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*Toledano*, Rabbi of Tel-Aviv—Yafo and Minister of Religious Affairs. The material includes documents and fragments of Pinkassim on the history of the Jews in *Morocco* and *Erez Israel*, during the 19th and 20th centuries. — The second part of the archives of *Rabbi Raphael Abbo*, Ramat-Gan, was received by the Central Archives, including letters from “Otzar ha-Torah” in *Morocco*, his private correspondence and documents. — Additions to the private archives of *Rabbi David Zabab* of *Rabat* (Morocco) were received, 1899-1915. — The Central Archives acquired a collection of documents of the *Padoa* family from Modena, 1754-1924. — The Archives received a collection of letters from *Rabbi Menahem Hakohen Dweik*, who lived in Damascus, *Acre*, end of 18th — beginning of 19th century. — The Archives obtained a collection of letters addressed to *Rabbi Joseph Hayyim Sonnenfeld*, Jerusalem, from Europe and the United States, 1922-1928. — “Yad Vashem” donated the bibliographical card-index on the history of the Jewish communities, prepared by Dr. Baruch Ophir for the “Pinkas Hakehillot” (126,000 cards). — Mr. Heinz Freudenthal, Stockholm, sent the Central Archives the remnants of the private archives of his father, *Rabbi Max Freudenthal*, Nuremberg. — *Prof. B. Dinur*, Jerusalem, transferred to the Archives further parts of his private archives. — Dr. Kurt Grunwald, Jerusalem, handed over to the Central Archives additions to the private archives of his father, *Rabbi Dr. Max Grunwald* and to the *Baron M. Hirsch* collection. — *Prof. E. Lazarus-Jaffe*, Jerusalem, presented the Archives with the remnants of the private archives of her father, *Rabbi Dr. Paul Lazarus*, Wiesbaden-Haifa. — From Mrs. Ruth Kisch-Arndt, Brooklyn-Jerusalem, additional files belonging to her late husband, *Prof. Bruno Kisch*, were received. — Mr. S. Broches, Jerusalem, added further material to the *S. Broches and Dr. Hannah Minz (Broches) Collection* on the history of American Jewry. — Through the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem, the private archives of *Gershon Swet*, New-York, were received, containing mainly his articles in various newspapers, press-cuttings and private correspondence. — The Office of the President of the State of Israel handed over a photograph of the birth-certificate of *Moses Hess*, dated 22.1.1812. — *Prof. Daniel Carpi*, Tel-Aviv, gave the Archives further papers belonging to the *Carpi* family archives (Italy). — The Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem, transferred documents relating to the *Zappert* family in *Prague*, including copy of a will, 1792-1815. — Dr. Israel Klausner, Jerusalem, sent to the Archives further documents on the history of the *Wilno* community. — Mr. Shimon Esh, Kvuzat Sa’ad, sent the Central Archives photographs of several papers of the *Eschwege* family, 1875-1939.

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as well as deeds about the property-rights of a house in *Mogador* given to "The Hekdesh of Tiberias". 1884-1902 and 40 deeds and registers of deeds concerning right on land of the *Attiya* family in *Fes* from 1822-1949.

#### *Poland*

Mr. Shimon Abramski, London, sent the Archives a certificate of sale of a pew in the synagogue of *Lwów*, signed by the Chief of the Rabbinic Court, 1784. — The Organization of Former Members of the Community of Pinsk, Tel-Aviv, courtesy of Mr. Y. Boneh, Jerusalem, sent further material on the history of the *Pinsk* community. — Through the Jewish Public Library in Montreal, Rabbi L. Hechtman, Montreal, sent a photocopy of the list of deceased of the "Beth Ya'akov Brotherhood of Hide-Dealers", *Wilno*, 1926.

#### *Rumania*

The Archives acquired the minute-book of the community of *Târgul-Lapush*, 1923-1940.

#### *Russia*

Dr. Bernard Homa, London, sent the Archives a note-book of a timber-merchant from 1877-1883, containing the distribution of money to orphans, as well as a photograph of the synagogue in *Leningrad*. — His Excellency, President S. Shazar, gave the Archives a special issue of the periodical "Das Leben", Petersburg, 1905, received from Mr. E. Berger, Johannesburg, containing photographs of the victims of the pogroms, both wounded and killed, including members of the Jewish Self-Defence of *Odessa*.

