

Magen David Adom and Ben Zion Patkin Records

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Custodial History

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Biographical Note

The Magen David Adom (Red Star of David) is an organization established by nurse Karen Tenenbaum in 1930, it was a volunteer association with a single branch in Tel Aviv. After opening branches in Jerusalem and Haifa, it was extended nation-wide five years later, providing medical support to the public including not only Jews, but Arabs (Muslim, Druze, and Christian). Benzion Patkin collected records of the Magen David Adom in Australia. Patkin was a Zionist pioneer in Melbourne and organizer of the migration to Eretz Israel of one hundred and fifty Dunera internees from the Tatura Internment camp, 1941-1943.

Scope and Content of Collection

Contains records of the Magen David Adom (a "Jewish Red Cross" founded in Tel Aviv in 1930 as a First Aid Society) collected by Benzion Patkin. Includes annual reports, correspondence, newspapers, and photographs and relates to the Magen David Adom assistance to Palestine, and to Jews in Europe and Shanghai.

Indexing Terms

Patkin, Benzion

Magen David adom.

Jewish refugees--Australia--History--20th century.

World War, 1939-1945 - Refugees.

Concentration camps - Australia.

Photographs.

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)

Correspondence.

Annual reports.

Reference

Benzion Patkin. The Dunera internees. Stanmore, N.S.W. : Cassell Australia, 1979.

Inventory:

Reel	File	Description
1		BZ8 Folders 1-3
	Folder 1:	Magen David Adom 25 th (1970-71) 27 th (1972-73) Annual Reports, correspondence relating to assistance to Palestine, assistance to Jews in Europe.
	Folder 2:	Magen David Adom Interstate, New Zealand, correspondence regarding assistance to Palestine, 1945-48, funds to Jewish refugees in Shanghai, requests for funds, report on activities in Palestine.
	Folder 3:	Magen David Adom correspondence 8/3/41-7/12/45: assistance to Palestine and Europe, reports "Jewish Relief Work and Magen David Adom," "Relief to Jews in Europe."
2		BZ8 Folders 4-6
	Folder 4:	Magen David Adom Correspondence, B-I, 1941-46
	Folder 5:	Magen David Adom Correspondence, J-Q, 1940-198
	Folder 6:	A Jewish War Effort Circle, Melbourne 5 th Annual report 1945, correspondence 10/10/1940-16/12/1947
3		BZ9 Folders 1-2
	Folder 1:	Magen David Adom correspondence 1941-45, Interstate, Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand: funds for Palestine, collecting clothing & food for Palestine, correspondence regarding support.
	Folder 2:	Magen David Adom correspondence, 1941-1948
4		BZ9 Folders 3-4
	Folder 3:	Magen David Adom Correspondence, Israel 1946-49: medical supplies to Palestine, reports on activities in Palestine and Europe, appeal for intervention on behalf of refugees on Exodus, relief to refugees in Cyprus, statements of account.
	Folder 4:	Magen David Adom Correspondence, 1946-1940: reports on activities in Palestine and Europe, cables, correspondence.

