

## The guide to Jewish materials stored in Latvian state historical archives

(XVI c. – 1941)

**Общество Друг еврейских детей (Рига)**

**Ebreju biedrība Bērnu draugs**

**Society Friend of Jewish Children (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3269. 1927–1940. Files: 5*

Registered on November 26th, 1924. Society target was to support Latvian children in need. For that purpose, the community had created several points of nutrition distribution, children' colonies, shelters and kinder gardens, handiwork classes. The society closed down upon the decision of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on August 24th, 1940.

Minutes of general meetings, lists of society members, minutes of the liquidation committee meetings, cashbooks.

**Еврейская гимназия Тушия при обществе Хедер Мсукон (Рига)**

**Biedrības Cheder Msukon ebreju ģimnāzija Tušija**

**Jewish gymnasium "Tushia" supported by society Heder Msuckon (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3289. 1927–1940 . Files: 64*

Orders, indications, references, circular notes related to school activities; minutes of Pedagogical Board meetings, minutes of parents meetings, school and gymnasium structure and activities' overviews; scholars' lists, journals of achievement.

**Частная еврейская гимназия А. Клевера (Рига)**

**A. Klevera privātā ebreju ģimnāzija**

**A. Clever private Gymnasium (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3179.1924–1927. Files: 10*

Scholars' lists, journals of achievement, examination reports.

**Общество Еврейский рабочий театр (Рига)**

**Ebreju strādnieku teātris**

**Society Jewish Laborers' Theater (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4193. 1934–1935. Files: 1.*

Book of the protocols of closing committee.

**Балвское еврейское образовательное общество**

**Balvu ebreju izglītības biedrība**

**Balvi Association of Jewish education**

*Archival fund: 7167. 1937–1939. Files: 2.*

Minutes of board meetings and general meetings, cashbooks.

**Рижско-Шлокский кагал**  
**Rīgas-Slokas kahals**  
**Riga-Schloka Kagal**

*Archival fund: 7358. 1769–1898. Files: 862.*

Directives, regulations, instructions on Jews status, Law on the off borders of pale territory residence, regulation of recruits hiring, rules of box tax collecting and use, direction on the restriction of gifts for officials by the Livonia province government, direction on the transfer of Jewish cases into the department of Riga city council by Riga Cemerian Court, direction on the record keeping in Russian by the Livland province government. Minutes of Kagal sessions; correspondence on the activities of the management and the election of Kagal members, assignments to the positions of rabbis, shochets and teachers: Aron Pumpansky, Iossel Levi, Mozes Shapiro, Mozes Aronsberg; correspondence on the Jewish population census and its assignment to Riga; families' lists, statistic data on Jewish population of Riga, the number of synagogues and house of prayers, charitable institutions; data of assignment to the military recruiting stations and the attendance of military duty; the project of the Statutes of the charity hospice and the related correspondence with Riga City Council re the establishment and maintenance of such hospice, abandoned children adaptation and orphans custody, the financing of Reimer's eye clinic, the assignment of medical allowances, the correspondence with the Commission on the fund raising for the Red Cross and Balkan Slavs; documents and correspondence on the issuance of birth certificates, data gathering on Jews, cantors from other cities in Riga synagogue chorus, collection of charges; legal cases, cases related to the building of the morgue and the fencing at old cemetery, the construction of the primary school building, establishment and construction of the Alexander II shelter and Talmud-Torah, establishment and construction of the house of prayer for Byelorussian Jews, the rebuilding and reconstruction of old synagogue, renovation and maintenance of buildings, land purchase for the expansion of the cemetery; documents on metric and cash books revision; metric certificates; Statutes and correspondence of the funerary community.

**Еврейское благотворительное общество *ОРТ* (Общество по распространению ремесла и земледелия среди евреев Латвии *ОРТ*)**  
**Ebreju labklājības biedrība *ORT***  
**Jewish charity association *ORT* (association of crafts and agriculture distribution amongst the Jews of Latvia)**

*Archival fund: 1822. 1921–1940. Files: 56.*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, lists of members, minutes of board meetings, lists of board members, cash-books, correspondence with the Ministry of Education, Jewish associations and private bodies on the professional education for Jewish youth, money assignments, correspondence with the prefecture on the permission of evening

events and concerts with the participation of Herman Brown, Henrietta Safronova-Finkelstein, Raisa Tager, Lev Aronson, Ida Blumenfeld, Sara Rashina, Pavel Schubert; correspondence with association committees in Berlin and Paris on visits to Riga, association official magazine (1934), extracts from Jewish newspapers *Frimorgn* and *Die Idische Shtimme*, Statutes of “Metal” cooperative and the association of the Friends of Jewish Scientific Institute in Latvia; materials related to the Liepaja and Daugavpils departments of the organization.

### **Daugavpils department**

Minutes of general meeting and board meeting, lists of the participants of the meetings, minutes of the committee meetings, revision committee meetings, general meetings; lists of the committee members, association Statutes and registration.

### **Liepāja Department**

Minutes of the establishment meeting and board meetings; correspondence with the ORT-Union in Paris re grant assignment for the construction of school building and other finances related issues; the letter of the representative of the department of statistics of the *Movement For the Care of Children from Germany* with data on the number of children from Central Europe inhabited at the territory of England; correspondence with various organizations on the establishment of the association; calls for meetings, association financing, provision of financial aid to the scholars; correspondence with the Settlement committee on the closing of the association and termination of studies activities and the transfer of schools into the maintenance of the State; journals and statements of welfare payments to scholars, cashbooks.

### **Еврейское эмиграционное общество ГИЦЕМ (ранее ХИАС) (Рига)**

#### **Ebreju emigrācijas biedrība HICEM**

#### **Jewish emigration association HICEM (previously HIAS) (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 5270. 1922–1940. Files: 1381.*

Minutes of the meetings, lists of the board members of Latvian department, activities' reviews, minutes of the foreign committees meetings; the agreements with Latvian Ministry of Internal Affairs and Jewish United Emigration committee on the conditions of USSR Jews transfer via Latvia (1923), on the emigration of German refugees, emigration opportunities to USA, Palestine, South Africa, Australia, Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela and Columbia; registration forms and cards of emigrants; applications on the search of relatives; correspondence with the association of assistance to Jews in London (*Jew's Temporary Shelter*), Hias-Paris, Chicago, Philadelphia, San-Francisco, New-York, Vilnius, Kaunas, Shanghai on the assistance to the emigrants; correspondence with Jewish Colonization Association in Moscow on the search of relatives; correspondence with the shipping company *White Star Line – Riga* on the issues of transportation; activities brochures.

### **Еврейское ссудо-сберегательное общество Паматс (Рига)**

**Krājaizdevu sabiedrība Pamats**  
**Jewish loans and savings association Pamats (*Foundation*) (Riga)**  
*Archival fund: 7160. 1934–1941. Files: 84.*

Minutes of board and general meetings, lists of members, share books, loan books, books of current accounts registration.

**Талсинское еврейское погребальное общество *Хевра Кадिश* (Рига)**  
**Talsu ebreju apbedīšanas biedrība *Hevra Kadišo***  
**Talsi Jewish Funerary association *Hevrah Kadischo* (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4098. 1939–1941. Files: 6.*

Statutes, minutes of board meetings, general meetings and revision committee, book of association members' registration, data on the structure of the revision committee, closing materials, cashbooks.

**Молодежное общество *Хасомер Хадати Вней Акива* (Рига)**  
**Ebreju jaunatnes biedrība *Hasomer Hadati Vnei Akiva***  
**Jewish Youth association *Hasomer Hadati Vnei Akiva***

*Archival fund: 7155. 1932–1940. Cases: 2.*

Statutes, minutes of the board meetings, lists of board members. Correspondence with Riga prefecture on the assignment of permissions for evening events, lectures and excursions arrangements.

**Общество защиты еврейской молодежи (Рига)**  
**Ebreju jaunatnes aizsardzības biedrība**  
**Association of Jewish Youth protection (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 7074. 1928–1940. Files: 33.*

Minutes of the board meetings, employment records' books, lists of the members of children camp, review of the activities of the camp, report of colony activities in Shkede (Šķēde); correspondence with the Department of press and associations, the Ministry of Welfare, Social department on the residence of the children in children camps.

**Ebreju biedrība OSEK**  
**Еврейское общество OSEK**  
**Jewish community OSEK**

*Archival fond: 6338. 1932–1934. Files: 2.*

Statutes, lists of boards in Riga, Daugavpils and Liepāja; minutes of the board meetings.

**Виеситская еврейская частная начальная школа *Тор вдерех эрец***  
**Viesītes privātā ebreju pamatskola *Tora vdereh erēc***  
**Viesīte Jewish Private Elementary School *Tora vdereh erēc***  
*Archival fund: 3236. 1920–1940. Files: 12.*

Historical reference, orders, circular letters, reviews of school activities, members of the Pedagogical board. Journals of achievements and evaluation.

**Двинское еврейское ремесленное училище**  
**Daugavpils ebreju amatniecības skola**  
**Dvinsk (Daugavpils) Jewish Industrial School**  
*Archival fund: 6834. 1910. Files: 1*

Reports on the number of scholars, sanitary conditions, incomes and outcomes.

**Общество служащих еврейских кредитных учреждений (Рига)**  
**Ebreju kredītiestāžu kalpotāju biedrība**  
**The association of the employees of Jewish Credit Institutions (Riga)**  
*Archival fund: 5668. 1931–1937. Files: 16.*

Minutes of board and revision committee meetings, members' forms, journal of incoming correspondence records, accounts, cash books.

**Еврейское общество *Арбейтергейм* (Рига)**  
**Ebreju biedrība *Arbeiterheim***  
**Jewish community *Arbeiterheim***  
*Archival fund: 5618. 1921–1931. Files: 7.*

Community registered on June 20th, 1920. The purpose of the community was the development of Jewish science, culture, literature, music, theater and other arts. The community had undertaken to spread the ideas of enlightenment amongst local Jewish population. Closed on January 8th, 1937 by the decision of the Ministry of Internal Affairs due to the acknowledgement as unacceptable in terms of state and public interests.

Instructions, circulars, appeals, minutes of the unemployed committee meetings, members' forms, lists of persons on duty.

**Еврейское кредитно-кооперативное объединение (Рига)**  
**Ebreju kredītkooperatīva savienība**  
**Jewish credit-cooperative union (Riga)**  
*Archival Fund: 6549. 1922–1940. Files: 245.*

Statutes of the union and of the credit-savings association, financial reports, union activities' reports, reports on the acceptance of the members, minutes of the meetings, materials from the conference of the central cooperative organization of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia (1933), correspondence with American Joint Distribution Committee and its subsidiaries in Paris and Berlin on money lending, correspondence on the closing of the union, cash-books.

**Ремесленное училище еврейского просветительного общества (Рига)**

**Ebreju izglītības amatnieku skola**

**Industrial School of Jewish Educational association (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4196. 1909–1940. Files: 5.*

Circular letters concerning school activities, cash-books, parents' applications for children reception to the school, lists of evening studies scholars, certificates of the completion of the studies.

**Рижское еврейское погребальное общество *Хевра Кадिश***

**Rīgas ebreju apbedīšanas biedrība *Hevra Kadīšo***

**Riga Jewish Funerary community *Hevrah Kadisho***

*Archival fund: 3188. 1878–1940. Files: 52.*

The community had continued the activities of the funerary fellowship *Hevra Kadisho* that operated in the Livonia province of the Empire of Russia since 1749. The purpose of the community was the respectable interment of all Jews died in Riga, with a compliance to rituals and traditions.

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings, the structure of the board, lists of community members, salaries' statements; correspondence with Riga city council and real estate department on the expansion of Jewish cemetery, purchase of sectors for burials; calculation of construction works; correspondence with the Union of Latvian military disabled persons on the fund raising, installation of the memorial table, cash books, books of registration of dead and graves.

**Еврейская начальная школа *Хедер Мзукон* (Рига)**

**Ebreju pamatskola *Heder Mzikon***

**Jewish Elementary School *Heder Mzikon***

*Archival fund: 2971. 1924–1925. Files: 2.*

Salaries' statements, documents of Riga Jewish Democratic teachers' union.

**Еврейское молодежное общество *Хашомер Хацаир* (Рига)**

**Ebreju jaunatnes biedrība *Hašomer Hacair***

**Jewish Youth community *Haschomer Kacaire***

*Archival fund: 2553. 1927–1935. Files: 4.*

Statutes, minutes of board meetings, copies of outgoing documents, recruitment applications, travel expenses' compensations.

**Общество еврейских домов отдыха (Рига)**

**Ebreju atpūtas namu biedrība**

**Association of Jewish pension and recreation houses**

*Archival fund: 2015. 1923–1940. Files: 6.*

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings, lists of members, cashbooks; correspondence with the Department of social care on the maintenance of children recreation colony, children admission.

**Еврейское национальное общество молодежи Трумпельдор (Рига)**

**Ebreju nacionālā jaunatnes biedrība Trumpeldor**

**Jewish National Youth association Trumpeldor (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 2017. 1924–1941. Files: 94.*

The association was founded on August 20th, 1924. The declared purpose of the association was the idea of the restitution of Jewish State. Special attention in association members' education was paid to the national and moral aspects of patriotic thinking, Hebrew language studies, schooling of discipline, physical activities, studies of various crafts, agriculture, and shipping. The association had announced the idea of the schooling of Jewish citizens of Latvia in the national spirit. I.e., on May 15th, 1935, 150 members of the association and 5 drummers participated in the public manifestation in honor of the president of Latvia K. Ulmanis in Mezhapark in Riga.

Statutes, lists of departments, minutes of board and general meetings, minutes of the revision committee meetings, directions to the departments on the issues of physical culture and military schooling, the celebration of Jewish holidays; informative bulletins on the activities of the association in Latvia and abroad; *Oluhn Gaham* bulletins, extracts from Jewish and international newspapers on the activities of Jewish sailors, the members of the Associations, *Hagh Umoad Bebetar* magazines, Masad play, an article by Z. Zhabotinsky on the life and activities of Thrumpeldor, data in the emigration of association members to Palestine; cash book of agricultural farm, inventory list; cash book of the children colony, closing committee documents.

**Baltinava department**

Cashbook. 1940

**Dagda Department**

Cashbook. 1940

**Bauska Department**

Minutes of the general meeting. 1940

**Ventspils Department**

List of board members, cash reports, minutes of the board meetings and the revision committee meetings. 1940.

**Jelgava Department**

Lists of board members, cash-book. 1940

**Kuldīga Department**

Lists of members. 1940

**Liepāja Department**

Correspondence with the prefecture on evenings organization. 1940

**Ludza Department**

Correspondence with the press department and the head of the province on the organization of evenings and lectures. 1940.

**Rēzekne Department**

Correspondence with the head of the province on the organization of meetings and lectures, congratulatory telegrams. 1940

**Tukums Department**

Minutes of revision committee meetings, cash book. 1940

**Еврейское просветительное общество в Латвии**

(Комитет Рижского отделения для распространения просвещения между евреями в России)

**Ebreju izglītības biedrība Latvijā**

**Jewish Educational community in Latvia (committee of Riga department for the distribution of education amongst Jews in Russia)**

*Archival fund: 2016. 1898–1941. Files: 169.*

Statutes, lists of the members if the communities, Agricultural educational institutions Law; correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture on the establishment of agriculture studies and its' activity; instructions and projects on public libraries and the opening of reading-rooms; correspondence with Riga prefecture and the Moscow Shanavsky university and its lectors on the opening of the science library; instructions and projects of committee activities on the assistance to secondary schools and scholars, general rules of the school *Tora vdereh eret*, rules of the agricultural studies, training programs and the lists of attendants; events related to the celebration of 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writer Sholom Aleichem; documents on community transfer to the health insurance of Latvian teachers; correspondence with the Schools' Department of the Ministry of Education on the opening of evening studies and its activities; the history of Riga industrial school, recruiting applications and teachers' salaries;



correspondence with Riga city council on the opening of Women School, training programs, schedules of lessons, lists of scholars; correspondence with the central committee of Jewish colonization community on the opening of the studies for tin men, studies' program; correspondence with the State Bank on the organization of summer recreation for children; correspondence with the journal of the community of the education expansion in Russia *Vestnik* on the fund raising for own journal publication.

### **Mitau (Jelgava) Department**

Minutes of the meetings, correspondence with Riga Department on the opening of Jewish Women school, statement of the school. 1902–1906;

### **Tukums department**

Correspondence with Riga department on the opening of Jewish Women school and its activities (1901—1902), cashbooks (1922—1940).

### **Правление Даугавпилсской еврейской общины**

#### **Daugavpils ebreju draudzes valde**

#### **Board of Daugavpils Jewish community**

*Archival fund: 7161. 1931–1940 . Files: 7.*

Book of protocols, book of the registration of incoming and outgoing documents; correspondence with Daugavpils justice's court, the board of Berlin Jewish community and with private bodies on community property, welfare payments to Jews in need, treatment, granting of pensions.

### **Кредитное товарищество демобилизованных солдат-евреев *Демкар* (Рига)**

#### **Ebreju atvaļināto karavīru kredītsabiedrība *Demkar***

#### **Credit fellowship of demobilized Jewish soldiers *Demkar* (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 7174. 1933–1940. Files: 18.*

Minutes of board and council meetings and general meetings, minutes of the revision committee meetings, cashbooks, members' lists and membership application forms.

### **Общество *Махане Исроэл* (Рига)**

#### **Biedrība *Mahane Isroel***

#### **Association *Mahane Isroel* (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 5586. 1936–1940. Files: 15*

The purpose of the association was the strengthening of religiosity amongst Jews and the expansion of education amongst Jews despite their social or economic status. The association cared for the preservation of Jewish religious heritage, which, being transferred by generations in centuries is capable to impact nowadays patriotic, religious and spiritual youth accomplishment. The association cared about the

development of Jewish schools and compliance to Jewish traditions, such as regard to Saturdays' rest off housing and other activities, kashrut and kosher compliance in Jewish families, etc. The association was involved in fund raising for Jews willing to immigrate to Palestine. In 1938, the subsidiaries of the association were registered in Līvāni, Jelgava, Krustpils, Aizpute, Rēzekne, Kārsava, Jaunjelgava, Liepāja, Daugavpils. The association was closed upon the decision of the Minister of public affairs on August 3rd, 1940.

Statutes, minutes of the central board meetings, alphabet index of the addresses of board members, lists of subsidiaries, slips of membership fees of Riga department, cash-books.

**Общество демобилизованных солдат-евреев Латвии (Рига)**

**Ebreju tautības Latvijas atvaļināto karavīru biedrība**

**Association of demobilized Latvian Jewish Soldiers (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4195. 1932–1940. Files: 44.*

Statutes, minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> congresses, minutes of the board and general meetings, list of association active and passive members.

**Bauska department**

Business and organizational correspondence.

**Viļāni department**

Correspondence on personnel issues.

**Daugavpils department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of members, correspondence with Daugavpils county director on the permission for meetings, evenings and other events maintenance, cash-books.

**Jēkabpils Department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of association members, business correspondence.

**Jelgava Department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of association members, business correspondence.

**Karsava Department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of association members, business correspondence.

**Krāslava department**

Business correspondence.

**Kuldīga department**

Minutes of board meetings, reviews of activities, business correspondence.

**Līvāni department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of association members, business correspondence.

**Liepāja department**

Lists of board members, business correspondence.

**Ludza department**

Business correspondence, cashbook.

**Rēzekne department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of board members.

**Jaunjelgava department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of association and board members, business correspondence, correspondence with Jēkabpils county director on the permissions for evenings, meetings and other events handling, closing committee documents, cashbooks.

**Общество еврейской молодежи Герцлия (Рига)**

**Ebreju nacionālās jaunatnes biedrība Herclija**

**Jewish Youth Association Herziliya (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 5039. 1928–1940. Files: 154.*

Statutes, minutes of central board meetings, cashbooks, lists of members, application forms, meetings' resolutions, monthly activities reviews, lists of donors; activities' reviews and bulletins of the International community of general Zionists of Latvia and abroad, correspondence with the society Keren-Kaemeth and the Palestinian bureau on the grants of Palestine immigration permissions, emigration, land purchase in Palestine; correspondence with association subsidiaries on business issues, agricultural activities, physical culture and sports; short essays on religious issues, personal letters of association members from Palestine, serial publications and press extracts on the activities of the association.

**Общество еврейского народного дома (Вентспилс)**

**Ebreju tautas nama biedrība**

**Community of Jewish National house (Ventspils)**

*Archival fund: 5657. 1934–1936. Files: 3*

Minutes of closing committee meetings, statements and applications on debts payments; correspondence with various organizations on money donation in favor of the communities; correspondence with Latvian ministry of internal affairs on the closing of the society and assets transfer.

**Еврейское прогрессивное объединение (Рига)**

**Ebreju progresīvā apvienība**

**Jewish Progressive Union (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 7151. 1931–1935. Files: 3*

Statutes, programme, lists of Union members and the members of the Presidium and committees, minutes of the meetings, congresses and the closing committee.

**Еврейское социально-экономическое общество (Рига)**

**Ebreju sociāli ekonomiskā sabiedrība**

**Jewish social-economic community (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4192. 1934–1940. Files: 6.*

Statutes, minutes of the meetings, correspondence with the press department, correspondence on the re-registration of the statutes, cashbook, minutes of the liquidation committee meetings.

**Гимназия при обществе содействия еврейской культуре и науке и гимназия и школа при школьном обществе *Иврит* (Рига)**

**Ebreju mākslas un zinātnes veicināšanas biedrības ģimnāzija un skolu biedrības**

**Ivrit ģimnāzija un skola**

**Gymnasium at the community of the support to Jewish culture and gymnasium and school at the school community Ivrit (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 7091. 1921–1940. Files: 78*

Historical references on the gymnasium, elementary school and kinder garden; lists of teachers and scholars, salary payments' records, training programs and protocols of exams; protocols of preliminary examinations, applications for scholar admissions, scholars' personal cases and documents, certificates, journals of achievements, work book of the head of the kinder garden, cashbooks.

**Школа для мальчиков Рижской еврейской общины**

**Rīgas ebreju zēnu skola**

**Riga Jewish community boys' school**

*Archival fund: 7003. 1856–1873. Files: 13*

Cashbooks

**2-е рижская еврейская начальная школа для девочек****Rīgas 2. ebreju meiteņu elementārskola**  
**Riga 2<sup>nd</sup> Jewish Elementary girls' school***Archival fund: 2963. 1887–1920. Files: 7*

Lists of scholars, incomes-outcomes register, protocols, building and construction budgets.

**Еврейская женская начальная школа Рижской общины****Rīgas ebreju sieviešu draudzes pamatskola**  
**Riga Jewish Community Women's elementary school***Archival fund: 6703. 1920–192. Files: 2*

Alphabetic lists of school members, cashbook.

**Рижское общество еврейских домов отдыха (Рига)****Rīgas ebreju atpūtas namu biedrība**  
**Riga association of Jewish recreation houses***Archival fund: 2890. 1920–1939. Files: 7*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, minutes of board and revision committee meetings, registration book of the members of the association, association application forms, cashbook.

**Рижская городская частная еврейская школа *Тора вдерех эрец*****Rīgas pilsētas ebreju privātā skola *Tora vderech Erez***  
**Riga city private Jewish school *Tora vderech Erez****Archival fund: 2916. 1921–1941. Files: 115.*

Lists of teachers and scholars, scholars' personal cases, protocols of school completion, protocols of tests and quizzes, report cards, journals of achievements, incoming and outgoing correspondence, circular correspondence, statements of teachers' salaries.

**Частная школа и гимназия Г. Бинца (Рига)****G. Binca privātā skola un ģimnāzija**  
**G. Bintz private school and gymnasium (Riga)***Archival fund: 2966. 1922–1940. Files: 126.*

Minutes of pedagogical board meetings, journals of achievements, scholars' personal cases, certificates of school completion.

**Рижская еврейская общественная гимназия и начальная школа.****Rīgas ebreju sabiedriskā ģimnāzija un pamatskola**

**Riga Jewish public gymnasium and elementary school**

*Archival fund: 1418. 1923–1941. Files: 145*

Minutes of the pedagogical conferences, directorate orders, lists and personal cases of scholars, receipts upon the receiving of school completion statements, copies of report cards, protocols of exams, achievement journals, form masters' weekly reports, libraries' catalogues and readers' cards, incoming and outgoing documents, table registries, photo albums, scholars' references, programs of the exams.

**Касса взаимопомощи студентов-евреев Латвийского университета (Рига)**

**Latvijas Universitātes studentu-ebreju savstarpējās palīdzības kase**

**Mutual benefit fund of Jewish students of Latvian University (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 6336. 1935. Files: 1.*

Lists of fund donations and lottery committee reports.

**Ссудо-сберегательное товарищество Дарбс (Рига)**

**Krājaizdevu sabiedrība Darbs**

**Savings and loans fellowship Darbs (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 5675, 1927–1941. Files: 236.*

Instructions, statutes, minutes of general meetings, memorandums on fellowship activities and lending, minutes of board and revision committee meetings, lists and books of shareholders, book of shareholders' registration, fellowship entry application forms, revision documents, lists of workers and salaries, applications to pension fund and health insurance fund; annual, monthly and daily balances, cashbooks; books of deposits, capitals, loans and current accounts.

**Еврейское ссудо-сберегательное общество Шомрей Шабос (Рига)**

**Ebreju krājaizdevu sabiedrība Šomrei Šabos**

**Jewish savings and loans society Shomrei Shabos**

*Archival fund: 7150. 1929–1936. Files: 5.*

Cashbooks

**Рижское еврейское ссудо-сберегательное товарищество**

**Rīgas ebreju krājaizdevu sabiedrība**

**Riga Jewish savings and loans fellowship**

*Archival fund: 4873. 1927–1940. Files: 50.*

Minutes of general, board and revision committee meetings, cashbooks of Joint Venture *Daugava* and Riga 1<sup>st</sup> loans and savings office.

**Общество еврейских филистров Латвийского университета и бывшего рижского Политехнического института**  
**Latvijas Universitātes un bijušā Rīgas Politehniskā Institūta žīdu filistru biedrība**

**Community of Jewish Philisters of Latvian University and former Riga Polytechnic University**

*Archival fund: 2471. 1907–1940. Files: 72.*

The community was established in 1908 under initial title “Riga community of Jewish Philisters of Riga Polytechnic University. The main goal of the community was to support friendship relations amongst fillisters, assistance to the community members and their families in need, monetary assistance to the families of deceased members. Whenever possible, the community assisted to Philisters in need by paying the lections’ listeners’ fees on behalf of the fillisters without community fellowship. Also the community undertook to support the development of professional and scientific interests amongst its members. The community also had the committee of the assistance to low-incomes, assigning small loans.

Statutes of the community and mutual benefit fund, activity reports, instruction to the Statutes, project of the statutes of Arbitration Commission, 1908 – 1933 activities’ review, members’ curriculums describing professional and social activities, lists of board structure, minutes of board meetings, cash-office activities report. Correspondence with the board of students’ mutual benefit fund on money lending; minutes of general meetings, correspondence with Riga prefecture on the permissions for conferences, evenings and other events organization, members’ application forms and registration cards, entrance applications, personal accounts of the members of mutual benefit fund, alphabet index of the addresses if community members, members and guests subscriptions, invitations to jubilees of students communities from Latvia and abroad, congratulatory telegrams, samples of referee and entertaining committee announcements, registry of outgoing correspondence, cashbooks.

**Еврейский народный университет в Риге**

**Ebreju Tautas universitāte Rīgā**

**Jewish People’s University in Riga**

*Archival fund: 5666. 1934. Files: 1.*

Applications for admission to the university.

**Еврейское студенческое общество Латвийского Университета Ветулия (Рига)**

**Latvijas Universitātes ebreju studentu biedrība Vetulija**

**Association of Jewish students of Latvian University Betulia (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4263. 1902–1940. Files: 201.*

The association registered on June 21st, 1923. The purpose of the association was to encourage and develop active high life of its members, to support the expansion of

corporation moral principles, to provide material aid to its members and the families of deceased members. The association led a library with a reading room, billiard and sports' square.