#### *South Africa*

Mr. Gideon Shimoni, who stayed in South Africa for research purposes, arranged for the microfilming of the minute-books of the "South-African Jewish Board of Deputies", *Johannesburg*, 1903-1969. This project was carried out in cooperation with the "Board" (over 13,000 frames). Mr. Shimoni also brought the Archives summaries of debates on Jewish affairs held in the South African Parliament in the years 1945-1969.

#### *Turkey*

The Archives acquired the register of the Rabbinical Court in Istanbul, 1839-41; a document on the repairs of the houses belonging to the Galata (*Istanbul*) community, 1835 with additions till 1875; as well as bills, documents and accounts from the *Izmir* community for the years 1807-1906.

#### *USA*

The Archives acquired a deed of sale regarding land in the *State of New Jersey* by Jacob Isaacs and partners, New York, 1750 (parchment).

#### *Yemen*

Marriage contracts were acquired from several communities, including *San'a*, 1870-1948.

#### *Private Archives and Collections*

Mrs. Jamila Sudri and Mrs. Alisa Cohen, Tel-Aviv, deposited in the Central Archives the remnants of the private archives of their late father, *Rabbi Ya'akov Moshe*

1943. Among the documents are also remnants of archives from the communities of *Cavalla* (1897-1938), *Comotini* (1914-1941) and *Xanthi* (1913-1938). —

Mr. Joseph Maza, *Joannina*, kindly photographed in the National Museum there the minute-book of the community, 1900-1927, as well as a volume of liturgy by Aaron Shmuel, which includes also some genealogical data from the years 1682-1701. — Mr. Menashe Cohen, *Chalkis*, sent the Archives photographs of tomb-stone inscriptions from the Jewish cemetery of *Chalkis*. — Mr. Daniel Alhanatis, Athens, donated a collection of photostats of statutes and ordinances concerning the legal status of the Jews in *Greece*, 1923-1951. — Material on the history of the Jews in *Greece* was photographed from the private collection of the late Mr. Joseph Nehama, Thessaloniki.

#### *Holland*

With the receipt of the last consignments (500,000 frames) the microfilming of the most important part of the Portuguese Community Archives in *Amsterdam* has now been completed. — The Municipal Archives in *den Haag* sent the Central Archives inventories of the Jewish records in their archives. — The State Archives in *Middelburg* sent the Central Archives copies of the inventories of the archives of the communities *Middelburg*, *Goes* and *Ziriksee*, deposited with them.

#### *India*

Photographs of records concerning the Jews in *Cochin* in the 18th and 19th centuries, kept in the State Archives at *Ernakulum*, were received.

#### *Iran*

Two marriage contracts were acquired, one from the community of *Yazd* dated 1916 and one from *Kashan* dated 1873.

#### *Italy*

Mr. Shimon Abramski, London, gave the Archives a "Register of accounts and expenses of the cemeteries of *Modena*" 1628-1647. — A letter from Ya'acov Vilna *Jerushalmi* to Abraham Segre, *Ferrara*, 1725, was acquired. — Dr. Mario Stock, Trieste, presented the Archives with a microfilm of the privileges granted to Jewish bankers and of other documents concerning the Jews of *Trieste* and *Friuli* from the years 1585-1740. — Microfilms of documents were received from the State Archives in *Parma*, *Milano*, *Pavia* and *Cremona*, 16th-17th centuries. — In the course of the surveys undertaken by the Central Archives the following were obtained: from the State Archives in *Palermo* excerpts from the Notarial Registers of this region, 1323-1466; from the State Archives in *Padua* excerpts from the Notarial Registers, 1290-1660; from the State Archives in *Perugia* regests of documents from the years 1276-1569; similarly from the State Archives in *Alessandria* from the years 1590-1616; from the State Archives in *Rome* regests of the archival unit "Jewish Bankers" (88 vols.) from the years 1585-1691.

