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ANNUAL MEETING OF JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

More than 250,000 volumes of Judaica and Hebraica and 10,000 ceremonial objects, representing part of the Nazi loot from Jewish libraries, synagogues and museums in Europe, have been recovered and shipped out of Germany during the past year, it was announced by Professor Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, President of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Inc., at its annual meeting last night at the Harmonie Club.

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In 1947, JCR (an offspring of a research organization formed by the Conference on Jewish Relations at the end of the war, for the purpose of recovering Jewish cultural treasures looted by Nazis), was founded and affiliated with the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization. In February 1949, JCR was officially recognized as the trustee for all unidentifiable cultural Jewish property placed under the custodianship of the Monuments and Fine Arts Section of the Military Government and stored in the Offenbach depot in Germany.

A great many of the recovered treasures bear the signs of spiteful destruction. Several hundred burnt or torn Torah scrolls, some of them more than 200 years old, are now being repaired by the Paris office of the Joint Distribution Committee and placed in newly-built or reconstructed synagogues in Europe and Israel. Many ceremonial objects, including Torah crowns, still bear the distinct marks of Nazi vandalism.

These treasures, among them rare centuries old books and items which, through the war, have become extremely scarce, are being redistributed among libraries and schools all over the world in cooperation with a number of Jewish national and foreign organizations affiliated with JCR and an advisory committee of leading Jewish librarians, art curators and other experts.

There is hardly a Jewish community in the world which will not benefit from the redistribution of these treasures. Through the JDC offices in Paris, Jewish communities in Western Europe have received a substantial share which will help them in their struggle for cultural and spiritual reconstruction. The Hebrew University Library and the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem, as well as other Israeli libraries and religious institutions are receiving their allotment through the Jewish Agency in cooperation with the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs. Other recipient countries include Great Britain, South Africa, Canada, Latin America, and, last but not least, the United States.

At this moment, additional 50,000 volumes formerly belonging to German Jewish communities now extinct, are being processed by the JCR staff in Germany, and made ready for shipment and re-allocation.

Among the officers re-elected for the coming year are Prof. Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, President; Prof. Jerome Michael of Columbia Law School, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Rabbi Leo Baeck of London, Prof. Gershon Scholem of Jerusalem, and Dr. Simon Faderbusch and Alan M. Stroock of New York, Vice-Presidents; David Rosenstein, Treasurer; and Dr. Max Gruenewald, Secretary.

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MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 19, 1949

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Present: Rabbi I. Edward Kiev, Chairman; Professor Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Franz Landsberger, Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, Dr. A. M. Margalith, Rabbi M. L. Munk, Dr. David de Sola Pool, Dr. Guido Schoenberger, and Dr. Rachel Wischnitzer.

Ex officio: Prof. Salo W. Baron and Dr. Hannah Arendt.

The Committee met on September 19, 1949, at 4:30 in the afternoon, in the office of Prof. Baron, Payerweather Hall, Columbia University.

1. Ceremonial Objects which Arrived in New York

a. The Committee agreed to establish a sub-committee which should be responsible for the evaluation and selection of museum pieces for allocation.

b. In view of the fact that the museum pieces outnumber the synagogue pieces almost in the proportion of 9 to 1, the Committee decided a revision of the original division of the objects.

c. The question of duplicates was raised and it was decided to proceed as in the case of books, that is, to make it impossible for an institution to receive duplicates. The special difficulties in deciding what a duplicate is in the case of an art object were recognized.

d. Recipients of museum pieces.-- The art objects which arrived in this country are for distribution not only to the countries in the Western Hemisphere but also to Great Britain and So. Africa. It was agreed that Great Britain should receive her usual share of 5%-7% of the total, that is, 250-350 objects. So. Africa, Canada and Argentina should receive 5% each of the material in New York, that is (if the present categories are not radically changed), about 150 items each.

e. Recipients in the United States.-- The Committee agreed that the Jewish Museum in New York and the Jewish Museum in Cincinnati should have first call. It was recognized that Yeshiva University has a special claim and should follow immediately after these top priorities.