Draft projects of statutes, Statutes, the drawing of *Vetulia* sign, the draft project of the Statutes of mutual benefit fund, revision committee activities' reviews, in-house rules program, minutes of presidium and general meetings, court of honor and revision committee; lists of presidium members, lists of board members of students' organizations *Hasmoneah* and *Jardenia*, invitations to anniversary celebrations, activities' reviews, lists of convent members, lists of Philisters and members; lists of library members, summaries of lectures *Live issues of modern Judaism, Judaic Ethics, Status of Jews in Russia, Captain Iosif Trumpeldor and Jewish legion (1925), Byalik – the singer of Jewish sorrow, Jewish national language, Jewish Past and Future (1927), H. Bellock and anti-Semitism, Talmud and Kabbala in Babylon, Jews political status (1925), Economy of Russia and other countries, Spinoza Ethics*, etc. Lists of members of presidium of corporation *Limuvia* in Estonia, announcements on upcoming meetings and invitations to celebrations; correspondence with *Limuvia* on business issues, registry of outgoing correspondence, general book, rescontro.

**Общество еврейских студентов Латвийского университета *Цукунфт* (Рига)**  
**Latvijas Universitātes ebreju studentu biedrība *Cukunft***  
**Latvian University Jewish Students community *Zukunft* (Riga)**  
*Archival fund: 5567. 1935. Files: 1.*

Community registered on November 20th, 1928. Closed in 1934.

List of board members.

**Еврейское прогрессивное объединение (Рига)**  
**Ebreju progresīvā apvienība**  
**Jewish Progressive Union (Riga)**  
*Archival Fund: 7151. 1931–1935. Files: 3.*

Statutes and program, lists of members, lists of general committee and congress members; lists of presidium members, minutes of the general committee and Riga board meetings; correspondence with Riga prefecture and city council on the establishment of new departments and events handling, minutes of closing committee meetings and correspondence with the representatives of the union on the issues of closing.

**Еврейское студенческое общество *Хасмонеа* (Рига)**  
***Hasmonea – LU ebreju studentu biedrība***  
**Jewish students' community *Hasmoneah* (Latvian University, Riga)**  
*Archival fund: 2470. 1925–1940. Files: 12.*



The community registered on April 26th, 1922. The aim of the community was to cultivate state and national thinking of its members, to support the development of patriotic understanding, to establish friendship relations amongst community members, to provide countenance to the members and their families. For the above purposes, the community maintained the premises and library for members' needs, organized theater plays, public readings, soirees; published newspapers (not found). The community also gave students' loans for studies.

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, activities' reviews of Latvian, Estonian and Polish communities, applications, lists of the personnel of Jewish students' organization *Vetulia*, correspondence with various organizations, including *Malbish Arumim* on the fund raising issues and events and conferences handling; correspondence with international Jewish students' organizations on business issues; correspondence with Riga prefecture about permissions for conferences, evenings and other events handling, personal letters and congratulations of *Hasmoneah* members.

**Национально-культурно-спортивное общество еврейской молодежи в Латвии *Гордония* (Рига)**

**Latvijas ebreju jaunatnes nacionāli kulturālā sporta biedrība *Gordonia***

**Latvian Jewish youth national-cultural-sports community *Hordoniah* (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1973. 1928–1938. Files: 10.*

Statutes, minutes of general board meeting, Political department reviews on community activities, correspondence with state institutions on the issues of various events handling, memos, *Hordoniah* bulletin # 4 published in Tallinn, cashbook, closing documents.

**Общество еврейских родителей (Рига)**

**Ebreju vecāku biedrība**

**Jewish parents association (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4775. 1922–1936. Files: 116.*

Association registered on September 20th, 1922. The purpose of the community was general support to education. The association especially cared for the interests of scholars willing to study in Yiddish language. The association endeavored to provide material support to studying Jewish youth. The association managed children summer recreation activities. In 1930, Judel Brown, the owner of a land in Dubulti, has for free provided his property to the association for the establishment of summer camp. The camp was supposed to recreate over 70 children. Prior to the admission to the camp, the OZE community checked children's health condition. Organization Bund had also assigned money to the association for summer camping purposes. Indeed, the association itself managed fund raising for summer camps, i.e. in Summer 1935 in Dubulti. In 1931, Karsava department was established, followed by the foundation of Daugavpils and Liepaja departments in 1933. Karsava and Liepaja departments activities had short period of duration. The association closed upon the decision of the Minister of internal affairs of July 1st 1935 and was recognized as harmful for state and public interests.

Statutes, minutes of board and revision committee meetings, correspondence with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Riga prefecture on the permission granting for fund raising, lectures and other events handling, lotteries results, etc. Activities' reviews, lists of members, minutes of school committee meetings, minutes of the children camp committee meetings, instructions and circular letters from Jewish education department and Central School organization; lists of board members and teachers, registry of school committee members addresses, lists of donations, salary statements of association employees; correspondence with Līvāni elementary school on business issues; association magazine *Neue Vegehn*, lists of association's magazine subscribers; correspondence with Krāslava department on business issues, cashbooks, closing committee documents.

### **Krāslava department**

Directions and circular orders of the directorate of Jewish education, correspondence with the board on business issues, correspondence with Kraslava city council on grants' assignment; rent agreement, cashbooks.

### **Līvāni department**

Statutes of Līvāni Jewish elementary school; instructions and circular letters of the directorate of Jewish education, lists of Līvāni Jewish elementary school scholars, journal of pre-school class scholars registration, journal of achievements of pre-school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade scholars.

### **Rēzekne department**

Activities' reviews of Jewish elementary school and kinder garden, lists of scholars, membership cards, budget.

### **Summer children camp**

Activity report 1933, agreement between Mr. Brown and the association on the transfer of real estate property at Riga seaside for the organization of summer camp free of charge, in-school rules, job applications and job agreements, camp employees' salary statements; correspondence with the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the permission for fund raising, lists of children appointed for the camp, medical records, cashbooks.

### **Kinder garden**

Activities' reports.

**Частная вечерняя гимназия для взрослых центральной организации еврейских школ (Даугавпилс)**

**Latvijas ebreju skolu centrālās organizācijas privātā vakara ģimnāzija pieaugušiem (Daugavpils)**

**Central Jewish schools organization Private evening gymnasium for adults (Daugavpils)**

*Archival fund: 6998. 1929–1935. Files: 152.*

Circular letters and orders of the School Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Jewish education departments on the issues of school activities; minutes of pedagogical board meetings, minutes of parents' meetings, correspondence with Daugavpils city council on subsidies' assignment; annual reviews; salary statements; school training program, lectures schedule, program of Latvian language studies in Jewish secondary schools, lists of teachers, certificates, job applications, report cards, lists of scholars, studies' payments' registry, journals of achievements, examination papers, accounting, algebra, Latvian language and other subjects' papers, cashbooks.

**Еврейская национал-демократическая партия (Рига)**

**Ebreju nacionāldemokrātiskā partija**

**Jewish National-Democratic party (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 2200. 1921–1934. Files: 9.*

Statutes and program of the party, minutes of the first congress of the party, minutes of council board and executive committee, minutes of party members general meetings, personnel of the Central Committee, statements of Riga district court on the closing of the party.

**Частная гимназия И. Раухваргера (Рига)**

**I. Raugvargera ebreju privātās ģimnāzija**

**I. Raughvarger private Jewish gymnasium (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 2915. 1923–1940. Files: 100.*

Minutes of pedagogical board meetings, training plans and programs, protocols of exams, copies of certificates of elementary school completion, journals of achievements, journals of form-masters, personal cases of teachers and scholars, correspondence with the ministry of Education, incoming and outgoing documents, annual reports.

**Общество еврейского национального фонда Керен Каемет (Рига)**

**Ebreju nacionālā fonda biedrība Keren-Kajemet**

**Jewish national foundation Keren-Kayemet society (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1888. 1925–1940. Files: 176.*

The society registered on July 24th, 1926. The aim of the society was to support the successful colonization of Palestine and get land property via International Jewish

National foundation. Upon the assignment of property, the society planned land further tillage. The society also popularized the concept of International Jewish National foundation.

1934 Statutes state the main aim of the society to assist Palestine colonization and prepare qualified personnel for Jews emigration from Latvia to Palestine. 1938 Statutes state the main aim of the society to support Palestine colonization in accordance to the targets of International Jewish National Foundation „Keren – Kayemet – Leizrael” on melioration and accomplishment of Palestinian lands. The Statutes were re-registered on March 11th 1939 in Riga district court stating the following aims of the community: to support industrial colonization of Palestine; to support any undertakings aimed to educate Jewish society in agricultural and/or crafts activities. The society undertook to help Palestinian immigrants in need and to popularize the concept of the necessity of gaining agricultural knowledge basis for Jewish inhabitants of Latvia. The society planned to distribute information about colonization and emigration opportunities.

The society closed upon the decision of the Minister of Public affairs on July 23rd, 1940.

Statutes, minutes of board meetings and society members, lists of board members, work instructions, lists of the chairmen of provinces' departments and correspondence with the chairmen; correspondence with other Jewish organizations, alphabet cards of society members, employment history registries; correspondence with society subsidiaries on fund raising; lists of donors, cashbooks, informative releases Keren-Kayemet and Keren-Haseodth; correspondence with the Department of press and communities on the publication of *Eretz Israel* magazine, distribution of newspapers and magazines in Latvia; materials of 15<sup>th</sup> congress in Palestine; Dr. Kupferberg review on the structure of Palestine, lists of deceased in Palestine in 1936; Zionist press reviews, Zionists' lectures at the meeting in Zurich; informative releases, proclamations and other materials on fund raising for land purchase in Palestine (Galilee); English Mandate for Palestine; trade reports between Latvia and Palestine; press reviews on Palestinian status, Mr. Veizmann visit to Paris, application forms on parents' contribution to Seifer-Haeleda community; correspondence with Lithuanian and British departments of Keren-Kayemet organization; articles of London Zionist organization stating Zionist board position in regards to the action of Zionists-revisionists against Britain policy in Palestine; press-release on the meeting of Zionist committee; correspondence with subsidiaries on the activities and fund raising: Abrene, Aizpute, Alūksne, Antopol, Ape, Auce, Baltinava, Balvi, Bauska, Dagda, Gostiņi, Jaunjelgava, Jēkabpils, Jelgava, Kārsava, Krāslava, Krustpils, Kuldīga, Limbaži, Līvāni, Ludza, Madona, Preiļi, Rēzekne, Riebiņi, Sabile, Saldus, Somerseta, Subate, Talsi, Tukums, Valmiera, Varakļāni, Ventspils, Viesīte, Viļaka, Viļāni, Višķi.

### **Daugavpils department**

Minutes of board meetings, lists of community, board and revision committee members, lists of bills issuers.

### **Varakļāni department**

Minutes of board meetings, cashbooks.

### **Ventspils department**

Minutes of board meetings

### **Kārsava department**

Statutes, lists of board and revision committee members.

### **Krāslava department**

Cashbooks.

### **Līvāni department**

Minutes of board meetings, lists of members, cashbooks.

### **Ludza department**

Statutes, lists of board members.

### **Subate department**

Minutes of the meetings, lists of members.

### **Jaunjelgava department**

Minutes of the meetings, lists of members, registration forms.

### **Latvijas ebreju veselības aizsardzības biedrība OZE (Rīga)**

**Общество охраны здоровья евреев Латвии ОЗЕ**

**Latvian Jewish health protection community OZE (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 6511. 1923–1941. Files: 336.*

Community “Oze” had an international status. It acted on the territories of Germany, Great Britain, USA, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania. International union board included its chairperson Albert Einstein (Berlin), A. Besredka (vice-president, Paris), Radcliff Zalaman (vice-president, London). Latvian community was founded in 1915 and supported refugees and transmigrates.

### **Riga Department**

Statutes, circular letters of OZE board in Berlin; correspondence on the issues of convening of the conference of OZE management from Paris, Berlin, Riga and other cities; minutes of the meetings of 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of Jewish medics in Paris; documents of the Facilitation Committee at the Society of the background of the International Congress of Jewish medics in Paris; activity reports of the central OZE

board in Paris, theses and resolutions of the Medics Congress in Riga; reports on the International Congress of Jewish medics in Palestine, set up of the international congress in Tel-Aviv; correspondence with OZE management in Berlin and Paris on budget approval, medicine equipment purchase; minutes of board and general meetings and revision committee meetings; minutes of the court of honor meetings; society activities' reports; historical reference on the foundation of the community on Russia; minutes of the executives' meetings of Latvian OZE department and Daugavpils department board; budgets, Dr. Eliasberg review on the activities of the community; correspondence with the finance department of Riga City Council on the issues of subsidies, purchase of medical equipment; correspondence with Riga prefecture on the granting of permissions for meetings and other events handling; lists of board members, lists and cards of board members, members cards counterfoils; lists of medics working in the departments of the society; lists of employees and salary statements of the personnel of children colony; an agreement with Mr. Aronson on the donation of LVL 10 000 for the construction of children colony; correspondence with the Community of Jewish medics in Riga on the issues of delegates' selection for Brussels International conference of Jewish medics; correspondence with the board on the donations for the children colony in Stropi; statistic data on patients' movements and sanitary conditions of Jewish schools; reports on medical care provision to emigrants, school cards of children registered at the community medical inspection; an agreement between the community and Mr. Israel Abraham on the donation of real estate property; lists of donations; correspondence with Liepāja committee on the actions for the improvement of activities and financial issues; correspondence with Krāslava department; correspondence with OZE committees in Kaunas, Vilnius, Warsaw on the activities of the community, support to emigrants from Austria and Germany; invitations; congratulations; correspondence with the Administrative Committee of the Week of Health and country committees on events' handling within the Week of Health program; lists and medical cards of children living in the Brown colony in Jaundubulti; directions to the roentgen inspection of the patients to the private laboratories paid by OZE; financial report on the activities and children catering in 1940, cashbook.

### **Daugavpils department**

Minutes of general meetings, community employees certificates; statistical data on children sickness rate in Daugavpils; correspondence with Daugavpils Prefecture on permission granting for meetings, lectures and other events handling; lists of members; registry of membership fees; correspondence with community board in Paris on the issues of financing and medical equipment purchase; correspondence with the board on the reconstruction and renovation of community owned buildings, equipment purchase for children colony and fund raising for the community and children colony in Stropi; bulletins stating community registered children health condition; lists of Daugavpils elementary school scholars and their health inspection; salary statements; lists of medic in duty for scholars' examination, plan of OZE school-medical activities in Lithuania; correspondence with Riga and Paris committees on the upcoming committees' conference and cash payments; financial report on the activities of children colony in Stropi; data on dental office and mountain sun office activities; data on health condition and sickness rate of children of scholar age; data on the activities with mothers of newborns, vaccination against

smallpox; lists of donations' collections; data on donated clothes; taxes registries of Israel Abaham property.

### **Aronson children colony in Stropi.**

Activity reports; lists of children on recreation; medical registries of children health condition; children photos and registration forms; inventory lists; colony and its reconstruction plan.

### **Līvāni department**

Cashbook

### **Ludza department**

Statutes, lists of board members, minutes of board and revision committee meetings; correspondence with the board on business issues, medical records stating registered children health condition; correspondence with the Ministry of Public affairs, county police and other institutions on the registration of OZE subsidiary and structure of the board.

### **Jaunjelgavas ebreju strādnieku biedrība Яунелгавское еврейское общество рабочих Jaunjelgava Jewish workers association**

*Archival fund: 6333. 1927–1935. Files: 12.*

Statutes, minutes of board and revision committee meetings, lists of members, membership fees' registries; donations' registry; cashbook; minutes of the closing committee meetings.

### **Jelgavas ebreju tirgotāju biedrība Елгавское еврейское общество торговцев Jelgava Jewish traders association**

*Archival fund: 5665. 1932–1934. Files: 2.*

Statutes, minutes of the board meeting.

### **Рижское еврейское общество помощи нуждающимся невестам Rīgas trūcīgo ebreju līgavu pabalstīšanas biedrība Riga Jewish community of support to brides in need**

*Archival fund: 3262. 1923–1941. Files: 52*

Statutes, registries of protocols, lists of members; activities reviews; lists of employees and salary statements; lists of brides in need; applications for allowances provision; allowances' payments registries; cashbooks; correspondence with Riga prefecture, press and communities' department on the election of the board, meetings handling, fund raising, lottery organization; registry of outgoing documents.

**Ссудо-сберегательное товарищество еврейской интеллигенции Латвии**  
**Latvijas ebreju inteliģences krājaizdevu sabiedrība**  
**Loans and saving fellowship of Latvian Jewish Intelligence**

*Archival fund: 3678. 1928–1937. Files: 59*

Minutes of board and revision committee meetings; membership applications; members' registries; loans applications; job applications; bills and cashbooks.

**Общество еврейских служащих кредитных учреждений Латвии (Рига)**  
**Latvijas kredītiestāžu ebreju darbinieku biedrība**  
**Latvian Association of Jewish employees of credit companies (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4677. 1931–1937. Files: 7.*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, lists of meetings' participants, minutes of revision committee meetings, announcements to members on the delegates meetings; lists of delegates; membership applications; correspondence with Riga prefecture and other institutions on meetings handling and loans provision.

**Общество еврейской молодежи торгово-промышленных предприятий (Рига)**

**Tirdzniecībā un rūpniecībā nodarbināto ebreju jaunatnes biedrība**  
**Community of Jewish Youth employed by trade and industrial companies (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 4666. 1932–1933. Files: 6.*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, revision committee reports, minutes of the board meetings; lists of board and revision committee meetings, members registration cards and alphabet lists; exclusion applications; announcements of upcoming meetings; correspondence with Riga prefecture on community reorganization.

**Еврейский народный клуб г. Талси**  
**Talsu ebreju tautas klubs**  
**Telsi Jewish people's club**

*Archival fund: 4096. 1935–1936. Files: 2.*

The club established in 1912. In 1922 in honor of 10th anniversary, the club received a gift of LVL 50 of Talsi city council for the establishment of the library. The management of Talsi synagogue had also supported the concept of Jewish library. The



library activities were especially dynamic in 1927. Talsi Jewish community (approx. 750 Jewish classics books) donated most of the books. At closing, the books were transferred to Riga State library. The club was closed upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of January 5th, 1935 due to the recognition as harmful for state and public interests.

Minutes of closing committee meetings, cash reports, correspondence with Jelgava district court on the closing of the club; inventory lists.

**Союз еврейских торговцев и промышленников г. Елгавы**

**Jelgavas ebreju tirgotāju un rūpnieku savienība**

**Jelgava Jewish merchants and industrialists union**

*Archival fund:5659. 1931–1936. Files: 7.*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings; admission and exclusion applications; lists of members, correspondence with trade and industry department on business issues, cashbook.

**Лиепайское еврейское культурное общество (Лиепайское общество *Кадима*)**

**Liepājas ebreju kultūras biedrība**

**Liepāja Jewish Culture Community (Liepāja community *Kadima*)**

*Archival fund:5634. 1938–1940. Files: 4.*

Until 1938, the registered name of the community was Kadima. It acted since 1909 (some sources state 1906). The aim of the community as per Statutes published in 1910 was the distribution of Hebrew language, history and literature knowledge amongst Jews. The Statutes were re-registered in 1923 at Liepāja district court stating development of Jewish culture and distribution of culture in general and care of members' social life as its main purposes. The community had stopped its activities in 1936 due to the lack of finances and limited number of members. Officially closed on January 12th, 1939 upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs.

Statutes, minutes of board meetings, cashbook.

**Saldus ebreju slimo kopšanas biedrība**

**Saldus Jewish nursing community**

*Archival fund: 5818, 1934—40, files: 1.*

Statutes, protocols, cash reports.

**Общество еврейских студенток Латвийского университета *Цфира* (Рига)**

**Latvijas Universitātes ebreju studenšu biedrība *Cfira***

**Latvian University Jewish female students' community *Zfira* (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3250. 1931–1939. Files: 6.*

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, lists of board members, admission applications; lists of members, correspondence with the Department of Press and Communities on the closing of the community.

**Лиепайское общество еврейских служащих**  
**Liepājas ebreju darbinieku biedrība**  
**Liepāja Jewish Clerks association**

*Archival fund: 3178. 1931–1939. Files: 9.*

Statutes, minutes of board, revision committee and closing committee meetings, lists of board members, lists of association members, correspondence with Liepāja prefecture on permission granting for meetings handling; minutes of general meetings; annual activities reports; cashbook; incoming and outgoing correspondence registries; correspondence with the Department of Press and Communities on the closing of the association.

**Рижское еврейское общество дешевых столовых**  
**Rīgas ebreju lēto ēdienu namu biedrība**  
**Riga Jewish community of low-price canteens**

*Archival fund: 3244. 1910–1940. Files: 118.*

The community was established in 1905 and acted upon private and corporate donations. (Riga Stock Bank was one of most active donors). Members of the communities were personally involved in fund raising activities.

Charity was the main purpose of the community. It distributed free of charge or at the low price kosher food to Jews in need and distributed grocery products to everyone in need regardless of nationality. The community distributed free lunches to poor and to scholars of Riga Jewish industrial school at the Latvian community of Jewish education. The community distributed 1000 free meals daily in average. The community also run charity events on traditional holidays.

Statutes, minutes of general meetings, minutes of the board meetings, minutes of revision and economic committees, activity reports, minutes of the theatre commission meetings on the performances aimed to fund raising for community needs; correspondence with private and corporate bodies on tickets' sales, meals provisions, donations; bills; cashbooks.

**Палестинское женское еврейское общество ВИЦО (Рига)**  
**Ebreju sievietiņu Palestīnas biedrība VICO**  
**Palestinian Jewish Women community VICO (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 2018. 1930–1940. Files: 15.*

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings, annual activity reports, lists of contributors, cashbooks.

**Jelgava department**

Minutes of general meetings.

**Kuldīga department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of members, copies of outgoing correspondence.

**Rīgas ebreju amatnieku biedrība**

**Рижское общество еврейских ремесленников**

**Riga Jewish Craftsmen Society**

*Archival fund: 4868. 1923–1933. Files: 15.*

General books, books of debtors and creditors.

**Общество еврейских студенток и филистров Латвийского университета  
Ярдения (Рига)**

**Latvijas Universitātes ebreju studenšu un filistru biedrība Jardenija**

**Jardenia, Latvian University Jewish women students and philisters community**

*Archival fund: 4278. 1927–1940. Files: 43.*

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings; minutes of revision committee meetings; lists of board, revision committee and community members; admission and exclusion applications, annual activity report for 1927; correspondence with foreign Jewish students' organizations on business issues; correspondence with Bikur-Holim community on fund raising; lists of boards of students' organizations *Hasmoneah, Betulia and Limuvia*; notifications to the members of the community on upcoming meetings; Riga prefecture permissions for meetings and other events handling; correspondence with students' organizations on the issues of the establishment of the united Jewish National block for the elections to students' board, congratulatory telegrams.

**Центральное Палестинское бюро (Рига)**

**Centrālais Palestīnas birojs**

**Central Palestinian Bureau (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 2084. 1919–1940. Files: 436*

Draft of the Statutes, protocol of the congress of Palestinian bureau in Carlsbad; list of executive board of central Palestinian bureau; directives and circular letters of Zionists' center in Palestine regarding rules of emigration, applications and registration forms of the members of Zionist' organizations in Latvia willing to emigrate to Palestine; forms of the members of Zionists' organizations completed the practice at the agricultural farms; messaged of Palestinian foreign bureau on the course of emigration; applications for granting of certificates (permissions);

correspondence with shipping companies on emigration issues; travel costs and rates to Palestine; requests to the embassies on transit visas granting; circular letters of Berlin bureau on certificates issuing to German emigrants inhabited in Latvia; registries of outgoing correspondence; cashbooks; rescontro; general cashbooks.

### **Daugavpils department**

Correspondence on the issues of emigration.

### **Общество Малбиш Арумим (Рига)**

#### **Biedrība Malbiš Arumim**

#### **Community "Malbisch Arumim" (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1906. 1915–1940. Files: 113.*

Statutes, information on the board structure; minutes of board meetings, general and revision committee meetings; registries of protocols of economic committee; lists of members; lists of contributors; membership registration cards; lists of employees and their salary statements; books of settlements; health insurance salaries statements; activities' review; information on fund raising, evenings handling, clothes and footwear allocation; lists of persons who received clothes and footwear, registries of clothes and footwear assigned to schools and kinder gardens; correspondence on grants allocation; applications of German emigrants for welfare payments; registry of welfares; information on the donation; lists and registries of donations; anniversary congratulations to the community; applications of arrestees; correspondence with patron institutions and companies on welfares assignments; cashbooks, rescontro, registry of outgoing documents.

### **Общество Мейшаев-Скейним (Рига)**

#### **Biedrība Meišav-Zkeinim**

#### **Association Meischev-Zkeinim (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1909. 1924–1940. Files: 69.*

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings, information on the structure of the board; lists and catalogues of the community members; salary statements; lists of donations; correspondence with Riga city council, tutorial department and private bodies on the assignments of welfares; correspondence with Riga real estate department on land corroboration, building construction; congratulations on the opening of the building; cash books; donors registries.

### **Общество фонд Тель Хай (Рига)**

#### **Biedrība Tel Haja fonds**

#### **Tel Hai Fund (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1930. 1934–1940. Files: 21.*

Statutes, minutes of founders' meeting, minutes of boards, revision committee and general meetings, lists of board and revision committee members; membership cards;

correspondence with Riga prefecture, Department of Press and Communities on fund raising and publishing of the magazine *Tel Hai*, cashbooks, rescontro.

**Студенческое общество трудовых сионистов Хашахар (Рига)**

**Darba cionistu studentu biedrība Hašahar**

**Labor Zionists' students' society Hashachar (Riga)**

*Archival fund. 1976. 1925–1935. Files: 5.*

Statutes, minutes of board and general meetings, lectures' records; cashbooks, documents of closing committee.

**Общество Керен-Хаясод (Рига)**

**Biedrība Keren-Hajesod**

**Community Keren-Hayesod (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 1983. 1920–1940. Files: 185.*

Statutes, directives of Palestinian center; circular letters, instructions; orders from German Union of support to Jews and Zionists' organizations; correspondence with community departments on business and economic issues; correspondence with the Department of Press and Communities on evenings, lectures and other events handling; minutes of conference meetings, lists of delegates and guests; letters of congratulations; minutes of board and general meetings; community activity reviews in Latvia and Western Europe; lists of departments and board members; certificates; extracts from newspapers; posters; members' registration cards; lists of members specifying their occupations; lists of members received certificates and Palestinian shares; lists of membership fees contributors; lists of students who participated in the activities of the community; registry of bills' issuers in favor of the community; statements of employees' salaries; applications from Latvian inhabitants willing to emigrate to Palestine addressed to K. Ulmanis; lists of international committees and its editorial offices; correspondence with Zionists' organizations and county departments on propaganda and fund raising; correspondence with the Northern Community of mutual loaning in Riga; correspondence with province's credits and loans offices on the issues of noted bills and money transfer to community's bank account; reviews on the situation in Palestine; statistic data on trade between Latvia and Palestine in 1929—35; articles of prominent Zionists' on the activities of *Jewish General Fund*.

**Bauska department**

Correspondence on business issues and fund raising.

**Gostiņi department**

Correspondence on business issues and fund raising.

**Dagda department**

Correspondence on business issues and fund raising.

### **Daugavpilss department**

Correspondence on business issues.

### **Liepāja department**

Minutes of board meetings, lists of membership fees contributors; book of fees' records; consolidated statements of money income; cashbook.

### **Ludza department**

Lists of members, correspondence on business issues and bills' payment issues.

### **Общество Перец клуб (Рига)**

#### ***Biedrība Perez-klubs***

#### ***Community Perez Club (Riga)***

Registered on January 24th, 1920. The purpose of the community was the development of culture, educational, scientific and arts activities amongst Jews in Krustpils. Closed upon the decision of the chairperson of communities closing committee in 1941.

*Archival fund. 1999. 1934 – 1935. Files: 5.*

Lists of board members; correspondence with State Library on books transfer; book of closing committee protocols and final 1935 annual balance.

