

Collection of Documents from the German Consulates in Palestine (RG-67), 1842-1939

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Descriptive summary

Title: Collection of Documents from the German Consulates in Palestine (RG-67)

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Languages: German, English, Hebrew

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but may be stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access .

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Existence and Location of Originals: The original records are held by Israel State Archives (Ganzakh ha-medinah), 35 Mevor Haim St. Jerusalem, 91034. Israel; Phone: 011 972 2 5680680; Email: research@archives.gov.il. More information about this repository can be found at http://archives.gov.il/ArchiveGov_eng

Related Materials:

Alsberg, P. A. The Israel State Archives. Jerusalem: Israel Archives Association in cooperation with the Israel State Archives, 1991.
The German Consulates In Palestine, 1842-1939: Record Group 67. Jerusalem: Prime Minister's Office, State Archives, 1976.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing History: Aleksandra Borecka, June 2014.

Historical Note: The Prussian Consulate in Jerusalem was established in 1842. From 1868 it operated as the Consulate of the Norddeutsche Bund and during the years 1871-1913 as the Consulate - and since 1913 as the Consulate General-of the German Reich. In 1844 a German Consular Agency was established in Jaffa, which acted as a branch of the Consulate in Jerusalem. In 1870 the office in Jaffa was recognized as a Vice-Consulate. A professional consul was appointed in Jaffa in 1895 and the status of the office was altered accordingly to include jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. In Haifa a Consular Agency began functioning in 1877 which became a Vice-Consulate in 1908. With the conquest of Palestine by the Allied armies in 1917 the consulates were closed and German interests were handled by the Spanish Consulate. In 1924 a German Consular Representative was attached to the Spanish Consulate and in 1925 a German Consul for Palestine was re-appointed. The Consulate was closed in 1939 at the outbreak of World War II.

Scope and Content Note: Documents of German consulates in Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Haifa, including records of relations with the Ottoman authorities, tax matters, the acquisition of property, Jewish immigration, civil and criminal cases, representation of German interests by the Spanish Consulate (1917–1926), and a variety of other subjects. Collection reflects Germany's takeover of the Austrian Consulate in 1938.

System of Arrangement: The system of arrangement of the source repository has been preserved in the microfilmed reels. Arranged in seven series: 1. Consular and political affairs, 1842-1916 (167 files); 2. Records of relations with Turkish authorities, 1845-1916 (40 files); 3. German institutions, the Templer community, Jewish affairs, 1843-1916 (120 files); 4. Records of consular protection and jurisdiction, 1845-1917 (544 files); 5. Representation of German interests by the Spanish Consulate, 1916-1926 (80 files) 6. Consular and economic affairs, incl. files from the former Austrian Consulate, 1926-1939 (536 files); 7. Records of Jaffa Consulate, 1870-1917 (230 files), and Haifa Consulate, 1877-1918 (50 files). Note: Due to the poor physical condition of the original materials and at the request of the Israel State Archives, this collection was reproduced in its entirety.

Indexing terms

Israel. Ganzakh ha-medinah.
Diplomatic and consular service, German--Palestine--History--20th century.
Diplomats--History--20th century.
World War, 1939-1945--Diplomatic history.
Germany--Foreign relations--Palestine--History--20th century.
Palestine--Foreign relations--Germany--History--20th century.
Germany--Foreign relations--20th century.
Germany--Politics and government--20th century.
Europe--History--20th century.

CONTAINER LIST

Note: Published guide located in the USHMM Library:

The German Consulates In Palestine, 1842-1939: Record Group 67. Jerusalem: Prime Minister's Office, State Archives, 1976. [CD1237.5 .I85 1976]

Note:

Reels #196 and #198 missing and don't have electronic copies. Original reels and scans will be transferred at a later date as an accretion to this collection.

Reel # 2 exist only as original reel. Scans of this reel will be transferred at a later date as an accretion to this collection.

The digital images are arranged on the computer network by microfilm reel folders (not by DVD and/or CD). The original DVDs with the scans as listed below are being transferred together with the microfilm reels.

