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INTRODUCTION TO THE GUIDE

This publication is a Guide to the Administrative and Historical Collections of Hadassah that has been processed under grants from the Research Resources Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In the proposal for a Phase One grant dated May, 1981, it was stated that, "as a long range goal, Hadassah plans to publish a Guide to the Archives of Hadassah when the collection has been processed, publicizing the fact that the collections are available for research". Although we have published complete inventories of our major record groups as we have completed them, it was felt that this short statement would be of general use to those who wished to know the scope of the Hadassah Archives available for use at this time. Each descriptive inventory which is mentioned in this guide may be ordered from Hadassah.

After four years of work, we believe that this publication provides a fitting end to the National Endowment for the Humanities Archives Program at Hadassah. Without the support of the Endowment, it is unlikely that the sources now available for research would have been put forth in a scientific way for the scholarly community.

In the Spring of 1986, Mr. Daniel Soyer completed a survey of our processed collections for the New York Historical Documents Inventory which is based at Cornell University. This printed guide is a direct product of his work. We are grateful to Mr. Soyer for allowing us to publish his work.

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Current Subject Areas of Solicitation
Materials pertaining to Hadassah history, Youth Activities and Youth Aliyah, the Hadassah Hospital and Medical Center, Henrietta Szold and other leaders of Hadassah, and Hadassah's relationship to the Zionist movement.

Summary of Holdings
200 lin. ft., 26 reels of microfilm, 30,000 photos

Records of Hadassah, its chapters and departments, and related organizations including Hadassah Medical Organization; papers of Hadassah leaders, including founder Henrietta Szold. Material documents Hadassah activities in Palestine, Israel, and the United States, its relations with the Zionist movement, the U.S. government, and the Jewish community, Arab-Jewish relations, and other areas. Also includes photographs and films on these subjects.
Annual conventions archives 1914-1971

19.1 linear feet

Correspondence, minutes, resolutions, speeches, reports, clippings, and press releases concerning Hadassah annual summer meetings, 1914-1971, and annual mid-winter conferences, 1944-1971. Includes material on such subjects as the change of the name of the organization from Daughters of Zion to Hadassah, medical and social work in Israel, including the Hadassah Medical Organization, relations with the Zionist Organization of America and other Zionist groups, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah's reaction to events such as the partition of Palestine, the rise of Nazism, and the proclamation of statehood for Israel, and organizational matters concerning Hadassah. Includes speeches or other material by Alice Seligsberg, Louis Lipsky, Irma Lindheim, Haim Yassky, Henrietta Szold, David de Sola Pool, Robert Szold, Reinhold Niebuhr, Nahum Goldmann, Fiorello La Guardia, Abba Eban, Moshe Sharett, Hubert Humphrey, Helen Keller, Golda Meir, Jacob Javits, David Ben-Gurion, Harry Truman, and others.

Finding Aids
Hadassah Annual Conventions (Unpublished Inventory)

Films

Approx. 40 items

Films concerning Hadassah, Henrietta Szold, Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, Jewish National Fund, Chaim Weizmann, Golda Meir, and other subjects.

Finding Aids
Calendar of Selected Films (unpublished inventory)

Hadassah Medical Organization Archives 1918-1984

50 linear feet and 10 reels of microfilm

Organized 1918 as American Zionist Medical Unit. Became Hadassah Medical Organization 1921.

Correspondence, minutes, reports, budget material, publications, articles, speeches, and memos concerning the American Zionist Medical Unit, and the Hadassah Medical Organization, including its Governing Board, 1923-1928, Medical Advisory Board, 1940-1970; Ein Karem Medical Center, 1951-1984, Medical Center departments, 1950-1984, HMO Committee, 1961-1984, HMO in

Finding Aids


Youth Aliyah Archives, 1933-1960

14.3 linear feet

Records of movement to bring Jewish Youth to Palestine, and later Israel, including offices in Berlin (Arbeitsgemeinschaft fur Kinder und Jugend Aliyah), 1935-1940, United States (Hadassah), 1934-1960, Palestine, 1936-1946, and London, 1938-1945. Includes correspondence, reports, speeches, bulletins, news releases, clippings, articles, minutes, case files, and other material concerning conditions in Germany and Poland before and after World War II, North Africa, and Palestine/Israel, Arab-Jewish relations, Jewish immigration to Palestine/Israel, fund raising, training of youth leaders and counselors, vocational education, relations with religious Jews, including Mizrahi, relations with the British government, and work with Yemenite Jews. Organizations include Ben Shemen and Meier Shfeya children's villages, Zionist Organization of America, Vaad Leumi, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, Jewish Agency, Jewish National Fund, and Children to Palestine Organization. Correspondents include Henrietta Szold, Eva Stern, Rose Jacobs, Georg Landauer, Hans Beyth, Felix Warburg, Gisela Warburg, Tamar de Sola Pool, Marian Greenberg, and Moshe Kol.

