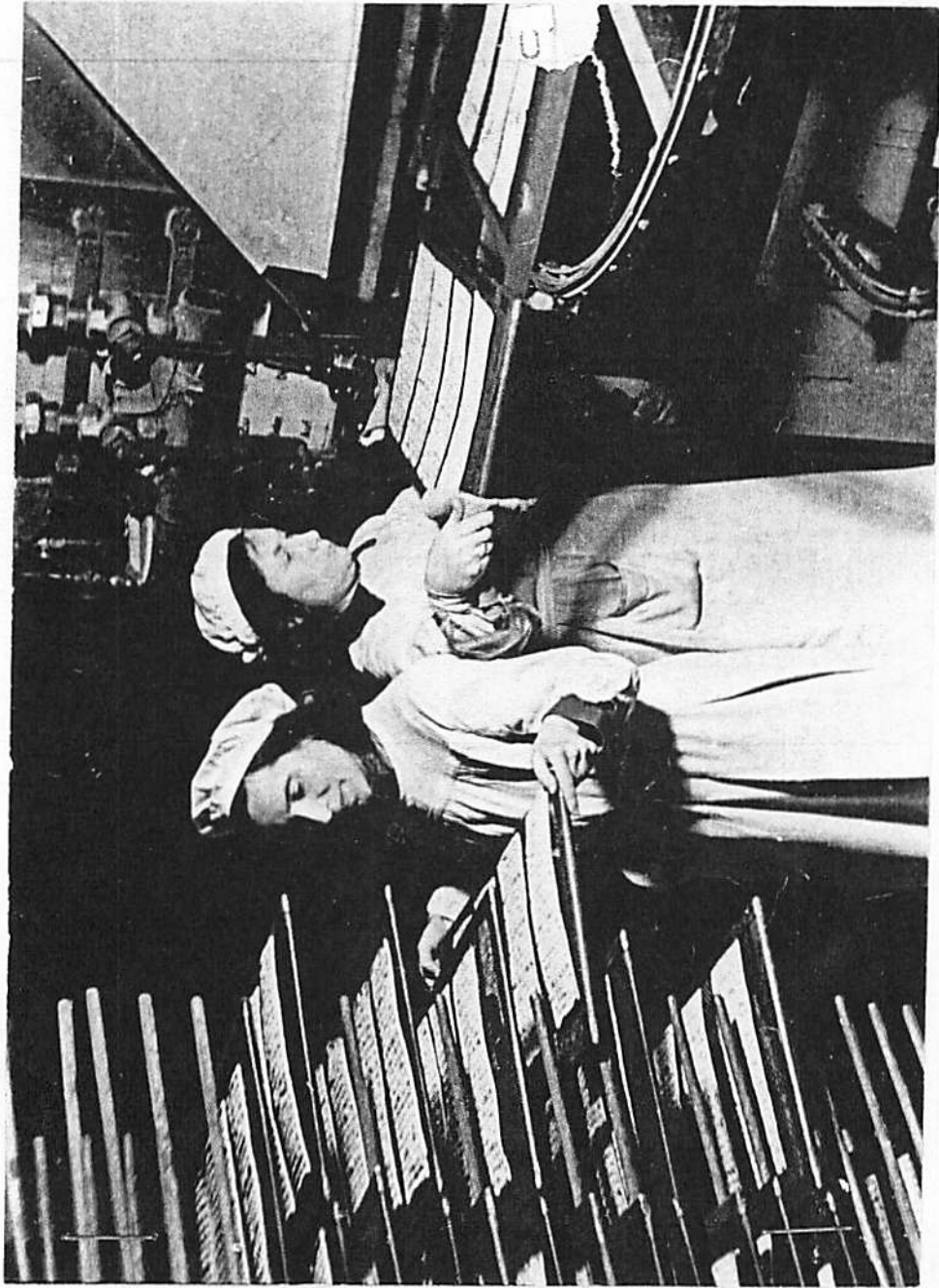


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PREPARING FOR PASSOVER IN BERLIN

35,000 pounds of matzos are being baked in Berlin for distribution to the Jews of Berlin and nearby communities. This is the Saroth-Fabrik Bakery, the largest in Germany which was closed by the Nazis for ten years when the baking of unleavened bread was banned by official edict. Now the factory is running full blast. In order to accumulate supplies for the coming Passover holiday, the matzos will be purchased and distributed by the Joint Distribution Committee, which is furnishing more than 2,000,000 pounds of matzos and other Passover foods to suffering Jews.