#### *Morocco*

The Archives continued to acquire archival material from immigrants from North-Africa, among them documents and deeds from *Fes* (1728-1918) *Casablanca*, *Meknes*, *Mogador*, *Salé*, *Sefrou*, *Marrakesh*, *Rabat*, *Debdou*, *Oujda* from the years 1913-1939,

(print). — Rabbi Hirsch Auerbach, Tel-Aviv, deposited in the Archives musical notes of the *Halberstadt* Synagogue, written down by Cantor Senior in 1915. — The Rev. Herman Doych, Miami Beach, Florida, gave the Archives material on the communities of *Cronheim*, 18th-19th centuries, and *Bechhofen* and *Mittelshofen* (Franconia) 19th-20th centuries (chiefly genealogical material). — A confirmation by the Counts and Estates of Upper Franconia to the four communities of *Ottensoos*, *Schnaittach*, *Forth* and *Rothenberg* to keep the rights granted to them in 1698 by the Elector of Bavaria, Nuremberg (4 seals) was acquired — Dr. I. Shachar, Jerusalem, gave photostats of tombstone inscriptions from *Rothenburg o.d. Tauber* from the 14th century. — The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, permitted the Archives to photograph the Pinkas of the Synagogue of the *Altona* community in *Hamburg* (Memorbook), 1739. — Mr. Reuven Malachi, Jerusalem, gave the Archives a photograph of his article on synagogues in *Hamburg* during the 19th-20th centuries. — The Library of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, USA, kindly photographed for the Archives: Pinkassim of the communities of *Strelitz*, 1746-1837; *Zirndorf*, 1693-1714, 1726-1791, 1846-1873; *Berlin*(?) marriage-register, 1845. — The Leo Baeck Institute, New York, photographed the following archival material from its holdings for the Central Archives: the Memorbook of a community in the *Palatinate*, 18th century; the Memorbook of *Bretten* (Palatinate), 1712-1884; a collection of documents of Rabbi Joseph Levi of *Krefeld*; the will of Rabbi Moses Lemle Rheingau about the foundation of the "Klaus" in *Mannheim*, 1724; various documents concerning the community of *Worms*; a marriage register from *Nuremberg*, 1872-1912, as well as documents on the activities of the "Kulturbund" in *Hamburg* from the years 1934-1938 (supplementary to the archives of the Hamburg community kept in the Central Archives); Pinkas of the statutes of the Burial Society in *Mannheim*, 1674-1785 (photograph). — From the Municipal Archives in *Krefeld* a microfilm copy of Eleonore Stockhausen's study on the Jewish community in *Krefeld* during the 19th century was received. — In the Archives of the Princes of *Hohenlohe* in *Neuenstein* documents from 1288, 1418-1439, containing i.a. the account-book of Conrad von Weinsberg on the collection of taxes from the Jews of the Holy Roman Empire, were microfilmed. — From the Archives of the Princes of *Schwarzenberg* in *Murau*, Austria, photostats were received from the "Judenordnung" for the communities of *Marktbreit*, *Dornheim* and *Scheinfeld*, 1764.

### Greece

As a result of a visit to Greece by Dr. Amnon Shiloah of the Hebrew University in the summer of 1970, the salvaging of remnants of the archives of several Jewish communities in this country was made possible. During his mission at the beginning of 1971, Dr. Daniel J. Cohen, the Director of the Archives, succeeded in obtaining the archives of *Volos* from the years 1910-1958, which include minute-books, registers of accounts and files of correspondence, as well as remnants of the archives of the community of *Joannina* from the years 1814-1944.

Of special importance was the agreement reached with the Jewish Community in *Thessaloniki* to deposit their archival material in Jerusalem. During the German occupation the community archives (newly started after the great fire in 1917) had been transferred to Germany and remnants were returned after the war in a state of complete disorder. They contain minute-books, registers of correspondence and of accounts, as well as files of correspondence of the community and its organizations from the years 1913-

and the Sephardic Jews concerning the division of the income from the "Viennese Legacy", 1811, were acquired.

