

**Konsulat Generalny Rzeczypospolitej w Londynie (A.42):
Polish Consulate General in London**

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Biographical Note

The Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, commonly known as Sikorski Institute, is a London-based non-governmental organization of the Polish minority in United Kingdom. It was created after the Second World War to preserve the memory of Polish armed forces in the West and their contribution to World War II, when the communist takeover of Poland made it hard and dangerous for many Poles to return home, and research and publication on those issues were banned or censored in the People's Republic of Poland. To that goal, the Sikorski institute, named after General Władysław Sikorski, has acted as a museum, archive and publishing house for much of Western Polonia, particularly with regards to Poland and Second World War issues.

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains selected records of the Polish Consulate General in London of the Polish Government in Exile relating to deprivation of the Polish citizenship 1938-1944, deserters (mainly Jews), passport matters, Polish citizens in foreign armies (Foreign Legion), policies towards Jews in different countries, major Jewish political and social organizations in UK. Includes list of recruits (many Jews), lists of Polish citizens including Jews interned or imprisoned by the British, copies of dispatches, correspondence with the Polish Jewish Refugee Found, correspondence with the Rabbi Union and the Council of Polish Jews in UK, the Federation of Polish Jews in UK and other Polish-Jewish organizations, refugees in Jamaica and India, statistics and name lists of refugees, the matter of citizenship, individual cases concerning Jewish recruits, applications for dismissal from the army, etc. The Consul General of the Polish Consulate General in London was Karol Poznański (1934-1945).

System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged thematically.

Indexing Terms

Rzeczpospolita Polska (Government-in-exiles)

Diplomatic and consular service, Polish -- Great Britain -- London -- History.
World War, 1939-1945 -- Poland -- Diplomatic history.

World War, 1939-1945 – Refugees -- Registers.
Jewish refugees – Jamaica -- History -- 20th century – Registers.
Jewish refugees – India -- History -- 20th century – Registers.
Diplomatic and consular service -- Registers.

Poland -- Foreign relations --1933-1945.

References

Guide to the Archives of the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, vol. I, compiled and edited by: Waclaw Milewski, Andrzej Suchcitz and Andrzej Gorczycki, Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, London 1985

Inventory:

File	Description
A.42.142	The matter of citizenship – essentials, 1939-1945 – correspondence Entire file for microfilming – ca 25 pages
A.42.143	The matter of citizenship. 1939-1945; almost entire the lists of people for whom the Consulate applied to deprive of the citizenship on the reason of avoiding the military service – a lot of Jewish names (the letter addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Entire file – ca 150 pages
A.42.144	Deprivation of Polish citizenship 1938-1944; many cases conc. the recruits; the list of March 1942 of the people whose matter of citizenship were finally settled and the list of motions conc. the deprivation of citizenship of the people avoiding the military service (a lot of Jewish names on both lists) Entire file, ca 100 pages
A.42.146	(Entire file save some dozen of documents of 1920 at the bottom of the file) Essential matters of passport and instructions: a/o refers to the applications for the foreign citizenship, matters of military service, consular passport control, actions of naturalization for people living in UK for a long period, secret marking of polish passports on the request of the Ministry of War of 1941 (they are confused due to the great number of Polish passports): the instructions were to be given to the clerks orally, 1939-1942. Entire file – ca 150 pages
A.42.148	Deportations of Polish citizens from UK and the note of Director Sokołowski with Rabbi M. Perlzweyg – the Chairman of the British Section of the World Congress of Jews – about the deportations of Polish Jews in 1938 /4 pages/

1939-1946.
Entire file – ca 20 pages

- A.42.161** Record of recruits 1939-1945, including the list of 1925 – 10 people with very detailed personal data (8 Jews)
Entire file – ca 50 pages
- A.42.163** Enlistment – the record file 1940-1941, only the correspondence, no lists.
Entire file, ca 50 pages
- A.42.170** Enlistment of physicians and dentists, 1943-1945 (various lists incl. some dozen of Jewish names)
Entire file – ca 30 pages
- A.42.174** Polish citizens in foreign armies, 1939-1945 (The Foreign league in France, French army in Glasgow, the British Army), correspondence and various lists of those soldiers quoting the units where the served (incl. many Jewish names)
Entire file – ca 50 pages
- A.42.186** Rabbis exempt from the military service 1943-1944
Entire file, ca 20 pages
- A.42.187** Lists of Poles interned or imprisoned by the British authorities of many reasons, since 1939 (incl. many Jewish names as well as Polish soldiers) – letters from various prisons
Entire file, ca 30 pages
- A.42.237** Jews 1935-1939; refers to refugees, the policy of other states towards Jews, transit of Romanian Jews through Poland in 1938, the matters of South Africa
Entire file, ca 150 pages
- A.42.238** Jews 1937-1938, a/o the Polish and Jewish statements conc. the matter of the Jewish emigration (45 pages) and the study: Major Jewish organizations, social and political (11 pages) and the letter of 1937 from the Ministry of foreign Affairs (top secret, attention to the executives of foreign offices) conc. the monitoring of anti-Polish declarations of Jews abroad, signed by W.T. Drymmer – Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Entire file, ca 100 pages
- A.42.239** Jews 1939-1944, matters of emigration, representation of Polish Jews in UK, incl. a/o the correspondence with Dr. Max Breslauer conc. the history of Jews in Poland (he is going to write a pamphlet), copies of dispatches, correspondence with Polish Jewish Refugee Fund, Council of Polish Jews in UK, “Ohel”, Agudas Israel World Org., a print: Message to the Jews of the Continent on the