419 1943 - 1944

The JDC grant of \$10,000 enabled 2,000 refugees in Switzerland to celebrate Passover holidays outside of camps, 4/7/43. The JDC shipped 200,000 lbs of matzos for refugee communities overseas, the bulk going to Russia via Teheran, 4/16/43. The JDC allocated \$50,000 for special Passover aid, 3/28/44, & increased it to \$100,000, 4/13/44. Canadian Jews contributed to the JDC \$28,775 for Passover relief (Note: Jewish population of Canada 175,000), 4/26/44, & Mexican Jews contributed \$4,685 (Jewish population 20,000), 6/1/44.

Corresp: W.M. Baum, H.K. Buchman, O. Gurfinkel, S. Hayes,  
J.C. Hyman, M.A. Leavitt, C. Passman, R. Pilpel,  
L.H. Sobel, Z. Wojciechowska.

420 Mohoth Chitim Campaign, 1941 - 1944

In Feb. 1941, the Council of Fraternal & Landsmannschaften Organizations launched a campaign to provide matzoth & other Passover necessities to war-stricken communities in Central & Eastern Europe. The JDC agreed to advance moneys needed for purchases in anticipation of collections, & to administer the distribution. In addition, the JDC made an independent allocation for matzoth in the sum of \$70,000. The Council raised about \$85,000 in campaign funds, all told.

From 1942 - 1944, landsmannschaften contributions fell off sharply because the UJA Agreements for those years required that contributions from the U.S. to constituent organizations should all be turned over to the UJA for administration. Contributions from abroad (Canada, Mexico, Latin America) continued to go directly to the JDC, as theretofore.

1941 - 1944

Distribution of Landsmannschaft Funds for Passover Relief During 1941, 1/22/42.

Corresp: H.C. Bernstein, H.K. Buchman, J.C. Hyman,  
M.A. Leavitt, M. Ogust, A.H. Silver, E.M.M. Warburg.

421 - 429 Polish Refugees in Russia (Teheran)

Near the close of 1941, the JDC began to send medical, surgical, pharmaceutical & food supplies (\$100,000) for non-sectarian distribution to Polish refugees who were living in exile in Asiatic Russia. They included 300,000 Jewish refugees, 80% of them from Poland, estimates indicated, see below: File 425, 2/10/44, 5/10/44 JTA news release. The supplies were shipped in Russian transports, gratis & duty free, & distribution was conducted via the Polish Embassy at Kiubyshev & the Polish Red Cross. The aid became possible by the terms of the Agreement signed on 7/20/41 between the Polish Government-in-Exile & the Soviet Government, & it continued until April 1943 when Stalin suspended diplomatic relations with the Poles.

SUBJECT MATTER (cont'd)  
Relief supplies (cont'd)

1933/44  
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Corresp: H.K. Buchman, D.B. Hurwitz, M.A. Leavitt,  
L. Margolis, J.W. Pehle, R. Pilpel,  
M.P. Schauffler, J.J. Schwartz.

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Matzoth

During W.W. I & in the immediate aftermath, the JDC aided Jews in war-torn Europe with matzoth & matzo meal. In the 1920's & the 1930's, it helped to provide Passover supplies only to Jews in the USSR & Poland & then on but a limited scale. But in 1940, the JDC allocated some \$208,000 for the shipment of matzos to Nazi occupied countries in Eastern & Central Europe. In 1941, the JDC allocated \$75,000, in supplement to some \$85,000 for Passover supplies raised via the Council of Fraternal & Landsmannschaften Organizations. Thereafter, the spreading of the war curtailed shipments to occupied countries. In 1942, under the Agreement between the Polish Gov't in Exile & the USSR, the JDC shipped 120,000 lbs of matzos to Polish-Jewish refugees in the USSR, via its office in Teheran, & a greater amount followed in 1943.