#### *Acre*

A deed for the sale of a house in Safed, issued by the Rabbinic Court in *Acre*, 1817, was acquired.

#### *Safed*

The Archives acquired an additional, considerable number of documents and Pinkassim concerning the history of the Jews of Safed in the 19th and 20th centuries, containing i.a. the Pinkas of the Ashkenazic Burial Society, 1839-1887; eight deeds of possession and inheritances, 1827-1901 and various documents and letters addressed to the rabbis of Safed from Tiberias, Beirut, Egypt and Italy.

#### *France*

The survey and microfilming in archives in France was continued and the Central Archives received lists from the National Archives in *Paris* and from the State Archives in *Colmar*, *Strasbourg*, *Nice*, *Metz*, *Avignon*, *Bordeaux*, *Troyes* and from the Municipal Archives of *Haguenau*. Documents relating to the history of the Jews of France in the 17th and 18th centuries were photographed and sent by the University Library in *Strasbourg*, *Carpentras*, the Consistories of *Metz* and *Bayonne*, the Arsenal Library, *Paris* and the Library of the Alliance Israélite Universelle, *Paris* — Likewise files of material concerning Jews, 1378-1814, were microfilmed in the State Archives in *Basle*, Switzerland.

#### *Germany*

In accordance with a resolution adopted several years ago, the Jewish Community of *Fürth* transferred to the Central Archives those parts of their archives, which had been rescued after the Holocaust, 1780-1950. At the same time the archives of the former Jewish Orphanage in *Fürth*, 1850-1943 were sent to Jerusalem. The Central Archives warmly appreciate this decision of the community's leaders, which gives evidence of their awareness of the importance of the archival material and its proper keeping.

Mr. Shimon Rosenthal, Rishon le-Zion, deposited in the Archives two Memorbooks of communities in the *Rheingau*: *Oestrich-Winkel* (1640-1713) and *Johannisberg-Winkel-Mittelheim*, 1824. — Rabbi Dr. Josef Unna, Kfar Haroë, deposited in the Archives copies from the Pinkas of the Burial Society of *Frankfort on Main*, 1693-1763, 1768-1829, as well as proof-sheets for the years 1681-1692 of part two of the "Gedenkbuch der Frankfurter Juden" by his father, Rabbi S. Unna. — Through the good offices of Dr. Joseph Michman-Melkman, Mr. David Goldschmit, Kvuzat Sa'ad, presented the Archives with the permit for a "Schutzbrief" by the Electorate of Mayence for Moyses Hirsch of *Heppenheim*, 1793. — The Jewish National and University Library deposited in the Archives the Pinkas of income and expenditure of the *Hesse-Darmstadt* "Landjudenschaft", 1732-1734. This Pinkas forms part of the community archives kept in the Central Archives. — Mr. Albert Klein, Bnei B'rak, gave the Archives statutes and instructions for the Parnassim and accountants of the communities in *Eastern Frisia*. Emden 1844, as well as the statutes of *Norden*, 1869

*Czechoslovakia*

The microfilming of the archives of the communities of *Prague, Bohemia* and *Moravia*, which are kept in the Jewish State Museum in Prague, has been started. Three consignments have so far been received, containing about 90,000 frames, mainly from the archives of the Prague community from the 18th century. — A document was acquired concerning payments of rent for a house in *Prostějov*, 1745, (parchment).

*Egypt*

A betrothal contract for the daughter of Rabbi Samuel the Naggid from *Fostat*, dated 1149, was acquired by the Archives (Genizah fragment).

*England*

Dr. Bernard Homa, London, presented the Archives with copies of the minute-book of the "Machzike Hadath" synagogue in *London* for the years 1898-1915. — University College, London, kindly filmed for the Central Archives the Sir Thomas Collyer Fergusson Collection of *Anglo-Jewish genealogical papers* (app. 5,000 frames).

*EREZ ISRAEL**Jerusalem*

The "Jerusalem Foundation" acquired and deposited in the Central Archives the contract signed in 1858 by Sir Moses Montefiore and the contractor William Smith of London, concerning the building of "*Mishkenot Sha'ananim*". A sketch of the plot and a statement of accounts and payments, 1860, as well as a confirmation by the residents about the receipt of gardening tools and their obligation to till the surrounding garden, are attached to this document.