### **Общество Тора Вдерех Эрец (Рига)**

#### ***Biedrība Tora Vderech Erec***

#### ***Community Tora Vderech Erec (Riga)***

Archival fund: 3241; 1920—1933; files: 25.

Established in 1921 and closed in 1940. To create a foundation of the community and support youth education in a religious spirit, the community established pedagogical studies, secondary school, men and women elementary schools, kinder garden; sponsored by the community. Teaching staff expenses were covered by community assets and partially by Riga city council.

Statutes and minutes of board meetings; teachers' salaries statements; lists of secondary school scholars; minutes of pedagogical board meeting; certificates of pedagogical studies' graduates; protocols of examination committee; articulations; lists of the listeners of pedagogical studies; report cards of teachers and scholars; lists of scholars; journals of achievements; schedules; cashbooks.

### **Общество Друзья Торы (Рига)**

#### ***Biedrība Toras draugi***

#### ***Friend of Torah community (Riga)***

*Archival fund: 3242. 1938–1940. Files: 4.*

Statutes, minutes of board and revision committee meetings; lists of board and revision committee members; cashbooks.

**Лесопромышленное и торговое товарищество С. Хейфец и З. Израелитин (Рига)**

**Koku tirdzniecības un rūpniecības sabiedrība "S. Heifec un Z. Izraelitin" (Rīga)**  
**S. Heifez and Z. Israelitin Forestry and Trade fellowship (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 6520. 1926–1932. Files: 13.*

General ledger; rescontro; memorial books; balance.

**Сионистское студенческое общество Латвийского университета *Тхелем Лаван* (Рига)**

**Latvijas Universitātes cionistu studentu biedrība *Thelem Lavan***  
**Thelem Lavan, Latvian University Zionists' Students community**

*Archival fund: 4283. 1930–1938. Files: 4.*

Statutes, notifications to Riga prefecture on board structure and handling of evenings; correspondence with Jewish students' corporations and communities on board structure; invitations to events and lectures; protocols and other documents of the closing committee.

**Общество *Керен-Хаишув* в Латвии**

**Biedrība *Keren-Hajšuv* Latvijā**  
**Keren-Haishuv community in Latvia**

*Archival fund: 7129. 1938–1940. Files: 2.*

Cards of membership fees payments and addresses; review of community activities in Palestine.

**Reliģiozi talmudiskā zinātnes veicināšanas biedrība *Taisno-dievbijīgo pabalstīšana Tomhei-Temlim***

***Tomhei-Temlim, Community of cultivation of religious Talmud knowledge***

*Archival fund: 1874. 1937–1940. Files: 4.*

Minutes of board meetings; lists of members; cashbook.

**Объединение сионистов-ревизионистов (Рига)**

**Cionistu revizionistu apvienība**  
**Riga Zionists-Revisionists Union**

*Archival fund: 3760. 1925–1936. Files: 13.*

Statutes; lists of personnel; membership applications; correspondence with the Worldwide Union of Zionists-Revisionists on the issues of convening of the conference, board elections, fund raising; correspondence with Mr. V. Zhabotinsky on the issues of Zionist propaganda; directives to Latvian county departments; correspondence with Central Palestinian bureau on Latvia and distribution of certificates and on the issues of propaganda and publishing; correspondence with Keren-Kayemet on fund raising; newspapers extracts on the activities of Zionist organizations in Latvia; cashbook; closing committee documents.

### **Antonopol department**

Lists of members, board and revision committee; minutes of general and board meetings.

### **Латвийская сионистская организация *Хистадрут-Хационит* (Рига)**

**Latvijas cionistu organizācija *Histadrut-Hacionit***

**Latvian Zionists organization *Histadrut-Hacionit***

*Archival fund: 3764. 1923–1940. Files: 65.*

Statutes; program; conference reports; bulletins on the activities of Worldwide Zionists organization in Palestine; reports and announcements on the activities of general Zionists in Germany, Britain, Poland and Yugoslavia; emigration reports of Palestinian emigration department; announcements on the activities of the departments of Worldwide Zionists organization in Palestine; correspondence on business issues with international Zionists organizations; minutes of Zionists Union meetings in Berlin and correspondence with the editors of *Idische Shtimme* newspaper in Kaunas; circular letters of the directorate of the organization on the issues of Zionists activities, land settling in Palestine, emigration; reviews on land purchase in Palestine; data on the status of Palestine; report on the 5<sup>th</sup> Village in Palestine; bulletin # 1 of Palestinian organization; protocol and resolution of the conference including lists of delegates and invitees; minutes of board meetings; lists of personnel; lists of departments members by occupations and spheres; lists and addresses of private donors; accounting papers; orders of membership fees; correspondence with Keren-Kayemet organization on fund raising for the benefit of Palestine; organization activity reports; correspondence with governmental institutions on events handling; lists of the participants of excursions to Palestine, business and congratulatory telegrams, newspapers' extracts; samples of certificates; incoming correspondence registry.

### **Латвийская объединенная партия сионистов-социалистов (Рига)**

**Latvijas Apvienotā cionistu sociālistu partija**

**Latvian United party of Zionists Socialists**

*Archival fund: 1935. 1920–1926. Files: 75.*

Certificate of registration issued by Riga district court to the United Party of Zionists-Socialists; Statutes; lists of founders; circular letters and proclamations of central



committee; minutes of central committee board meetings; activity reviews of the executive board of the organization of Jewish Labor Youth *Borochova*, drafts of the minutes of general meetings; extracts from the minutes of general meetings and the special conference of People's Social Party *Zeirei-Zion*; lists of regional departments' boards; samples of party's flags; protocols of the decisions of the court of honor; correspondence with the members of the party on business and organizational issues; copies of issued certificates; members' registration forms and lists; correspondence with *Keren-Kayemet* and *Keren-Kayesod* on the issues of fund raising and assets; activity reports; bulletins of the Worldwide Zionists-Socialists party union in Warsaw; messages to the executive board on the preparation of local organizations in Latgale for the Saeim elections; newspapers' extracts; newspapers and magazines; alphabetic lists of members; lists of the authorized employees of Health Insurance funds; membership fees payments registry; correspondence with the directorate of the Party in Warsaw on the issues of the conveying of the Congress; correspondence with Latvian party Bund and labor unions on the organizational issues; incoming correspondence registry; protocols of the closing committee; correspondence of the closing committee with the Ministry of Public Affairs and county heads on the issues of the closing of organization subsidiaries, on the search of the executives and their interrogations, on the description and sales of the property; cashbooks.

#### **Aizpute department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues. 1931–1932.

#### **Bauska department**

Correspondence with the department on the elections to Bauska City Council. 1931–1932.

#### **Varakļāni department**

Correspondence on personnel issues and announcements on lecturers' arrivals. 1931.

#### **Viļāni department**

Correspondence on the issues of the elections to the City Council.

#### **Gostiņi department**

Correspondence on the issues of the elections to the City Council and announcements on instructors' arrivals. 1931.

#### **Daugavpils department**

Minutes of general committees meetings, documents' copies; circular letters; proclamations; correspondence on organizational issues. 1931–1932.

#### **Jēkabpils department**

Correspondence on personnel issues and announcements on lecturers' arrivals. 1931.

**Krāslava department**

Lists of board members; correspondence on the issued of elections to the City Council and the integration with other parties for the elections.

**Krustpils department**

Correspondence on the elections to the City Council.

**Līvāni department**

Circular letters and correspondence on the issues of the elections to the City Council. 1931.

**Liepāja department**

Correspondence on organizational issues. 1931–1932.

**Ludza department**

Lists of heralds of Jewish united block at the elections to the City Council; correspondence on the organizational issues. 1931.

**Preiļi department**

Correspondence on the issues of the elections to the City Council.

**Rēzekne department**

Correspondence on the issues of elections to the City Council and announcements on the arrival of lecturers. 1931.

**Saldus department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues. 1931—32.

**Tukums department**

Correspondence on the issued of elections to the City Council.

**Общество членов Рижской хоральной синагоги *Лехем Амийим***  
**Rīgas kora sinagogas draudzes locekļu biedrība *Lechem Amijim***  
**Lechem Amijim, Riga Choral Synagogue members association**  
*Archival fund: 5667. 1939–1941. Files: 8.*

Statutes, lists of board and revision committee members; minutes of board meetings, employees' salary statements; lists and cards of members; lists of bodies obtained material aid; cashbook.

**Религиозное общество Цейре-Агудас-Израэль (Рига)**

**Reliģiskā biedrība Ceire-Agudas-Israel**

**Religious community Zeire-Agudas-Israel**

*Archival fund: 7153. 1915–1936. Files: 4.*

Minutes of board meetings, general and closing committee meetings, members registration forms.

**Местный комитет Рижской еврейской духовной миссии**

**Rīgas ebreju garīgās misijas vietēja komiteja**

**Local committee of Riga Jewish Sacred Mission**

*Archival fund: 3039. 1879–1882. Files: 1.*

Book of protocols.

**Тукумская городская еврейская начальная школа**

**Tukuma pilsētas ebreju pamatskola**

**Tukums municipal Jewish elementary school**

*Archival fund: 2115. 1920–1940. Files: 138.*

Statutes of the elementary school; minutes of pedagogical board meetings; instructions and circular letters of School board; lists of scholars, certificates on vaccination against smallpox; birth certificates of scholars, school journals; kinder garden journals; journals of evening studies of English and Russian languages; certificates of school course completion; diaries; statutes of evening studies.

**Частная еврейская гимназия, начальная школа и детский сад С. Либерман (Рига)**

**S. Libermanes privātā ebreju ģimnāzija, pamatskola un bērnu dārzs**

**S. Liberman private Jewish gymnasium, elementary school and kinder garden (Riga).**

*Archival fund: 3169. 1923–1939. Files: 39.*

Minutes of the elementary school pedagogical board and parents' meetings; meetings of gymnasium pedagogical board meetings, activities reviews on the structure and work of the kinder garden; announcements of Riga School board on the recruitment and dismissal of teachers; copies of teachers' certificates; lists of teachers and scholars; protocols of examinations; journals of achievements; statements on health condition of the scholars of elementary school.

**Частная еврейская гимназия и начальная школа Я. Ландау (Рига)**

**J. Landava privātā ebreju ģimnāzija un pamatskola**

**J. Landau Private Jewish gymnasium and elementary school**

*Archival fund: 3183. 1919–1932. Files: 164.*

Minutes of pedagogical board meetings, lists of teachers and scholars; personal documents of scholars; protocols of examinations and examination lists; journals of achievements.

**Вечерняя средняя школа латвийского еврейского общества учителей Хаморе (Рига)**

**Latvijas ebreju skolotāju biedrības Hamore vakara vidusskola**

**Evening secondary school at Latvian Jewish teachers' community Hamore (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3272. 1929–1934. Files: 30.*

Orders, regulations, circular letters on school activities; minutes of pedagogical board meetings; reviews on the structure and activities of the school; personal cases of teachers and scholars; journals of achievements; protocols of examinations; incoming and outgoing documents registries.

**Тукумское еврейское общество помощи Ezra,**

**Tukuma ebreju palīdzības biedrība Ezra**

**Tukums Jewish relief society Ezra**

*Archival fund: 3239. 1924–1941. Files: 74.*

Statutes, books of protocols of board and general meetings; data on board structure; salary statements; lists of members; applications for benefits granting; postponed and declined cases of benefits granting; lists of Jews in need; cashbooks; outgoing documents registry.

**Тукумское еврейское женское общество**

**Tukuma ebreju sievietes biedrība**

**Tukums Jewish Women Community**

*Archival fund: 6332. 1926–1935. Files: 2.*

Minutes of board meetings; cashbook.

**Рижское общество еврейских ремесленников**

**Rīgas ebreju amatnieku biedrība**

**Riga Jewish Craftsmen community**

*Archival fund: 4868. 1923–1933. Files: 15.*

General ledgers, rescontro books.

**Рижская городская еврейская гимназия**  
**Rīgas pilsētas ebreju ģimnāzija**  
**Riga Municipal Jewish Gymnasium**

*Archival fund: 2914. 1919–1940. Files: 127.*

Orders; directives; circular letters of Riga School Board and Jewish educational board; correspondence on school activities, scholars structure, teachers salaries; minutes of conferences and pedagogical board meetings; lists of teachers; teachers certificates and copies of documents on education; lists of scholars; characteristics of graduates; copies of certificates; certificates on elementary school completion; annual scores; journals of achievements of girls', boys', Hebrew and Yiddish classes.

**Общество по оказанию помощи евреям Джойнт**  
**Ebreju palīdzības biedrība Džoint**  
**Community of rendering of assistance to Jews Joint**

*Archival fund: 7156. 1922–1938. Files: 16.*

Lists of orphans' committee members; orphans' registration forms, activities report of the committee of support to orphans; data on material aid provided; copies of the minutes of general meetings of American Joint Reconstruction Foundation in London and Paris; minutes of board meetings; correspondence of Latvian bureau of support to orphans with the management of Riga Jewish Community on board meetings; financial reports.

**В.Ворохова еbreju darba jaunatnes biedrība**  
**Еврейское общество рабочей молодежи им. Б. Ворохова**  
**V.Vorochov Jewish community of working youth**

*Archival fund: 5584. 1929–1934. Files: 27.*

Circular letters and proclamations; minutes of general and board meetings; lists of members; voting bulletins; synopsis of political lectures; articles for wall newspaper; book of songs; outgoing correspondence registry; prints of Zionists Socialists organizations from Czech, USA, Lithuania, Belgium, Poland. Short overview on the international Borochov Jugend conference in Prague.

**Liepāja department**

Minutes of general meetings, lists of members; correspondence with the board on organizational issues.

**Коммерческая школа Рижского еврейского общества содействия среднему образованию**

**Rīgas ebreju vidusskolas izglītības veicināšanas biedrības komercskola  
Commercial School at Riga Jewish Community of secondary education  
procurement**

*Archival fund: 3191. 1926–1934. Files: 31.*

Directives, orders, circular letters on school activities, minutes of pedagogical board meetings; school activities reviews; lists of teachers, information about teachers; schedules; teachers certificates; personal cases of scholars; registration cards of scholars; journals of achievements.

**Частная гимназия П. А. Долгих, Рига.**

**P. A. Dolgiha privātā ebreju ģimnāzija Rīgā.**

**P.A. Dolgich Private Jewish gymnasium (Riga)**

*Archival fund: 3176. 1921–193. Files: 20.*

Directives; orders; circular letters on school activities and teachers' recruitment; minutes of pedagogical board meetings; scholars' report cards; copies of birth certificates and teachers' certificates; examination lists; journals of achievements.

**Общество Рижской еврейской общественной гимназии (Общество по содействию деятельности Рижской еврейской общественной гимназии и начальной школы)**

**Rīgas ebreju sabiedriskās ģimnāzijas biedrība (Rīgas ebreju sabiedriskā ģimnāzija un pamatskola)**

**Riga Municipal Jewish Gymnasium community (Community of support to the activities of Riga Municipal Jewish gymnasium and elementary school)**

*Archival fund: 7076. 1935–1940. Files: 41.*

Registered at Riga district court in February 21st, 1936. Reregistered on October 19th, 1938. The purpose of the community was material support to Riga Jewish Municipal Gymnasium, elementary school and kinder garden. The community undertook to take care on the intellectual development and wellbeing of scholars; to assist the growth of youth as proper members of Latvian society, following the intentions declared by K. Ulmanis on May 15th, 1934. The school was founded in 1935 upon merge of closed S. Gorfinkel school and Riga 3rd Municipal Jewish school. The community closed upon the decision of committee of communities' settlement on February 12th, 1941.

Minutes of Organizing Committee and board meetings; salary statements; scholars' registration cards; achievements journal; cashbooks.

**Частная еврейская начальная школа и гимназия С. Горфинкеля**

**S. Gorfinkeļa privātā ebreju pamatskola un ģimnāzija**

### **A. Gorfinkel private Jewish elementary school and gymnasium**

*Archival fund: 3160. 1932–1935. Files: 46.*

Directions; orders; circular letters on school activities; minutes of pedagogical board meetings; reviews on school activities; lists of teachers; schedules; copies of teachers' certificates; certificates of education; correspondence with Riga city council, Jewish education department and the inspector of public schools on teachers recruitment, contributions to the pension fund, scholars reception; lists of scholars; personal documents of scholars: birth certificates, copies of passports, certificates on vaccinations against smallpox; journals of achievements of elementary school and gymnasium; protocols of examinations; incoming and outgoing documents registry.

### **Еврейская социал-демократическая партия Бунд**

**Ebreju sociāldemokrātiskā partija Bund**

**Jewish Social-Democratic party Bund**

*Archival fund: 5272. 1911–1934. Files: 64.*

Instruction to the Statutes; minutes of board and Riga department revision committee meetings; minutes of the meetings of Jewish Unions and Commission on the establishment of the rights of the minorities; legislative proposals on national autonomy of Latvian minorities; resolutions and declarations on national issues; bulletins of the plenum of executive office and circular letters of Riga organization of Bund youth; memorandum of Jewish social-democratic parties on national issues; protocol of congress of social-democratic community *Strādnieku pionieri (Pioneers of workers)*; minutes of the meetings teachers' section of the event, dedicated to the opening of Bund club; protocol of the comrades' court on the case of Barkan and Erider; minutes and extracts from protocols of Bund party executive committee on the hearing of the case of part depute N. Maizel and the correspondence with the department on this issue; lists, application forms and record cards of the members; copies of issued certificates; list of candidates of Socialistic blocks to the heralds of Riga City Council; correspondence on elections issues; petition of Jewish democratic council on the battle in Lvov (1918); lists of donations; collective agreements between businessmen and Liepāja department of the labor union of leather processing industry workers; lists of bodies granted material aid; lists of bodies applied to Daugavpils department of Bund for legal and material aid; correspondence with the executive committee of Latvian Social-Democratic party and with Riga Council of working deputies on the issues of organization activities; correspondence with Jewish community on the appointment of the members of Jewish democratic council for the strengthening of community activities; reports on the activities of the Council of off-school education; correspondence with social-democratic community SSS (*Strādnieku sports un sargs, Sport and defense of workers*) on the organization of sports; correspondence with Bund Archivals on the regulations of transfer and storage of Archival documents; announcements; applications and permissions for events handling; petitions and leaflets; posters; events' programs; cashbook.

### **Antonopol department**

Correspondence on organizational issues;

### **Varakļāni department**

Protocol of the establishment of the department; membership cards and registration forms.

### **Daugavpils department**

Cashbook.

### **Liepāja department**

Lists of pioneers, correspondence on organizational issues.

### **Общество Латвийских евреев по содействию колонизации Палестины *ОЛИМ***

**Latvijas ebreju Palestīnas kolonizācijas veicināšanas biedrība *OLIM***  
***OLIM, Latvian Jewish community of Palestine colonization implementation***  
*Archival fund: 1910. 1924–1940. Files: 122.*

Statutes; minutes of executive board meetings; protocols of revision committee and personnel; record-cards; Riga department membership cards; applications on the reception to the communities; statements of membership payments; salary statements and employees' personal accounts; work-books of workers and employees; donations' subscription lists; data on the events in Palestine; organization reports on the activities in Latvia; correspondence with foreign Zionists organizations; reviews of Zionists activities in Palestine; data of Joint board on the condition of agricultural farms of Zionists' organizations in Latvia; board directives on practicum a agricultural farms; reviews of farms activities in Latvia and Palestine; lists of persons went to Palestine; book of record and distribution of Palestinian shares and stocks; correspondence with Zionists' organizations in Palestine on certificates and visas; correspondence with Riga prefecture and other institutions; Riga prefecture permissions for events handling; essay on literary works of Mendele-Mojcher-Sforim, Levik and Byalik; newspapers extracts on life and arts of arts and culture personalities (M. Gorky, Stanislavsky, Henri Barbusse); anthology of poetry about Palestine; plays and productions for amateur Zionists' organizations; cashbooks.

### **Balvi department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1939)

### **Varakļāni department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1939)



**Viļāni department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1939)

**Dagda department**

Registration forms and lists of members; correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1939)

**Daugavpils department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1939)

**Zilupe department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1940)

**Kārsava department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1940)

**Krāslava department**

Minutes of the meetings

**Līvāni department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1940)

**Liepāja department**

Membership applications; lists of members; correspondence on fund raising and events handling; cashbooks (1935—1940)

**Ludza department**

Lists of board members and revision committee members; correspondence with Ludza county police on granting permissions for meetings and lectures handling; announcements on new members acceptance; correspondence on fund raising; cashbook (1935—1939)

**Preiļi department**

Members registration forms. (1935)

**Rēzekne department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1935–1940)

### **Talsi department**

Correspondence on organizational issues (1936)

### **Tukums department**

Lists of members and correspondence on organizational issues (1939)

#### **Abbreviations:**

**LSHA - Latvian State Historical Archive**

**Общество помощи бедным евреям Айзпите**

**Aizputes trūcīgo žīdu pabalstīšanas biedrība**

**Aizpute relief society to Jews in need**

The declared purpose of the society was fund raising to provide aid to Aizpute Jews in need and improve their material and moral status.

Brief register of society undertakings is listed in the documents. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1937, there was a reception held at the premises of Latvian Community presenting a performance in Yiddish on the Lybin play “A bride of two brothers”. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1940, there was a performance in Yiddish on the play of Abram Golfaden „Die Kischufmacherin” (The Sorceress) presented in the premises of Latvian Community.

Throughout the years, society board members and active participants were Rabbi Zelmanas Hirsch Scherel, Alexander Michelson, Rachel Kosack, Rachel Feldman, Elki Natanson, Miriam Glickman, Rivke Birger, Sylvia Maze, Fannie Feige Ziev.

The society was closed down upon the decision of the Chairman of the Council of People's Commissary in 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, fund 3724, inventory 1, File: 7070.

**Общество помощи нуждающимся евреям Айзпите „Gmiles Chesed” (Aizputes žīdu labdarības biedrība „Gmiles Chesed”), до 1938 года общество именовалось Общество взаимопомощи еврейских ремесленников Айзпите „Poale Zedek” (Aizputes ebreju savstarpējās amatnieku palīdzības biedrība „Poale Zedek”).**

**Aizpute charity society to Jews in need “Gmiles Chesed” (Till 1938 – Community of mutual aid of Jewish craftsmen in Aizpute “Poale Zedek”)**

The purpose of the society was the improvement of material status of all Jews in Aizpute, distribution of financial aid.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Schmuel Foss, Alexander Michelson, Alexander Bernitz, Jacob Gordon, Abraham Piel, Meyer Hasse, Peisach Kosack, Abraham Beitler. Rabby Zelman Hirsh Scherelis, the citizen of Lithuania, had cooperated with the society.

Society was closed down upon the decision of the chairman of the committee of communities' disband on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, inventory: 1, file 5929.*

**Еврейское общество похоронное общество в Айзпите „Chevro Kadišo” (Aizputes žīdu apbedīšanas biedrība „Chevro Kadišo”). До 1938 года общество именовалось - Еврейское похоронное общество по погребению и управлению кладбищами „Chevro-Kadišo” („Aizputes ebreju draudzes līķu apbedīšanas un kapu pārvaldīšanas biedrība „Chevro-Kadišo”).**

**Jewish Funerary Association Hevrah Kadischo in Aizpute (till 1938 Jewish Funerary Association of interment and cemeteries administration in Aizpute)**

Association was officially registered in 1924, however in fact it operated since the middle of XIX century. Association purpose was the interment of Jews, low-income members of the parish on the account of the Association and its sponsors, protection and administration of Jewish cemetery.

Throughout the years, board members and participants of the association were: Efraim Khunav, Jano-Zorach Finkelstein, Alexander Michelson, German Khunav, Abraham Beitler, Samuel Gold, Leib Bordel, Lipman Natanson, Ber Schapiro, Yodel Birger, Joshua Markushevitch.

The association owned a cemetery in Aizpute, modest household of a cemetery guard, funeral cart and the burial. At disbandment in 1940—41, the association also owned 4 Ha of plough land around Aizpute cemetery, 0.5 Ha of which was supposed to be used for the expansion of a cemetery's territory.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, inventory: 3751, 3752, files: 1.*

**Еврейское общество работников Латвии (Žīdu darbinieku biedrība Latvijā). Association of Jewish workers of Latvia.**

The association was registered on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1933 at Riga district court. Association meetings were held in Riga. Association purpose was to represent and protect social, economic, cultural and legal interests of its members.

Throughout the years board members and active participants were German Mickelson (chairman), Ievel Scherhess, Mark Hirschowitch (chairman), Yodel Eidelhauss, Hirsch Loeb Jacobson, Vygder Kahn, Samuel Ass-Aschman, Ovsey Stender, Leo Goldberg, Isaac Jacob Meyerson, Pauline Austreich, Josef Tankel, Marcus Leibson, Joel Scherchey, Elias Markon, Martin Chait, Jacob Tankel, Hirsch Lev Samunov, Lina Gleizer, Zisel Mazur, Zalman Hertchikovitch, Meyer Burstein, Faivisch Hait.

Since 1935 the association has almost no activities. Closed down upon the resolution of the Minister of Public Affairs of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1938 (Valdības Vēstnesis of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1939, № 279).

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4024*

**Общество еврейских художников изобразительного искусства (Žīdu tēlojošo mākslinieku biedrība).**

**Community of Jewish art painters**

Closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1934 and considered as harmful for public and state interests. No documents of the community were disclosed. Disbandment completed in 1936.

*Archival source: Fund: 3724, inventory: 1, File: 6504.*

**Общество еврейского театра (Žīdu teātra biedrība).**

**Jewish Teatrical society**

Registered on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1926 (Valdības Vēstnesis of 1926.10.22.).

The purpose of the society was to support moral and inward level of Jews by music and drama performances. Meetings were held in Riga at Skolas street, 6.

Throughout years, board members and active participants were Lazar Etinger, Mark Rozovsky, Boris Dubinsky and Max Schreiber.

Upon the decision of complete society members' meeting, the organization was disbanded on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1932.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 1536, Inventory: 11, File: 236, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 8410.*

**Общество еврейских студентов – медиков (Žīdu tautības medicīnas studentu biedrība).**

**Jewish Medical Students community**

Community purpose was support of friendship relations and general improvement of community's members cultural and scientific knowledge level, mutual aid.

Throughout the years the board members and active participants were: Wolf Aetchin (chairman), Ella Shapiro (chairman), Jacob Fomchenko (chairman), Jury Water (chairman), Ruvín Levitas (chairman), Samuel Markovitch (chairman), Michael Dubinsky, Boris Rabinovitch, Lasar Yavorkovsky, Rudolf Jacobson, Ethel Pinus, Emanuel Bavilsky, Fannie Rozenfeld, Benjamin Ferber, Rachel Berelova, Isaac Gurvitch, Samuel Costrel, Rebecca Pruzhan, Moses Waldberg, Schloma Dubrovsky, Rosa Hirschberg, Michael Zubovsky, Elias Peletz, Abraham Kulman.

Community closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1940. Medical books and magazines were moved to the library at Latvian University Medical Faculty.