In the final war years, Passover supplies were also shipped from the U.S. to refugees in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Dutch Guiana, Haita, Jamaica, Trinidad & Portugal, in the main.

General, 1933 - 1944

Corresp., memos, reports, addenda.

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1933 - 1940

Reports: JDC Matzo Action in 1940, S.B. Jacobson, 4/28/40(2). Receipt & Distribution of Matzos from Abroad, D. Guzik, 5/3/40 attachment to 5/19/40. Pesach Relief Action Rumania, M. Ussoskin, 9/19/40 attachment to 10/10/40.

Corresp: C. Adler, H.K. Buchman, Ch. O. Grodzienski, J.C. Hyman, S.B. Jacobson, B. Kahn, H. Katzki, E.M. Morrissey, M.C Troper.

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1941

Greater N.Y. Campaign of the UJA resolved that funds raised in Mohoth Chitim Campaign (see: File 420) should be turned over to the JDC as earmarked funds & not to the general UJA campaign, 3/24/41. The UPA took exception to the decision, 5/9/41, 5/20/41, 6/9/41, 6/27/41.

Corresp: H.K. Buchman, M.A. Leavitt, M. Ogust, R. Pilpel, A.H. Silver, M. Stephany, E.M.M. Warburg.

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1942

Matzoth distribution in France Passover 1942, 6/10/42.

Corresp: B. Kahn, H.K. Buchman, J.C. Hyman, M.A. Leavitt, J. Rosenheim, J.I. Schneersohn, S. Wojciechowska.



Corresp: C. Adler, P. Baerwald, S. Bero, B. D. Bogen, M. Engelman, H. Fischel, A. Horwitz, B. Kahn, L. Kamaiky, E. M. Morrissey, A. Teitelbaum, F. M. Warburg, P. Wiernik  
Also see: Campaigns, CRC, File 67

- 121 - 121a Reports (CRC)
- 121 Cultural appropriations & institutions aided, monthly & annual, with many gaps, 1921 - 1931
- 121a Loeb & Troper Audit Reports, CRC Cult. Activities  
 Dec. 1, 1920 - Dec. 31, 1927  
 Dec. 31, 1926 (Annual)
- 122 People's Relief Comm. (PRC)  
 Corresp., memos, reports, addenda, 1921 - 1932  
 Fin. statements, tables, appropriations, reports, 1921 - 1924, 1927, 1931.  
 Corresp: C. Adler, P. Baerwald, I. B. Block, J. C. Hyman, A. Kahn, W. J. Mack, E. M. Morrissey, B. Zuckerman  
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- Education, see: Cult. & Rel.
- Foundation, JDC see: Recon.
- Housing, see: Recon.
- 123 - 128 Landsmannschaften Bureau
- The Bureau encouraged Landsm. to forward funds to their native towns, via the JDC, in support of functional activities, or for the purchase of food packages or matzoth.
- 123 - 124 General, 1921 - 1924  
 Corresp., reports, memos, addenda
- 123 1921 - 1922
- 124 1923 - 1924  
 Corresp: P. Baerwald, B. D. Bogen, M. Engelman, B. Kahn, M. Lewis, A. Lucas, W. J. Mack, E. M. Morrissey, I. M. Naischtut, F. C. Page, J. N. Rosenberg, F. F. Rosenblatt, D. J. Schweitzer, L. L. Strauss, F. M. Warburg, P. Wiernik.  
Also see: Lands. Comm., File 32
- 125 Landsmannschaften Lists  
 Cities in receipt of Landsm. remittances  
 Officials of U. S. Landsm. societies  
 Landsm. funds deposited with JDC, 1922 - 1924
- 126 - 128 Landsmannschaft Remittances