Finding Aids

Zionist Political History Archives 1894-1985

12.4 linear feet and 11 reels of microfilm


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Hadassah Vocational Education Archives 1940-1962

4.1 linear feet

Anna Tulin Elyachar Papers

.4 linear foot

Chair, National Youth Aliyah Committee of Hadassah

Correspondence concerning Youth Aliyah and other issues, 1949-1978; correspondence and other material concerning Isakower estate, 1976-1984, Siegfried Ullman's will, and Ullman Building at Hadassah Hospital, 1964-1976, and petition of Emanuel Neumann to New York Court of Appeals concerning his clerkship, 1932; clippings concerning Hebrew University, Henrietta Szold, and other subjects, 1960-1983; miscellaneous pamphlets, and periodicals concerning Zionism and Israel.

Szold, Henrietta Papers 1860-1945

13.5 linear feet

Zionist leader, Executive Secretary and editor of Jewish Publication Society of America; founder and President of Hadassah; member and Director of Department of Social Service and Vaad Leumi (General Jewish Council of Palestine) Director of Youth Aliyah.

Correspondence, reports, speeches, articles, publications, clippings, and other material concerning Szold's activities in Zionist and Jewish affairs, especially Hadassah-The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah Medical Organization, and its predecessor, the American Zionist Medical Unit, in Palestine, 1917-1945, and Youth Aliyah, 1933-1945. Also includes material concerning Szold family, particularly Henrietta's father, Rabbi Benjamin Szold, the Jewish Publication Society, Russian Night School of Baltimore, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York Kehillah (Jewish Community), Zionist Organization of America, Jewish Women's Council for Palestine, Women's International Zionist Organization, World Zionist Organization, and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; as well as on such subjects as social conditions in Palestine, Zionist theory and politics, and refugee relief work. Correspondents include Szold's sisters Adele Szold Seltzer and Bertha Szold Levin and others, including Cyrus Adler, Sophie Berger, Alexander

For historical reference only

Finding Aids

Brandeis Collection 1915-1942
.6 linear foot

Correspondence with Louis Brandeis by Hadassah leaders, including Zip Szold, Jesse Sampter, Rose Jacobs, Hortense Levy Amram, Tamar de Sola Pool, Judith Epstein, Jeanette Leibel, Sundel Doniger, and Mania Shochat, concerning United Palestine Appeal, Zionist affairs, Youth Aliyah, Hadassah medical work, and Arab-Jewish relations, 1920, 1927-1941; correspondence concerning Brandeis birthdays, 1935-1942, Brandeis memorial forest, 1936-1938, and regarding memorial for Brandeis, including letters by Felix Frankfurter, and Bernard Flexner, 1941-1942; proceedings of memorial meetings for Brandeis in Palestine and the United States, 1941; articles by and about Brandeis, 1915-1941; copy of Brandeis' will.

Seligsberg, Alice L.

Papers of Alice L. Seligsberg and Rose G. Jacobs 1908-1960
5 reels of microfilm

Originals at Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem

Alice L. Seligsberg (1873-1940) was a social worker and Zionist leader. She served as President of Hadassah and administrator of the American Zionist Medical Unit. Rose G. Jacobs (1888-1975) was President of Hadassah.

Seligsberg papers, 1917-1942, contain correspondence, notes and reports, concerning the American Zionist Medical Unit, 1918-1923, work with orphans in Palestine, including Palestine War Orphans Commission, 1920-1923, and Palestine Orphans Committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1917-1928, and the Institute for the Blind, 1919-1921; essays and correspondence with Henrietta Szold and others on Judaism, Zionism,
Hadassah, political issues such as the Russian revolution, social work, Zionist Organization of America, and other topics. Correspondents include David de Sola Pool, Sophia Berger, Nellie Straus Mochenson, Haim Peretz, Jessie Sampter, and Rose Jacobs.