KIRCHHEIM COLLECTION

Main Subject Divisions

Hebraica

Bible (text)	36 volumes
Biblical literature	64
Talmud	26
Talmudic literature	103
Halakha	231
Musar, Derush	75
Liturgy	40
History	25
Hebrew language	23
Modern Hebrew literature	40
Philosophy and Kabbala	33
Varia	149
Total	<u>845</u> volumes

Judaica

Bible (text)	11 volumes
Biblical literature	70
Religion	44
Post-Biblical literature	55
History	117
Hebrew language	25
Bibliography	20
Varia	88
Periodicals	35
Total	<u>465</u> volumes

Non-Jewish Books 153 volumes

Grand total 1,463

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 19, 1949

Pursuant to a notice dated December 2, 1949, copy of which precedes the minutes, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. was held on Monday, December 19, 1949, at the office of Dr. Salo W. Baron, Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York.

The following persons were present: Prof. Salo W. Baron, President; Dr. Simon Federbusch, Vice-President; Dr. Max Gruenewald, Secretary; Dr. Lewin, Mr. Fine, Dr. Goldsmith, and Dr. Ben Halpern.

Prof. Baron acted as chairman.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. The minutes were approved as circulated.

Upon the suggestion of the chairman a motion was made and seconded to insert into the minutes words of appreciation in memory of the late Dr. Joshua Starr (see Appendix).

The chairman reported that the Alliance Israelite Universelle has accepted the Board's invitation and designated Messrs. Marcel Franco and Marcel Abraham as members of our Board and Messrs. Saadia G. Cherniak and Jules Braunschvig as alternates.

The chairman brought to the attention of the Board Dr. Hannah Arendt's report which contains amongst other items her findings and suggestions with regard to cashés. She also deals with the archives recovered in Germany. The Gesamtarchiv will go to Jerusalem, while the archives from other cities according to the suggestion of Dr. Arendt's should find their place in the Memorial Library of the German Jews. The chairman stressed the necessity of microfilming manuscripts and valuable historical material in Germany proper and discussed ways and means of financing microfilming on a large scale in Germany. This question will be referred to the Advisory Committee.

The chairman presented his budget proposals for the period beginning January 1st and ending on June 30th, 1950. A budget calling for a total expenditure of \$21,700 was adopted.

Through a vote by mail it was decided to send to Hebrew University

1. Some 2500 books selected by Dr. Shunami out of 12,000 Russian books. Of the remainder of the

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2. The Kirchheim collection

3. Non-German periodicals.

Dr. Gruenewald suggested that a stipulation be made with the recipients of collections to keep them separate. Dr. Lewin pointed out that this purpose could be achieved by printing separate catalogues for those collections. Prof. Baron pointed out the difficulties arising for libraries if they were requested to treat those collections as units. He is confident that the identity of those collections will be preserved, if the recipients will honor the request of the Board to send in itemized receipts.

The chairman proceeded to discuss the Baltic Collection and particularly the method of advertising in the centers of the Jewish world the names (16,000) of the owners. It was decided to disregard the owners of five books and less. The form of the advertisement will be worked out by Prof. Baron and members of the staff.

The chairman brought to the attention of the Board the requests for books made by Brandeis University and by the Department of Germanic Languages of City College. In the following discussion other general institutions were mentioned whose departments serve the Jewish reading public and the needs of Jewish scholars such as the Jewish Division of the New York Public Library, New York University, and Columbia University. The chairman expressed the sentiment of the Board that the time has come to consider these general institutions, too, and he will inform the Advisory Committee accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Gruenewald
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APPENDIX II

