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The JDC Archives Name Index

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Update on Lists Indexed since July 2013

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is pleased to provide this update on the indexing project from the past year.

Documents and card collections indexed since July 2013 include the following:

- List of Vienna Professionals to Whom JDC Distributed Food Parcels, 1920
 - Following World War I, Austria suffered unprecedented inflation, shortages and devaluation of the Austrian krone. JDC responded to this crisis by providing Jews with food, clothing, heating materials and cash assistance. This list details engineers, physicians, government employees and others who were newly destitute and received food parcels from JDC.

- Prisoners of War in Siberia Cards, 1920
 - In the aftermath of World War I, 10,000 Jews were among the 160,000 prisoners of war in Siberia. JDC, together with the American Red Cross and other groups, established the Siberian War Prisoner Repatriation Fund. Almost all inmates who desired to return to their homes were able to do so, saving tens of thousands from death. This collection of over 1,000 cards has photographs and biographical information about Jewish prisoners.

- Orphans Provided Guardianship through JDC's Financial Adoption Program, 1921
 - These 1940-1941 lists contain information on European Jewish refugees seeking to emigrate from Japan to the West. Files on individual sailings are included, to safe havens such as Canada, USA, and South America. Included are names, city of origin, nationality, and destination. Names and addresses of relatives and friends who gave affidavits securing their passage are included.

- List of children in Holland whom JDC is trying to assist to emigrate to the United States, 1940
 - JDC rescue efforts during World War II included reaching out to a network of other organizations, including HIAS and the NY-based German Jewish Children's Aid to help children, some of whom had relatives in America,

emigrate from Holland to the U.S. Relatives were contacted for affidavits, funds, and to provide homes for young relatives.

- Lists of Individual Recipients of JDC Food Parcels in Poland, 1941-1943
 - These lists detail Jews in Poland who required assistance during the World War II years and to whom JDC shipped parcels and food packages. Included are lists of individuals for whom package shipments were requested as well as lists of individuals with confirmation that their packages were received. Also included are lists of individuals to whom packages were sent but returned, never reaching their intended recipients.

This list was completed in the last year.

- List of Refugees Receiving JDC Aid in Tangiers, 1944
 - This list details 807 Jewish refugee families who received assistance from JDC in Tangiers, an international city since 1938. Aid to these refugees, many of whom were rendered stateless due to the trials of World War II, was provided in partnership with the local refugee committee. Refugee names, place and date of birth, nationality and occupation were recorded, as relayed to the committee by the refugees themselves.
- List of JDC Aid to Algerian Jews after Earthquake, 1954
 - One of the deadliest earthquakes of all-time hit Orleansville (now Clef), Algeria in 1954, killing 1,600 and leaving 10,000 homeless. JDC contributed to a general relief fund for all victims, and, through the local Jewish community, provided loans to the 130 Jewish families in the city who were rendered homeless and whose businesses were destroyed. Included in this list are family names, given names and occupations.
- List of Jewish residents of China seeking to emigrate, 1955
 - Listed are 685 individuals from Shanghai, Harbin and Tientsin who received assistance from JDC with their emigration plans. These Jews did not leave immediately after the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 for a number of reasons, including: health limitations, non-liquid assets, family members refusing to separate, difficulty receiving visas, and the Soviets making it difficult for Soviet citizens to leave.
- Hungarian Refugee Registration Cards, 1956-57
 - With the outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, more than 18,000 Jews fled to Austria. JDC helped emigrants waiting for resettlement, housing some 11,000 refugees in hotels, private dwellings and camps. JDC also supported two kosher kitchens in Vienna and furnished medical and religious supplies. While some stayed in Europe, refugees emigrated to the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Latin America.

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- List of Jewish Refugees Assisted in Brazil, 1957
 - These lists include information about Jewish refugees from Egypt, Hungary, Israel, and other places helped by the Conselho de Assistencia, a JDC-supported organization in Sao Paulo. Information on the list includes names of family heads, number of persons per family and amount of aid distributed.

- List of Egyptian Jewish Refugees in France receiving aid from JDC, 1957-1958
 - Fleeing persecution and economic discrimination after the 1956 Suez crisis, 20,000 Egyptian Jews left for Europe, South America and Israel. This list includes payments and loans provided to Egyptian Jewish refugees in France by COJASOR (Comite Juif d'Action Sociale et de Reconstruction). JDC funded COJASOR efforts to assist the refugees with resettlement and housing costs.

- Transmigrants Assisted by JDC in Rome, 1969-1973
 - In Vienna and Rome, JDC developed programs to assist transmigrants, Jewish refugees in transit to other countries, who faced a waiting period of several months for their papers to be processed and were not eligible for work permits. The JDC's caseload fluctuated in response to political developments in Eastern Europe and elsewhere. The Jerusalem Archives of JDC holds tens of thousands of case files for these transmigrants.

The genealogically-rich records that have been indexed are available online through the JDC Names Index on the archives' website accessible [here](#) * (basic search) and [here](#) ** (advanced search).

* <http://archives.jdc.org/sharedlegacy/search-names/>

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