(Corresp.: Dr. Boris D. Bogen, Fulton Brylawski, Ab. Cahan, A. L. Creange, Leo Gerstenzang, Dr. Julius Goldman, Isidore Hershfield, Edward Rosenblum, Prof. D. Simonsen),  
see also: JDC ADM., Comm. on Food, Clothing and Transportation;  
Geographical Listing: AUSTRIA, GERMANY, GREECE, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, PALESTINE, POLAND, RUSSIA, SIBERIA, TURKEY, YUGOSLAVIA/Monastir

102. Clothing  
see also: AUSTRIA, HUNGARY (shoes for children); LITHUANIA, PALESTINE, POLAND, RUMANIA, SIBERIA, YUGOSLAVIA/Monastir
103. Food (Drafts and Packages) in cooperation with the ARA  
see also: Geographical Listing, Rel. S. (for distribution of food supplies, public kitchens, shipments): AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GERMANY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, PALESTINE, Rel. S., Food; POLAND, Rel. S., Food; RUMANIA, RUSSIA, TURKEY; and General: DANZIG, EGYPT, GREECE, HUNGARY
104. Food, Kosher  
Hechshers by rabbis; shipments, appeals and purchase  
see also: GERMANY, Rel. S.; POLAND, Rel. S., Food
- 105. Food, Matzoths (and Matzoth Flour)  
Appeals, purchase, shipments, distribution  
see also: General; JDC ADM., Comm. on Matzoths; ---, on Food, Clothing and Transportation; ---, on Purchasing; Geographical Listing: EGYPT (matzoths for refugees); GERMANY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, PALESTINE, POLAND File #23  
-1920-21
- Medical Supplies, see: General; MED.-SAN.; ABYSSINIA, POLAND, RUSSIA
- 106.-108. Shipments:
106. Ships: A-L  
SS AIRLIE (for Poland 6-20-19), see: General  
SS ARGENTINA (for Vienna 9-21-20 via Trieste)  
SS ASHBURN (kosher meat for Poland 6-1919); see also: General 12-19-19  
SS BELVEDERE (for Vienna 2-10-20; 7-15-20 via Trieste)  
SS BIRD CITY (for Poland 4-27-20 via Danzig); see also: General  
SS BLAIR (for Constantinople 3-4-20); see also: General (2-27-20); TURKEY, Rel. S. (2-27-20)  
SS BOSANKA (for Vienna 7-5-20 via Trieste)



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- "Caesar" U. S. Collier see: Refugees (American Citizens)  
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- "Des Moines" U. S. Cruiser see: Refugees (American Citizens)  
Deported from Palestine Folders 82(3)
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Germany and part 6, Belgium, Antwerp Folders 72; 101.  
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70. Orphans and Orphanages also see: part 6, Poland, Children and  
Education Folder 132
71. Prisoners of War, General
72. Prisoners of War in Austria and Germany (from Russia)
73. Prisoners of War in Bulgaria (from Rumania)
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and Germany)
- ~~Prisoners of War in Italy~~
75. Prisoners of War in Siberia, Russia (from Austria, Germany and the  
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- Prisoners of War, Organizations for Relief
76. Committee for the Relief of Prisoners of War, Rumanian  
Section of the Red Cross in Berne, Switzerland
77. Committee for the Relief of Russian Jewish Prisoners of  
War, Geneva, Switzerland
78. Friends of Jewish Prisoners of War, The Hague, The  
Netherlands
79. Jewish Committee for Relief of Prisoners of War in  
Germany and in Austria, Lausanne, Switzerland
80. Red Mogen David, Lucerne, Switzerland
81. Rabbis, General also see: part 6, Russia, Rabbis Folders 147  
Rabbis (refugees) in Alexandria see: part 1, Committee of Six,  
June 14, 1916, p. 6 Folder 4  
Rabbis (refugees) in Austria see: part 1, JDC Representative  
Committees Overseas, Committee in Vienna, April 15, 1916, pp. 6-7  
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Correspondence on some refugees