*Archive source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6622.*

**Еврейское социально – экономическое общество (Žīdu sociāli ekonomiskā biedrība).**

**Jewish Social-Economic Community**

Registered on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1934 at Riga district court. The purpose of the community was the research and analysis of economic and social status of Jews, to reduce, whenever possible, the number of the poor, to promote active participation of Jews in sales, industry and workmanship. The community sought for cooperation with all public Jewish organizations, except for the Social-Democratic Labor party Bund.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Benjamin Zeev (chairman), Simon Wittenberg, Jacob Hoff (chairman, industrialist), Beinush Grismann, Boris Gurevich, Wolf Avin, Tevel Gurovitch, Meyer Blumenhaus, Isaac Babus, Lazar Hochmann, Wolf Jacob Latzky, Moses Magidson, Nachman Moskovsky, Marcus Nurock, Berka Payenson, Emanuel Scheftel, Rudolf Kaplan, Avsey Mizroch, Jacob Evelson (solicitor), Rafael Alterman, Ruvin Hoff, Abe Feldhun, Abraham Hirschman, Naum Levitin, Michel Mintz (doctor), Alexander Nemirovsky, Itze Weiss, Lev Zisser (salesman), Michael Silitsky, Leo Itzikson, Josef Rachmilevitch, Leon Rozental, German Kamenka, Scheftel Ginsburg, Israel Srago (candidate of Law), Daviv Michel Vargaftik, Elchonon Galperin (engineer). In 1934, 67 persons had the membership.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, inventory: 1, File: 4151*

**Еврейское женское общество Палестина (Žīdu sieviešu palestīnas biedrība), до 1939 года общество именовалось Еврейское женское палестинское общество “Ebreju sieviešu palestiniskā biedrība”.**

**Jewish Women’s community “Palestine”, until 1939 – Jewish Women’s Palestinian Community**

Updated name and statutes registered on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1939. Community’s meetings were held in Riga. On November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1939 there was an integration of Jewish Women Palestinian community and Liepāja Jewish Women’s Community on the promotion of cultural activities for Palestine. The new union had opened its sub departments in Jēkabpils, Jelgava, Kuldīga, Ventspils and Liepāja. In 1940, the community intended to establish new departments in Rēzekne and Līvāni, together with the mobilization of new members.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Briane Fridlender (chairperson), Shane Dvoira Nurk, Rochla Pernik, Vita Weinberg, Rachel Rabinovich, M. Abramovich. H. Trainin. M. Kamenkovitch, G. Schmulovitch, I. Israel, L. Dolgitzer D. Genin, I. Wasserman.

In May 1938, there were 807 members of the community, out of them 19 in Jēkabpils, 50 in Jelgava, 22 in Kuldīga, 62 in Ventspils. After the re-registration in 1939, 100 new members joined the community due to the active new members’ attraction and mobilization.

Community's activities include various undertakings. I.e., in 1938 there were public reviews readings held in Riga, including "Palestine and Us" by K. Schne Weiss, "Science and Bible" by Mark Weintrob, "Fight against terrorism in Palestine" by Y. Vinnik, "Josef Flaviy" by G. Schrago, "Problems of Jewish peoples in the context of understanding world events" by G. Levin, "Personality in Bible: by S. Schapot, "The value of Hanukkah", "King Solomon", "The fate of Jewish intelligence upon Asch and Nomburg works" by S. Garfinkel,

The community ran series of lectures, too. In 1938/39, the following lectures were read: on rational household "Life standards and family budget" by M. Kamenkovich, "Rational household" by R. Rabinovich, "Nutrition (vitamins and calories) by Dr F. Gotz, "Consequences of wrong nutrition" by I. Israel, "Jews in Philosophy" by Mark Weintrob.

In 1939 there were reviews' readings held in Riga on Saturdays: "Types of Palestinian Colonies" by L. Zack, "Chaim Weismann" by G. Srago, "Dreams of Zion and modern Palestinian poetry" by G. Gorfinkel, "Galuth and Palestine" by A. Gutman, "Issues of education" by Z. Bergman, "Hasidism" by N. Schmuckler, "Prophet Isaiah" by H. Gordon, "Prophet Jeremiah" by S. Schapot, "Purim Evening" by G. Srago, "Issues of irresponsibilities" by M. Weintrob, "Religious Zionism" by N. Schmuckler, "Meaning of Talmud" by H. Gordon, "Issues of Palestinian colonization" by A. Weinberg, "Meaning of a family" by V. Weinberg, "Nahum Sokolow" by G. Schrago.

Community carried Latvian and Jewish languages studies, cooking and baking classes under K. Person supervision, classes of sewing practices under M. Kahn and R. Vasbutsky supervision.

The community kept a relationship with various Zionists' organization and participated in their undertakings. I.e., in 1938 and 1939 three girls from the communities worked at "Mushkat" farm. The communities paid for the studies of 16 girls who studied cutting-out and sewing at "Ort" association.

However, the community members expressed their dissatisfaction due to the low number of members interested in agricultural activities. Therefore, in 1940 community members decided to increase the activities aimed to involve new members and indeed to involve existing staff in agricultural activities.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1940. Members of the community, Herz Leibovitch, Israel Levinson and Kalman Niburger were involved in the process of disbandment.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 4134, 4133.*

**Еврейское женское культурное общество (Žīdu sieviešu kultūras biedrība).  
Jewish Women's Cultural Society**

Registered on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Riga district court. In fact, community acted also prior to its official registration. The purpose of the society was to involve Jewish Women in cultural activities and mutual aid based on Judaism principles. Community meetings were held in Riga.

Throughout the years central board members and active participants were Malka Meyerovitch (chairperson), Haya Levit, Neima Alpert, Haya Sima Michailover, Menuchah Golovtchiner, Beila Godius, Sara Majofis, Malya Meyerovitch, Rosya Vitenberg, Rivka Rozina, Taiba Nochimovskaya, Lea Zaer, Basya Borovik, Roza Borovik, Nehama Segal, Miriam Mindel, Beila Godina, Gita Veksler, Ete Hodakova, Genya Godina. In 1938. there were approximately 100 members in the Society.

Twice a week events were held in Riga office and regional departments, including lectures, religious, political and social discussions. The society appointed Jewish public figures and scientists to participate and/or lead these events. I.e., on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1937, there was a lecture “The road of Jewish woman” in Hebrew held in Riga conservatory by Malka Meyerovitch, Beila Godina and H. Erlich.

There are two negative attempts to register a department in Daugavpils tracked. The registration of the department had not been tracked in the documents, however Society activities were held in Daugavpils either. I.e., on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1937 there was a lecture of Malka Meyerovitch “Goals of international Jewish organization “Beth Jakob” presented, also lectures of Menucha Golovtchiner (“Issues of woman’s education”) and Emma Flensberg (“Basis of past and nowadays Jewish Life”) were held.

There was an acting department in Liepāja, too. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Dobe Soloveitchik, Breina Betty Lurie, Nechama Rogalin, Feiga Schalman, Lea Feiga Lapidus. As per Liepāja prefecture documents, all these women were highly religious wives of Jewish merchants. On may 29<sup>th</sup>, 1940, the lecture of Edith Dubina “Mission of Jewish woman” in German was presented.

Board members and active participants of Rēzekne department were Genya Mendel, Riva Spivak, Mina Taitz, Basya Mindel, Haya Rebecca Zilberman.

The society was closed down in 1940. At the process of closure it was discovered that society’s registered property was tableware only.

*Archival source: LSHA, Funs: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 8144, 8145, 8146.*

**Латвийский Fund: еврейского национального Fund:a „Keren Kajemet Leizrael” (Žīdu nacionālā fonda biedrība Latvijā „Keren Kajemet Leizrael”).  
Latvian department of Jewish National Fund Keren-Kajemet Leh-Israel**

Registered on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926 (Published at Valdības Vēstnesis on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1926) in Riga district court.

The declared purpose of the society as per statutes of 1926 was to assist successful colonization of Palestine and obtaining land property via International Jewish

National Fund. After the potential land ownership, the organization foresaw further land tillage and promotion of the concept of International Jewish National Fund.

In 1934, the declared purpose of the society was the support to the colonization of Palestine and qualified personnel preparation for Jews emigration from Latvia to Palestine.

In Statutes of 1938 this purpose was expanded and specified the assistance to Palestinian colonization in accordance with the targets of International Jewish fund "Keren-Kajemet Leh-Israel related to land melioration and improvement. Organization statutes were last re-registered on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Riga district court. It declared purpose was support to economic colonization of Palestine and any undertakings related to Jews education in agricultural or handicraft activities. The organization undertook to support Palestinian immigrants in need and to popularize the necessity of agricultural education amongst Jewish population in Latvia. The organization wished to distribute information about colonization and emigration opportunities.

Fund's meetings were held in Riga, at Elizabetes str. 45/47, apt. 2. Solicitor Michael Iljaschov represented fund's interests.

The organization was raising funds intensively for its purposes realization. In 18<sup>th</sup> issue of "Segodnya" ("Today") newspaper of 1932, an announcement by Max Lazerson was published to promote Latvian general move of fund raising for "tree and greenery planting in Palestine". It was planned to arrange the actual fund raising in Riga and other Latvian cities on January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1932. However, governmental institutions carefully traced organization activities. Upon the initiative of the ministry of Internal Affairs, in 1932 Riga prefecture had initiated the process on the violation of Article 1 of Donation Law related to the fund raising activities and its disposal outside Latvia. As per Riga prefecture records, there were unauthorized donation boxes placed at several Riga shops. I.e., such boxes were found at Isidor Joffe dry goods shop at Lielā Kalēju street, 66 (total donations' amount: LVL 1.86), at Darya's Zeitlin butcher shop at Lielā Kalēju street, 63 (total donations' amount: LVL 1.10). In turn, chairperson of the fund Zhanno Thron had pointed out that such boxes were distributed amongst organization members only and such system of fund raising for Palestine had been relevant around the world since 1899, excluding Russian Federation and Morocco.

In 1934, rumors said that the organization forced and pressed Jews to donate and it has so called black book with the names of those Jews who refused to donate for further inhibition of their emigration to Palestine. The source of such rumors spread still remains unknown.

In 1936, Ministry of Finances and Currency commission had allowed the fund to transfer donated amounts to Palestine. I.e., in 1936 the transfer of up to LVL 4 000 was allowed, in 1937 and further up to LVL 3 000. The organization also got a permit to purchase train tickets to Triesta or Constanza with maximum amount of LVL 50 000 per year calculating 50 LVL per one emigrate. The fund was also permitted to purchase currency, calculating 5 000 LVL per year per 1 000 emigrants.



Latvian department of Jewish National Fund Keren-Kajemet Leh-Israel had cooperated with the Chaim Byalik Community of Jewish Culture Development (Ebreju kultūras attīstīšanas biedrība „Haima Nachmaņa Bjalika vārdā”). I.e., on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1932 the organization had distributed fruits in gift wrapping to all attendants of the “Fruit Celebration” party organized by Byalik community.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1935, traditional children Purim happening was held in Riga. In honor of the event the plays of V.Pludonis “Son of a Widow” in Latvian, of Fihmann “Misbehavers” in Hebrew and Purim biblical scenes and the play “Six little drummers” in Latvian were performed, Latvian folk songs presented.

Organization’s lecturers featured simultaneous lecture reading at several cities. I.e., the lecture “Hanukkah and Jewish people renaissance” was read on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1935 in Kuldīga City Jewish school by Hatskel Schrago and in Aizpute at Pasta street 1 and on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1935 at Saldus Jewish elementary school by Simon Garfinkel.

Excursions were offered to the members of the organization. I.e., on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1936 there was a dancing party and an excursion to the estate in Bulli arranged on “Mitava” steam boat.

In 1936, on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Kārsava at Firefighters Society premises, on July 15<sup>th</sup> in Rēzekne at city movie theatre and on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ventspils at Jewish community premises there were the lectures of Kasriel Schweinweiss held, dedicated to the death anniversary of Theodor Gertzl, the founder of Jewish national movement.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1936 at Kungu 7 in Liepāja Mr. Ruvin Hoff presented the lecture “Palestine after 1936 events”. It was dedicated to the analysis of Arabian aggression in Palestine in 1936 and its consequences and emigration to Palestine in 1920—36 and sequences, agriculture as a core for colonization and the future of Jews in Palestine. Lectures dedicated to the same issues were also presented in Daugavpils at Imantas street 31 on December 6<sup>th</sup> by Solomon Rabinovich, in Rēzekne at Skindu 3 on December 12<sup>th</sup> and in Jelgava at Pasta street 34 on December 13<sup>th</sup> by Schlom Hirsch Garfinkel, in Krāslava on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Firefighters society premises by Yerachmiel Vinnik, in Varakļāni at Rigas street 6 on December 12<sup>th</sup> and in Vīļāni at Firefighters society premises by David Hagi, in Gostini at Jewish community premises on December 12<sup>th</sup> by Shalom Joffe, in Tukums at Vecmoku street 41 on December 12<sup>th</sup> by Simon Garfinkel and in Aizpute at Jana street 12 on December 14<sup>th</sup> by Abraham Lyak.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1937 in Riga at Skolas 6 there was a lecture of Schmucl Aluf Magdiel Zuchovitz (citizen of Great Britain and Palestine, board member of International Jewish National Fund, executive committee member of International Zionists’ organization, Palestinian Agrarian bank director) held. Mr. Zuchovitz spoke about the development of Palestine, its significance and role in Jewish cultural spirit development, perspectives of Palestinian colonization, general purposes of emigration and colonization.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1937, there was a triumph event held in Riga on Skolas street 6 honoring 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. Reviews of Ruvin Hovsch, Solomon

Rabinovich, Kasriel Schweinweiss on organization purposes and activities were presented. Then Leonid Zachodnik performed song “Jerusalem a holy city” in Hebrew, aria “Die Afrekanerin” in German, aria “Lasciate mi morire” in Italian. Lev Aronson-Aronov performed Bloch compositions by cello, Betty Gindin-Yoffe performed Chopin compositions by piano.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1937 there was a lecture “Greetings from Palestine” of Rabby Mauris Gros (citizen of Hungary) held in Riga. It was dedicated to emigration and Palestinian immigrants cultural and moral status. The same lectures were read in Daugavpils on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Great Synagogue at Lāčplēša street 41 and on November 24<sup>th</sup> in Liepāja synagogue at Pētera street 11.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938, at Pulkveža Brieža street in Riga there was a party held honoring Purim. The program of the event included play by I. Nozhik “Two generations” and “Reizel, rabbi’s daughter” in Hebrew. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1938, there was a lecture of Chaim Bogratchov (Palestinian citizen, one of the founders of Tel-Aviv, executive director of International Zionists’ organization) “Palestine entering new development phase” held in Riga.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1938, there was wide celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Latvian Republic held. Events’ participants included board members of Keren-Hajesod community in Latvia, OLIM, Latvian Jewish community of Palestine colonization implementation, Palestinian Jewish Women community VICO (Riga), Jewish Youth community Hashomer-Hazair.

In Riga on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1930 Solomon Rabinovich and in Daugavpils on November 27<sup>th</sup> Ruvin Hoff presented lectures “M. Usischkin and his destiny”.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1939, at Skolas street 6 in Riga there was a lecture “Greetings from Palestine” of Main Fund of National Fund Director, Palestinian citizen Meyer Izrakhi presented in Hebrew. The lecture was dedicated to the general issues of agriculture development in Palestine, Tel-Aviv harbor development opportunities, colonists’ achievements, Palestinian cultural achievements. The lecture was followed by an unexpected reaction: the young listeners of the lecture had expressed their joy and understanding by choir singing “Hatikva” song in Hebrew. Later organization’s management had to offer its excuses to the Ministry of Internal Affairs due to the disorderly behavior of event participants and the violation of the official event program.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939, at Skolas street in Riga there was a remembrance evening held honoring former organization chairman Zhanno Thron died in Palestine. The worship was led by general cantor A. Abramis and included choir performance and speeches in Hebrew honoring the memory of the late. Event speakers were chairman of “Jewish Education Community” Leo Levschtein, chairman of Jewish National Fund Solomon Rabinovich, chairman of Jewish Public organization, solicitor Isaac Zingel, chairman of Keren-Hajesod community, Rabby Marc Nurrock, chairman of Jewish Youth Association Herzlia Hackel Srago, chairman of Jewish lawyers association Mark Rozovsky.

In 1937, there were open lectures held under the topic “Status of Palestine”. They were dedicated to colonization, the status of agriculture, safety in Palestine. Lectures were held on February 7<sup>th</sup> in Ventspils in the House of Jewish friendship at Uzavas street 8 by Rubin Hoff and in Jelgava at Zemgale Club at paste 34 by Scholom Hirsch Garfinkel, on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1937 un Kuldīga at Smilšu street, 6.

In 1937, together with the main fund of Keren-Hajesod community in Latvia, OLIM, Latvian Jewish community of Palestine colonization implementation, Jewish Women Palestinian Community, Jewish Youth community Hashomer-Hazair the organization granted permission for shekels exchange, coincided to the International Zionists’ Congress in Bazel. The communities argued shekels exchange as necessary for the participation in Congress since the number of sold shekels allegedly defined the number of delegates from each country and assignment of so-called certificates for entrance to Palestine.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Krāslava at Society of volunteering firemen premises and on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Saldus at Jewish public elementary school premises lectures of Wolf Polotsk “Palestine and its nearest future” were held. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, in Liepāja on Firemen square 2, Purim was celebrated. The program included performance by the play of M. Trivax “Schoschanat Jacob”. Lecture “Palestine beginning new events and activities” dedicated to the evaluation of political events in Palestine was presented on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1938 in Rēzekne by Ruvin Hoff and Kasriel Schweinweiss, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Kārsava by Solomon Shachne Polotskis and in April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Ludza by Chaim Wulf Gordin.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1939 there was Purim ball celebrated in Daugavpils at Pulkveža Brieža street 18. Play “Grandfather” in Yiddish was performed. On March 5<sup>th</sup> 1939 there was children carnival held at the same address with the performance of the play “Josel’s Dream”. Lecture “Palestinian problems” was read on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Kuldīga by Samuel Grahm and on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1939 in Ventspils by Kasriel Schweinweiss.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1940, organization had run lectures of the solicitor, editor in chief of Lithuanian newspaper “Idische Shtimme” Mr. Ruvin Rubinstein and chairman of Keren-Kajemeth-Leizrael community in Lithuania Mr. Aron Shapiro on the issues of melioration, rational household and agriculture, cultivation of citrus, colonization of Halilea in Palestine and further common development plans of two organizations.

Throughout the years, general board members and active participants were Zhanno Tron (chairman), Marcus Nurock (chairman), Abraham Zalkind (chairman), Max Laserson, Iosif Krupkin, Abraham Crystal, Isaac Joffe (engineer), Ruvin Hovsch, Abraham Groiss, Ruvin Solomon Rabinovich, Gedalia Belinsky, Abraham Lyak (per data of Political department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs visited Russiaon Federation on March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1936), Pinhus Natarevich, Julius Hutner, Nohum Schmulovich, Rafael Schmulovich, Mosus Veinberg, Samuel Grahm, Ber Glaser, Zaya Doltziger, Ruvin Hoff, Ovsey Vinokur, Dina Genin, Abraham Ribkovsky, David Oshri, Wolf Avin, Leib Arest, Jacb Schless, Isidor Pinkovich, Moses Gerson, Leib Asnin, Benzion Vishnevsky, Abraham Zalkind (chairman), Lidiya Doltziger, Solomon Etkin, Rachel Rabinovich.

Governmental institutions traced intentionally the members of the organization. I.e., as per data of Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for 1936, Solomon Rabinovich has applied for the international passport for a travel to Russian Federation. The same information source points out that Ruvin Hoff had led Latvian Jewish conference in 1933 where it was decided to boycott goods from Germany.

Political department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs also kept records on Shlom Garfinkel lecture “Palestinian society and 18<sup>th</sup> Zionists’ congress” held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1933 in village Borovoy of Malta parish, Rēzekne county: he participated at the session of Antopol department of Zionists’ – Social party and throughout his speech had complimented Soviet regime and socialism in general. Department records point out Ierahimil Vinnik who was a leader of some Zionists-socialists party and Riga council depute to assist Palestinian consul Kasrih in funds and donation raising for Palesine and successful propaganda of Zionism concept. This is tracked that Vinnik also was a member of Jewish Social Democratic party Bund and occasionally participated at meetings and sessions of left-minded political organizations.

Organization had its departments around Latvia. I.e., on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1933, the foundation of Aizpute department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Fannie Ziv (chairman), Meyer Hase, Abraham Haze, Ieguda Leib Glickman, Nathan Novosilsky, Ida Rachel Brahman, Victor Josefart, Leib Kushner (chairman), German Blumberg, Morduch Shapiro. In total, there were 26 members in Aizpute department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Liepāja department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Hatzkel Magidson, Benjamin Naifeld, Rafael Balosher, Ber Diner, Levin Jacobson, Max Landman, Aron Rubinstein, Boris Rappoport. German Rabinovich, Schrul Bencis, Abraham Schlez, Isaac Shapiro, Boruh Judelman, Chaim Israelstam, Leib Deneson, Mary Jacobson, Betty Lurie. In total, there were 355 members of Liepāja department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Preiļi department was announced. In total, there were 60 members of the department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Liepāja department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Ber Vovsie, Lea Rapoport, Samuel Hein, Israel Kirkilevich, Solomon Tulbovich, Isaac Kisin, Lesya Rapoport, Hackel Schvei, Motel Karaimsky, Abraham Frenkel, Isaac Kleinstein, Hedaliar Blyaiar, Josef Edil, Ilya Voin, Moses Rotstein, David Oshrie. In total, there were 332 members of the department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Bauska department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Meyer Feitelson (chairman), Isaac Leibovich, Zavel Shuster, Zodec Taube, Leyser Feldkhun, Hone Farber, Yankel Wulfson. In total, there were 44 members of the department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Jelgava department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Jacob Manuchovich, Ludwig Levenberg, Rachel Zigler, Rosa Grinfeld, Betty Veide, Feiga Abramson, Tekla Levitas, Hana Joselovich, Benjamin Borschover, Isaac Jacobson,

Zara Matroz, Male Guiarman, Leon Kantor, Jacob Grinfeld, Edward Konzius, Mendel Joselovich, Solomon Sherman, Hilel Furman, Rosa Disenchik, Asriel Bernstein, Marcus Kleit, Nosel Klazs, Hirsh Levenson. In total, there were 70 members of the department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Krāslava department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Hirsh Benjamin Zenziper (insurance agent, chairman), Zoruch Kahan (accountant), Hesel Stroeper (accountant), Leib Naidlin (salesman), Benzion Mantider (accountant), Orc Scop, Leyser Volun, Zoruch Kahan. In total, there were 35 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Talsi department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Schneyer Dreyer (chairman), Shane Kac, Moses Blumenan, Alfrida Herzberg Berger, Rechil Yeruchmanov, Chaim Verbelov, Israel Kalmeyer, Ber Weison. In total, there were 46 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Vīlaka department was announced. In total, there were 35 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Jaunjelgava department was announced. In total, there were 39 members of the department in 1938.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1926, the foundation of Kuldīga department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abraham Hirschovich, Feige Nurik, Gotschalk Daviv, Efraim Lemechus, Moses Kirschuer, Meyer Glazer, Leizer Chern, Mozus Heimanson (chairman, salesman), Sholom Schleifer (timber merchant), Bella Schemin (dentist), Gerta Gabeh (housewife), Dora Feldsman (merchant), Wolf Gitelson (merchant), Aron Hirschman (merchant), Moses Chaim Heimanson, Wulf Vitelson, Samuel Beyerfeld, Eliah Gotlieb, Gerta Gabbe. In total, there were 40 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Rēzekne department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Pavil Tager (chairman, left-minded as per Rēzekne police data, he was the huge fan of the concept of so called left Zionism a la Max Laserson. Due to the above, he had to interrupt his personal cooperation with Olim community after May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1934), Vitaly Falkenstein, Josef Lev Druck, Benjamin Kagan (left-minded politician according to Rēzekne police data, he presumably was excluded from several Jewish organizations), Mendel Bach, Nachman Perez. In total, there were 100 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Ludza department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Morduch Bunimovich (chairman), Ben-Zion Donkhin, Lev Braudo, Noson Astanovsky, Borukh Saul Mankov, Jacob Bash, Feiga Rosa Rob-German. In total, there were 33 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Līvāni department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Nilson Kremer

(chairman), Isaac Faivish Kadyshevich, Psavkeh Zemagkh, Avsey Cimanis, Davis Kushak. In total, there were 52 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Jēkabpils department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Zarokh Ribovsky, Herschln Peizner, Meyer Feldhun, Zundel Kutnick, Feige Taitz, Shane Mendelson. In total, there were 26 members of the department in 1938.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Ventspils department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Marc Meyer Zebah (chairman), Leib Hirsch Glaser, Ete Goldring, Rachel Raisa Zebah, Michel Glodring, Jacob Brie, Lovis Wulfson. In total, there were 70 members of the community in 1938.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1927, the foundation of Tukums department was announced. In total, there were 65 members of the department in 1938.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 1932, the foundation of Saldus department was announced. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Bein Bukhman (chairman, merchant), Solomon Rabinovich (teacher), Rachel Jacobson (housewife), Chaim Pelman, David Libman (doctor), Benjamin Vigder (merchant), Samuel Braudth (merchant). In total, there were 25 members of the department in 1938.

Community departments also acted in Subate (closed down upon the decision of the community in 1937), Vīļāni (29 members in 1938), Kārsava (25 members in 1938), Varakļāni (25 members in 1938).

There was a department in Ilūkste. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Motel Rozental (merchant), Pinakhas Merkel (merchant, chairman, as per Ilukste police data, at the moment of his election in 1933, he was under investigation at local court due to smuggling), Eliah Merkel, Meyer Kayro, Leiba Sher (merchant), Solomeya Fisher, Hedalier Blyaher (countryman, was charged due to arson in malice. When elected to department board members, his case was already applied for investigation).

Latvian department of the fund was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1940. Wolf Alperovich and Semen Zeitlin managed the process of disbandment. While settling down, L.Shapiro, secretary of Community of Jewish Youth Protection “Oze” pointed out that two children camps in Asari and Vaivari owned by the fund did not meet the appropriate requirements. That’s why “Oze” requested to transfer the camps under “Oze” supervision and deduct 5 000 LVL off fund actives for improvement and accomplishment of the camps for further exploitation.

At the disbandment of the fund, its actives were 80 082.93 LVL. Inventory was evaluated of 2 017 LVL, property in Bauska was evaluated of 12 000 LVL. The fund had creditors amongst private bodies and public institutions, i.e. “Olim” community owed 5 000 LVL and Jewish Education Community owed 15 000 LVL. A part of remaining funds was transferred to “Kamph” publishing house. 2 000 LVL were used

to cover debts to Riga Jewish community of low-price canteens and “Jaunais komunisti” (“New Communist”) newspaper.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 1536, Inventory: 11, File: 236, pages: 2144, 2335*  
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*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 5611, 5612, 5613, 5614, 6772.*

**Еврейское общество музыкальной комедии (Žīdu muzikālās komēdijas biedrība).**

**Jewish community of musical comedy**

Registered on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1928 at Riga district court. Community declared purpose was the support of spiritual and moral development of Jews via music and theater activities. The community had stopped its actual activities in 1929.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants of the community were Wolf (Vilis) Kaplan (merchant), B. Chaikin, Jacob Edeikin, Jacob Zusser, Z. Bergman, Hatzkel Segal, Samuel Jacobson, Itzik Matlin, Sigizmund Segal, Meyer mironovich, Wulf Vange, Mendel Aronstein.

Closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1935.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6505.*

**Еврейское общество мясников “Правильный мясник” (Zivchei Cedek) (Žīdu miesnieku biedrība „Taisnais miesnieks” (Zivchei Cedek).**

**Jewish butchers’ association “Proper Butcher” (Zivchei Cedek).**

Registered on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1932 at Riga district court. Association purpose was the improvement of cultural and economical status and the provision of financial aid and moral support to its members.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Simon Blinkov (chairperson), Solomon Feldman, David Likhtman, Elchonon, Samuil Feldman (an owner of the butchery in Riga at Dzirnavu street 100), Motel Halsband, Isaac Ropov, Israel Geimanson, Israel Lipshitz.

The association was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1938.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 8408.*

**Еврейское общество культуры “Народный дом” („Volksheim”) (Žīdu kultūras biedrība „Tautas māja” („Volksheim”).**

**Jewish Cultural Society “People’s House” („Volksheim”).**

Registered on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1929 at Riga district court. The purpose of the society was to arrange and unite Jews for cultural activities and mutual aid based on Judaism principles. In 1935, the Ministry of public Affairs insisted on the integration of the

society with some Jewish women's community. After intense correspondence between parties, society was permitted to act separately without integration.

In 1936, the society worked out a uniform for its members: dark-blue cap with a visor, dark-blue shirt, light-blue necktie, grey trousers and a badge, featuring yellow circle with the symbolic icons of sun and mountains, however, the Ministry of Internal Affairs did not grant the permission for uniform and insignia registration. Archival sources contain references on the boarding for society members employed at Riga enterprises opened at Maskavas street 44 – 1 in Riga. The responsible supervisor of the premises was Leib Vapne.