Concordance of Microfilm Reels and DVDs

DVD 1:

3.69 GB

Contains 8 CDs (CD 79 to 86)

CD 79 Reel 1(range from 0389500005- 0389501317), 3, 197 (continuation of CD 124)

CD 80 Reel 4, 5

CD 81 Reel 6

CD 82 Reel 7

CD 83 Reel 8

CD 84 Reel 9, 10, 11
CD 85 Reel 12
CD 86 Reel 13, 14

DVD 2:

4.23 GB
Contains 9 CDs (CD 87 and 87A to 94)
CD 87 Reel 15, 16
CD 87A Reel 17
CD 88 Reel 18, 19, 20
CD 89 Reel 21, 22
CD 90 Reel 23, 24, 25, 26
CD 91 Reel 27, 28, 29
CD 92 Reel 30, 31
CD 93 Reel 32, 33, 34
CD 94 Reel 35,36, 37

DVD 3:

3.97 GB
Contains 8 CDs (CD 95 to 102)
CD 95 Reel 38, 39, 40
CD 96 Reel 41, 42, 43, 44, 45
CD 97 Reel 70,71,72 (continuation of CD 104)
CD 98 Reel 46, 47, 48, 49
CD 99 Reel 50, 51, 52
CD 100 Reel 53, 54, 55
CD 101 Reel 56, 57, 58, 59, 60
CD 102 Reel 61, 62, 63, 64

DVD 4:

2.81 GB
Contains 6 CDs (CD 103 to 108)
CD 103 Reel 65, 66, 67, 68, 69
CD 104 Reel 73, 74 (Begins at CD 97)
CD 105 Reel 75, 76, 77
CD 106 Reel 78, 79
CD 107 Reel 80
CD 108 Reel 81, 82, 83

DVD 5:

3.47 GB
Contains 2 CDs (CD 110 and 111)
CD 110 Reel 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91
CD 111 Reel 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101

DVD 6:

2.83 GB

Contains 2 CDs (CD 112 and 113)
CD 112 Reel 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112
CD 113 Reel 113, 114, 115, 116, 117

DVD 7:

3.73 GB
Contains 2 CDs (CD 114 and 115)
CD 114 Reel 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
CD 115 Reel 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137

DVD 8:

3.45 GB
Contains 2 CDs (CD 116 and 117)
CD 116 Reel 138, 139, 140 (Reel 141 to 152 continues on DVD 9) and Reel 166, 167, 168, 169, 170 (Reel 160 to 165 continues on DVD 9, CD 118 and Reel 171 continues on DVD 9, CD 118)
CD 117 Reel 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 (Reel 150, 151, 152 are on DVD 10, CD 120)

DVD 9:

3.62 GB
Contains 2 CDs (CD 118 and 119)
CD 118 Reel 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 171 (Reel 166.....continues from CD 116, Reel 172.....continues CD 122)
CD 119 Reel 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 (this is a continuation from CD 116)

DVD 10:

4.07 GB
Contains 3 CDs 120, 122, 123 (CD 121 is non-existent)
CD 120 Reel 150, 151, 152 (continues on CD 117)
CD 122 Reel 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180 (this is a continuation from CD 118)
CD 123 Reel 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187

DVD 11:

3.59 GB
Contains 4 CDs 124,125,126,128 (CD 127 is non-existent)
CD 124 Reel 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193 (Reel 194,195 continue on CD 145)
CD 125 Reel 199
CD 126 Reel 200
CD 128 Reel 201, 202, 203, 204, 205

DVD 12:

2.14 GB
Contains 2 CDs 129 and 130
CD 129 Reel 206, 207, 208, 209
CD 130 Reel 210, 211 (continues on CD 141)

DVD 13: New DVD's

3.96 GB
Contains 4 CDs 129,130,139,140

CD 129 Reel 206, 207, 208, 209 (duplicate)
CD 130 Reel 210, 211 (continues on CD 141) (duplicate)
CD 139 Reel 236,237,238,239,240 (This is a continuation of CD 143) (Continues 241.... On CD 142)
CD 140 Reel 230,231,232,233 (This is a continuation of CD 142) (Continues 234..... on CD 143)

DVD 14:

3.72 GB
Contains 1 CD 141
CD 141 Reel 212,213,214,215,216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225 (This is a continuation of CD 130)

DVD 15:

3.60GB
Contains 1 CD 142
CD 142 Reel 226,227,228,229 (continues on CD 140), 241,242,243, 244,245,246,247,248,249,250,251,252,253

DVD 16:

3.34 GB
Contains 1 CD 143
CD 143 Reel 234,235,(This is a continuation of CD 140) (Continues 236.... On CD 139)
254,255,256, 257,258,259,260,261,262,263,264, 265,266,267,268

DCD 17:

3.07 GB
Contains 2 CDs 144,145
CD 144 Reel 269,270,271,272,273,274,275,276,277,278,279,280,281,282,283,284,285
CD 145 Reel 194,195 (this is a continuation of CD 124)