



# Canadian Jewish Heritage Network



## JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - publicity photographs.

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Collection: JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - publicity photographs.

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: Env. 2500 photographs.

Scope and Content:

Publicity photos and accompanying press captions depicting overseas relief to Jews in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Photos are organized chronologically and by location.

Subjects include displaced persons camps, Jewish ghettos, mellahs, and poor neighbourhoods in Europe and North Africa.

Date: 1920-1970.

Fonds No.: I0041

History Biographical:

The American Joint Distribution Committee, popularly known as the JDC or "Joint," was founded in 1914 to alleviate the suffering of Jews in wartime. Functioning to a greater or lesser extent through the pre-WWII period, the JDC became very active in relief and rescue schemes during the war. Efforts reached a peak in the immediate post-war period, with the feeding, clothing and rehabilitation of Jews in displaced persons camps and in the remnants of the European Jewish communities. Work was also carried out in North Africa and other non-European Jewish communities. Based in New York, the organization is still in operation.

Custodial History: The photographs were most likely received by CJC during and after World War II as a function of the shared goals of the JDC and CJC/UJRA in the area of refugee assistance.

Notes:

PC 4. Photos less than 50 years old may only be published with the permission of the American Joint Distribution Committee in New York. The file subjects are listed in the computer database (collection PC 4).

Archival / Archival Descriptions

Genealogical:

Repository: Canadian Jewish Archives