Jacobs papers, 1910-1960, contain correspondence, reports, minutes, articles, diaries and other material concerning the American Zionist Medical Unit, Hadassah Medical Organization, and Hadassah Training School for Nurses, 1921-1944; Hadassah, including its origins, education work, 1934-1946, social work, 1926-1944, Junior Hadassah, 1938-1946, conventions, and other activities; Youth Aliyah, 1935-1950; Hebrew University, 1938-1950; American Zionist Emergency Council, 1944-1945; Zionist Organization of America; Arab-Jewish relations, including the Ihud peace movement; correspondence with and essays on Louis Brandeis. Other correspondents include Henrietta Szold, Alice Seligsberg, Julian Mack, Jessie Sampter, Stephen Wise, Chaim Weizmann, Judah Magnes, Tamar de Sola Pool, and others.

Finding Aids


Ezekiel, Denise Tourover Papers 1935-1981

3.7 linear feet

Papers primarily concern Ezekiel's activities as Hadassah representative in Washington, including correspondence and cables concerning transport of Polish Jewish refugee children from Teheran to Palestine, 1942-1943; correspondence, articles, speeches, and other material, 1940-1967, on Louis Brandeis and Brandeis Memorial Foundation; correspondence, lists, and legal documents, 1948-1950, regarding claims against British government for damage to Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem during disturbances of 1947-1948; correspondence, 1968-1975, with Congress and Agency for International Development concerning aid to Hadassah medical activities and Food for Freedom program in Israel; minutes, reports, and other material, 1950-1969, concerning American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service; reports, correspondence, speeches and articles on civil rights, disarmament, refugee relief, Middle East affairs, Zionism, Vietnam, and other subjects. Also includes correspondence 1935-1940, on D.C. chapter of Hadassah, and Youth Aliyah. Correspondents include Rhoda Cohen, Teddy Kolleck, Hannah Goldberg, Juliet Benjamin, Anne Gelfand, Charlotte Jacobson, Judith Epstein, Alice Brandeis, others.

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Grossman, Martha Papers 1919-1947

.8 linear foot
Primarily photocopies

Correspondence concerning activities of Hadassah chapters in Connecticut; correspondence and educational programs for Young Judea, and Junior Hadassah; material concerning membership campaign, 1932.

Halprin, Rose Papers 1930-1964

1 linear foot

Correspondence, 1930-1941, concerning Hadassah Medical Organization, political and social conditions in Palestine, including General Zionist politics, immigration, Arab-Jewish relations, partition, and other matters; typescript and printed articles by Halprin, 1937; press digests, 1937-1938; speeches, correspondence, and clippings concerning Halprin's speaking tour of the United States, 1937-1938; miscellaneous correspondence, clippings, invitations and photographs, 1930-1964, including letters from David Ben-Gurion.

Jacobs, Rose Papers 1910-1940

.6 linear foot


Lurie, Jessie Zel Papers 1947-1978

4 linear feet

Collection concerns Lurie's activities as editor of Hadassah Magazine, correspondent for Jerusalem Post, Al-Hamishmar, and other newspapers.
and as Zionist activist, includes correspondence, articles, releases, news letters, clippings, flyers and other material concerning American politics, Zionism, Israel-U.S. relations, United Nations, Haganah, Hadassah Medical Organization, Betar organization and Arab-Israel peace, Palestinian refugees, Youth Aliyah, Soviet Jewry, and other matters. Correspondents include brother Ted Lurie, editor of Jerusalem Post, Abba Eban, Gershon Agron, Mordecai Bentov, Moshe Sharett, Edmund Wilson, Teddy Kollek, Tamar de Sola Pool, others. Also includes photographs of Israeli soldiers, 1948, and other family members.

Pool, Tamar de Sola Papers 1925-1979
.2 linear foot
Correspondence, clippings, and notes concerning Zionism, Hadassah, and other matters; memoir of Eliezer Ben-Yehudah. Correspondents include Felix Frankfurter, Maurice Samuel, and Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi.

Rosenthal, Miriam Freund Papers
.4 linear foot

Publicity Collection 1929-1950
1 linear foot
Correspondence, reports and releases regarding Hadassah Medical Organization, 1945-1949; articles, releases, and reports on conditions in Palestine, 1944-1946; minutes of Publicity Committee, 1946; press releases concerning Henrietta Szold, 1929-1940; clippings, articles, radio scripts, and bulletins, 1931-1950, concerning such topics as Jewish National Assembly, 1931, Royal Commission to Palestine, 1937, Youth Aliyah, German refugees, British White Paper and political parties in Palestine.
Publications 1914-1986

24 Linear feet

Hadassah Newsletter and Magazine, 1914-1986; Young Judea publications, 1915-1978, including Young Judean, Judean Leaves, the Leader, and others.