Documents contain references to several events handled by the society. I.e., on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1937 there was a gala evening held in Riga. Jewish folk songs in Hebrew and Yiddish, Latvian folk songs and recitation in Hebrew were performed, play “Bar Kochba” and scenes “Ervach, ervach!”, “Hikoveu achim”, “Kamu no achai”, “Chamisho osor”, “ Bishvat” in Hebrew were performed. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1937, there were public readings held in Riga called “Our tasks” with speeches of M.Khodakov, A.Godin, Sh.Skutelsky, M. Bloomberg.

The society planned to run a summer camp for its members of 12 – 20 years age in August 1937 at the property in Katlakalns, rented by Simon Khilov. However, the head of Riga district police had refused the project, referring to the unassembled harvest and potential loss causing.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1938, there was an event held in Riga where Yiddish and Hebrew songs and the play “Ezer Israel in Shturm” were performed. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1938, Ariy Wolgemut, the teacher of Riga Public Jewish gymnasium had read a lecture “Character of woman in the Bible”. The same lector had lectured “Uriel Okostah and religious Jews” on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Riga at Latvian Community House. In Liepāja, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1938 at the premises of city hotel there was the lecture in German “Jewish woman: a mother and a mentor” performed by Edith Dubin and Malka Meyerovitz (members of Jewish Cultural Community, Žīdu sieviešu kultūras biedrība). On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1939 there was a gala evening held in Riga, featuring songs in Hebrew and Yiddish, performance of a play “Vun golus kein Erez Isroel”, gymnasts’ performance and A.Kaplan declamation in Hebrew. On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1939, there was a gala evening held in Riga featuring songs in Yiddish and Hebrew, performance “Culib Gelt” (“For money”), Bible scenes, gymnasts’ performance and recitation by J.Landau in Hebrew.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Morduch Khodakov (chairman), Asriel Malkin, Henryh Klein, Israel Alterman (chairman), Avsey Solomon Popkov, Lasar Mayophis, Solomon Khentov, Aron Khentov, Abraham Leib Godin (secretary of Morduch Dubin), Zavel Paul, Meilakh Katz, Jacob Feiginov, Isaac Katz, Gershon Aenthin, Saumel Sofer, Simon Vitenberg, Schlom Skutelsky, Moses Berlin, Aron Ilentov, Moses Nanos, Leib Vapne. In 1938. there were 90 members of the society.

In 1931, Ludza department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Kalman Feinstein (chairperson), Ephraim Sandler, Tevel Tsivyan, Leib Zarzavsky, Saul Czekun, David Khron, Abraham Drizin, Nethel Segal,



Daniel Derdick, Rafail Maharschak. The department was closed down upon the decision of the police chief of Ludza district in March, 1940.

In 1931, Rēzekne department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Moses Bloomberg, Israel Skutelsky, Hirsh Tsivyan, Alexander Tzentziper, Shmerl Moskovich. The department stopped its factual activities in 1934. Closed down upon the decision of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

In 1931, Līvāni department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Morduch Pinus Faitz (chairman), Movscha Lange, Leiser Kodesch, Benjamin Zilber, Yankel Spungin, Isaac Sher, Yankel Lavinsky.

In 1931, Daugavpils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Eliah Lith (chairperson), Jacob Mishnun (chairperson), Hirsh Neischloss, Movshah Klumel, Shlom Katzl Shlom Silins (dentist), Solomon Kahar, David Kiel, Noson Levicson, Isaac Levinson, Borukh Peletz.

In 1932, Balvi department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Wolf Zelber (chairperson), Chaim Wolf Silyka, Judel Zilbert.

In 1933, Liepāja department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Moses Bloomberg (chairman), Aron Mendelson, Israel Hadzan, Morduch Ziskind, Eliah Leibovich, Moses Rosenberg, Lea Hadzan, Efraim Leibovich, Leib Gurvich, Gita Mendel, Simon ROzenberg, Borukh Herschitz, Zisl Zack, Benjamin Poplack, Abraham Steingold, Siman Meyerson, Zorukh Dimant, Benjamin Berman, Ruven (Ruvín) Scherkner, Benjamin Schatenstein, Josel Druyan, Leib Gurvich, Isaac Hozis, Abraham Schalman.

At re-registration in 1938, Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs had insisted on either disbandment or integration of the organization due to its lack of activities and independence.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1940. Abraham Barmazel and Nechama Gandel were supervising the disbandment.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 8407.*

**Культурно – литературное общество еврейское молодежи (Žīdu jaunekļu kultūrēli - literāriskā biedrība).**

**Cultural Literary community of Jewish Youth.**

Registered on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1932 at Riga district court. As per data of Political Department in 1935, the community also acted prior to its official registration as a section of Jewish schools. Solicitor Mr. Gurevich, who allegedly left for Palestine before 1935, managed it. Community purpose was to unite Jewish scholars and graduates for national cooperation and education in regards to honor, duty and

dignity. The community intended to take care of moral and physical growth of its members and to provide material aid and moral support. Community sessions were held in Riga each Thursday and Saturday.

In 1933, the Ministry of Public Affairs and the Ministry of Internal Affairs had not permitted the community to register its members' insignia. It was supposed to provide scholars with the blue shield-shaped badge with letters "Sk" (abbreviation of "Skolnieks", scholar), and community members with the same shaped badge featuring yellow, white and blue stripes and blue cap with visor. According to the data of the Political Department, the community had Zionists and revisionists' intentions.

Between February 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935, a set of 28 lectures was presented featuring following topics: the history of Jewry and Latvia, tourism in Latvia, K.Ulmanis biography and political activities, modern Latvian literature, Palestine development, Significance of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1934 events in Latvian development, etc.

The community periodically assisted "Malbis Arunim" society in fund raising for fighting tuberculosis. Political Department pointed out the necessity to integrate the community with some another, however, in 1937 the integration with Trumpeldor society was declined.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1937.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Leb Suzaev (chairman), Judas Kaschdan, Leib Teitelbaum, Judas Teitelbaum, Moishe Shapiro, Abel Teitelbaum.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5497.*

**Žīdu jaunatnes aizgādības biedrība, до 1939 года общество именовалось Žīdu jaunatnes aizsardzības biedrība „Jidišer Jungšute farein”.**  
**Society of Jewish Youth Custody (till 1939, Jewish society of youth protection „Jidišer Jungšute farein”).**

According to the Statutes of 1936 and 1939, the purpose of the society was to take care about education and growth of Jewish youth in need, its physical and moral well-being, moral and intellectual development. In 1938, funds were donated to the society by the directors of Jewish elementary school in Kuldīga and Tukums, by T.Sobolevich, by the fund of aid to war invalids. Riga city council and health insurance had also provided financial aid. The society had been raising funds actively, however, in 1939 the Ministry of Public Affairs prohibited this activity. It was pointed out that the State itself provided enough support to children and there was no need in private activities in this regard. Society meetings were held in Riga at Parka Street 2 and Skolas Street 12-2.

Society active members were Morduch Khodakov (Rabbi), Simon Itzik Witenberg (chairman, assistant to lawyer, former Saeim depute), Scliem Skutelsky (governor of Riga 2<sup>nd</sup> elementary school since 1936), Israel Chokhes (clerk of Riga public Jewish elementary school), Hirsh Levit, Hirsh Lev Samunov (director of G.P. Rīgas diskonto

banka), Ber Ephir, Evel Baranchik, Asriel Malkin (assistant to the to the manager of Riga 13<sup>th</sup> Elementary Jewish school), Hone Lif, Solomon Hentov, Aron Chorov, Hirsh Wolf Wasserman (chairman), Josef Brustin, Leib Vapne, Mendel Markovich, Henrich Klein, Shlom Pin, Lev Shapiro. There were 59 members of the society in 1939. Many members of the society used to be members of political party “Ceire Agudas Isroel”, closed down in 1935 upon the decision of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Later, according to the data of political Department of the Ministry of Internal affairs, the society was considered as apolitical.

Documents keep references to several undertakings of the society.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1937, there was a concert by M.Kochevitsky featuring spiritual music in Hebrew. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1936, gala evening was performed at Skolas 6 featuring Psalms in Hebrew with the participation of Riga Senior cantor Hirsh Fridland, Jelgava senior cantor Jacob Joffe, Liepāja senior cantor Moses Pincus. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1938 there was spiritual music concert held featuring Riga senior Cantor Hirsh Fridlander and singer Arnold Fridlander. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1940, there was spiritual music concert performed featuring Riga Senior Cantor Hirsh Fridlander , Cantor Jacob Joffe and cellist Lev Aronov-Aronson.

The society took care of children summer vacation. In July and August 1938, there was children camp for 180 children between 6 and 11 and 8 teachers maintained in Šķēde, Kuldīga County. Another children camp for 121 boys and 7 teachers was maintained in Burtņieki, Tukums County. In 1938, the society had organized 6 weeks vacation in Parde next to Asari for 150 children and 3 teachers. There is a record on Mr. Israel Nashatyr, cloakroom and medical department attendant of the summer camp who later sought hardly to get his salary paid up to the disbandment of the society in 1940.

The significant part of household inventory assigned for summer vacation was transferred to the trade union of leather processing industry workers. The disbandment of the society had begun upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 4990, 4989, 4991, 4996.*

**Еврейское общество “Усердие” (Žīdu biedrība „Centība”, до 18 августа 1939 года общество именовалось Еврейское общество юристов (Ebreju juristu biedrība).**

**Jewish society “Diligence” („Centība”), till August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1939 – Jewish lawyers society (Ebreju juristu biedrība)**

According to the Statutes of 1934, the purpose of the society was to analyze the issues of sociology and law, to develop interest to knowledge of sociology and law amongst Jews as well as to provide legal aid to Jews and Jewish public organizations free of charge. For this purpose, the society analyzed actual issues of sociology and law, maintained lectures and readings, collected and processed necessary information, etc. According to the Statutes of 1938, the purpose of the society was to develop interest to the history of Jewish law, its development and connection to Judaism, history and

culture, as well as to support in general friendly relationships amongst society members. In 1938, the society acted in Riga only and had 106 registered members. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Paul Mintz (chairperson), Miron Kron, Frida Krupkina, Grigory Rubinstein.

In 1938, the society was suggested to change its title to Latvian Jewish Juridical Society. However, upon the decision of professional chamber and the Ministry of Public Affairs this offer was declined because the proposed title did not match with the concept of the society since it could be considered neither academic, nor scientific. At re-registration of the society, it was decided to remove the special study of law history from the list of society purposes. According to the new Statutes after re-registration in 1939, the purpose of the society was to promote the development of Jewish culture and history understanding and to support friendship relations amongst society members.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3765.*

**Тукумское еврейское женское общество помощи (Tukuma ebreju sieviešu palīdzības biedrība).**

**Tukums Jewish Women's community of aid.**

Registered on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1923 at Jelgava district court. The purpose of the community was to raise funds, provide financial aid to Jews in need, and improve their moral and material status. The community acted in Tukums only.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Haya Schumacher, Yasha Idelson, Robert (Ruben) Veinberg, Mane Herzberg, Shaya Blumental, Lea Hercberg.

The society was closed down voluntarily upon the decision of the board of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935. The reason for disbandment became an opening of another Tukums community with similar targets.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7261.*

**Общество еврейской культуры в Латвии "Tarbut" ("Tarbut" žīdu kultūras biedrība Latvijā).**

**Society of Jewish Culture in Latvia "Tarbut"**

Registered on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1929 at Riga district court. The purpose of the society was to protect and distribute the concept of Jewish culture, education and teaching in Hebrew in schools. The society undertook to provide moral support and financial aid to Hebrew schools and its scholars and to popularize the concept of Hebrew usage distribution amongst Jews. Society meetings were held in Riga.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Max Laserson (chairperson), Chaim Gordin, Jacob Hoff, Lasar Etinger (engineer), Nachman Moskovsky (pharmacist), Zigo Michelson (immigrated to Palestine before 1936), Yerachmiel Belkin, Hirsh Garfinkel, Moses Joelson, Jacob Evelson (assistant to lawyer), Moses Zusman, Israel Ilnaeh.

The society was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1936. According to the data of Riga prefecture questionings, the society had stopped its actual activities in 1929.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 8406.*

**Талсинский еврейский народный клуб (Talsu ebreju tautas klubs).  
Talsi Jewish People's Club**

In 1922, the club had celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and got a gift from Talsi council of LVL 50 for the arrangement of a library. The regency of Talsi synagogue had also supported the concept of Jewish library arrangement. In 1927, the library worked intensively. Talsi Jewish Community donated most of the books (approximately 750 books of Jewish classics). At disbandment, the books were transferred to State Library in Riga.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Schmuel Zelik (chairperson), Jonas Tevelson, David Fux, Kusiel Lipshitz, Mery Kalmeyer. In 1935, there were approximately 50 members of the club.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1935 since was considered as harmful for public and state interests.

*Archival source: LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5330.*

**Рижское общество еврейской школы (Rīgas žīdu skolas biedrība), до 1938 года общество именовалось Общество по открытию еврейских школ "Cheder – Msukon" ("Примерная школа") (Ebreju skolu atvēršanas biedrība „Cheder Msukon” (Parauga skola) .**

**Riga Jewish school community, till 1930 – Community of Jewish schools opening "Cheder-Msukon" (Exemplary School)**

Registered at Riga district court at January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1925. The Statutes declare the following purposes of the community: to spread Hebrew language use, Bible knowledge, history of Jewry, religious knowledge and general education amongst Jewish population. After re-registration and name change in 1938, the declared purpose was to maintain private Gymnasium "Tushiah" (school director Solomon Makhelson), to support the education and growth of Jewish youth according to state and national-patriotic concepts. There were 36 members of the community in 1938.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Meyer Kisin (chairperson), R.Hovschah (chairperson), Meyer Зельманович (chairperson), Tsadik Levon, Shabsie Konovalov, Iser Kamenecky, Chaim Joffe, Meyer Deit, Meyer Hatzkelovich, Abraham Kovnat, Wolf Latzky-Bertold, Morduch Nurock, Alexander Gurevich, Mendel Gor, Mendel Finkelman, Abraham Liberman, Ruvin Hovsh, Judas Rapoport, Rafael Alterman, Hirsh Zelkin, Hilel Schvalbe, Elias Schloss berg, Moses

Veinberg, Avsey Nemoytin, Michel Teleshevsky, Nohum Melamed, Hershon Tilman, Meyer Kashtan.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of Commissar of Internal Affairs of Septembr 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1940. At disbandment, the salary was paid to the teachers of Tushia: Meyer Makhelson, Moses Shapiro, Nakhman Itkin, Shane Itkina, Abraham Veisman, Maria Shteinberg, Itzik Josmin, Shlom Trupin, Sholom Polotsky, Lia Tcherfas, Pesya Davidova, Alter Ritov, Emilia Zarin, Srolya Vainer, Sima Shklyar, Efraim Shklyar, Artur Silinieks, David Schver.

At disbandment, community inventory was transferred to Riga public Jewish gymnasium.

Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4102, 4103, 4104, 4106, 4115.

**Общество рижской еврейской общественной гимназии (Rīgas žīdu sabiedrisko ģimnāziju biedrība).**

**Riga Jewish Public gymnasium society**

Registered at Riga district court on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1936. Re-registered on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938. The purpose of the society was financial maintenance of Riga Jewish public gymnasium, elementary school and kinder garden. The society undertook to take care of intellectual development and well-being of scholars and encourage their becoming of worthy members of Latvian society, following up concepts declared by K.Ulmanis on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1934. The school was founded in 1935 after an integration of settled down S.Garfinkel school and Riga 3<sup>rd</sup> elementary Jewish school. The new school also undertook to cover S.Garfinkel school debts.

The society didn't own any real estate, indeed all property was rented. School inventory valued LVL 8 375.99 was the property of the society. The parents of scholars founded the school. There 5 gymnasium grades, 6 elementary grades and a kinder garden. The school was opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935 at Dzirnavu 29 in Riga.

It is known that on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1935, the first honorary scholarship was maintained, featuring speeches, Latvian folk songs and common pray led by cantor Mandel. There were 27 teachers, 2 medics, 1 booking clerk and one office clerk in the school. Out of them 6 were Latvians, other were Jews.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Schmuel Hirshfeld (chairperson), Boris Horon (school curator), Hirsh Birman, Frida Krupkin (lawyer), Shmuel Rozin, Leonid Lempert, Lazar Gribeschok, Wolf Rozenstein, Wolf Harryk, Dietrich Danzinger (lawyer), Saul Berner, Iosif Ollenstein (lawyer), Janis Jacobi (engineer), Lasar Samuel (engineer), Menchin Pruzhan, Isaac Livshic, Borukh Gordon, Moses Kublanov, Wolf Rozenstern, Iakau Aren, Jacob Gurevich, Hirsh Birman, Adolf Rozenstein, Faivush Muller, Meyer Apter, Nechemiah Aron Godes, Simon Packin, Rudolf Kaplan, Herman Shaporo (engineer), Samuel Weinverg, Shaya Schanter, Leonid Lemper. According to the police data, there were 38 active members of the society in 1937.

In 1938, Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs had stood against Borukh Gordon board membership. He used to be a merchant and journalist and presumably had represented the interests of Russian Soviet Federation in Latvia.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of Communities' Disbandment committee on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1941. Disbandment was coordinated by Eidah Zalkinder (school director), assisted by schoolteachers Moses Taitz and Emanuel Sheftel. The assets after payment of debts and taxes were transferred to Riga Jewish Industrial School.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 4609, 8259, 8260, 8261.

**Рижское еврейское общество помощи “Помощь больным” „Bikur Holim” (Rīgas žīdu palīdzības biedrība „Slimo kopšana” (Bikur – Holim”), до 1938 года общество именовалось Общество помощи больным и нуждающимся евреям „Bikur Holim” (Slimo trūcīgo ēbreju palīdzības biedrība „Bikur Holim”).**

**Riga Jewish society “Bikur Holim” (Aid to patients), till 1938 – Society of medical aid to Jews in need “Bikur Holim”**

Registered at Riga district court. The purpose of the society was to provide medical aid to all unhealthy Riga Jews in need, to raise funds for their sanitary conditions improvement and the maintenance of the hospital in Riga at Maskavas street 118/120, to found new hospitals in Latvia. The society periodically ran charity lottery to raise funds for hospital.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Jacob Tcisse, David (Diedrikh) Mihelson, Yankel Jacob Rabinovich, Konstantin Holender, Hilel Fridman, Qolf Gites, H. Tzivyan, Man Hein, Motel Itzigson, Shmuel Ioffo, Ruvin Kaplan, Aron Kelman, Zigfrid Mickelson, Meyer Salmanovich, Meyer Sapugo, Alexander Westerman, A. Zalkind, Isaac Shen, Jacob Weinberg, Ilya Benzion Leviyan, Siman Svitgal, Hirsh Rashkin.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3585.

**Рижское еврейское благотворительное общество “Помощь” (Rīgas žīdu labdarības biedrība „Pabalsts”), до 1939 года общество именовалось Рижское еврейское благотворительное общество (основано белорусскими евреями) Rīgas ebreju labdarības biedrība (didināta no baltkrievu ebrejiem).**

**Riga Jewish charity society “Contribution” (“Pabalsts). Till 1939 – Riga Jewish Charity Society (founded by Byelorussian Jews).**

The purpose of the society was the provision of financial and medical aid and supplement of work and necessary inventory to Jews in need, to issue interest free loans.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Marcus Dubrovsky (chairperson), Borukh Yurovich, Meyer Yaznin, Marcus Blumental, Meyer Atzkin, Morduch Belinky, Wolf Giis, Mendel Veksler, Ilya Lubotzky, Abraham Mer, Meyer Ritov, Abraham Rabinovich, Leib Minsker, Saul Gurevich, Shmuel Joffe, Movshah Leib Mintz, Alexander Livshic, Mendel Gor, Vindor Volshonok, Aron Schmulyan, Ber Dinson, Meyer Kisin, Joel Gurevich, Shaya Noim, Hatzkel Tzeitlin, Morduch Livshitz.

Closed down upon the decision of the Chairman of societis' disbandment committee of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1941. Rosa Plavnik, Boris Arolovich and Hesel Levenson were involved in disbandment process.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7222.

**Общество выпускников рижской еврейской ремесленной школы (Rīgas zīdu amatniecības skolas absolventu biedrība).  
Association of graduates of Riga Jewish Industrial School**

Closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1934 and considered as harmful for state and public interests. In fact, disbandment process lasted till April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1936 because no documents or association members could be disclosed.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 2834.

**Рижский еврейский профессиональный союз учителей (Rīgas ebreju profesionālā skolotāju savienība).  
Riga Jewish teachers union**

Registered on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1920 at Riga district court. The purpose of the union was to unite Jewish teachers to improve and increase their professional level in accordance with historical traditions of Jewry and modern methods of education and to establish united Jewish school "Ivris".

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Zelik Gabay (teacher), Leon Kantor, Rut Hirshberg, Rosa Kahn, Schrol Vainer.

The union was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1937.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7880.

**Рижское еврейское общество мясников (Rīgas ebreju miesnieku biedrība).  
Riga Jewish butchers' association**

Registered on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1920 at Riga district court. The purpose of the association was to improve economic status of its members and increase their cultural level, to support association members in need and their relatives by providing material and moral aid.



Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Zalmen Zitron (chairperson), Leiser Greditor (chairperson), Moses Westerman, Moses Morburger, Leib Kurtzman, Mendel Sverdlin, Elias Kurrzman, Chaim Grinshpon, Schlome Silyan, Louis Yankelov, Mendel Blus, Abraham Mendelovich, Moses Segal, Pinkus Vilensky, Hirsh Kotler, Kopel Kantor, Schmuel Blumen, Rafael Plotner, Moesha Ulman, Shavel Kremer, Itzik Devid Ulman, Ber Tcherfas, Motel Kutek, Noy Bauman, Isaac Dumes.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6689.

**Рижское еврейское общество сапожников (Rīgas ebreju kurpnieku meistarū biedrība).**

**Riga Jewish Bootmaker's association**

Registered on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1926 at Riga district court. The purpose of the association was to unite all Jewish shoemakers and leather processing industry workers, to support the development of their economical and cultural growth and protect their professional interests.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Josef Poleschuk, Abraham Broder, Zelik Gelbalt, Abraham Strom, Kivah Gordon, Menachem Sorkin, Shleime Furman, Leiser Tosche, Shleima Erenstein, Jacob Ockschtolker, Rachmil Leibovich, Mendel Leibovich, Abraham Delman, Abe Lactus, Zelman Schmargon, Elia Lerman.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4729.

**Резекненское еврейское благотворительное общество (Rēzeknes žīdu labdarības biedrība).**

**Rēzekne Jewish Charity society**

Registered on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1923 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the society was to keep records of Jews in need and provide financial aid and moral support to Jews in need, to provide medical aid and cure on the account of the society, to establish canteens and shelter, to distribute gifts amongst needy children of school age, to distribute grants to scholars in need. The society practiced intense fund raising for charity purposes. It owned real estate property at Rēzeknes street 24 in Rēzekne.

Documents track several references to the concerts maintained by the society. I.e., on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1935, there was a concert at State Jewish gymnasium premises featuring Rachmaninov, F.Lizt, F. Chopin fortepiano music played by M.Polyak, chairperson of the society. Schubert sonnets, A. Ambrosyo, V.Monti and I.Rully songs were violin played by M.Bavilsky. Mrs. Schlosberg, soprano, had performed a song by J.Vitols, "Karlitis, Karlitis".

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1939, the play of R.Moron "Roman Castle" in Yiddish was performed at Latvian Community premises.

In 1936, upon the insistence of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the society had integrated with Rēzekne united Jewish charity fund (Rēzeknes apvienotā labdarības biedrība). In 1938, the society intended to raise funds for Mikvah bath renovation. By then, Jewish bath was not operating for 8 years. However, Rēzekne police had declined the application for renovation, pointing out that there was a part of a bath of Mrs. Suslova-Taurin provided for Mikvah needs and local Jews actively used it.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Meyer Polyak (chairperson), Ginda Turovlina, Slava Pesya Bogorad, Tatyana Grozdinskaya, Feiga Movscha Skarta, Sholom Jacobson, Schifra Schtark-Schvartz, Dina Livshic, Elya Jacobson, Schaya Livshic, Masha Taya Tcherfass, Soel Druck, Schmuil Litkin, Chaim Chrom, Max Ber Luft (merchant), Berkah Geld, Sorah Culman (immigrated to USA in 1931 approx.), Rebecca Polyak, Ginda Brakhman, Simon Bersins, Azriel Iofert, Zelik Hilelson, Freida Basya Kopilovich, Ilya Druyan, Michael Manteifel (chairperson, co-owner of Manteidel beer factory), Wolf Anschelevich, Naum Michelson (merchant), Morduch Etkin, Moses Kagan, Schmuil Loktik, Meyer Naischulin, Isaac Brahman, Michael Bobrov (shelter supervisor at the society).

The below members of the society had been under special custody of the Political Department of the Ministry of Internal affairs and were considered politically unreliable. Society documents refer to the dossiers of the Political Department, kept for these persons. I.e., Zelik Hilelson, merchant, and his brothers were Commissars in the Russian Soviet Federation. Isaac Falkenstein, merchant, was active Zionist and socialist. Abraham Levin, merchant, was active Zionist – socialist, a member of “Judische Volkspertei”. Lasar Zilber, merchant, used to be an assistant to People’s Commissar in Bratislava and upon the establishment of Soviet regime in Rogovka (Ludza district) was a member of so called revolutionary committee, participated at shootings and was registered as an active Zionism and Socialism supporter. Iosif Aschon, co-owner of “Progress” publishing house, was an active supporter of Social-Zionism. Chaim Movshah Kovnat, merchant, was an active Zionist and a member of “Judische Volkspertei”, several times announced as bankrupt and 3 times claimed by the Minister of Agriculture due to the violation of grain trade rules. Moses Gurvich upon the establishment of Soviet regime in Preiļi was a member of so called Revolutionary Committee and later worked as a clerk at military department, being an activist of Communist Party.

The Ministry of Public Affairs had many times stood against several board members participation due to their political unreliability.

The society was closed upon the decision of the chairperson of People’s Commissars of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 5977, 5978, 5979.

**Организация “Рижская еврейская община” (Organizācija „Rīgas ebreju draudze”).**  
**Riga Jewish Community organization.**

The community owned land property in Riga at Dzirnau 124 and a house in Riga at Visvalza 3 where Riga City 13<sup>th</sup> Jewish elementary school was located. The

community borrowed funds from “Gmiles Hessed” society for above house maintenance purposes.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Morduch Dubin (chairperson), M.Veksler, I.Serhey, Z. Gall, Ida Dunaveckaya.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the chairperson of Communities’ disbandment committee on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1941. Herz Leibovich and Josef Markushevich were involved in the process of closing down.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 2549.

**Общество помощи еврейской общины Лудзы „Gmiles Hessed” (Ludzas žīdu draudzes palīdzības biedrība „Gmiles Hessed”).**

**Ludza Jewish Community Relief society “Gmiles Hessed”**

Registered on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1939 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the society was to support those needy people, who could not earn enough for living. That is why the society issued returnable and un-returnable loans, depending on the financial status of the borrower.

In January 1941 the society had renewed its Statutes according to the new regulations and specified loans distribution in exchange to shares or bail as the main purpose of its activities.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Samuel Gurevich (chairperson), Nison Astanovsky, Moses Weisup, Somon Vainstein, Morduch Krup, Meyer Alterman, Wolf Maron, Hirsch Rivkin.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4451.

**Общество студенток и филистров Латвийского Университета “Ярдения” (Latvijas Universitātes žīdu studenšu un filistru biedrība „Jardenia”), до 1938 года общество именовалось Общество еврейских студенток Латвийского Университета “Ярдения” (Latvijas Universitātes ebreju studenšu biedrība „Jardenia”).**

**Jardenia, Latvian University Jewish women students and philisters community, till 1938 – Latvian University Jewish women’ students community.**

The community registered on 1927. Its meetings were held in Riga. According to the data of the Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for 1939, the annual budget of the community was LVL 600 approximately.

