Newly Digitized Records of JDC’s Role in “Operation Magic Carpet” Airlift

Historic records detail JDC’s role in “the largest human airlift in history,” bringing 49,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel from 1948-1950.

A Scholarly Glimpse

New Book on JDC’s role in World War I-Era Russia

Professor Michael Beizer depicts relief and rescue role of organization that helped millions.

Family Researchers

Visit to JDC’s Jerusalem Archives Reveals Story of Escape and Survival

Director of Yad Vashem Archives finds numerous documents and photo of his family’s refuge in Spain.

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Personal Stories

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With records of activity in more than 90 countries dating from its founding in 1914 to the present, the JDC Archives has two centers, located in New York City and Jerusalem, and is open to the public by appointment. For more information, visit archives.jdc.org. For more information on JDC Archives Fellowships, visit the Fellowships page.

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