Dr. Bernard Homa, London, gave the Archives a register of an emissary of the "*Thorat Hayyim*" *Yeshiva*, containing letters of introduction of the heads of the *Yeshiva* and rabbis of London, 1896. — The Archives acquired a circular from the rabbis and leaders of the *Austrian Jews in Palestine* to their brethren in Europe, 1860; 38 deeds of sale for houses in the *Jewish Quarter* in the Old City, 1866-1913 (Arabic); a list of deceased Russian Jews, 1901 (Arabic); fragment of a register of accounts by an emissary of "*Kolellot Hasephardim*", containing data on his visits to Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, 1907-1908. — The "*Comité de la Communauté Israélite Marocaine à Jérusalem*" submitted for microfilming registers of "*Halukka*" accounts and lists from the years 1883-1938. — Rabbi S. M. Bergmann, Jerusalem, submitted for microfilming a minute-book of "*Battei Maḥase*" on *Mount Zion*, 1925-1947. — Mr. Abraham Levi, Jerusalem, submitted for microfilming a *Pinkas* of a *Yeshiva in Mea Shearim* containing a description of the arrest and trial of the heads of the *Yeshiva* by the Turkish authorities and the intercessions on their behalf, 1915.

*Hebron*

A letter addressed to the leaders of the Jews in Egypt (?) concerning a quarrel between two emissaries, 17th century, was acquired by the Archives.

*Tiberias*

Letters, deeds and letters of appointment for emissaries of "*Kolellot Hasephardim*", 1884-1923, as well as an agreement between the leaders of "*Kolellot Ha'ashkenazim*"

## THE CENTRAL ARCHIVES FOR THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

In the course of the last year the Archives received i.a. documents, photostats and lists of archival material from the following countries:

### *Argentina*

During his stay in Buenos Aires, Dr. Hayim Avni of the Institute for Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University arranged for the following material to be microfilmed on behalf of the Archives: Minute-books of the "*AMIA*", Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina, 1894-1957; Asociación Comunidad Israelita Sefardi de Buenos Aires, 1914-1966; "*Soprotimis*" Sociedad de Protección de los Immigrantes Israelitas, Buenos-Aires, 1924-59; Sociedad Hebraica Argentina, Buenos Aires, 1923-47.

### *Austria*

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Wilhelm Krell, the Director of the *Vienna Jewish Community*, the last part of the community archives has now been deposited in the Central Archives, thus completing those parts of the community archives sent in former years. One of the most valuable and interesting documents received, is the second part of the Memorbook of the Jewish community of Vienna, which — after the expulsion in 1670 — had been transferred to the "Klaus" synagogue in *Fürth*. The complete archives of the Vienna Jewish Community — beginning in the second half of the 18th century and ending with the annihilation of the community during the Holocaust — forms now the largest and most comprehensive archival unit in the Central Archives.

The Archives acquired a memorandum, which had been submitted in 1857 by Ignaz Deutsch to the Imperial Ministry for Religion and Education, concerning the poor state of religiosity among *Austrian Jews*. — Further lists of material on Jewish history in the Central State Archives in *Vienna*, which are being prepared on behalf of the Central Archives, were received.

### *Baltic Countries*

Mr. Jacob Kaplan, Tel-Aviv, submitted for photographing excerpts, lists and copies of documents from the archives in *Riga*, *Talín* (Reval) and *Dorpat*, as well as copies from the Pinkas of the *Riga* community, 19th-20th centuries.

### *Bulgaria*

Mr. Hayyim Keschales, Bat-Yam, transferred to the Archives part of his rich collection of material on the history of the Jews of *Bulgaria* (1939-1954), used by him for his books on that subject.

### *Chile*

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Moshe Nes-El and the Institute for Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, parts of the archives of the Jewish communities and organizations of *Santiago de Chile*, *Valparaiso*, *Concepcion*, *Temuca*, *Valdivia*, 1916-1968, were transferred to the Central Archives.