The community was involved in active educational and outreached Zionist’s activities, cooperated with other communities. There were 44 members of the community in 1939.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Yasha Kurman (chairperson), Gitah Makhtus, Hava (Eva) Veiner, Agnes Kaganer, Eugenia Dembo,

(stud. iur.), Beatrice Vysotskaya (chairperson, stud. med.), Sara Freiduss (stud. pharm.), Rosa Perein (mag. iur.), Maya Ginsburg, Frida Dolgopolskaya, (stud. iur), Zosya Abrahamovich, Margarita Berman (chairperson), Tatyana Gurvich, Esfir Zherdina (chairperson), Olga Ratner, Nina Tol (chairperson, stud. iur.), Esya Sapugo (stud. oec.), Bella Itzikson (stud. oec.), Frida Karlin (stud. oec.).

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5077.

**Лиепайское еврейское общество по изготовлению мацы (Liepājas ebreju macu izgatavošanas biedrība).**

**Liepāja Jewish Community of Matzo making**

Community meetings were held at Liepāja Jewish Craft Charity loans communities „Poale - Cedek”. Active members of the community were Shaya Rakovitsky, Lasar Razham, Morduch Rozin, Elias Schtern, Hirsch Sher, Lasar Alschwang, (chairperson), Ionah Goldberg.

The community was closed down in 1934 upon the decision of the board.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6599.

**Общество помощи Еврейской общины Ливаны имени Мордуха Траинина „Gmiles Hesed” (Līvānu labdarības biedrība Morduha Trainina vārdā „Gmiles Hesed”).**

**“Gmiles Hesed”. Morduch Trainin aid society of Līvāni Jewish community**

Registered on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1929 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the society was to provide medical, legal and financial aid to Jews in need, to donate necessary inventory and equipment and provide interest-free loans.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were ELiah Trainin (chairperson), Iser Trainin (chairperson), Nison Kremer, Faivisch Liven, Nachman Kadyshevich, Movsha Latsvinsky, Josel Takher, Tsodek Zvein, Mark Vapne, Israel Rose, Herz Brahman, Rubin Zlatomilov, Isaac Psavka, Genoch Kadesh, Gabriel Gamburg.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4449.

**Еврейская община Ливаны (Līvānu ebreju draudze).**

**Līvāni Jewish Community**

Registered on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1932 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to support the activities aimed to welfare development of Līvāni Jewish community and administrate its property.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Nison Kremer (chairperson), Chaim Schpunginl Rachmiel Miller, Meyer Pitum, Josel Schief, Mendel Psavke, Nakhman Kadischevich, Berk Shapiro, Herz Brahman, Avsey Tsinsan, Benzion Aephune, Rafael Latsvinsky.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4114.

**Общество по содержанию еврейского приюта „Маушав Skeinim” (Liepājas žīdu patversmes uzturēšanas biedrība „Маушав Skeinim”, до 1938 года общество именовалось Еврейское общество по содержанию приюта для престарелых (Ebreju patversmes uzturēšanas biedrība priekš ļoti veciem Liepājā „Mauschav Skeinim”).**  
**„Mauschav Skeinim” community of maintenance of Jewish shelter, till 1938 – Jewish Community of seniors’ shelter maintenance in Liepāja**

Registered at Liepāja district court at July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1923. Statutes specified purpose of the community was to support elderly Jews over 60, especially male members of Liepāja Jewish community who lived in Liepāja for at least 5 years. Upon the decision of the board also younger diseased seniors might be accommodated at the shelter under condition that places were available. The Statutes of 1938 specify the purpose of the community to maintain shelter for seniors, unable to work and/or in need, providing accommodation, medical aid and other support necessary for living.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Abraham Levinovich (chairperson), Emil Falk, Aron Yankel Ruthstein, Chaim Yaftsik, Josef Berman, Leib Mizrokh, Israel Kleinberg, Marcus Finkelstein, Rachel Levinovich, Manya Falk, Rosa Mandelstam, Zila Zebbah, Rosa Weker, Isaak Hirshfeld (chairperson), Marcus Tsin, Hirsh Klein, Fayvel Tsyrik, Alexander Shlyapochnik, Abraham Shatz, Hilel Zalkind, Jacob Mandelstam, Lasar Sebbah (Zebbah), Shlom Isaac Plotkin, Movshah Weinreich, Israel Spektor, Israeil Shenberg, Judas Leib Lurie, Nisel Klyachki, Hirsh Levitan. There were 288 member of the community in 1938.

The community was closed down in 1941. All inventory and furniture was transferred to the Social Security of Liepāja.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6597

**Общество помощи еврейской общины Лиенаи „Gmiles Hesed” (“Liepājas žīdu draudzes palīdzības biedrība „Gmiles Hesed”).**  
**“Hmiles Hesed”, Liepāja Jewish community aid society.**

Registered on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1939 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the society was to improve financial status of its members living in Liepāja and around. The society assigned interest-free loans to its member. The amounts of the loans were approved by board decision. Documents of Rēzekne Department of Political Police witness community support to Ludza Jews in need who became the victims of the fire.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Benzion Donkhin, Schlom Gurevich, Heivush Gilevich, Menachem Kahan, Isaac Super, Samuel Gurevich, Morduch Bunimovich (merchant), Moses Glick.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4456.

**Лиепайское еврейское общество по обеспечению одеждой (Liepājas žīdu apģērbu apgādāšanas biedrība).  
Liepaya Jewish community of clothing provision.**

Registered at Liepāja district court on Mach 27<sup>th</sup>, 1929. The purpose of the community was to distribute for free clothes to Liepāja Jewish boy scholars. archival sources witness that in 1938 prior to the beginning of school year children from 75 families were provided with clothes. At that moment, there were 125 members at the community. Mostly, these were prosperous people ready to donate.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Helen Pin (chairperson), Frida Lurje, Liliya Zalamonovich, Olga Merkel, Cecilia Levina, Hanna Mihelson (chairperson, co-owner of S.Mihelson company), Betty Herzenberg, Rachel Rebecca Hassen, Dania Hilman, Masha Aizenstat (co-owner of “Olm” soap factory), Vera Babst, Rokha Blokh, Haya Anna Garfinkel, Klara Goldblat, Feiga Kabalkin, Berta Beile Meyerson, Esther Tetz, Cecilia Weinreich, Julius Bernitz (manufacturer), Grigory Herzenberg (merchant).

However, community good beginnings seemed minor comparing to other activities tracked at archive documents. In 1934, city government began tracing community activities. The Political department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and city prefecture were against the community. Liepāja city council had suggested the community to integrate with other communities of similar purposes. The official cause for authorities’ discontent became community’s members’ conviction for wrongful acts. I.e., in 1934 H. Michelson was penalized LVL 20 twice due to walking the dog in a public place without a muzzle and leash. In 1934, she also was adjudged to a fine of LVL 10 or imprisonment for 3 days due to the violation of administrative obligations. Finally, in 1936 she was fined LVL 25 due to the violation of trade rules. In 1938, B.Herzenber was fined LVL 1 for traffic infraction. F.Kabalkina was adjudged to a fine of LVL 25 or imprisonment for 3 days due to the violation of accommodation registration regulations. Z.Weinreikh had broken the rules of Article 138 of Criminal Code and was adjudged to a fine of LVL 25 or imprisonment for 3 days due to the incorrect and improper house registers and accounting books handling. In 1934 H.Herzenberg was either fined LVL 10 or imprisoned for 2 days due to the violation of Part 1 of Article 363 of Criminal code due to the improper scales usage and in 1936 was penalized LVL 5 for walking the dog in a public place without a muzzle.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of People’s Commissar of Internal Affairs of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1940. The assets after disbandment were transferred to Liepāja city Jewish elementary school for distribution amongst scholars in need.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3206.

Laws: Penalty Law. Unofficial Edition, state publishing house: Riga, 1934.

Sodu likums. Neoficiālais izdevums. Valsts tipogrāfija: Rīga, 1934.

**Лиепайское еврейское женское общество по содействию культурной работы в Палестине (Liepājas ebreju sieviešu biedrība priekš Palestīnas kultūras darba veicināšanas).**

**Liepāja Jewish Women's community of support of cultural activities in Palestine**

Registered on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1924 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the community was to awaken the national consciousness amongst women, to bring Jewish women together for cultural activities, to maintain activities aimed to support children and women in Palestine.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Cecilia Levin (chairperson), Anna Kahn, Miriam Polonskaya, Fannie Schimschlevich, Lote Mizroch, Zhenya Kostelyanoch, Hanna Judelovich, Eugenia Berlin, Esther Tetz, Zara Weinreich, Ida Triger, Levin Jacobson, Feiga Dvoira Schischmelevich, Liza Schlezinger, Enta Borovski, Dora Fleisher, Marya Herzberg, Henrietta Kramer, Minna Kalmanovich, Minna Soloveichik, Frida Nurock, Shaya Rabinovich.

There is only one arrangement of the society tracked in the documents: on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1936 and on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1937 a celebration for children was arranged honoring Lag – Boimer holiday. 12 young gymnasts participated and Jewish and Latvian folk dances were performed. Tovia Bulko played piano, performing E.Darzins “Melancholy waltz” and I.Wulfson “Jewish Rhapsody”.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4137.

**Лиепайское еврейское культурное общество (Liepājas ebreju kultūras biedrība), до 1938 года Лиепайское общество „Kadima” (Liepājas „Kadima” biedrība).**

**Liepāja Jewish Cultural Community, till 1928 – Liepāja Community “Kadima”**

The community had begun its activities in 1909 (other sources specify 1906). Its founders were V. Nurock, I. Hirshman, O. Schlezinger, G.Rubinstein, B. Krol. According to Statutes published in 1910, the purpose of the community was to promote the expansion of Hebraic language, Jewish history and literature amongst Jews. In 1923, Statutes were re-registered with the declared purpose of promotion of Jewish general culture development and expansion, as well as to take care of community members' public life. The community acted in Liepāja only. Community's interests were represented by an attorney Grigoriy Rubinstein in Riga and by Maxim Kagansky in Liepāja.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Anatol Sherin (chairperson), Rafael Judelovich, Heimann Rabinovichl Bur Wolf, Leo Kramer, Levin Jacobson, Tobias Halpern, Ella Naifeld, Robert Shamiro, Benjamin Naifeld, Mendel Leiserovich, Hatskel Magidson, Meyer David (chairperson), Meyer Israel, Alexander Lurie, Isaac Gutman, Leyser Factor, Israel Prisman, Jacob Tuvieh, attorney Maxim Menach Kagansky, Hirsh Krom, Jacob Spector, Peretz Berkovich, Josef Judrlovich, Meyer Kabalkin, Jan Heyman, Schevel Bengis (merchant), Josel Schephchinsky (bytchery supervisor), Rosa Meyerson (teacher, Morduch Mansfeld (chairperson), Ber Glaser (school head teacher), Gula Joffe (teacher), Leib Jacobson (technician), Elias

Bunimovich (merchant), Schulem Goldstik (merchant), Israel Baskin. There were 67 members of the community in 1937.

The documents track several arrangements of the community. I.e., on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1935, the lecture of Hatskel Schrago "Last Zionism achievements" was arranged in Liepāja at hotel "Petersburg" premises at Teatra street, 2. Another event was arranged on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1940 in Liepāja: the community presented the concert of "Olim" community at Liepāja city theater premises. The program included Latvian folk songs, fragments from oratorio "Messiah" by G.Gedel, oratorios "Creation of Earth" and "Seasons" by I. Haydn, aria from opera "Sorochinslaya Yarmarka" by M. Musorgsky, Hebrew spiritual songs and dances. The soloist of the chorus was Chaim Schelkan, Katya Abrahamis played piano.

According to Liepāja prefecture data, the members of the community were considered as unreliable. I.e., Meyer David was 9 times adjudged for various offenses and penalized 1 to 10 LVL accordingly, including incorrect records in the house book. Another community member, Meyer Israelit had also attracted law enforcement attention: in 1931 he was penalized by vice-director of the administrative department of the Ministry of Internal affairs due to the violation of rules of grant of work permit for foreigners and was punished by a fine of LVL 20 and 2 days of imprisonment. In 1935, a fine of LVL 30 for illegal commercial activities was assigned to Israelit. In 1938, Jacob Spector paid a penalty of LVL 20 for walking the dog without a muzzle. In 1938, Peretz Berkovich was penalized by Liepāja prefecture due to the arrangement of gala evening without official permission.

According to prefecture data, the community had stopped its activities in 1936 due to the lack of finances and irrelevant number of members. Community inventory was sold before the disbandment to cover existing debts. Officially, the organization was closed down upon the decision of the minister of Public Affairs of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1939. The community was completely settled down by the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1940. Schmuel Weinberg was involved in the process of disbandment.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5543, 5542.

**Лиепайское еврейское ремесленное благотворительное общество заемов „Poale - Cedek” (Liepājas ebreju amatnieku aizdevu labdarības biedrība „Poale - Cedek”).**

**Liepāja Jewish Craft Charity loans community “Poale Cedek”.**

Registered on March 2nd, 1925 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the society was to provide assets to improve financial status of Jewish artisans of Liepāja. Active members of the community were Meyer Hirsh Judin (chairperson), Manet Gdalin, Isaac Josef Novoroshkin, Moses Sud, Hirsh Sher, Abraham Moses Gurchik, Eliah Stern, David Schlesinger, Shmuel Knyazev, Jacob Mandelkorn, Movsha Wulfson, David Skutel.

According to the direction of the government to close down all crafts communities, the appropriate petition was applied before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1936. The community was completely disbanded in 1939. Its property was transferred to Latvian Chamber of



Industry. However, there was a prayer house “Poale –Cedek” maintained by the community that became an independent unit and acted after the community itself was disbanded. The community could transfer no tangibles to the prayer house but the flagstaff for the basis of Torah rolls.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7169.

**Лиепайское еврейское благотворительное общество займов „Gmiles Hessed” при молельне по адресу улица Грауду, 15. (Liepājas ebreju aizdevu labdarības biedrība „Gmilus Hessed” pie lūgšanas nama Graudu ielā, 15)  
Liepāja Jewish Charity loans community “Gmiles Hessed” at the prayer house at Graudu 15.**

Registered on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1925 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the community was to improve material status of its members living in Liepāja and around. The community granted interest free loans. The amount of the loan was approved by the decision of the board. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Hedalier Factor (chair person), Samuel Schlossberg, Leib Fridman, Feyve Shapiro, Leiser Rahman, Hone Elye Lutrin, Zusman Rozovsky, Efraim Katznelson, Abe Schofman, Falk Gafanovich, Morduch Berman, Tanchum Rogalin, Isidor Lutrin, Moses Rozenberg, Deib Kostrel, Meyer Saphgir, Morduch Rozin, Josef Rogalin, Josef Mendel Bloomberg, Mendel Pliss, Ruben Kahn, Jacob Karasin, Zisel Zack, Peisah Ulmanis.

The community was closed down voluntarily in 1939. At the time of final disposition, there were 126 debtors of the community with total amount of the debt of LVL 5396.65.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4447, 4448.

**Лиепайское еврейское благотворительное общество займов „Gmiles Hessed” при молельне по адресу улица Петера, 13 (Liepājas ebreju aizdevu labdarības biedrība „Gmiles Hessed” pie lūgšanas nama Pētera iela, 13).  
Liepāja Jewish Charity loans community “Gmiles Hessed” at the prayer house at Petera street 13.**

The community was registered on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1926 at Liepāja district court. Its purpose was to support the increase of financial status of its members living in Liepāja and around. The community granted interest free loans. The board approved the amounts of the loans.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Israel Bashkin (chairperson, merchant), Marcus Rose (clerk), Isaac Nivoroshkin (tailor), Marcus Levenson, Idel Fosch (butcher), Leib Margolit, Chaim Jacobson, Hirsh Grincus (merchant), Nosen Fridman, Aron Brahman, Abraham Herzenberg, Monus Kroshinsky, Israel Zelik Raschkin, Israel Lipan, Leib Ulmanis, Leib Kiel, Yankel Mandelkorn.

The community was closed down voluntarily in August 1939.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4441.

**Центральное общество латвийских еврейских учителей (Latvijas žīdu skolotāju centrālā biedrība).  
Central Association of Latvian Jewish teachers**

Registered on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1932 at Riga district court. The purpose of the association was to support the development of secular Jewish schools, to develop the usage of Yiddish and protect its concern at schools, to protect professional interests of Jews, as well as to take general care on the improvement of cultural level of Latvian Jews.

Central board included Mendel Marc (chairperson), Israel Brown, Benus Greditor, David Hirschberg, Isaac Neischlos, Iosef Higelich, Aron Reishin, Isaak Elkischek, Isaac Berzs, Meyer Veckler, Zeld Peiross. Basya Berzs, Israel Broon, Bronislava Rabinovich, Haya Trifskina, Leib Joffe. According to the data of Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in 1934 there were approximately 60 members of the community with left political views thus considered as unreliable.

Documents witness that the community maintained a library at Rēzekne city 1<sup>st</sup> 6-grade elementary school.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1932, Daugavpils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Wilhelm Levenberg (chairperson), Meyer Grubin, Esther Schmushkovich, Freida Zacharok.

In 1932, Liepāja department was created. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abe Freidberg (chairperson), Taube Etkin, Gite Josel, Abel Stolper, Iosed Bahn, Lipman Hossel.

The community was closed down in September 1934 upon the decision of the Minister of Internal affairs and was considered as harmful for state and public interests.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7842.

**Еврейское общество филистров Латвийского университета и бывшего Рижского Политехнического института (Latvijas Universitātes un bijušā Rīgas Politehniskā Institūta žīdu filistru biedrība). До 1936 года общество именовалось - Еврейское общество филистров Латвийского Университета и Рижского Политехнического Университета (Latvijas Universitātes un Rīgas Politehniskā Institūta žīdu filistru biedrība). До 1938 года Еврейское общество филистров Латвийского Университета и бывшего Рижского Политехнического Университета (Latvijas Universitātes un bijušā Rīgas Politehniskā Institūta ebreju filistru biedrība).**

**Community of Jewish Philisters of Latvian University and former Riga Polytechnic University. Till 1936 – Community of Jewish Philisters of Latvian University and Riga Polytechnic University.**

The community was registered in 1908 under initial title “Riga Community of Jewish Philisters of Riga Polytechnic University. The main purpose of this union was to support friendship relations between philisters, support to philisters in need and members of their families, allowance payments to the families of deceased philisters. Whenever possible, the community supported philisters of Riga Polytechnic University who were not the members of the community by paying the lectures listening fee.

At re-registration in 1926, the purpose specified at Statutes was to support collegial and friendship relations between Jewish philisters. The community also undertook to support the development of scientific and professional interests of its members, to concern the employment of its members and provide financial aid to members in need. There was a committee of support to needy established at the community that granted small loans.

Community arrangements include a historical-literary evening that took place on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1935. There were several reviews presented by Hirsh Vazbutsky, Prof. Dubnov, private docent Max Vaintrob, Dr. Joffe, Dr. Nodel in Russian and Hebrew.

In 1937, aside from board and general meetings, the community arranged 7 thematic evenings dedicated to the history of Jewry, immaterial relationship between the East and the West, memoirs of the writer I.Peretz, etc. According to the police data of 1938, community’s meetings were held in Riga at Kalku street 7 and there were 217 members of the community.

In 1938, 5 thematic evenings were arranged. Lectures were presented by the members of the community and invited lecturers, including Vasiliy Sinaisky, professor of Latvian University, the director of the cathedra of Civil Law of Law Faculty, Theodore Celms, professor and philosopher, Roman Suttah, the painter, Grigoriy Landau, journalist.

Annually, the community had arranged solemn reception and a lottery with prizes (i.e., in 1925 the minimum prize was LVL 1). Also excursions around Latvia were arranged.

Members of the community were medics, lawyers and other highly educated persons. Approximately 80 members of the society had simultaneous membership at Jewish Polytechnic Community and they negotiated the integration of two organizations. Political department of the ministry of Internal Affairs had also insisted on such integration.

In 1920—30-ies board members and active participants were Hirsh Vazbutsky (chairperson, engineer), cand.rer.merc. Ilya Itsiksom, Philip Berkovich, cand.rer.merc. Abraham Blumental, Zelik Dimant, David Levi, Herberg Machtus, Arno Neihaus, Leopold Levinson: Henrich Babin, Josef Ollenstein, lawyer, Jacob Blum, Leon Itskin,

Max Veinbberg, Josef Rappoport, Abraham Valdstein, Eugene Muscat, Dr. Frida Naikhin, Theodore Kretser, Moses Magidson, engineer Gutman Strusses, engineer Alexander Schulman, cand.rer.merc. Saul Gurevich, engineer David Levi, engineer Aron Zack, lawyer Miron Kron, assistant to lawyer Leon Rozental, engineer Herasim Peiros, engineer Bernhard Galperin,

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventoy: 1, file: 4188, 4189.

**Еврейское общество латгальских ремесленников (Latgales ebreju amatneku biedrība).**

**Jewish association of Latgale Craftsmen.**

Registered at Latgale district court on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1927. The purpose of the association was to unite Jewish craftsmen of Latgale and support the improvement of their economic, cultural and professional status. Association's meetings were held in Daugvāpils. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Rachmiel Bik, Josel Mickel Minitz, Evel Murashkin, Moses Zubovich, Haim Goldberg.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 2664, 2669.

**Курземское общество еврейских домовладельцев (Kurzemes ebreju namīpašnieku biedrība).**

**Kurzeme association of Jewish householders.**

Registered on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1933 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the association was to protect legal interests of the householders and to support their material well being, economic development and improvement of legal status. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Theodore Lemberg (chairperson, lawyer), Abraham Lippert, Josef Gutman, Meyer David, Moses Rozenberg, Shaya Zivtchun, Josef Rusinieks, Yankel Rittenberg, Harry Landau, Feiga Riva Prager, N.Klyachko, Aleksey Liberman.

The association was closed down upon the decision of the general meeting of its members in 1935.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6725.

**Крустпилское культурное общество „Solem – Aleichem” (Krustpils kultūras biedrība „Šolem – Aleihem”).**

**Krustpils Cultural Community “Solem-Aleichem”**

Registered on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1927 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to support immoral development of its members and other local inhabitants. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Bentsion Galin (chairperson), Beinus Greditor, Moses Raukman, Chaim Zilbert, Noson Kodesh, Ber Minsker, Abraham Tsivyan, David Frautser, Ilya Varkel, Zalaman Onickel. According to Daugavpils county police data, the community had

stopped its activities in 1928. The final disbandment of the community was initiated in 1934, however was completed only upon the decision of the chairperson of people's commissariat of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 8183, 8184.

**Краславское женское общество помощи нуждающимся (Krāslavas sieviešu trūcīgo žīdu palīdzības biedrība).**

**Krāslava Women's community of support of Jews in need.**

Re-registered in 1939. The purpose of the community was to support Krāslava Jews in need and improve their material and immaterial status. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Shane Ruderman, Esther Schwartzman, Emilia Goldin, Sora Rashbam, Tauba Tsentsiper, Rocha Gnesa Kaminar, Genya Liba Barkan.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7108.

**Карсавское еврейское женское благотворительное общество (Kārsavas žīdu sieviešu labdarības biedrība).**

**Kārsava Jewish Women's charity community**

Registered on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1934 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to provide moral and material support to Jews in need. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Shane Paya Zalkind, Pera Katzovich, Shane Pleple, Sima Zelda Kalmanson, Khaya Simanstein, Rachel Vaispap, Khaya Golandsky, Ita Riva Dorin, Sore Greenman. In 1938, there were 104 members of the community.

There is only one documental witness on community arrangements stored in the documents: on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1938, there was a performance of a play by Moses Richter "Der Oinesh" (Punishment) in Yiddish arranged at the premises of Kārsava firemen depot.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5943, 5945.

**Карсавское еврейское общество (Kārsavas ebreju biedrība).**

**Kārsava Jewish Community**

Registered on January 1928 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to support the convergence of its members and to develop in general immoral status of Kārsava Jews.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Michel Zalkins, Gershon Pleple, David Sapir, Movsha Toder, Kusiel Zalkind. The organization was closed down upon the decision of the commissariat of People's Committee of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1941.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4125.

**Екабпилское еврейское общество (Jēkabpils žīdu biedrība).  
Jēkabpils Jewish Community**

Upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the following Jewish organization of Jēkabpils were integrated upon the above single title:

- Jewish community “Talmud Torah” (**Екабпилское общество „Talmud Tora” (“Jēkabpils „Talmud Tora” biedrība)**). Registered on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1927 at Jēkabpils district court. Its purpose was to support and develop mutual aid amongst the member of the community as well as to take care their immaterial well-being. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Movsha Druk (chairperson), Mendel Godin (secretary), Leib Schevel Ginsburg, Aron Leib Birer, Moses Druk, Nohum Nisse, Samuel Schabel, Ber Druk. By integration, the financial actives of the community were amounted LVL 359.43.
- **Jēkabpils city Jewish Parish. Общество прихода Екабпилской городской общины (biedrība „Jēkabpils pilsētas ebreju draudze”)**. Initially was registered at Jēkabpils district court on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1928. The purpose of the parish was to support and develop mutual aid amongst its members and take care of their immoral well-being. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Eliah Chaim Lange (chairperson), Josel Lipa Taitz (secretary), Chaim Gor, Josel Koblenz, Peretz Berger, Zalman Levinson, Schmuel Knyazev, Leib Yacubovich, Schlom Niss, Gutel Mosestam. By integration, the financial actives of the organization were amounted LVL 1980.00, out of which LVL 1700.00 was the value of real estate property (baths, shelter and land property in Jēkabpils).
- **Jēkabpils Jewish Charity Community „Gmilas Chesed” (Jēkabpils ebreju labdarības biedrība „Gmilas Chesed”)**. Registered on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1932 at Jēkabpils district court. The purpose of the community was to support Jews in need by provision of tools and inventory necessary for work as well as to assign loans for equipment and tools purchase and to assist in employment. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Eliah Chaim Lange (chairperson), Josel Lipa Taitz (secretary), Samuel Likhnaisky, Zalman Leviton, Zundel Kutnik, Josel Landman, Hershom Bordo, Ilya Freidus, Samiel Schabel. By integration, the financial actives of the organization were amounted LVL 5581.00.
- Jewish Charity Community “Biker Cheilem” **Еврейское благотворительное общество „Biker cheilem” (Ebreju labdarības biedrības „Biker cheilem”)**. Registered on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1929 at Jēkabpils district court. The purpose of the community was to support all Jews in need regardless of their gender and occupation as well as of the existing legislation. The community supported Jēkabpils Jews in need and provided medical care. However, the community supported only those who were not under any medical aid supported by other organizations. The community undertook to

pay visits to doctors and hospitals' services. The community acted in Jēkabpils only. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1937 the community had arranged the charity performance play in Yiddish featuring a play "Der Dorfsjung" ("Country Boy"). On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1938, charity party was handled at the premises of Aizsargs house. By integration, financial actives of the organization were amounted LVL 1 130.54. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were I. Kutnik (chairperson), B.Lange (secretary), Chaim Leib Gor, Zalman Leviton, Josel Koblenz, Peretz Berger, Josel Muler, Hirsh Berzon, Schmucl Knyazev.

At the integration of Jewish communities of Jēkabpils it was suggested to name it "Jēkabpils City Jewish Community", however the Department of Churches and Confessions of the ministry of Internal Affairs had categorically rejected the suggestion.

The declared purpose of the united Jēkabpils Jewish Community was to support by mutual aid and cooperation the immaterial development of local Jews, to provide Jews in need necessary medical aid and other aid. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Josel Landman (chairperson), Elias Lange, Iser Kutnik, Zorokh Rybovsky, Samuel Shabel, Zalman Levitan, Iegudah Noy Druck, Aron Muller, Zundel Kutnik, Schmucl Schabel, Israel Shomokho Perlman, Itsik Rotbart, Sholom David Ginzburg, Hershon Meyer Zilberman.

