

# Guide to the Collection on the Jewish Community of Iași, Romania

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2029

**TITLE:** Collection on the Jewish community of Iași, Romania

**DATES:** 1862-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .21 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are primarily in Romanian and Yiddish, with some in Hebrew.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of documents from the large Jewish community of Iași, Romania, 1862-1950. About half of the documents in this collection pertain to Jewish communal life in Iași in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, while the rest date from the time of World War II or the postwar period. The first part of the collection contains approximately 100 documents in Romanian. The second part contains 19 documents in Yiddish.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Judaica Collection Curator, 2015. The first part of the collection, containing the documents written in Romanian, was purchased from Rosenfeld and Vinograd on the Arthur D. Krom Fund in 2008. The additional Yiddish documents were purchased from Rosenfeld and Vinograd in 2011 on the Rosalyn and Joseph Newman Collection Fund.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

By the end of the nineteenth century, the Jewish population of Iași had grown to nearly 40,000 people. The papers in this collection document the variety and cultural richness of the Jewish community, as well as responses to anti-Semitism during the twentieth century. In 1941, almost 14,000 thousand Jews in Iași—nearly a third of the Jewish population--were massacred in a pogrom and subsequent deportations in death trains.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The materials are arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1-5	Materials on the Jewish community of Iași, Romania	1864-1950
b. 2, f. 1	Materials on the Jewish community of Iași, Romania (oversize)	1862-1896

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Jews -- Romania -- Iași -- History -- Sources