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Administrative history

Almost the entire historical archives of the Jewish community in Thessaloniki (Salonika) was lost in the fire of 1917. During World War II, the Germans partially destroyed the community's remaining archives and brought parts of the archival holdings to Berlin. After the war, the archival holdings were further dispersed among several countries: the large archival component in Berlin was seized as spoils of war by the Red Army and taken to Moscow; additional Salonika holdings were bundled up by the surviving members of the Jewish community and transferred to the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Israel; one small Salonika component collection was shipped from Germany to the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York as part of a post-war cultural preservation effort. A couple of registry books ended up at the National Archives in Prague, Czech Republic as part of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt collection, while a core component of the community archives remained in Greece.

References

The Museum Archives holds various records of the Jewish Community Thessaloniki:
RG-11.001M.51, Records of the Jewish Community of Salonika, Greece (Fond 1428), 1926–1942.
RG-45.002M, Thessaloniki Jewish Community Records, 1939-1945.
RG-45.011, Archives of the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki, 1943-1990.
RG-67.018M, Records of the Jewish Community of Salonika, Greece, 1912-1954.
RG-48.018M, Reichssicherheitshauptamt (Unprocessed Appendix: Records from Greece), 1889-1934.
RG-45. 018, Selected Records from the State Archives in Thessaloniki, Greece, 1912-1968.

Scope and content of collection

Records of the Jewish community in Thessaloniki (Salonika), Greece, 1882 to 1941. The collection consists of minutes, legal ordinances, correspondence, books of debtors, ledgers of accounts, various bank documents, statistics, census, newspapers, and private papers relating to Jewish community meetings, cooperation with other Jewish communities in Greece and abroad, financial operations, real estate and construction, religious affairs, family status (birth, marriage and death records, genealogy, etc. 1882-1940), education and culture, welfare and health, Jewish organizations and Zionist movement, family affairs, and confiscation of Jewish files by the Germans.

System of arrangement

Arranged in the following series: 1. Official and legal ordinances and correspondence; 2. Finances; 3. Real estate and construction; 4. Religious affairs; 5. Family status (birth, marriage and death records, genealogy, etc. 1882-1940); 6. Education and culture; 7. Welfare and health; 8. Greek Jewish organizations including Zionist organizations; 9. Papers and documents of the private families; 10. Correspondence regarding confiscation of files by the Germans.

Indexing terms

Corporate Name:

Alliance israélite universelle.
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.
Bikur Holim.
Jewish National Fund.
Kentriko Israēlitiko Symvoulío tēs Hellados
Keren Hayesod.
Wizo.

Genre/Form:

Census.
Certificates.
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence.
Decrees.
Memorandums.
Minutes.
Notebooks.
Ordinances.
Photographs.
Registers.
Reports.
Telegrams.

Geographic name:

Greece--Ethnic relations--History--20th century.
Greece--History--Occupation, 1941-1944.
Thessalonikē (Greece).

Topical Term:

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