This registered that the united community had hired doctor I. Sherman and pharmacist I.Freidus to provide medical aid to Jews in need. The community had also hired teachers, i.e. B. Fogel, to provide additional studies to children. There are several events handled by the community documented in the archives. I.e., on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1939 the charity performance was arranged at Jēkabpils Aizsargs House to raise funds for afflicted. The performance in Yiddish by a play of i.Gordin "Der Wilde Mensch" ("Wild people") was presented. Roles were played by adult (over 18) members of drama section of Jēkabpils Jewish Community. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1940, there was a play "Die tante Frade fun Kanade" ("Aunt Freda from Canada") performed at the same premises, featuring younger members of dramatic session.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4112 4116, 3594.

**Елгавское еврейское женское благотворительное общество (Jelgavas žīdu sieviešu labdarības biedrība).**  
**Jelgava Jewish Women's charity community**

Registered on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1925 at Jelgava district court. The purpose of the community was to provide financial support to Jelgava Jews in need. The community had collected and distributed clothes for needy and tried to supply food to Jews in need and assisted in job search. The community motivated people to show economical activeness. For that purpose, the community assigned small loans for inventory purchase and assisted in produced goods merchandise. The community had tried to

inspect health condition of the people in need for medical aid and accommodated youngsters and seniors at appropriate social institutions. The community had raised funds for orphans' education and seniors' allowances. In the later versions of Community's Statutes it was also highlighted that by taking care of its tribesmen, the members of the community had also undertook to promote tolerance and respect to the State of Latvia and Latvian culture in accordance with the concept declared by K. Ulmanis on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1934.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Reiza Klaz (chairperson), Rosa Disenchik, Liba Lidia Falk, Mery Jacobson, Regina Kahn, Lina Jacobson, Rafael Rudolf Hirshfeld, Isaac Jacobson, Ida Mandelstam, Leo Glickman, Tauba Davidson, Tauba Levitas, Freida Weiss, Masha Berner, Isaac Jacobson, Ida Mandelstam, Basya Slosberg, Fanya Berkovich, Fanny Rabinovich, Asna Joselovich, Hana Bloom, Ragina Kagan, Olga Freidenstein.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the chairman of committee of communities' disbandment of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5938, 5939, 5940.

**Еврейское общество “Уход за больными” (Bikur Holim) (Jelgavas žīdu „Slimnieku kopšanas” (Bikur Holim) biedrība), до 1938 года Елгавское еврейское общество „Bikur Holim”, Jelgavas ebreju biedrība „Bikur Holim”, до 1922 года “Митавское еврейское общество вспомоществования больным и бедным евреям “Бикур Холим”).**

**Jewish Community Bikur Holim (Nursing), till 1938 – Jelgava Jewish Community “Bikur Holim”, till 1922 – Mitau Jewish community of support to afflicted and needy Jews “Bikur Holim”.**

In 1922, community Statutes were translated into Latvian and re-registered accordingly. At the process of re-registration, attorney assistant Leon Cantor was consulting the communities. The declared purpose was the provision of medical aid to Jews in need.

De facto, community activities began in Mitau in 1837. The Statutes approved by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russian Empire in 1897 confirm this fact. Few years later, in 1903, the Statutes of the community were also authorized by the Governor Sverbeev.

The declared purpose of the Statutes re-registered in 1938 remained the same: to provide medical aid to Jews in need free of charge, and to provide paid medical services to Jews that are more prosperous. Apart from the medical aid, the community undertook to comprehensively promote the development of Latvian culture development and the support of national understanding according to the concept, declared by K. Ulmanis on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1934.

Several public arrangements of the community are documented in archival files. I.e., on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1937, the community maintained charity performance play “Ilze” in Latvian. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the community arranged the gala evening, featuring the music of Josef Medin, Peter Tchaikovsky, F. Mendelssohn and



Donizetti. Leonid Zackhodnik performed K. Zhitomirsky songs in Hebrew. Cecilia Silitskaya sang songs for children by Josef Vitols in Latvian, Boris Moiseev played the music of F. List.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Leib Glickman, Nochum Pack-Falk, Shmuel Kahn, Leyser Hirshman, Siegfried Berner, Nosel Klaaz, Motel Mandelstam, Hone Mozes Rosenberg, Shmerl Mulne, Edward Kontsius, Yankel Levin, Saul Falk, Samuel Tsigler, Shmerlis Mulne, Joses Schmeman, Rudolf Hirshfield, Josel Levit, Ilya Jofis, Nathan Rabinovich, Robert Hoff.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, file: 3588, 3589, 3590.

**Елгавское общество по содействию еврейской культуры (Jelgavas ebreju kultūras veicināšanas biedrība).**

**Jelgava Community of Jewish Culture Promotion.**

Registered on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1922 at Jelgava district court. The purpose of the community was to promote culture, education, literature and arts amongst Jews. The community had maintained private Jewish gymnasium of 1 grade with 29 scholars.

Community legal affairs were managed by the attorney assistant Leon Kantor. The members of the community were David Fell (chairperson), Leib Glickman (chairperson), Simon Mulne, Feiga Pliner, Haya Izraelovich (dentist), Max Isakovich, Nachman Michelovich, Herman Freidenstein (dentist), Hershon Jacobovich, Israel Burnstein, Benzion Levin, David Rolof, Gela Olga Freidenstein, Ierukhim Rubinstein, Max Nathanson, Emil Neychemia Gotlieb, Jacob Judelovich, Nosel Klazs, Nochum Falk, Saul Kahn, Benjamin Bovschover, David Wolf, Movsha Zvein, Aron Sheras, Itsyk Zalmanson, Mendel Berman, Taube Zwilling, Michel Hait, Josel Hirshman (chairperson), Shmuel Yatovich, Pinkus Jacobson, Motel Mandelstam, Hershon Michel Disenchik, Movsha Zwein, Yankel Feldhun, David Wolf, Marcus Kleit, Meyer Sherman, Itsyk Zalamanson, Eliah Zilberman, Noy Matison, Taube Zwilling, Isaac Mortchelovich. There were 56 members of the community in 1938.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3309, 5508, 5510

**Яунелгавское еврейское общество рабочих (Jaunjelgavas žīdu darba ļaužu biedrība).**

**Jaunjelgava Jewish workers association**

Founded on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1927. De facto, the main activity of the association was the mutual aid maintenance. The members of the association were merchants and their donations became the base of community's assets.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were David Abrahamovich (chairperson), M. Michelson, G. Wasserman, D. Gut, Jose Eliason, Nochum-Leib Kriger, Israel Kriger, Herz Wasserman, Meiseh Tabaksman, Leib-Isaac Wasserman, Fayvush Fridberg, Sholom Deift, Simon Bloch, Sholem Popel, David Band, Hershon Rothbart, David Gen, Aliah Setseni, Bernhard Wolfson, Josef Wolfson, Ruben Perelman, Abraham Gelfund, Abe Fledhun, Shmuel Westerman, Isaac Gulak. There were 51 members of the community in 1934.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the minister of Internal Affairs of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1934 and considered harmful in terms of public and state interests. (Valdības Vēstnesis 1934.nr. 243). At the disbandment, the assets of the community were amounted LVL 3 000. A part of the assets was transferred to Latvian Red Cross and synagogue in Jaunjelgava at Rigas street 66, to Jewish shelter in Jaunjelgava, to the Jaunjelgava department Fund of Aizsargs Military Aviation, to the prayer house at Jēkabpils street 4 in Jaunjelgava. The remaining assets were deposited at the account of the chairman of the community at Latvian bank.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4123.

**Общество еврейских студентов Латвийского университета "Друг" - "Hechaver" (LU žīdu studentu biedrība "Draugs" - "Hechaver"), до апреля 1939 года общество именовалось Общество студентов сионистов Латвийского университета "Корпорация "Hechaver" (LU studējošo cionistu biedrība „Korporācija Hechaver”).**

**Association of Jewish students of Latvian University "Hechaver" ("Friend"), till April 1939 – Community of students Zionists of Latvian University "Hechaver Corporation"**

Registered at February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1928 at Riga district court. The Statutes of 1928 describe the following purposes of the community: "The concept of Zionism is primary and this is necessary to train nationally educated active Zionist's personnel to participate in overall Zionists' movement." The association had also declared the necessity of mutual aid and development of friendship relations amongst its members.

The Statutes of 1939 declared slightly different purposes. I.e. it was stated that Jewish students of Latvian University should be united and educated in accordance and respect to Latvian statehood and its law and order. The association had also intended to support national interests of Jewish students, to support their immaterial growth, to take care about physical health of association members and to provide financial aid and moral support.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Boris Gurevich (chairperson), Boris Mendelson, Aba Davidovich, Aba Segal, Leon Lorsch, Yeke Jacobson, Isaac Schmuckler, David Ginzburg, Abraham Leitman, Isaac Gorfinkel, Hatskel Srago, Benzion Vishnevsky, Meyer Zerf, Iegudah Negelev, Betsatsel Davidoff, Jacob Pruzhansky, Boruch Katz, stud. iur. Grigory Tetz (chairperson), stud. inzh. Gedalya Garber, Meyer Rubinstein, Roman Kazhdan, Leon Schlossberg, stud. mech. Samariy Hofenschefer, stud. pharm. Boris Fingergut (chairperson), stud. iur. Alter Isyomin, stud. mech. Aron Miel, stud. mech. Meyer Rubinstein, stud. oec. Samuel Levin, stud. iur. Abraham Moyjess, inzh. chem.. Israel Zuskovich.

A few documents keep a record on the event held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1938 in Riga at Skolas street 6<sup>th</sup> the member of the association, Simon Garfinkel had read a review titled "From the eternal source" dedicated to the immaterial heritage of Jewry. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1940, S.Garfinkel maintained a public reading of a review "The philosophy of humor".

There are documents concerning prohibition of association's events handling. I.e., there were concerts of the General Cantor of Vilnius synagogue Iosel Idelson scheduled between February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> 1940 in Riga at Peitavas street 6/8, Liepāja and Daugavpils. The cantor was invited by Rabbi Marcus Nurock. However, the Latvian Chamber of literature and arts (Latvijas rakstu un mākslas kamera) had declined the concerts under consideration that there was enough Jewish public events held.

The association was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of public Affairs of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1940. Members of the association Kalman Gintsburg and Augusta Lyanda were involved in the process of disbandment.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3870.

**Лиепайское еврейское благотворительное общество займов „Gmilus Chessed” при моленной по адресу ул. Яня, 8. (Liepājas ebreju aizdevu labdarības biedrība „Gmilus Chessed” pie lūgšanas nama Jāņa ielā, 8).  
Liepāja Jewish Charity loans community “Gmilus Chessed” at the prayer house at Jana street 8.**

The community was founded in January 1924. Its purpose was to improve the material status of the members of the community living in Liepāja and around. Upon the decision of the board, the community granted interest free loans to its members.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Jacob Hoziossky (chairperson), Meyer Zvik, Hirsh Gotlieb, Isaac Helman, Saul Bernitz, Tobias Hirshfeld, Rachmiel Manuhovich, Aron Hoziossky, Adolf Levis, Marcus Finkelstein, Shaya Tsivtsun, Aron Soloveichik, Abel Horschelin, Aron Rubinstein, Moses Pecker, Leib Perling, David IZackharovich, Marcus Ilion, Jonas Lange, Wolf Judelson, Mendel Stemberg, Efraim Waldstein, Moses-Morduhay Hirshhorh.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs (Valdības Vēstnesis 1939., nr. 184.). Rabby I.Polonsky, Leib Denison, Benzion Lachmanson, Josel Herzenberg were involved in the process of disbandment.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 6, File: 4445.

**Общество друзей Палестины „Erez Jizroel” („Erec Jizroel” (Palestīnas) draugu biedrība).  
Community of friends of Palestine “Erez Jizroel”**

Registered on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1921 at Liepāja district court. The community acted in Liepāja only. The purpose of the community was to assist its members immigration to Palestine.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Zusman Rozovsky (chairperson), Rafael Yudelovich, Boris Rapoport, Benjamin Sheftel.

The community was closed down in 1925.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4154.

**Общество еврейских родителей Латвии (Ebreju vecāku biedrība Latvijā).  
Jewish parents association (Riga)**

Association registered on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1922 at Riga district court. The purpose of the community was general support to education. The association especially cared for the interests of scholars willing to study in Yiddish language. The association endeavored to provide material support to studying Jewish youth.

Association meetings were held in Riga at Kurmanovskaya street 9. It was a building where several Jewish schools were located. Another place for association meetings was at Riga City Jewish Gymnasium at Gertrudes street 18.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Leib Abeshaus (chairperson), Aron Reshin (chairperson), Aron Aeidus (chairperson), Jacob Timenchik, Abraham Gurevich, Morduch Fraider, Michel Neheler, Abo Sherman, Ilya Rubinstein, Berta Ber, Lia Wulfson, Bassera Genkin, Meyer Bliden, Josef Levin, Israel Morkovnikov, Beile Zlotonos, Herzl Tal, Israel Zelbovich, Hitel Vinograd, Shlom Liven, Meyer Kocherginsky, Meyer Machinson, Solonon Slovin, Nochum Glagovsky, Shlom Koisin, Rivka Fishberg, Iosef Hygylich, Iosef Garkner, Iosef Holigoush, Mendel Mark, Michael Misulovin, Israel Zelbovich, Jasha Hassel.

The association managed children summer recreation activities. In 1930, Judel Brown, the owner of a land in Dubulti, had for free provided his property to the association for the establishment of summer camp. The camp was supposed to recreate over 70 children. Prior to the admission to the camp, the OZE community checked children's health condition. Organization Bund had also assigned money to the association for summer camping purposes. Indeed, the association itself managed fund raising for summer camps, i.e. in summer 1935 in Jaundubulti.

The association strived to expand its activities in Latvia and opened several subdivisions. I.e., in May 1931, Krustpils department was established. Throughout the years, its board members and active participants were Moses Raukhman (chairperson, tinman), Shaya Kupsik, Abraham Gordon, Bentsion Galin, Isaac Shlom Veyde.

In 1931, Kārsava department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Tsal Wolf and Ruvin Maron.

In 1933, Daugavpils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Isaac Pliner (chairperson), Leon Thavye, Meyer Grubin, Chaim Kolov, Lea Averbuch, Morduch Syekol, Benzion Reiner, Genya Roha Chalevsky, Feiga bravo, Morduch Sher, Zavel Holand, Isaac Lipman, Kalman Shmushkovich, Shevel Rabinovich and Chaim Zack.

In 1933, Liepāja department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abe Freidberg (chairperson, director of Sholom Aleichem school), Shlom Elinson, Nohum Gadlin, David Khotz, Rachel Shapiro.

Krāslava and Līvāni departments had limited periods of activities. Active participants were Josef Budnatsey, Eliah Drey, Simon Gassel, Hirsh Kapatz, Movshah Tsigelbaum, Movshah Basin, Abraham Shapiro. The departments were closed down in 1934 upon the decision of the board.

In 1935, Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs insisted on the disbandment of the community due to the political unreliability of most members. I.e., according to the Political Department data in 1930 Aron Reshin was a member of the board of Jewish People's Communist school and cooperated with Latvian Jewish Teachers Central Community. Another association member, Josef Giligus was a board member and cooperated with the same organization.

Since 1922—23 Political Department had tracked the activities of Hirsh Etkin: he had cooperated with Rēzekne Communist Party and was involved in agitation activities that took place in Riga. In 1933 he was a secretary at Latvian Jewish Teachers Central Community. According to undisclosed sources of information, Isaac Hanin was receiving funds from abroad to support Latvian Communist Party. Mendel Mark was claimed, too: in 1934 he became board member of Latvian Jewish Teachers Central community and was arrested shortly for the activities against the State. Another member of the association, Michael (Mikelis) Misulovin was a member of Trade and public enterprises union. De facto, this Union was propagandizing Communism actively.

The government had also claimed the children of the members of association. I.e., Aron Eidus's (chairman) son Josef set up the Communist cell at Riga city gymnasium in 1933/34 school year. In 1934, upon the mission of the Communist party, Josef Eidus prepared and then actuated so-called "stinky bomb" during the film "Son of the People" at Riga cinematograph. The effect of the bomb had initiated panic of the crowd. Josef was arrested shortly for this incident.

Abe, the son of the secretary of the association Israel Zeltovich was excluded from Jewish Gymnasium for Communist propaganda. In 1933 Chaim, the son of the member of revision committee Jacob Timenchik was a member of unreliable organization "Vintsevsky Jewish Cultural Society".

The association was closed upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935 and was considered as harmful for state and public interests.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4156.

**Еврейское профессиональное общество работников театра (Ebreju teātra darbinieku profesionālā biedrība).**

**Jewish professional union of theater employees.**

The union acted in Riga. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abraham Bernitz (chairperson, accountant), Ella Kagan, Simon Gasel (clerk), Emma Perlman (dressmaker), David Hotz, Roha Shafiro, Echil Bernhardt, Rafael Nochum Jacobson, Moses Fisher Kahn, Alfon Tulit.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the minister of Internal Affairs of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1934. At the process of disbandment most of the inventory was returned to its owners. I.e., kitchen and household inventory was transferred to Mrs. Schneiderovich, the former buffet owner, musical instruments (balalaika, guitar and contrabass) were transferred to Josef Kagan (he was a soldier of Latvian Army at military unit located in Daugavpils), mandolin was returned to Samuel Zelik Gringuth, another mandolin was returned to Movshe Ravdin, music stands were transferred to Simon Josef Koch, Zara Shapiro and Risha Kramer. Other inventory (sports equipment, furniture, boardgames) were sold at auction.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7429.

**Рижское еврейское общество народных детских домов (Ebreju tautas bērnu dārza biedrība Rīgā).**  
**Riga Jewish association of People's Orphanages.**

Registered at Riga district court on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1921 (Valdības Vēstnesis 13.05. nr. 103.). The purpose of the association was to provide necessary physical and spiritual education to Jewish children. De facto, the association had stopped its activities in 1926.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Jacob Landau (chairperson), P. Patner (chairperson), H. Mintz, R. Rivosh.

At the process of complete closing down in 1938, neither documents, nor the lists of the members were found. The association was completely settled down in 1939.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 3569, 4141.

**Общество еврейских народных университетов (Ebreju tautas augstskolu biedrība).**  
**Association of Jewish People's universities.**

Registered at Riga district court on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1926. The purpose of the association was to educate wide segments of Jewish population and to promote common cultural activities.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Aron Reshin (chairperson), Hatskel Livshitz, Israel Brown, Isaac Berzs, Zeld Peiros, Rafael Vidron, Dina Jacobovich, Regina Livshitz.

The association was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public affairs in 1935. According to interrogations maintained at 4<sup>th</sup> department of Riga Prefecture, community had stopped its activities in 1927.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3342.

**Еврейское женское палестинское общество “Визо” Латвии (Евреју sieviešu palestīniskiskā biedrība Latvijā „Wizo”).**  
**Jewish Women’s Palestinian community “Wizo”**

Registered on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1930 at Riga district court. The community had its subsidiaries at many Latvian cities. The purpose of the community was to train Zionists’ women in terms of national identity, responsibility and wiliness to participate actively in overall Zionists’ activities. These women were supposed to became mentors of broad number of Jewish women and girls.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Berta Friedlender (chairperson), Rocha Gotlieb, Edith Rabinovich, Rosa Vainberg, Rachel Pernik, Tsilla Arest, Lidia Doltsiger, Dora Fain, Dina Genina, Anna Gothesman, Tuf Joffe, Fanny Lubotsky, Tsilla Lullof, Debora Nurock, Raisa Rubin, Etta Tomarkin, Fanny Fischnyk, Minna Kabuh, Shane Dridze (chairperson), Berta Zherdin, Nechama Goldberg, Anna Michelson, Dina Kagan, Sonya Kagan, Braina Fridlender (chairperson), Nataliya Hovsha, Michla Abrahamovich, Rozaly Vazbutsky, Fruma Vinnik, Ber Kamenkovich, Bashe Rabinovich, Ella Rudov, Hase Trainin, Chesna Hitel Schmulovich.

Documents track scanty reports on the events held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1938: at Skolas street 6, a lecture of the Professor of Tartu University, Dr. Lazar Gulkovich, titled “The core of history in terms of Hassidic doctrine” in German was read. In Summer 1939, the exhibition of watercolor arts of Esther Lurje (born in Riga and later lived in Palestine) was opened in Dzintari, Jurmala.

In 1933, Rēzekne department was established, however no further activities followed. The department was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs in 1939.

In 1931, Jelgava department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Roza Klass, Betty Seimes, Sara Rachel Dreyer, Rachel Hirshman, Pivka Cantor, Masha Berner, Rosa Grinfeld, Ida Mandelstam, Zara Rebecca Cantor.

In 1931, Ludza department was established, however de facto it stopped its activities in 1934. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Feiga Rosa Rob-German (chairperson, doctor), Rachel Blumental (merchant), Shaya Hamza (housekeeper), Shane Druyan, Sara Hayieh, Miriam Garfinkel, Rachel Purmel, Sora Gene Gutman, Eda Broidis.

In 1932, Daugavpils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Ida Rapoport (chairperson), Sara Lea Rapoport, Sora Kagan, Bela Musina, Sora Vinokur, Anna Manasevich, Hanna Vyazemskaya.

In 1932, Ventspils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Genya Tsivyan (chairperson), Ety Goldring, Tsila Jasobson, Zara Jacobson, Eideh Roha Glickman, Regina Meyer, Rive Pantz, Gite Talberg, Dora Tsneimer, Zelma Hatskelson, Lea Kahn, Tsipe Goldschtick, Peye

Schenfeld, Shore Israelson, Rachel Edelstein, Rebecca Erica Cooler, Gite Talberg, Rachel Raisa Zelbah, Tsilla Leytman. Archive documents include the information on the children event happened on August 23rd, 1936 at Ventspils City Park. Jewish folk songs in Hebrew and plays “Gene schpiel” (The play of goats), “Gamakim” (Dwarfs), “Pupen Teater” (Puppet theater) in Yiddish and „Rotkapchen” (Red Hat) in German were performed. Children under 16 participated at the performance.

In 1933, Livani department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Shaya Kadyshev (chairperson), Zhenya Meyerovich, Etta Psavke, Lea Kremer, Maria Rybovskaya.

In 1933, Jekabpils department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Feiga Taitz, Ida Freidus, Hasya Schabel, Heida Rotbart, Rochel Brandt, Sonya Mendelson.

In 1933, Auce department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Lew Mazliah (chairperson), Etta Kaufman, Zelma Fainer, Frida Gonkrey, Beile Kaufman.

In 1933, Talsi department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Esther Herzberg (chairperson), Mert Kadmeyer, Dora Blumenaus.

In 1933, Kuldiga department was established. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Maria Veinberg (chairperson), Sara Silyan, Ruta Birzhanskaya, Lea Nurik, Tea Maui, Bella Shemin, Sara Holtzman, Nanny Gitelson.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4136, 4138.

**Еврейское общество помощи раввинам – трансэмигрантам “Эзрав” (Еbreju palidzības biedrība rabīniem – transemigrantiem “Ezrav”).**  
**Jewish community of support to Rabbies-transemigrants “Ezrav”**

Registered at Riga district court on 1929. The purpose of the community was to provide legal and general support to the confessors temporarily accommodated in Latvia. The community undertook to do its best to speed up the long and sometimes enforced journey of Rabbis and their families to reach the final destination successfully.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Rabbi M. Zack, Samarius Gurari, Victor Voloshonok, Morduch Dubin, A. Sobolevich. An assistant to attorney, Schmerl Jevelson provided legal activities of the community.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4086.

**Лиепайское еврейское общество музыкально – драматического искусства (Еbreju muzikaliski - dramatiskas maklsas biedrība Liepaja).**  
**Liepāja Jewish Community of Music and Drama Arts**



Registered on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1923 at Liepāja district court. The purpose of the community was to put on play theater production and musical drama evenings, thereby developing the culture. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Gabriel Vicker (chairperson), Movsha Rakovsky, Rosa Meyerson, Hirsh Ber Bermanis, Rosa Finkelstein, Israel Ulman, Josef Blumental, Tamara-Necha Schelkan, Iser Schmushkovich, Jacob Kahn, Rebecca Simon, Morduch Schraded.

According to the scant archival information, on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> there was a concert held in Liepāja, featuring fragments from Bach, Gendel, Vitols, Juryan music and folk songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

The community was closed down voluntarily due to the lack of assets and small number of members in 1038.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6507.

**Еврейское общество литературы, музыки и искусства „Javne” (Ebreju literatūras, mākslas un mūzikas biedrība „Javne”).  
Jewish community of literature, music and arts “Javne”**

Registered on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1920. (Valdības Vēstnesis 1920.7.04., nr. 78.)

The community acted in Riga. Its purpose was to establish National Jewish cultural center and to collect, analyze and distribute Jewish literature, music and arts in Yiddish and Hebrew.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Meyer Levitas, Lasar Gribeshok, Nechemia Godes, Halle Susman, Chaim Kheisbein, Mendler Yudin, Hedalier Glinsky, Berta Svertlin, Max Khokhberg.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Public Affairs of November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1937. (Valdības Vēstnesis 1937., nr. 294.). The community had stopped its activities few years prior to the final disbandment. No community documents were disclosed at settling down.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 1536, Inventory: 11, File: 234, page: 138.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4765, 5071.

**Еврейское культурное общество „Arbeitsheim” (Ebreju kulturālā biedrība „Arbeitsheim”).  
Jewish cultural society “Arbeitsheim”**

Registered on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1920 at Riga district court. The society intended to develop Jewish culture, science, literature, theater, music and other arts. The society had also undertaken to distribute and promote the concept of education amongst local Jewish population. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Dr.

Max Schalit, Schleime Fridman, Isaac Berzs, the member of Latvian Constituent Assembly.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of Internal Affairs of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1937 and was considered as unreliable in terms of state and public interests.

No documents, cash-books or society members were disclosed at the disbandment.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 3148, 3150.

**Еврейский клуб имени И. Переца (Ebreju klubs zem J. Perecs vārda).  
I.Peretz Jewish Club**

Registered on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1920 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the club was to develop cultural, educational, scientific and art activities amongst Krustpils Jews.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the chairman of Communities' disbandment committee in 1941.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7430

**Общество еврейской молодежи (Ebreju jaunatnes biedrība).  
Jewish Youth Community**

Registered at Liepāja district court on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921. Community also acted in Kuldīga. The purpose of the community was to take care of poor and disabled, to provide them permanent medical aid and pay medical researches accordingly. The records of the community were kept in German.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Frida Lipshuc, Tsila Bremer, L.Lipman. *Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4992.

**Общество еврейской молодежи “Иврия” (Ebreju jaunatnes biedrība „Ivria”).  
Jewish Youth Community “Ivria”**

Registered on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1930 at Riga district court. The community acted in Riga only. The purpose of the community was to unite the graduates of Jewish schools for their national cooperation and education in terms of Jewish concept, to support mutual obligation, honor and responsibility. As per Statutes, the community also undertook to force physical development of its members and to provide financial aid. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Michael Chasin, Miron Dreyspool, Иля Spyer.

The community was closed down in 1936.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4790.

**Общество еврейской молодежи „Eberija” (Ebreju jaunatnes biedrība „Eberija”).  
Jewish Youth Community “Eberija”**

Registered at Riga district court on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1931. Community meetings were held in Riga. The purpose of the community was to develop scholars and graduates cultural standards to work out mutual responsibility to each other. Special attention was paid to physical exercises.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Herbert Maxtus (chairperson, journalist), Meyer Mazo, Osip Magidson.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of public Affairs of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1936: its activities were considered as harmful and unacceptable for the society. At the disbandment, no assets or documents were disclosed.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4413.

**Общество еврейских сирот „Ezra Jesonim” (Ebreju bāreņu palīdzības biedrība „Ezra Jesonim”).**  
**Jewish Orphans’ Community “Ezra Jesonim”.**

Registered in Jelgava district court on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1924 and acted in Jelgava only. The community undertook to support Jewish orphans in every possible way via clothes and studying materials supply and assistance at studies.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Mina Levenson, Leib Hoff, Nathan Rabinovich, Zalman Mandelstaml, Schefel Wulf.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the chairperson of Communities’ disbandment committee of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3563.

