir (Association)
Shomer-ha-tsa'ir be-Ts'ekhoslovakyah (Organization)
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Zionists--Czechoslovakia--Prague.
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Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Czechoslovakia. Czech Republic--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century. Slovakia--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century. Affidavits. Case files.

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