Wiesbaden: Worldwide Distribution - 1950

A. BOOKS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Rare Books</u>	<u>Hebraica</u>	<u>Yiddish</u>	<u>German Judaica</u>	<u>German Non-Jewish</u>	<u>Periodicals</u>	<u>Unsorted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Israel	156	4,771	120	1,639	6,142	4,421	4,270	21,519
U. S.	615	100		2,932	753	2,687		7,087
<u>Latin America: Total 10,973</u>								
Argentina		2,836	423	1,500		173		4,932
Bolivia		284		222				506
Brazil		1,287	20	716				2,023
Chile		471	20	322				813
Peru		250		279				529
Costa Rica		249		176		17		442
Ecuador				150	75			225
Mexico		387	20	268	15	114		804
Uruguay		385	20	294				699

Europe: Total 11,289

D. Activities in New York

1. Book Depot

The New York book depot distributed approximately 100,000 items, including pamphlets and newspaper sheets, to libraries in the United States and abroad. Periodicals and rare books were shipped to Great Britain, France,

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Switzerland, South Africa, Canada and Argentina. A great many periodicals were sent to the Hebrew University Library. In June we started the distribution of surplus material which was sent to a number of Latin American countries, Australia, Morocco and Israeli village libraries.

10,000 items remained which were not required by any library in the United States or abroad. According to an earlier decision of the Board, these items were prepared for distribution among the following Jewish scholarly organizations in the United States: American Academy for Jewish Research, American Jewish Historical Society, Conference on Jewish Relations and Yiddish Scientific Institute. These organizations will in turn make these books available to their members.



Los libros confiscados por el escuadrón Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg, se cargaban en camiones y se mandaban a procesar o a destruir. Descarga del archivo de Smolensk en Vilnius (hoy Lituania) 1943.

Album sobre la situación de los bienes culturales compilado por Isaac Bencowitz, Director del Offenbach Archival Depot. (Yad Vashem)



Libros confiscados por el ejercito alemán son clasificados e incorporados a las colecciones de los institutos de investigación:

“Reichsinstitut für Geschichte des neuen Deutschlands”



Offenbach Archival Depot (OAD) General Sorting Room. OAD trabajadores examinan las marcas y sellos.

Los libros identificados se devuelven a sus comunidades.

Los no identificados se envían al Segundo piso hasta que se pueda tomar una decisión.



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Estos libros no presentan marcas de propiedad o sus propietarios no pueden ser localizados.

Abril 1947 se crea la organización Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc. para custodiar y distribuir los libros entre instituciones de patrimonio cultural o universidades.



Capitan Isaac Bencowitz, Director del OAD, junto con oficiales rusos en ocasion de despachar el primer tren de carga con libros hacia la Unión Soviética



25,000 libros fueron dados en prestamo temporario al American Joint Distribution Committee para establecer bibliotecas en los campos de personas desplazadas (DP camps).



In Picture Room - Offenbach Archival Depot



Archival Depot

Muchos de los libros habían sufrido daños severos y necesitaron tratamiento de conservación.

Cajas y carpetas libres de ácido hechos en forma artesanal para dar soporte y estabilizar los libros, aportan capas de protección de la exposición a la luz, polvo, y a la fluctuación de temperatura y humedad.