Occasion of Rosh Hashanah, Association of Polish Rabbis, minutes of the session of Jan. 09, 1942 in the Presiding Office of the Council of Ministers conc. the attitude of Polish Government on Exile towards Jewish organizations in UK (6 pages), No 3 of Dec. 02, 1941 of the "Future" ("Przyszłość") periodical magazine dedicated to the matters of Jewry, several issues of the Bulletin of the Organization Committee for the Representation of Polish Jewry (1941) – containing the data about the existing organizations, individuals, the situation of Jews in England, etc. – a very good source of information, the letter of the Polish post in Mexico conc. the refusal of the visas for Jews, 1940, the letter from Ottawa conc. the arrival of Jewish children, 1940, the letter from the consulate in Cape-town to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conc. the research for the possibility of Jewish settlement in North Rhodesia.
Entire file, ca 250 pages

A.42.240 Jews – 1942-1944. Refers to the request of Rabbi Leon Szczekacz from USSR for advising many people that he needed help, information and correspondence with the Association of Rabbis of Great Britain /Agudas Harabonim/, correspondence with the Polish Jewish Council in UK, Federation of Polish Jews, Fellowship of Galician Jews, the list of Polish Jews transferred to the British Army of June 31, 1944, the Union of Jewish Former Combatants, Polish Jewish Refugee Fund
Entire file, ca 40 pages

A.42.241 Correspondence and the House of a Polish Jews "Ohel", inc. the report for 1942-1943 (a print), referring mainly to the matter of financing
Entire file, ca 40 pages

A.42.242 Correspondence of the Polish Consulate with the Federation of Polish Jews in Great Britain, objectives: to assist Polish Jewry Politically and Economically (associated to the Council of Polish Jews (established in 1915), L. Joskowicz chaired it in 1942, it grouped the following organizations: Association of Polish Rabbis, Association of Polish-Jewish Congregations, Polish-Jewish Centre, Polish-Jewish Students' Organization, Polish-Jewish Fellowship) and the Polish-Jewish Center 1939-1944 and Association of Jews, Polish Citizens in GB (chaired by A. Szyk (sic!), inaugurated on Nov. 05, 1939. The Resolution accepted on Nov. 05, 1939: "Jews, Polish citizens assembled on Nov. 05, 1939 in London declare: Together with the Polish Nation, with which we are linked by many century past and common fate, we will fight for the restoration of the free and independent Poland and release from the burden of its invaders who want to destroy the Polish State and change its inhabitants, both Poles and Jews, into a defeated mass deprived of rights") – conc. financial donations, various celebrations, principles of activity, etc.
Entire file, ca 70 pages

- A.42.358** Association of Technicians 1940-1944, the list of March 1944, 193 names, incl. Jewish from the Consulate Card File of the Social Welfare conc. the stating of their status towards military service, report of activity, 1941
Entire file, ca 40 pages
- A.42.364** Refugees on Jamaica 1942-1944, several dozen people, inc. Jews – correspondence.
Entire file, ca 20 pages
- A.42.365** Refugees in India – name list of Nov. 15, 1943 and the supplement of Jan. 31, 1944 – altogether 4,075 names: lists made out by the Deputy of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, quoted: first and last names, date and place of birth, names of the parents, address in Poland before the war, address in India (only few Jewish names).
Entire file, ca 100 pages
- A.42.368** Taking care of refugees 1939-1940 – correspondence, report ref. to the characteristic features of the refugees from Poland, and the like.
Entire file, ca 100 pages
- A.42.382** Refugees – statistics, name lists and the like. Two lists – altogether 2,000 people registered in the Job Office in London for Aug. 20, 1946 (also many Jewish names, inc. Szwartbart, Hemar and others); name lists of people who came to England on various ships in 1941 (also Edward Szturm de Sztrem), 2 lists of Polish refugees to Scotland (several hundred) of 1941, and other lists and correspondence quoting the refugees' personal data.
Altogether, ca 100 pages
- A.42.429** Essential matters conc. the citizenship 1936-1943: correspondence, legal acts, cases conc. soldiers in foreign armies, etc.
Entire file, ca 250 pages
- A.42.442** Hand copies of documents of 135 Polish prisoners (incl. Jews) informing about their death in KL Dachau after its liberation in January 1945.
Entire files, ca 137 pages
- A.42.463** Deutscher Izaak born in 1907 in Chrzanów, the Krakow province an economist and journalist, outstanding Trockist, Communist activist. There is, a/o a questionnaire for recruits of 1940 in the file, the diagnose of the medical commission acknowledging his depression and ability to the office work solely) and the call-up to the army, the Deutscher's letter with the request for dismissal from the military service and the refusal signed by the Consul, questionnaires conc. passports of 1939 and 1940, the secret letter to the Ministry of foreign Affairs to Consul Poznański of March 14, 1939 informing that