**Еврейское общество “Дружба” (Žīdu biedrība „Draudzība”).**  
**Jewish community “Friendship”**

Acted in Riga and had no subsidiaries. According to the Statutes of 1939, the purpose of the community was to support friendly relationship amongst its members and to provide financial aid and moral support, to develop interest in science. The community had also supported the families of deceased members.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Chaim Gutman, Hershon Rivlin, Abraham Schmuilov, David Bernicker, Samuel Feyman, Kaghos Goldenberg, Jacob Vigdorichik, Chonon Khein, Mentin Pruzhan, Zara Nichomina, Hershon Rivlin.

The settlement process had begun in 1930 upon the decision of the minister of Public Affairs, however, it was drawn down. In 1940, Minna Khonau, the dentist, was appointed as authorized settler. Considering that all members of the community were dentists and had a membership of Dentists Association, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1941

disbandment committee had decided to transfer community assets to the Central Committee of Latvian Soviet Republic Association of medical and sanitary employees.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4027

**Даугавпилское еврейское общество имени раввина Иосифа Росина (Рогачерова) „Gmiles Chesed” (Daugavpils žīdu labdarības biedrība rabīna Josifa Rosina (Rogačerova) vārdā „Gmiles Chsed”), до 1938 года общество именовалось „Gmiles Chesed” имени раввина Иосифа Рохина (Рогачерова) при моленной Рогачерова („Gmiles Chesed” Rabbi Josifa Rozina (Rogačerova) vārdā pie Rogačerova lūgšanas nama).**

**Josef Rosin (Rogatcherov) Daugavpils Jewish Community “Gmiles Chesed”. Till 1938 – Rogatcherov “Gmiles Chesed” organization at Rogatcherov prayer house.**

The purpose of the community was to support its members in need as well as other Daugavpils Jews, to assign interest-free loans and welfares. The community also assisted Jews in tool purchase, necessary for industrial and agricultural activities.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Josel Avin, Jonas Levinovich, Schmuel Shabsel Kadyshevich, Isaac Marcelson, Morduch Jasobson, Peisekh Zeev, Wolf Zeef, Wolf Markovich, Nochum Apter, Mendel Zilberman, Betsalel Ellerin, Hirsh Nadel, David Goldman, Schloma Simon Apter, Mendel Kran.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 5935.

**Даугавпилское еврейское общество (Daugavpils žīdu biedrība), до 1938 года общество именовалось Даугавпилская еврейская община (Daugavpils žīdu draudze).**

**Daugavpils Jewish Community. Till 1938 – Daugavpils Jewish Commune.**

Regitere din 1933 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to promote national, religious and cultural growth of Daugavpils Jews. Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Ruben Gurevich, Jacob Wittenberg, Rafael Aluph, Moses Sviransky, Jacob Segal, Jacob Lapinsky, Isaac Tsemel, Meyer Clumel, Wolf Markovich, Boris Hitelson, Isaac Kisin, Aliah Gurvich, Ber Mendel Emmanuel, Samuel Storkh, Nison Koblenz, Michael Movshezon, Mendel Marcus Kogan, Benjamin Crup, Rabbi G.Ratner, Solom Silin, Michael Tsentsiper, Moses Blyakh, Isaac Wolf, Kalman Schmushkovich, Leyser Gamze, Schloma Stein, Isaac Pliner.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the chairman of communities' disbandment committee of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1940. Meyer Pirutin and Morduch Schteckel were involved in the process of settlement.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4152.

**Даугавпилское общество помощи нуждающимся евреям (Daugavpils trūcīgo žīdu palīdzības biedrība „Palīdzība slimiem” („Bikur Holim”), до 1938 года общество именовалось Даугавпилское общество помощи нуждающимся евреям (Daugavpils trūcīgo ebreju palīdzības biedrība).**

**Daugavpils charity society to Jews in need “Bikur Holim”. Till 1938 – Daugavpils charity society to Jews in need.**

Registered on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1923 at Latgale district court. Re-registered on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1938. According to the 1923 Statutes, the declared purpose of the society was to raise funds to improve material and immaterial status of Jews in need. After re-registration, the purpose had not changed. However, society had considered political environment after the revolution on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1934 and had de facto undertook to support national concept of its members according to the declaration of K.Ulmanis. The society had also declared its will to revive Jewish national spirit.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were: Menachem Vittenberg, Ruvin Vittenberg, Abraham Smuschkin, Ekhil Leib Markovich, Schmuil Gurvich, Movsha Gerin, Isaiah Bloch, Josef Ratz, Abraham Levin, Michel Tsentsiper, Boris Rozenblum, Yankel insburg, Hershon Portnoy, Yankel (Jacob) Vovsie, Isaac Levin, Simon Vovsie, Itsik Harber, Leib Lubovich, Meyer Butin, Moses SViransky, Abraham Queen, Ber Rapoport, Tsalel Galin, Samson Ginsburg, Meyer Silins, Boris Gitelson, Yoshiya Damieh, Tuvya Tsatis, Lev Mizroch (chairperson), Schabsah Kadyshevich, Nison Koblenz, Ovsey Frisher, Abraham Levin (chairperson), David Oshrie, Meyer Okun, Abraham Musin, Ruvin Gurevich, Josef Barabash, Abraham Nochimovsky, Movsha Klumel, Benjamin Svirsky, Michael Movshenson.

Several events of the organization are tracked in the documents. I.e., on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1935, a play in Yiddish “Vu zeinen meine Kinder” (“Where are my children?”) was successfully performed. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1936, the play “Idisher kenig Lir” (“Jewish King Lear”) was performed. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1937, Yiddish play “Der dorhs jung” (“Country Boy”) by L. Kobrin was performed.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1937, the play of Seagal “Heintihe Meidlech” was performed in Yiddish. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 1938, there was the gala evening held featuring the play of Tomashevsky “Shleime un Rikl” in Yiddish. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1939, the play “Der nit gebetener Gast” (“Intruder”) in Yiddish was performed. The events were held at the premises of City Club or at Railwaymen Theater.

In 1937 disputes between community members had lead to the scandal and were applied to court. Daugavpils district court had considered the case of allegedly illegitimate decisions taken by the board. Hershon Feigin was the complainant who protested against the election of D.Oshrie for the chairman of the board on board meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1937. As per society Statutes, neither qualified, nor absolute majority vote was required for the election of chairperson. At that particular meeting, no one apart from D.Oshrie pretended to take a position of a chairman. Indeed H.Feigin had considered the above as D.Oshrie malice actions. H.Feigin claimed D.Oshrie in infringement of existing chairperson Lev Mizrocha and his disciples by not letting him discuss board activities and current budget at the meeting.

The disputes at the community lasted for several months. As a result, in contempt of the targets and Statutes of the organizations, doctor Rozenblum and cand. pharm. Gurvich claimed to become the members of the board, though they were not even the members of the organization but were rather providing their services to the members of the society.

Another lawsuit overshadowed good work of the society. Daugavpils prefecture had for years traced Boris Gitelson and was against his board membership. Mr. Gitelson was the owner of silk factory “Italy” and yet in 1928 was prosecuted for keeping and distributing illegal literature. Prefecture also had known that in 1937—38 Mr. Gitelson had illegally transferred USD 2 300 and GBP 1 350 to Palestine. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1937 he was arrested and condemned for activities against the state and currency speculations.

In 1937, the actives of the society were amounted LVL 4 020.12. Society income source were donations only. I.e., Yankel Starobin (... -1938) had left LVL 40 to the society. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1939, a court hearing was held re the testament of Khaya Genya Etel: she left one third of the amount received from the sale of her property to the society.

In 1938, there were 300 active members of the society.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 3591, 3592, 3593.

**Даугавпилское общество студентов евреев (Daugavpils studentu ebreju biedriba).**

**Daugavpils association of Jewish students.**

Registered in Jnuary, 1926 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the association was to support and distribute Jewish and global culture and to promote the developmeny of physical health amongst Daugavpils Jewish students.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Anatoly Gurvich, Meyer Okun, Ovsey Chaimovich, Hirsh Greysdorff, Hershom Maharam.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 1426.

**Общество “Друг еврейских детей” (Biedrība „Žīdu bērnu draugs”), до 1938 года общество именовалось “Общество Друг детей” (Biedrība „Bērnu draugs”).**

**Community “Friend of Jewish Children”. Till 1930 – Community “Friend of Children”.**

Registered on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1924 at Riga district court. The community acted in Riga only and had no subsidiaries in Latvia.

The purpose of the community was to support Latvian Jewish children in need. The community established canteens, shelters, kinder gardens and needlework sections.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were doctor Leopold Schenfel (chairperson), Asna Katselenbaum, Manya Rabinovich, Klara Levinson, engineer Arnold Pesis, Ella Klachko, Zita Lempert, Musya Kaplan (chairperson), Elka

Fridman, Sora Rapoport, Harryetta Mintz (chairperson), Celia Lempert, Emma Lurie, Dorothea Levi, Edith Levin, Raisa Boguslavskaya, Tatyana Feldhun, Anna Gribeshok, Zelma Mizroch, Sima Rubin, Briana Raskin, Betty Schalit, Johanna Trocky, Romana Borde, Helena Machtus, Zara Weinberg, Zhano Yacobi, Ruben Hovchah, Boriss Isaacson, Fruma Etchin, Noemi Gaubin, Greta Itsikson, Zhano Jacobson, Dano Jacobi, Max Shapiro.

The association held a lot of household inventory, furniture and food supply.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the minister of Internal Affairs № 3245 of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files: 4107, 4108, 4109, 4110, 4111.

**Даугавпилское Еврейское общество по содействию развития ремесел и сельского хозяйства „Ort” (Daugavpils ebreju amatnieku un zemkopības veicināšanas biedrība „Ort”).**

**Daugavpils Jewish community of support to the development of crafts and agriculture “Ort”**

Registered on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1929 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the community was to support the development of crafts and agriculture amongst Jews, to support the formation of crafts and agriculture schools and studies, to assist school and studies scholars, to establish farms and repairs shops, to support particular craftsmen and countrymen by assigning loans for gardens and plowed fields formation, to distribute seed and fertilizers to Jewish farmers, to establish warehouses and support the sales of goods.

Existing farmers' colonies and repair shops were also supported by the community. The community undertook to publish agriculture and crafts tutorials.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abraham Ribush (engineer, chairperson), Efrem Vazbutsky, Anna Manasevich, Hanna Vyazemskaya, Miriam Gavartin, Eliah Butin, Jacob Kroin, Jacob Levin, Judel Fridman, Roza Livshits, Hanna Jacobson, Maleh Lapinsky, Jacob Levin, Meyer Okun, Josel Galperin, Leiser Bravo, Anatoly Gurvich, Jacob Vittenberg.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 6819.

**Израильское общество „Machne Israel” (Izraela biedrība „Machne Israel”), до 1938 года Общество именовалось „Израильский союз - Machne Israel” (Biedrība „Izraela apvienība – Machane Isoel”).**

**Israel Community “Machne Israel”. Till 1938 – Israel Union “Machne Israel”**

According to the Statutes of 1935, the purpose of the community was the strengthening of religiosity amongst Jews, promotion of education of Jews regardless of their economical and social status, careful preservation of Jewish religious heritage that, being passed through generations is capable to impact nowadays youth spiritual,

religious and patriotic background. The community undertook to support religious schools Cheder and Yeshivot, to follow the rules of Holy Saturday and kosher at Jewish families. The community raised funds for those who were willing to immigrate to Palestine.

No significant changes were made in the Statutes after re-registration in 1938.

Throughout years, board members and active participants were Simon Vittenberg, Henry Klein (German citizen), Morduch Dubin, Rabbi Evel Baranchik, Morduch Khodakov, Hone Lif, Hirsh Lev Samunov, Abraham Leib Godin, Samuel Papkov, Mendel Veksler, Josef Brustin, Meilach (Movsha, Moses) Katz, Chaim Spivak, Moses Barlin, Ari Wolgemuth, Moses Bloomberg, N. Gindel, A. Barmazel.

Several events of the organization are tracked in the documents. I.e., on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1934, a lecture of A. Klein, Rabby from Nuremberg (Germany) titled “Nowadays religious status of Jews” in German was read at Keninu street 30 in Riga. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1937 there was a lecture of the philosopher Isaac Breyer (Germany), an author of the books *Judenproblem*, *“Das juedische Nationalheim”*, *“Elijahu (Ueber Juediscje Erziehung)”*, *“Wegzeichen”*, *“Natur und Schoepfung”*, *“Der Kampf und Gott”*, *“Der Neue Kusari”*, held in Riga at the House of Blackheads. The lecture was titled “Belief and cultural basis of Palestine foundation”. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1937, there was an event held in Riga at Lāčplēša street 43/45, honoring Nathan Birmbaum. Three reviews were presented: “Life of N. Birmbaum” by S. Witenberg, “N. Birmbau works in German” by teacher Arie Yehuda Wolgemut, “N. Birnmbaum and Youth” by M. Hodakov. On September 22, 1937, the following lectures were read successfully in Yiddish and Hebrew: “Kenesio Gedaulo and the unification of Jewish people” by M.Dubin, “Religion as a core of Jewish life: by S.Witenberg, “Kenesio Gedaulo and the strengthening of religiosity” by Rabby E.Baranchik, “Kenesio Gedaulo and youth education” by M. Hodakov, “Kenesio Gedaulo and potential solutions of Palestinian issues” by H. Klein. Lectures of Rabbis Motel Katz and Pincus Helfand were held in Riga on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1938 at synagogue at Peitavas street 6/8, on May 21<sup>st</sup> at synagogues at Stabu street 63 and at Gogola street 13.

In August 1938, there was an international conference of religious Jews titled “Kenesio Gedaulo” held in Mariansk in Czech. To promote and support this significant event, the community had distributed special commemoratives about the whole country between June 20<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1940, a lecture-discussion of the members of the community titled “The tasks and duties of nowadays religious Jews” was held in Riga at Marstalu 18, at the premises of Riga Jewish community of low price canteens. The event was opened by the speeches of M. Nurock and S. Witenberg.

In 1938, several community departments were established in Līvāni, Jelgava, Krustpils, Aizpute, Rēzekne, Kārsava, Jaunjelgava, Liepāja, Daugavpils. They were not assigned the status of independent organizations.

In Daugavpils, throughout the years, board members and active participants were Isaac Levin (chairperson), Nochum Aper, Boruch Peletz, Movsha Klumaln, Isaac Florence, Leib Berkhal, Aliah Lit, Hirsh Losev, Yankel Lapido, Benjamin Mindel.



Archive documents contain witnesses of several events of the department. I.e. on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1937, a set of lectures was held at “Coliseum” cinema at Saules street 14, featuring Rabbis Ruchko, Fux and Benjamin Kahan and Plochinsky and Isaac Levin. Comprehensive lectures were read by S. Witenberg (Belief as a core of nowadays Jewish life), G. Samunov (Erez Israel Palestine and religious Jews), Boruch Peletz (Tasks of Jewish youth). On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the lecture titled “Renaissance of Jewish concept” was read by Rabbi Josef Glick from Poland at the premises of the city club. Naftaly Rafaelovich and Isaac Levin spoke at the event, too. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1938 a lecture titled “Cultural basis of Jewish peoples in the past, nowadays and at the establishment of Palestine” was read by Hamliel Silberger (from Palestine), the scholar of religious schools in Grodno and Jerusalem.

In Kārsava, board members and active participants were Abraham Kalmanson, Abraham Thodin, Leib Rertsik, Ilya Zaidin (former depute of Kārsava city council), Nison Meyer Yankelson, David Miller, Leiser Kuschlin. There is an announcement on the events held in 1938. I.e., on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, there were speeches of Rabbis Glick and Kalmanson held. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, G. Silberger lecture in Yiddish was held.

In Janunjelgava, throughout the years, board members and active participants were Rabbi Aron Tsalel Paul, Josef Fridman, Aron Katz, Wolf Wasserman, Moses Tabacsman, Rubin Perelman. Special notes on Rubin Perelman are documented: according to the data of Political Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, he used to be Bolsheviks’s supporter in Vitebsk and he was the deputy of Jaujelgava city council being a member of Jewish Laborer Party in 1931—34. After dismissal, Mr. Perelman desecrated the honor and dignity of Mr. Gulyak, who was proposed the same depute position. Mr. Perelman actions even lead to the criminal case, however, it was settled with no result. Later in 1936, Mr. Perelman was suspected in cooperation with Latvian Communist party.

In Liepāja, throughout the years, board members and active participants were Tanchum Rogalin, Josel Meyerovich, Abraham Shalman, Leib Goldberg, Samuel Hhasdin, Samuel Berg, Zorach Dimant, Aron Mendelson, Bentsel Pinkovitz, Schmucl Kazdan, Benjamin Shatenstein, Bentsin Lapidus, Max Berg, Aron Schimkho Soloveichik, Aron Mendelson, Abraham Schitz. A significant event took place on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1937 at the premises of Lithuanian Community: Rabbies Polonsky and Eidlin had spoken at gala evening, reviews were read in Yiddish by teacher S. Witenberg titled “Nowadays renaissance of Jewish concept” and in Hebrew titled “Building of Palestine and religious Jew” by G. Samunov. At the end of the event, H. Klein had a discussion titled “Nowadays requirements” in German. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1938, there were lectures in Yiddish by Jacob Landau titled “Religious tasks of Jewish people and Palestine” and in German by H. Klein “Our Youth and the foundation of Palestine” read at Firework Square 2. The next set of lectures was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1938 at the same premises. The event was foreworded by Rabbis M. Eidlin and M. Erlich and T. Rogalin. Then Yehuda Wolgemut (Germany) had read a lecture titled “Kenesio Gedaulo: the importance of the international congress of religious Jews”.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the minister of Public Affairs of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1940. Settlement was carried by Abraham Barmazel, Necham Gandel, Mendel Veksler, Henry Klein.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 4751, 4760, **4762**, 4763, 4764.

**Общество помощи евреям „Bet-Lechem” „(Хлебный дом”) в Лиенае (Ebreju palīdzības biedrība „Bet-Lechem” (“Maizes nams”).**

**Community of support to Jews “Bet Lechem” (House of Bread) in Liepāja.**

Registered on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1933. The purpose of the community was to provide financial aid, food, firewood, clothing and footwear to poor Jews in Liepāja and around and to open new jobs and assist Jews employment.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Abraham Lipert, Josef Gutman, Emil Falk, Echil Berghart, Bentsel Ber, Rabbi Iser Polonsky, Boruch Kahn, Raby Aron Ber Nurrok, Olga Merkel, Max Goldblatt, Schloma Schimschelevich, Josef Bahn, Kheyman Rabinovich, Nisan Klyetsko, attorney Nison Grozdensky, Miriam Polonskaya, Herman Hirshberg, Herman Epstein, Salaman Kabalkin, Rubin Epstein, Abraham Lippert, M. Prisman, A. Lurje, Z. Kabalkin, Etta Gordon, Betty Lurje, Roze Siev, Danue Khilman, Elli Frank, Meyer Israelit, Abel Schofman, Hilel Zelkin.

The community was closed down upon the decision of the Minister of public Affairs № 2873 in 1939. Before final settlement, the community intended to integrate with Liepāja Jewish Womens’ community “Palīdzība” (“Help”) however, it refused the offer.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory:1, File: 3595.

**Бауское еврейское женское общество (Bauskas žīdu sieviešu biedrība)  
Bauska Jewish Women’s Community**

Registered on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1923. The purpose of the community was to support unemployed and orphans by financial aid or food distribution, to establish and maintain kinder garden, to establish sewing and language studies.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Lydia Feldman, Ada Shtul, Esther Skutl, Ete Krystal, Miriam (Mera) Bloomberg (chairperson), Lonya Tchait, Liba Shtul, Rosa Gordon, Frida Herzberg, Rachel Joselevsky, Fannie Yankelovich, Berta Israelson, Shane Date, Rebecca Lapidus, Frida Yankelovich, Paula Leibovich, Roche Fridman, Ada Stuhl.

In 1937, the turnover of the community was LVL 582.

The community was closed down upon the decision of a chairman of the committee of people’s commissars in 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, Files:8132, 8133, 8134.

**Бауское общество помощи нуждающимся евреям (Bauskas trūcīgo slimo žīdu palīdzības biedrība („Bikur Holim”)) (до 1938 года Бауское еврейское общество „Bikur – Holim” (Bauskas ebreju biedrība „Bikur – Holim”).  
Bauska community of support to Jews in need “Bikur Holim”. Till 1938 – Bauska Jewish community “Bikur Holim”.**

The community was established in 1924. The purpose of the community was to provide professional medical aid to prosperous citizens and to provide free medical aid to Jews in need, to assign loans to Jews in need for health improving. The community undertook to establish ambulatories and points of medical reception.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Vigdor Berelov (chairperson, housekeeper), Boris Ber Niselovich (doctor, housekeeper), David Leib Crystal (merchant), Abraham Abrahamson (graduated Law Faculty of Latvian University in 1936), Aron Shtul (former “Red Latvian Shooter”), Ovsey Josef Berman (housekeeper), Moses Feldman, Yankel Blum.

The organization was closed down upon the decision of the chairman of the committee of peoples’ commissars of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1940.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 3582, 3582.

**Еврейское общество помощи Балтиनावы (Baltinavas žīdu palīdzības biedrība), до 1938 года общество именовалось Еврейское благотворительное общество Балтиनावы (Baltinovas ebreju labdarības biedrība).  
Baltinava Jewish Relief Society. Till 1938 – Jewish Charity Community of Baltinava**

Registered on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1927 at Latgale district court. The purpose of the society was to provide various supports to Baltinava Jews in need, including medical and financial aid, provision of tools and inventory, loans assignment and assistance at employment.

Throughout the years, board members and active participants were Nachman Kopman (chairperson), Leib Milner, David Kuklya, Shliom Itzik Bashkin.

*Archival source:* LSHA, Fund: 3724, Inventory: 1, File: 7075.

## **Rabbinates**

**Метрические книги Латвийских раввинатов  
Latvijas rabinātu metrikas grāmatas  
Metric books of Latvian rabbinates**

*Archival fund:* 5024. 1836–1938. Files: 1731.

Books of births registration, 1854–1909;  
Books of marriages registration, 1854–1909;  
Books of divorces registration, 1855–1905;  
Books of deaths registration, 1854–1909.

**Bauska**

*Archival fund: 1894–1905. Files: 41.*

Books of births registration, 1894—1897, 1900–1905;

Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905;

Books of divorces registration, 1894–1895, 1897–1898, 1900–1902;

Books of deaths registration, 1894–1905.

**Varakļāni**

*Archival fund. 4554. 1895–1905. Files: 7.*

Books of births registration, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1901–1903, 1905;

Books of marriages registration, 1895, 1897–1899, 1901–1902;

Books of deaths registration, 1895.

**Vindau (Ventspils)**

*Archival fund: 4358. 1894–1905. Files: 62.*

Books of births registration, 1894–1905;

Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905;

Books of divorces registration, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900;

Books of deaths registration, 1894, 1896–1905.

**Hazenpoth (Aizpute)**

*Archival fund: 4347. 1894 – 1905. Files: 38.*

Books of births registration, 1894–1897, 1899–1905;

Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905;

Books of divorces registration, 1894, 1896;

Books of deaths registration, 1894–1905.

**Dvinsk (Daugavpils)**

*Archival fund: 4359. 1894–1899, 1901–1905. Files: 15.*

Books of births registration, 1894–1895, 1898–1899, 1903, 1905;

Books of deaths registration, 1894, 1897, 1901, 1905.

**Libava (Liepāja)**

*Archival fund: 4350. 1894–1905. Files: 50*

Books of births registration, 1894–1905;

Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905;

Books of divorces registration, 1894–1905;

Books of deaths registration, 1894–1905.

**Mitau (Jelgava)**

*Archival fund: 4349. 1895–1897, 1900–1903. Files: 7.*

Books of births registration, 1854–1909;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1854–1909;  
 Books of divorces registration, 1855–1905;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1854–1909.

### **Rezhitsa (Rēzekne)**

*Archival fund. 4361. 1880–1904. Files: 19.*

Books of births registration, 1895–1900, 1902–1905;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1889, 1895–1897, 1900, 1902, 1904;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1880, 1895–1897, 1900, 1902.

### **Riebiņi**

*φ. 4353. 1882–1905 z. 20 d.*

Books of births registration, 1882, 1885, 1887–1888, 1898–1900, 1902–1905;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1884, 1898–1899, 1903;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1898–1902, 1904.

### **Riga**

*Archival fund: 4346. 1854 – 1940. Files: 561*

Books of births registration, 1894–1905;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905, 1923–1929;  
 Books of divorces registration, 1876, 1895–1905, 1932–1940;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1894–1905;  
 Incoming documents' registries; extracts from the books of births' registration; births certificates (1936); extracts from metric books (1922—1927); questionnaires at name giving (1916–1927); references on names identities (1923–1933); book of registration of other confessions representatives converted to Judaism (1919–1939); orders for circumcision procedures (1927–1938); publication IDs (1930–1931); books of burials' orders (1921–1934, 1938).

### **Tukums**

*Archival fund: 4356. 1894–1899, 1901. Files: 17.*

Books of births registration, 1894–1899;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1895–1898;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1894–1898, 1901.

### **Frauenburg (Saldus)**

*Archival fund: 4353. 1894, 1901–1902. Files: 3.*

Books of births registration, 1901;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1894;  
 Books of divorces registration, 1902.

### **Schönberg (Skaistkalne)**

*Archival fund: 4354. 1894–1905 гг. files: 32.*  
 Books of births registration, 1894–1897, 1899–1905;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1896, 1899–1905;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1894–1897, 1899–1905.

**Jakobstadt (Jēkabpils)**

*Archival fun: 4351. 1894–1905. Files: 33.*  
 Books of births registration, 1894–1897, 1899–1905;  
 Books of marriages registration, 1894–1905;  
 Books of deaths registration, 1894–1895, 1897–1898, 1900–1903, 1905.

**Общество содействия Иерусалимскому университету  
 Jeruzalemes universitātes veicināšanas biedrība  
 Community of support to Jerusalem University**

*Archival fund: 3245. 1927–1940. Files: 5.*  
 Statutes, minutes of board meetings; personal accounts of employees; cashbook;  
 closing documents.

**Акционерное общество фабрики головных уборов Братья Берковичи (Рига)  
 Ķepuru fabrikas akciju sabiedrība "Brāļi Berkoviči"  
 Joint venture of hats factory "Brothers Berkovitch"**

*Archival fund: 7381. 1938–1941. Files: 1*  
 List of employees.

**Импортно-экспортное акционерное общество И. Финкельштейн (торговля  
 хлебом, зерном, растительным маслом)  
 Importa-eksporta akciju sabiedrība "J. Finkelšteins"  
 Import-export joint venture "I. Finkelstein" (trade of bread, grain, vegetable oil)**

*Archival fund. 7213. 1923–1939. Files: 9.*

Minutes of shareholders and revision committee meetings; correspondence with  
 Latvian and international trade and transport companies on goods delivery, financial  
 settlements, etc; calculation of profit in percents; cash and trade books; memorial  
 books.

**Торгово-промышленное акционерное товарищество Иосиф Магарил  
 (производство и торговля галантерейными принадлежностями) Рига.  
 Tirdzniecības un rūpniecības akciju sabiedrība "Josifs Magarils" (Rīga)  
 Trading-Industrial Joint Stock fellowship Iosif Magaril (production and sales of  
 dry goods), Riga.**

*Archival fund: 7220. 1924–1929. Files: 9.*

Protocol of the foundation of the company, minutes of general and revision committee  
 meetings; general ledger; cashbook; books of debtors and creditors; memorial book.

**Командитное общество по обработке проволоки и машиностроению**

***М. Нанос и К* (Рига)**

**Stieplu apstrādāšana un mašīnu būvētava komandītsabiedrība "M. Nanoss un Ko"**

**Commandite union of wire processing and mechanical engineering**

*Archival fund: 7249. 1930–1940. Files: 5.*

Book of ledger, cashbook, rescontro, memorial book.