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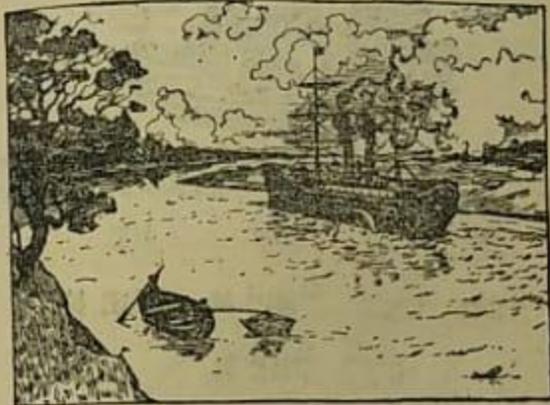
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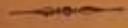
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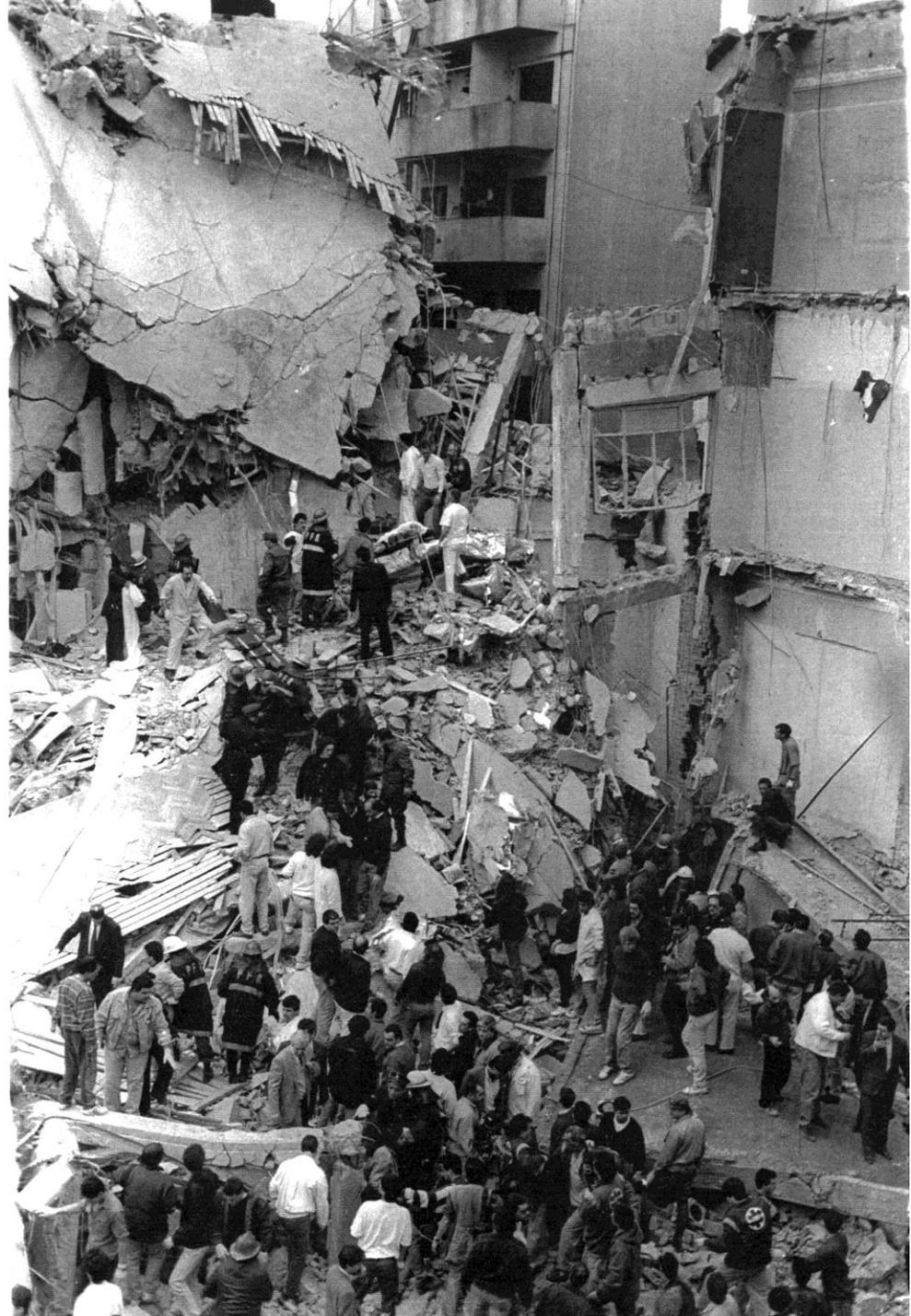
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