Photographs 1915-1982

approx. 55,000

Photographs concerning Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, Young Judea, Junior Hadassah, Israel's wars, Hadassah convention, vocational education programs in Israel, Jewish National Fund forests, and other Israeli landscapes, Israeli ambassadors, Hadassah presidents, Zionist leaders, immigrants to Israel, kibbutzim, and cities and towns in Israel, and other subjects.

Miscellaneous Collections 1943-1983

10.6 linear feet

Press releases concerning Hadassah-related news in Israel, 1970-1983; correspondence, invitations, publicity, contracts, and clippings relating to Hadassah anniversaries, 1952-1962, 1972; Correspondence with newspapers, bulletins, circulars, and press releases concerning publicity for Palestine Supply campaign and other Hadassah activities, 1946-1948; Education Department records, 1957-1967, including materials for seminars and Zionist study course, Hadassah conferences, Hadassah participants in other conferences, budgets, and minutes and other material concerning budgets, 1954-1968; records concerning Hadassah Medical Organization, 1943-1969, including personnel records, statistical reports, 1960-1969, reports, correspondence of Medical Advisory Board, 1943-1968, correspondence concerning treatment of tuberculosis and other diseases, 1945-1957, material concerning relations with Kupat Holim, and other material; biographical collections, ca. 1952-1973, primarily containing correspondence files concerning Youth Aliyah, including files on Chanoch Reinhold (Rinot), Shimon and Shana Tuchman, also file concerning Eleanor Roosevelt; correspondence and other material, 1962-1969, regarding Hadassah tours to Israel, USSR, and South America.
Hadassah History Collection

1942, (ca. 1974)

.4 linear foot

Correspondence, clippings, resolutions, memos, and pamphlets, 1942, concerning Judah Magnes' involvement in Ichud movement for Arab-Jewish peace; autobiography of Shulamith Cantor, ca. 1974.

Legal Agreements

1918-1972

.5 linear foot


Inventory

Bernice Salpeter Tannenbaum Papers, 1962-1985

3 Linear feet

The Tannenbaum Papers document Hadassah's role and her own in some of the leading events of our times. The collection contains her speeches, divided into a number of series. Such topics as the Camp David Peace Process, personal reflections on the Sadats, the United States failing to stand up to the pressures of the "petro dollar" in the 1970's, energy dependence and American policy as it affects Israel are dealt with among others. There are also Hadassah Medical Organization speeches, speeches on the subject of terrorism, Soviet Jewry and many other topics. The Tannenbaum Papers also includes a series of her manuscript articles for the President's Column for the Hadassah Magazine from 1978-1980. The correspondence series includes such notables as; Governors Keen and Carey, Avital Scharansky, Yitzak Navon, William Proxmire, Edward Kennedy, John Glenn Maurice Boukstein, Muriel Humphrey, Ezer Weizman, Stuart Eizenstat, Howard Baker, Simon Weisenthal, Dianne Feinstein, Moshe Arons, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Arthur Goldberg, Jack Kemp, Jimmy Carter, Hodding Carter, Elie Weisel, Roberta Peters and others. A small photograph collection series complements the documents described above.

Finding Aid

Unpublished Inventory
PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES LIST

COVER: Hadassah women dressed as nurses to waitess a luncheon at the Commodore Hotel in New York to raise funds for school lunch programs in Palestine, 1930's.

1. Members of Young Judea, New York City, Nov. 13, 1915
2. American Zionist Medical Unit, New York City, 1918
4. Anti-trachoma campaign testing in Tiberias School, 1926
5. Henrietta Szold, Sheik Mohammed el Saleh, Belgian Prime Minister, and Mrs. Bluestone inside Moslem College, c. 1927
6. Hadassah Health Station Number 5, Ein Karem, 1940's
7. Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital, Mt. Scopus as it looked in 1967 immediately after the war in which it was reclaimed from Jordan.
8. Hadassah Hebrew University Hospital at Ein Karem.
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American Zionist Medical Unit, New York City, 1918
Baron Edmond de Rothschild at Meier Shefeya, May 1925.

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