Deutscher will be deprived of the Polish citizenship on the first possible occasion as per the Law of March 31, 1938, Article 1, section A.

Entire file, ca 40 pages

- A.42.468** Fink Salomon, born in 1893 in Korobianiki near Krakow, director of a shareholding company (a photo), 1939-1940, refers to his citizenship and passport.
Entire file, ca 40 pages
- A.42.469** Frischer Emanuel, born in 1913 in Berlin (a photo), a student, 1937-1942, refers to his emigration to Australia.
Entire file, ca 80 pages
- A.42.470** Frydman Stanisław, born in 1894 in Konin, a lawyer, lived since at least 1912 in Berlin, then in London. The material refer mainly to the matter of liquidation of the property at the Insurance Society "Russia" (Rosja) in Warsaw, changing of the name to Osiakowski and the matter of inheritance, 1927-1932, incl. his old passport.
Entire file, ca 30 pages.
- A.42.473** Geiger Moses, born in 1906 in Śniatyń, the Stanisławów province, the merchant. Since 1935 on immigration. Documents of 1938-1939 conc. his visit to Śniatyń to collect the rest of his family and immigrate to Venezuela.
Entire file, ca 30 pages.

- A.42.478** Heller chaim, born in 1904 in Białystok.
To letters informing about his escape to Czechoslovakia in 1937, then his arrival in UK in 1939
Entire file – 2 pages for microfilming
- A.42.490** Kohn (Kon?) Adolf, born in 1902 in Winiary, a factory owner.
Various documents and letter conc., a/o avoiding the military service, he was also an honorary counselor of the Haiti post in Rome in 1940 (has got a diplomatic passport).
Entire file, ca 60 pages
- A.42.493** Kozielski Jan, born on April 24, 1914 in Łódź, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jan Karski), various documents ref. his pre-war work in the consulate, the reference of Ambassador Poznański.
Entire file, ca 20 pages
- A.42.498** Kutner Mordko, born in 1917 in Blaszk.
Two letters informing about his escape to Czechoslovakia (to avoid the anti-Semitic thread in Poland) and arrival in UK in 1939 (change the name to Vladimir Weiss)
Entire file, 2 pages
- A.42.500** Lebwahl Samuel, born in Lvov, the case as above, registered in London as Dezider Roth
Entire file, 2 pages
- A.42.503** Libenbaum Bejricha Bronisław, the case of 1935 (he was a lawyer; he worked as an intermediary between the consulate and people willing to run their errands.
Entire file, ca 30 pages
- A.42.508** Merkin Rubin, born in 1892
Merkin Rubin ur 1892 Sosnowiec i Leiser Juda /foto/, 1939-40 – dotyczy pozbawienia obywatelstwa ew. wydania paszportu,
Cała teczka ok. 30 stron
- A.42.514** Neuman Chaim Jakob, born in 1898 in Frysztak, the Lvov province (a photo) – the case of 928-1939, refers to the passport; he arrived to Germany in 1914; there are various original documents in the file.
Entire file, ca 80 pages
- A.42.542** Zaltzman Hirs (henry) from Lvov; refers to granting the passport of him as staying illegally in Romania, 1938
Entire file for microfilming, 4 pages
- A.42.549** Individual cases of Polish citizens, cases of people which explanation by the

Consulate, 1939-1945 (three first cases):

- the list of people avoiding military service for Feb. 10, 1942 (with the following data: date of birth, marital status, religion, the date of the recruitment commission, the date of a summon, address, remarks)
- Altogether 177 names, many Jews (ca 70%), 30 pages
- The case of Juda Katz (the call-up), ca 20 page
- The case of Stanisław Frydman, ca 20 pages

Altogether 70 pages for microfilming