



Guide to the Records of the Stockholm Office of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1941-1967

Location: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Jerusalem Office of the Archives

Introduction: The Stockholm Collection contains the records of JDC's Stockholm office during the years 1941-1967. The majority of the materials focus on the Stockholm office's activities during World War II and in the postwar period from 1944-1949.

In wartime, JDC's Stockholm office, strategically located in neutral Sweden, was well placed to coordinate the delivery of supplies to survivors and refugees in Europe, collaborate in wartime rescue operations, and to establish contact with and coordinate searches for survivors after the war ended.

These records also chronicle JDC's collaborations with other organizations to assist survivors, such as its work with the Red Cross on the White Buses. This project, headed by Count Folke Bernadotte, a Swedish diplomat and then-president of the Swedish Red Cross, provided packages and medical care to survivors in concentration camps, as well as bringing some concentration camp inmates to safety in Sweden during the last months of the war. JDC also cooperated with the local Swedish Jewish community, the Mosaiska Församlingen, to assist Holocaust survivors who had arrived in Sweden from Denmark, Norway, Hungary, and concentration camps.

After the war, JDC representatives in Stockholm arranged for shipments of supplies distributed by JDC offices to survivors in Germany, Poland, and Austria. These were referred to as the Felix Convoys, coordinated by Mrs. Kerstin Felix. JDC also provided care and maintenance for refugees with tuberculosis and other diseases who were sent to sanatoria in Sweden to recuperate. In addition, the Stockholm office also corresponded with Jewish communities in South America and South Africa who sought to send money and other aid to survivors, and with other Jewish communities requesting assistance, such as the Jewish community in Prague.

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Arrangement: The records are arranged into four subcollections: Administration, Organizations, Subject Matter, and Countries & Regions. Detailed descriptions of these subcollections and the record groups within them are available; follow the linked titles in the File List below to access the database records.

Accessing the Collection: Titles of the files that are available online are presented as links to the database records in the File List below. Use the "Look Inside" tab of file records to drill down to item-level records. Titles of restricted files are included for information but are not linked.

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