



Claims Conference ועידת התביעות
The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

International Shoah Archivists Working Forum

Participant Information

General Information

Name and address of institution/archive:

Hadassah Archives
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New York, NY 10011-6301

[Susan Woodland, Archivist]

Internet address of web site, if applicable:

www.hadassah.org

Brief description of archival collecting scope in regard to the Holocaust (please indicate any focus on specific geographic areas, topics, or time periods):

We hold the papers documenting Hadassah's work with Youth Aliyah, c. 1933-1980's. The material was processed in the 1980's and a typewritten finding aid was published. Focus in on the correspondence and reports generated in the national office of Haddasah, correspondence with Henrietta Szold in Jerusalem, and the development, maintenance and funding of youth villages in Palestine/Israel.

Microfilming and Digitization

Total estimated number of pages of Holocaust-relevant archival records (for purposes of estimating, please assume that 1 meter=10,000 pages and 1 foot=3,000 pages):

66,000 pages (includes photographs)

Estimated number of pages of original records:

Estimated number of pages of these original records that have been microfilmed:

0

Estimated number of pages of these original records that have been digitized:

0

Estimated number of pages of records microfilmed and/or duplicated from elsewhere:

Estimated number of pages of these records microfilmed and/or duplicated from elsewhere that are on microfilm:

0

Estimated number of pages of these records microfilmed and/or duplicated from elsewhere that have been digitized:

0

Conservation of Individual Items of Particular Significance

If there are specific original archival materials in your collection that are of major historical significance and of exceptional intrinsic value that are in urgent need of conservation, please list them:

Bound letters of Henrietta Szold (compiled and edited by Zena Harmon), 2 sets; other correspondence of H. Szold c. 1934-1944 during her position with Youth Aliyah in Jerusalem. Also, some files of correspondence with the office of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft, 1933-, largely with Eva Stern.

If you know of specific original archival materials in collections other than your own that are of major historical significance and of exceptional intrinsic value that are in urgent need of conservation, please list them:

Acquisitions

If your archive is actively acquiring Holocaust-relevant archival records, please briefly describe your acquisitions program, including an estimate of the average number of pages acquired annually and the sources for such acquisitions (private donors, other repositories, etc.):

If your archive has an exchange program with other archives, please briefly describe it:

Does a list of your institution's microfilming and other acquisitions projects already completed and/or currently in progress exist? If so, in what form is it and how can it be accessed?

We have a typed, printed finding aid completed in 1983 by L.D. Geller, "The Archives of Youth Aliyah [in the Hadassah Archives]".

Cataloging

Briefly describe your current cataloging practices:

44 Boxes in our RGI Youth Aliyah Record Group were organized twenty years ago and a typed finding aid was prepared. More than 50 document boxes have been added to the collection since then (most, but not all, dealing with post-Holocaust Youth Aliyah), but never processed. Nother is currently being catalogued. My plan for this summer is to take the existing finding aid, in its current form, and convert it to electronic form and add to our archives database (accessible through the Hadassah website (www.hadassah.org) – no Youth Aliyah files are currently listed in the database.

Estimated proportion of Holocaust-related collections in your archive that are already adequately cataloged and in what language(s):

90%. Mostly English, some German.

Has your archive developed a controlled vocabulary for the cataloging of its collections? If so, please describe briefly. If not, please explain:

Not that I am aware of (cataloging was done 20 years ago).

Are the cataloging records accessible in an electronic format? If so, are they accessible to the public (if the electronic catalog is available on the Internet, please provide the Internet address)?

Perhaps by this summer – see above.

Is there more detailed information such as finding aids, survey notes, or other descriptive tools available for the collections in your archive? If so, please describe (if available on the Internet, please provide the Internet address; if not available on the Internet, please attach an example). Is such more detailed information available to the public?

The finding aid was widely distributed in 1983 to libraries and archives.

Accessibility

Briefly describe your current policies regarding access to your collections.

Located at the Center for Jewish History, the Hadassah Archives are open to qualified researcher and scholars.

Does your archive duplicate archival collections for other repositories? If so, please explain under what circumstances: