Guide to the Jewish Communal Registers (Pinkese kehilah) Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1824

CREATOR: Fuhrmann, Simon

TITLE: Jewish communal registers (Pinkese kehilah) collection

DATES: 1623–1960

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 70.42 linear feet (61 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The registers are in Yiddish, Hebrew, Hungarian, German, Romanian, Italian, Ladino, English, Dutch, and French.

SUMMARY: The collection consists of register books of various Jewish communal organizations, mainly in Europe, with a few from the Middle East and the United States. The volumes include minute books of synagogues and social welfare committees, account books, school registers, and wills. They document the activities, concerns, and conditions of Jewish communities, as well as their relations with neighbors and governmental authorities. The registers include genealogical, sociological, and historical information.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
The registers were purchased by the Judaica Collection and transferred to Manuscripts and Archives, 2002-2015. Most of the registers were purchased from Yeshayahu Vinograd, Jerusalem, 2002-2003. One
was purchased at auction from Kestenbaum & Company, New York, in 2002. Others were purchased from Bery Gross, New York, in 2003. Additional registers were purchased 2004-2008 from Bery Gross, New York, and Yeshayahu Vinograd and Moshe Rosenfeld, Jerusalem. One was purchased from Kestenbaum & Company on the Rosalyn and Joseph Newman Collection Fund, 2015.

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Jewish Communal Registers (Pinkese Kehilah) Collection (MS 1824). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

### Scope and Contents

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### Arrangement

The collection is arranged as received from the Judaica Collection.
Collection Contents

Inventory

---Each item description begins with the title of each register:

The title comes from (in order of preference): the title page, the cover, the page headings, the first words in the register, a name or description used by the vendor, or a descriptive title assigned by the staff of the Judaica Collection. If the title does not appear in the book itself, it is in brackets. In cases where there are one or more alternate titles, they are separated by semi-colons.

Titles that are originally in non-Roman alphabets appear in Romanized transliterations. Use of diacritics is inconsistent.

---The title is followed by the place where the register was written:

Usually the place is written as it appears in the book, or in its Romanized form. Common forms are used for well-known names (for example: New York, not Nyu-York).

If available, the name of the place in the form authorized according to cataloging rules is added in parentheses, especially if it differs from the way the name of the place appears in the book.

---The date of the work appears at the end of each description:

Hebrew dates are in numeric form according to how they appear in the register, i.e. 760 or 5760. Gregorian dates are provided in brackets for each Hebrew date. The Hebrew year 650 appears as 650, [1889-1890], since either of those two years would be possible. If the month is known, only the correct Gregorian year is provided.

At times one year is written on the title page, but the register includes dated entries covering a span of years. In that case the Hebrew date would be written as it appears in the book, but the Gregorian dates would reflect the actual years covered in the register.

---Physical description is included when available. The number of pages in brackets indicates that the pages are not numbered in the book.

---The descriptions are based on material provided by the vendor, examination of the book, and translations by staff members.

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b. 1 Protokol bukh de-hevrah baale takhlis de-anshe maamad 1921–1944

New York. Minutes of the Jewish Orthodox Alliance of America, Agudath Anshe Mamod. Manuscript written and typewritten mainly in Yiddish with some English. 300 pp., 32 cm.


Tsefat. List of contributors to the yeshivah at the tomb of Simeon bar Yohai and his son, Eleazar, in Meron. Extensively illuminated title page with calligraphy and decorative borders in different shades of gold ink. In Hebrew.

b. 2 Zeh sefer ha-takanot le-yire H. me’et hevrat mishnayot le-agudat kehal hasidim 681, [1920–1921]

Yafo. By-laws of Mishnah society of a hassidic congregation in Yafo (Jaffa/Tel Aviv, Israel). Illuminated title page and captions written in red, gold, and black ink. In Hebrew. (5) pp., 33 cm.
b. 2  Pinkas hevrat Ezer Yoledet ha-kelali
Cover title: Sefer ha-zikaron hevrah Ezer-yoledet. Yerushalayim. Extensively illuminated, colorful title page. By-laws and membership list of an aid society for women giving birth, signed by the women who founded it with official stamps of rabbinical courts in Jerusalem. Includes names of important women in the Jerusalem’s Jewish community before the creation of the state of Israel. According to the vendor, this is the only known register created by women in pre-1948 Israel. [22] pp. 670, [1909–1910]

b. 2  [Manuscripts regarding charities of the Jerusalem Sephardic community]; [Halukah de-Rabanan].
Jerusalem. Records of distributions of charitable funds by the Sephardic rabbis of Jerusalem, as well as Hebron, Tiberias, and Jaffa. In Hebrew and Ladino. May include documents from later in the nineteenth century. 58 leaves, 30 cm. 630, [1869–1870]

b. 3  South Hackney synagogue: minute book
London. Minutes of board meetings concerning various synagogue matters, including officers, membership, holidays, the religious school, and mikveh (ritual bath). In English with some Hebrew words. On blue paper. Approx. 150 pp.; 34 cm. 1881–1892

b. 3  Jews Infant School: minute book
London. Minutes of board of Jewish school for children ages two to six. Includes descriptions of the challenges and accomplishments of this charitable institution in nineteenth century London. Signed by leaders of the community, including Sir Francis Henry Goldsmid and Nathaniel Montefiore. In English. 1843–1857

b. 3  [Minutes of the Education Committee of the Jews Infant School]

b. 3  Takanot: yeshanot ve-hadashot she-naasah bi-retson ha-manhige ha-kehilah uvi-retson kol ha-b.b. de-kehilatenu...
Cover title: Rules & regulations. Liverpool. By-laws of the Liverpool synagogue agreed upon and signed by rabbis and officials of the synagogue. Pages numbered from 336 to 454. In Yiddish and Hebrew. 57 leaves; 31 cm. 565, [1805]

b. 4  Zeh ha-pinkas shayakh leha-havirah mishnayot meha-kloyz Linat ha-Tsedek; Pinkas kehilah shel Sharhorod
Sharhorod, Ukraine. Rules, contributions, and membership of Mishnah study group. Ornate title page and borders. Signed and stamped by Rabbi Akiva Zabarsky ha-Kohen. Written and/or illustrated by Mosheh Kerman. In Hebrew. 35 cm. 1905–1908

b. 5  A Diosgyori chevra kadischa jegyzokonyve
Diosgyor, Hungary. Book of minutes with accounts and proceedings of the Hevra Kaddisha (charitable association) of Diosgyor, Hungary. Lists of income and expenses suggest that the served a broad social/charitable role. [94] leaves. 1912 February 25–1942 February 24
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| b. 5 | [Pinkas Mishnayot]; [Pinkas takanot shel Mishnayot]; [Pinkas kehilat Erdina?]
Erda?, Hungary? Description from vendor, Yeshayahu Vinograd: “Register of by-laws of the Mishnah Society, Erdina. On paper, 33 x 21 cm. Original antique leather cover, somewhat damaged. In the register are five pages of the society’s by-laws and approx. twelve pages of the names decorated in color (some with calligraphy) of people with notes about each community member who belonged to the group, when he became a member, how much he paid, etc. Presumably this community is the one in Hungary, although there is one with a similar name in Germany.” In Hebrew. Cardboard insert is most likely a scrap from bookbinding-- translation from Hungarian: [U]zleti. Business hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday and holidays all rooms/shops are closed in the afternoon. [ca.1880] |
<p>| b. 5 | Mindszenti izraelita “Szent-Egylet” kozgyuleseinek jegyzokonyvei 1889ik evtol; [Pinkas hevrah-kadisha of Mindszent]. Mindszent, Hungary. Minutes of general meetings of the Hevrah Kadisha (charitable association) of Mindszent, Hungary. Signed by rabbis and leaders of the Mindszent Jewish community, including an official red wax seal on one of the documents. In Hungarian. Approx. 80 pp.; 35 cm. 1889–1902 |
| b. 6 | Protokoll von Todten, Trauungs, Geburts; [Pinkas kehilah shel Csaba, Hungary] Csaba, Hungary. Register of births, marriages and deaths, with red wax seals and signed by Grand Rabbiner Efraim Braun and other officials. Introduction with by-laws of the community. In German and Hungarian, with some dates written in Hebrew. Register covers the years 1851-1875. A few miscellaneous letters and other documents (1911-1942) are inserted in book. 38 cm. 1851–1942 |
| b. 7 | [Pinkas kehilah shel Alberti Irsa] Alberti-Irsza,Hungary. Various handwritten, printed, typewritten, and mimeographed documents bound together. Mainly in Hungarian. Over half are documents relating to the Jewish Community Council of Alberti-Irsza. The rest are miscellaneous documents from other cities and towns in Hungary. Includes the film script of the “Legend Rabbi Bar Bar Chana” and associated material. Written on title page: Az alb. irsai izr. el. Nepiskola I.II. osztalyu tanuloinak Nevsora Az 1907-8-i taner rol (Register of names of the pupils in the first and second grades of the Israeli grade school of Alberti-Irsza in the 1907-1908 school year); also what appears to be a name, Kelsman Alberti; second line hard to read. Approx. 80 pp.; 36 cm. 1907–1938 |
| b. 7 | [Szeged, Hungary: Collection of documents relating to the Jewish community] Over 120 documents, almost all in Hungarian. Letters and communal records signed by Rabbi Immanuel Loew, a founder of the Neolog Reform movement in Hungary, and other important documents of both the Neolog and Orthodox communities in Szeged. Also includes drawings and plans of the Great Synagogue, which was built in 1905. 4 vols.; 36 cm. 1880–1939 |</p>
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<td>[Minutes of the Hevrah Kadisha] &lt;br&gt; Reghin, Romania (Szaszregen, Hungary). Regulations and decisions concerning the Jewish community, the synagogue, synagogue officials, and charitable contributions. Minutes contain much material on the community and its leaders. Includes accounts of income and expenses. Covers period when this area changed from Hungarian to Romanian domain. In Hungarian and German, with some Hebrew words. [374] p.; 34 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1911–1932</td>
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<td>[Pinkas bet ha-yetomim be-Satu-Mare] &lt;br&gt; Satu-Mare, Romania. In Hebrew and Romanian, with lavishly decorated pages in gold ink listing donations to the Jewish orphanage in honor of children born 1946–1947. With illustrations signed by the artist. Approx. 30 leaves: ill., 31 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1946–1947</td>
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<td>[Pinkas kehilot Alzas] &lt;br&gt; Alsace, France. The notebook, dating from the time of Napoleon, contains records with income and expenses of various Jewish communities in the Alsace area, including many small and otherwise unknown communities. Taxes and other payments to government officials such as “geheshbund mit der medinah” and “karke gelt” are listed. [48] leaves; 19 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1804–1818</td>
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<td>[Ketav yad al kehilot Yehudiyot be-Eropah] &lt;br&gt; Germany?/Austria?/Hungary? Collection of historical information on Jewish communities throughout Europe, their population, conditions, relations with the local authorities, etc., edited by an unidentified Jew from material gathered from newspapers and other sources. This register was from the collection of Professor S. H. Liber, a librarian at a museum in Prague. In Yiddish and German. 226 pp.; 25 cm. &lt;br&gt; [1808–1828?]</td>
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<td>b. 10</td>
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<td>Ha[up]tbuch &lt;br&gt; Budapest, Hungary. Ledger of accounts of members of the Jewish community of Budapest. In German and Hungarian. 294 pp.; 46 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1884–1925</td>
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<td>Szuletesi Anyakonyv 1852-1877: a kotet betuje: B; Geburts-Protokoll &lt;br&gt; Bekescsaba, Hungary. Register of births of Jewish children in Bekescsaba, Hungary and environs. In German, Hungarian, and Hebrew. The “B” at the end of the title suggests that this may be the second volume of a set. With index. 229 leaves; 40 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1852–1877</td>
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<td>A Miskolczi Izraelita noegylet torzskonyve : 1878ik evi Aprilis 1tol &lt;br&gt; Miskolc, Hungary. Charter book of the Israelite Women’s Association of Miskolcz, founded April 1, 1878. List of members, with married and maiden name, and where appropriate, date of death. Some names followed by comments, may her memory be a blessing (Aldott legyen emleke) or peace on her ashes (Beke poraira). After pages were filled on front, new members’ names were added on backs of pages. With index in back. In Hungarian, with some Hebrew. 384, [22] pp.; 42 cm. &lt;br&gt; 1889–[1911]</td>
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<td>Szuletesi Anyakonyv 1871-1875</td>
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<td>Miskolc, Hungary. Register of births of Jewish children born in Miskolc, Hungary, from 1871 through 1875. Written in Hungarian and Hebrew, with pages printed in Hungarian, German, and Hebrew. Six other documents are inserted in back of book: application form from Joint Distribution Committee, 1945; form for &quot;kivonat&quot;--extract--birth certificate; Hebrew writing re: boy born in hospital; Hebrew certificate re: funds for synagogue, 5664 [1904]; Bratislava, a document written in Czech or in Slovak; announcement of guest appearance of Warsaw Yiddish Theater, 1947. 57 leaves; 45 cm.</td>
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<td>Pinkas; [Pinkas kehilat Mishkolts]</td>
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<td>Miskolc, Hungary. Detailed list of all the Jews of Miskolc and the surrounding villages that owe the royal tax (\text{mas ha-melek ha-meyuhad}). There are various rulings concerning exemptions from the tax, including the signatures of rabbis of the various communities and their official wax seals. Some of the takanot are written in Yiddish. The title page is illuminated on paper which has been cut out and pasted into the book. Hungarian pages list those receiving support from the Israelite community of Miskolc: a) Havi sagely altal (through a monthly stipend) includes widows, students, the rabbi, and others; b) Tuzifaval (wood for heating); c) Pessachliszttel (&quot;Pesach flour&quot;); d) Alapitvanyokbol (from foundation.) List of those “who are worthy of support“ includes two whose occupation is beggar. In Hungarian and Yiddish.</td>
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<td>Schul-Kassa-Buch 1851</td>
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<td>Miskolc, Hungary. Bound book with loose pages in pocket. Book of accounts of Israelite boys’ and girls’ school, including lists of names of children and parents, with amounts of contributions and arrears. In Hungarian and German.</td>
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<td>Brody fele vegrendelet; [Pinkas tsavaah ve-takanot bet ha-midrash shel R. Yosef Binyamin Zeev Brody]</td>
<td>[between 1835 and 1840]</td>
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<td>Miskolc, Hungary. 1. Wills of Mordekhai Brody and Wolf Brodi written on blue paper in Yiddish. 2. Will of Wolf Brodi written on ivory paper mostly in German, with some Hebrew. Table of contents, written in Hungarian, indicates bequests to individuals and community, including providing for school, distribution of kindling, dowries, and the establishment of a scholarship. The wills include by-laws, customs, and other details of the house of study. 45 cm.</td>
<td>[between 1835 and 1840]</td>
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<td>Registru de intrare si esire; [Register of incoming and outgoing matters].</td>
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<td>Orsova, Romania. Records of a wide variety of matters handled by the Jewish community of Orsova during the time of World War II. Includes communications from other Jewish communities in Transylvania and Bucharest. In Romanian. Approx. [100] pp.; 42 cm.</td>
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<td>Protokoll uber die am 10 Februar 1935</td>
<td>1935–1951</td>
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<td>Orsova, Romania. Jewish communal register of Orsova, Romania. In German and Romanian. 159 pp.; 44 cm.</td>
<td>1935–1951</td>
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<td>b. 14</td>
<td>Protokoll uber die am 15 Juni 1922</td>
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<td>Reghin, Romania. Minutes of sessions of the Orthodox Israelite Cultural Community. During the period covered by this register, the community of Szaszregen, Hungary, became Reghin, Romania. In German. 538 pp.; 40 cm.</td>
<td>1922–1932</td>
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<td>b. 15</td>
<td>Keren Kayemet Hogyesz, Hungary. Authenticated copy of the original will and testament of the late Simon Fuhrmann, including an inventory of belongings and enumeration of apartments. Petition/application for funds (e.g. by Pepi Green). Balance sheets of the Keren Kayemet fund established by S. Fuhrmann. Includes by-laws, decisions, and mention of people and events in the Jewish community of Hogyesz, Hungary. Title page printed in Hungarian national colors. Original cover. In Hungarian. Also, single page inserted in book, but not related: Alapitvanyi Okirat = Document of founding-- a kind of will with the designation of beneficiaries. Hermann Lauttmann donating seats #112 in men's and women's sections of Sephardic Temple to Miskolc Mishnayot and the Talmud Torah Association in exchange for recitation of prayers and studies in his memory. 300 p. (48 handwritten pages; the rest are blank); 47 cm.</td>
<td>1902–1941</td>
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<td>b. 15</td>
<td>Comune di Lugo Lugo, Italy. Part I includes documents and decisions concerning the Jewish community of Lugo, not far from Ravenna, Italy. Part II includes accounts of the community’s income and expenses. In Italian.</td>
<td>1903–1916</td>
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<td>b. 16</td>
<td>Pinkas: mi-bet tefilah he-hadash Ramnicu-Sarat, Romania. Lavishly illuminated pages with ink borders and calligraphy. Original leather cover with title and depiction of the ten commandments in gold ink. Includes pages in honor of contributors and by-laws of the synagogue. Guidelines for synagogue decorum, such as “…drinking in the synagogue is permitted only on the festival of Simhat Torah…” and “one may not enter the synagogue with a cane or an umbrella.” The register contains testimony of the community’s rabbi concerning girls who were mukot ets, e.g. who lost their virginity through an accidental injury, not by rape. There is also an account of a miracle that befell the community when the synagogue was saved from hostile townspeople’s attempts to destroy it. In Hebrew.</td>
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<td>Hevrah Tehilim Bikur holim u-mishmorim Bet ha-Keneset Stefeni Ortodoks London. Illuminated title page. By-laws of a society of the Stepney Orthodox Synagogue, including rules governing use of the society’s gold, silver, and ornamental items. Scribe’s rule marks are visible in margins. In Yiddish.</td>
<td>1920–1924</td>
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<td>b. 18</td>
<td>[Pinkas kehilat Mantovah] Mantua, Italy. The register contains lists of local yeshivot, decisions of the community council, and accounts of events that took place in the community in the beginning of the seventeenth century. This appears to be a rare document that was saved from the destruction of the ghetto and expulsion of the Jews during the war of 1629-30 (see Shlomo Simonsohn’s History of the Jews in the Duchy of Mantua). In Hebrew. Original marbled paper cover. 26 leaves; 31 cm.</td>
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<td>Protocoll der is. cult. Gemeinde; [Pinkas Mishkolts] Miskolc, Hungary. Communal registers (two volumes), including regulations, customs, matters before the community board, appointments of rabbis and others serving the Jewish community (mesharetim ba-kodesh), and the establishment of social welfare societies, as well as descriptions of historical events in Miskolc. In Hebrew and Yiddish, with title on cover in German and on spine in Hungarian. 40, 43 cm.,. This item has been microfilmed; see film HM 271-1.</td>
<td>[vol. 1] 1808–1835, [vol. 2] 1851–1852</td>
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| b. 19 | Be-asarah maamarot nivra ha-olam; [Pinkas hevrat “Ozer Dalim”]
Yerushalayim. Register containing the ten by-laws of the Ozer Dalim Society in Jerusalem, which dealt with helping the poor and honoring the dead. The society accepted these obligations in honor of the patrons and founders of the society, R. Shabtai Fintsi and his wife, Flor di Fintsi. The register also contains minutes of meetings recording debates and decisions of the community’s board, signed by its leaders. In Ladino and Hebrew. [16] pp. with additional small pages attached; 33 cm. |
| b. 19 | Kaasher raoh rainu ana h. m. et ha- h. k. shelanu Ḥosen Yeshuot...; [Vilna: pinkas hevrat Hosen Yeshuot]
Vilna. Register of the charitable Hosen Yeshuot Society, including by-laws, lists of members and contributors, and memorial pages. In Hebrew, with illuminated headings and title pages. Approx. 70 leaves; ill.: 36 cm. |
| b. 19 | Pink ha-nikra bi-ireshon Ashkenaz protokol; [Csaba: pinkas kehilah]
Csaba, Hungary. Communal register, including by-laws, minutes of meetings, records of income and expenditures. In Yiddish, Hebrew and Hungarian. 134 leaves; 40 cm., . This item has been microfilmed; see film HM 271-2. |
| b. 20 | Sefer hazkarat neshamot
Galatz [Romania]. Memorial book from community of Galați, Romania. Includes pages in memory of Theodor Herzl and men who were killed in World War I, as well as other men and women in the Jewish community. In Hebrew, with title page and engraved metal plaque on cover in Hebrew and German. Title page illuminated with gold and colored inks. [33] leaves; 38 cm. |
| b. 20 | [Galați, Romania: Register book of the Jewish community]; [Pinkas kehilat Galatz]
Bound collection of documents, mainly in Romanian, with manuscript on vellum in Yiddish. 1 vol.; 35 cm. |
| b. 21 | Pinkas shel ha-hevra kadishah K.K. Geviler
Guebwiller, France. Register of a Jewish welfare society of the community of Guebwiller, a town in the Alsace region in southeastern France. Includes by-laws of the community, as well as lists of members and contributions. In Hebrew, Yiddish and French, with original binding. 36 leaves; 22 cm. |
| b. 21 | Sterf-register der Nederlansch Israelitische Gemeente te Alphen
| b. 22 | Mlada Boleslav; pinkese kehilah
Mlada Boleslav, also known as Jungbunzlau or Bumsla, in Northern Bohemia. Minutes of meetings of the Jewish community council concerning the rabbi, taxes, and other communal matters. Manuscripts, mainly in German, with many of the signatures in Hebrew. Includes numerous documents with signatures of women, such as “Rahel eshet R. Eliezer Bondi.” 2 vols. (over 250 pp.); 36 cm. |
b. 23  Zeh ha-pinkas shayakh leha-ḥavurah mishnayot de-keloiz poh k.k. Mihalovits...; [Pinkes Mihalovits]
Michalovce/Nagymihaly, Slovakia. Communal register of Mishnah society from the Jewish community near the Slovakian-Hungarian border. Includes by-laws of the society and names of members, with the dates for members who joined or died after the society was established. Manuscript in Hebrew. Approx. 80 pp. with writing; 30 cm.  
1925–1934

b. 23  Pinkas me-hevrah mishnayot me-Nyu Britn Konn. / maase yede oman he-ḥaver Shemuel be-R. Aharon Yitshak Margolin
Cover title: Pinkas me-ḥevrah mishnayot shel ha-talmud torah de-Nyu Brịtin, Konn. New Britain, Connecticut. Communal register of Mishnah society, including by-laws, names of members, and contributions. Hand-colored title page, illuminated by Samuel Margolin. 1 v. (approx. 20 pp. with writing); 37 cm.  
1925–1934

b. 24  Stammbuch uber die durch die mediascher orth. chevra-kadisa verwaleten stiftungen (keren kajemes); [Pinkas Orθodọks Ḥevra Kadisha Mediash]
Medias, Romania. Register of the social welfare committee. Printed register with approximately seventy pages filled in by hand. In German and Yiddish. 47 cm.  
1927–1940

b. 25  Pinkas de-hevrah mishnayot im halukat ha-Sha"s
Yerushalayim. Communal register of the most important synagogue in the old city of Jerusalem, Hurbat R. Yehudah he-Ḥasid. Includes three pages of by-laws, about twenty pages of names of the men and women in the society, and also approximately eleven pages of names of women with the “conditions” of their entry into the society: financial contributions, prayers, and other customs of the society. These conditions were signed by rabbinic leaders of Jerusalem, including: R. Yehudah Hilman, author of 666 [1906], R. Avraham Yaakov Shubatski and R. Yitshak Aizik Yafah, a leader of the Vilna Seminary. In Hebrew. 34 pp.; 39 cm.  
1927–1940

b. 26  Ketav-yad pinkas K.K. Shats
Shats (Suceava, Romania). Register of social welfare society. Romania. Includes memorial prayers and names of members of the community with dates of their deaths. Manuscript in Hebrew on vellum, with decorative border on first page in sepia ink. Purchased together with women’s register (see: Froyen-grindungs-mitglieder shel hevrah g.h.: I.). In Hebrew. 11 pp.; 27 x 28 cm.  
1852–1960

b. 26  Froyen-grindungs-mitglieder shel hevrah g.h.: I.
Shats (Suceava, Romania). Register of women’s society for gemilut hasadim (“acts of lovingkindness”). Includes memorial prayer and names of members of the society with dates of their deaths. Some of the names of the women’s fathers are listed in Ketav-yad pinkas K.K. Shats. Manuscript in Hebrew on paper. Purchased together with Ketav-yad pinkas K.K. Shats. 7 pp.; 22 x 25 cm.  
1907–1959

b. 26  Hevrah mishnayot anshe Maramarish
Sighet, Romania? Communal register. Manuscript in Hebrew. Decorative title page. Names of members written in gold and colored ink on individual pages, with dates of death added where appropriate. Includes alphabetical indexes of names of men and women, and chronological lists of the deceased. Although the title page identifies this register with “the Mishnayot Society of the People of Maramarish,” founded in 685 [1924 or 1925], the dates of deaths listed are mainly from the post-war years to 1960. The blank register was manufactured in New York, which suggests that it may contain the records of an American group with roots in Sighet. 1 vol.; 37 cm.  
685, [1924–1925]–1960
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<td>[Tata, Hungary: Pinkas hevrah kadisha]; A tabi ḥevrah kadisha Jegyzökonyve; A tabi Chevrah Kadisha Tata, Hungary. Manuscript register of communal welfare society. Includes history of community from 1769, by-laws of the Hevrah Kadishah, and descriptions of various issues, concerns, and activities of the community. 253 pp.; 34 cm.</td>
<td>1912–1944</td>
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<td>Sefer ha-zikhronot divre ha-yamim Győr, Hungary. Register from the Jewish community of Raab, now known as Győr, on the northwestern border of Hungary. Includes historical records of institutions such as the hevrah kadisha, communal meetings, and decisions dating back to the late eighteenth century. Title page has note signed in 1897 by rabbi and head of the rabbinical court of Győr and Győr-Sziget, Gyula Fischer (“Ha-sefer ha-zeh matsanu bi-shenat 1897 Shalom Yehudah Fisher”). In Hebrew, Yiddish, and German. 10 pp.; 43 cm.</td>
<td>[1790–1801?]</td>
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<td>1891-1901 Jegyzőkönyv...; Pinkas de-K.K. Gyor Győr, Hungary. Communal register from the Jewish community of Raab, now known as Győr, on the northwestern border of Hungary, in honor of ten years of leadership of the community by Dr. Pfeiffer Fülöp. Includes descriptions of communal institutions and needs that he attended to. Title page includes an exceptional color illustration signed by Rajz. Förstner Tivadar. Pages written on heavyweight cardboard. In Hungarian. 14 pp.; ill., 40 cm.</td>
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<td>b. 27</td>
<td>Pinkas Papa Papa, Hungary. Manuscript register from the Hevrah Bikur Holim, a Jewish communal welfare society. Includes detailed accounts of income and expenses with names of contributors and recipients. Records from 1872 to 1911 written in Yiddish and from 1911 to 1943 in Hungarian. [252, 72] pp.; 42 cm,. This item has been microfilmed; see film HM 271-3.</td>
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<td>Pinkas ha-laz shayakh le-H.H. ha-alufim Ro,T. manhige kehilatenu K.K. Palaṭi... / Kahal Adat Yeshurun. Palati (Palota?), Romania. Register of Jewish community. Manuscript in Hebrew and Romanian. Title page illuminated with colored paints. Original leather cover. 1 vol. (approx. 100 pp. with writing); 34 cm.</td>
<td>575, [1814–1815]</td>
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<td>Ha-pinkas ha-laz shayakh leha-hevrah kedoshah de-k.k. p. Ardoya...; [Pinkas takanot u-minhage kehillat Ardovo]; o On cover: “Naaśah ye-nigmar... a.y.... Yosef Daṿid.”; Ardovo, Slovakia. Communal register from the Jewish community of Ardovo in southern Slovakia. This manuscript includes eighteen pages of by-laws of the community; six pages of decisions and additions to those regulations signed by famous rabbis, including Mordekhai ha-Levi Horovits; and forty pages listing names of members. Half of the by-laws are written in Hebrew and half in Yiddish. Section headings: . 1 vol.; 36 x 26 cm.</td>
<td>623, [1862–1863]</td>
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<td>Hathalat ha-protokollen min shenat 687... de-hevra mishnayot ve-talmud torah ba-ir Mishkolts; Protokoll bukh shel ha-hevra mishnayot ve-talmud torah; Jegyzökönyv</td>
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<td>Miskolc, Hungary. Minutes of meetings of school board of Jewish community. Minutes from 1927-1942 written in Yiddish or Judeo-German, 1942-1944 written in Hungarian. Some pages missing or damaged. 1 vol.; 34 cm.</td>
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<td>New York. Register of income and expenditures of Ezras Torah, a Jewish philanthropic organization founded in 1915 by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. Includes lists of contributors and recipients. Manuscript in Hebrew. 400 pp.; 36 cm.</td>
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<td>b. 30</td>
<td>Haupt Protokoll für Gemeinde Palota</td>
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<td>Palota, Romania(?). Description from auction catalog: “Pinkas of the small Jewish community of Palota, from 1826-1866 in Hebrew and Yiddish, and from 1867-1884 in German, Polish [sic], and Yiddish...various hands, original leather engraved in German ‘Haupt Protokolle des Gemeinde Palota.’ An important historical manuscript relating to the religious life of Jews in the small Polish hamlet of Palota.” According to the vendor, this communal register comes from the same village as another one identified with Palati or Palota in Romania, (see: Piṇkazes ha-laz shayakh le-H.H. ha-alufim RoT. manhige kehilatenu K.K. Palati...). Not determined if they are from the same place or from different villages with similar names. 430 pp.; 40 cm.</td>
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<td>b. 30</td>
<td>[Seven pinkese kehilah (community record books)]; [Pinkese kehilot Kusḥta ve-Izmir]</td>
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<td>Constantinople, Smyrna. Description of contents based on material written by Dov Cohen and provided by the vendor, Yeshayahu Vinograd: seven registers from two of the most important communities in the Ottoman Empire: Constantinople (Istanbul), and Smyrna. The registers are an important source of information about life in these communities in the period 1883-1949, just prior to the decline of these communities. The information relates to a variety of areas, including economics, society, religion, and marital status.</td>
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<td>Book of the proceedings of the Va’ad ha-kehilah in Smyrna</td>
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<td>The register describes the proceedings of the Va’ad Ha-kehilah (community council) meetings, including the names of participants, the topics discussed and the decisions made. The register is a faithful reflection of the day-to-day life in the community at that time. It deals with a variety of areas, such as the community’s social, religious, educational and welfare institutions, community elections, support of the poor, disputes in the community, the relationship with the Ashkenazic community, etc. Approx. 200 pp.; 20 x 31 cm.</td>
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<td>Two registers containing copies of certificates and letters sent by the Vaad ha-kehilah (community council) of the Galata-Phira Quarter in Constantinople</td>
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<td>These registers contain close to one thousand assorted certificates pertaining to the Jews of Constantinople, including certificates of good character, death certificates, emigration certificates from Constantinople to other countries, family composition, the establishment of synagogues, support for orphans and the poor, World War I refugees, orphans, widows, and so on. Among the copies are a few original certificates. Some of the letters are addressed to famous personalities, such as R. Chaim Nachum, rabbi of Turkey; R. Refael Saban; and others. In Ladino (Hebrew characters) and French. 2 vols., 500 pp., 514 pp.; 28 cm.</td>
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<td>Inventory book of the synagogues in Smyrna</td>
<td>A detailed list of the contents of the synagogues in Smyrna in 1949. This is an important register that documents religious and ceremonial life in the Smyrna community at the end of its golden age, just before most of its members immigrated to Israel. The register lists every single item in the synagogues, such as the number of Torah scrolls, ark curtains, silver trays, Torah pointers, carpets, menorahs, chandeliers, and so on. Ladino in Latin characters. 30 pp.; 24 cm. 1949</td>
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<td>b. 32–33</td>
<td>Three account books of the Constantinople community</td>
<td>These registers include the financial balances of the community and listings of revenues and outlays. The revenues include loans from various individuals, marriage taxes, meat taxes, burial taxes, etc. Outlays include support of widows, orphans, and the poor; salaries of the chief rabbi; the rabbinical court; and schools. 3 v. (Sivan 1883-Elul 1885, 80 pp.; Tamuz 1888-Sivan 1891, 157 pp.; January 1894-December 1900, 161 pp.); 41 cm. 1883–1885, 1888–1891, 1894–1900</td>
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<td>[Frankfurt Jewish community: collection of documents from the eighteenth century]</td>
<td>Frankfurt, Germany. Collection of Jewish communal records from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Manuscripts in Yiddish, German, and Judeo-German. Description of contents based on material provided by the vendor, Bery Gross.</td>
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<td>Pinkas: Frankfurt. Account book of salaries for the rabbi, judges and kosher butchers</td>
<td>Payment for other services, e.g. for renting the house from the rabbi, etc. Mainly in Hebrew script, but payments to Germans listed in back of register in German. 18 cm. 1798–1809</td>
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<td>Names of prominent families cited. 22 cm.</td>
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<td>Pinkas Frankfurt. Charities for the poor people from Eretz Israel</td>
<td>Names of important emissaries from Jerusalem, Tiberias, Safed, etc. are cited. Expenses, such as hiring of servants of emissaries. Charities for other purposes as well, such as to help the healing of the rabbi. 40 cm. 1738–1805</td>
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<td>Register for tax appraisers</td>
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<td>Accounts of the Talmud Torah school, Frankfurt</td>
<td>Account book for dues, donations, funds expended for various needs of the students. List of names of students and families. 34 cm. 1777–1778</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous documents and letters (nine).</td>
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b. 35  [Pinkas from Beirut]  1910–1915

Cover title: Copie de lettres. Beirut. Jewish communal register, containing records of meetings and decisions by the community council, names of members of the community, and communications with governmental authorities of Lebanon and Palestine, rabbinical courts and other communities. In French. 500 pp.; 28 cm.
Accession 2008-M-042. Additional material

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The title comes from (in order of preference): the title page, the cover, the page headings, the first words in the register, a name or description used by the vendor, or a descriptive title assigned by the staff of the Judaica Collection. If the title does not appear in the book itself, it is in brackets. In cases where there are one or more alternate titles, they are separated by semi-colons.

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If available, the name of the place in the form authorized according to cataloging rules is added in parentheses, especially if it differs from the way the name of the place appears in the book.

---The date of the work appears at the end of each description:

Hebrew dates are in numeric form according to how they appear in the register, i.e. 760 or 5760. Gregorian dates are provided in brackets for each Hebrew date. The Hebrew year 650 appears as 650, [1889-1890], since either of those two years would be possible. If the month is known, only the correct Gregorian year is provided.

At times one year is written on the title page, but the register includes dated entries covering a span of years. In that case the Hebrew date would be written as it appears in the book, but the Gregorian dates would reflect the actual years covered in the register.

---Physical description is included when available. The number of pages in brackets indicates that the pages are not numbered in the book.

---The descriptions are based on material provided by the vendor, examination of the book, and translations by staff members.

b. 1, f. 1 Protokoll ... / orth. Chewra Kadischa in Medgyes; [Pinkas protokolim shel Ḥevrah Kadisha (Szent-Egylet), Medgyes] 1904–1930
Medias, Romania. Register book from the Hevra Kadisha, social welfare society, of the town of Medias (Medgyes) in northwestern Romania. Includes minutes of meetings and reports of the Hevra Kadisha, with official stamps and signatures of the rabbis and officers. Mainly in German, with some Romanian and Hungarian. 2 v.; 35 cm.

b. 1, f. 2 Zeh ha-pinkas de-ḥevra kadisha le-alufe, gabae, manhige kehal Adat Yeshurun poh k.k. Irsha. Heshbon bukh ... hevra kadisha 1822–1875
Alberti-Irsa, Hungary. Account book of the Hevra kadisha of Irsa, Hungary, a social welfare society whose members were leaders of the Jewish community. Annual accounts, including names of donors and recipients; amounts received and spent; and description of transactions. Manuscript, mainly in Yiddish, with some Hebrew. Title page calligraphed and illuminated with colored and gold ink. Original leather and marbled binding, repaired with tape over spine. Cover title partially worn off. [180] p.; 38 cm.
b. 1, f. 3 Pinkas agudat nashim be-Vinah

Cover title: Protokoll. [Vienna: minutes of a Jewish women’s society, 1880-1921]. Floridsdorf (Vienna, Austria). Description based on material provided by vendor, Moshe Rosenfeld: minutes of meetings of the Israelitische Frauen-Verein, the Jewish women’s society from the Floridsdorf district of Vienna, Austria, documenting the involvement of women in the social welfare activities of the Jewish community. The minutes are signed by the women on the board of the society, and sometimes by the rabbi, Dr. J.S. Bloch, or a lay leader of the community. Topics mentioned include: collection and disbursement of charitable funds, caring for the sick and needy, support for orphans and widows, support for communal institutions, and rules of conduct for women. Manuscript in German.

1880–1921

b. 2, f. 1 Sefer ha-zikaron: bo yipaked shemot kol ha-niftarim ume-elav yikare yom alatom el ginze meromim / nitkan al yede ha-vaad manhige ha-kehilah ye-hekhal ha-tefilah de-poh K.K. Kampina; Cartea pentru Pomenirea Dedeçaților

Campina, Romania. Memorial book from the Jewish community of Campina, Romania, inscribed with memorial prayers, names of leaders of the community, and the names and yahrzeits (anniversaries of deaths) of the community’s men (p. 5-33) and women (p. 52-65). Original leather binding with title, spine decoration and geometric border embossed in gold ink. Heavyweight pages with names of deceased members of the community and their dates of death calligraphed inside printed black borders. Manuscript in Hebrew. Covers and title pages in Hebrew and Romanian. 100 leaves (46 filled in); 34 cm.

1912–1939

b. 2, f. 2 Pinkas ha-gadol me-hevrat linat ha-tsedek u-vikur holim be-tokhekhe Yerushalayim; Piṇḳas ḥevrat linat ha-tsdeḳ ṣe-vikur ḥolim


658 [1897 or 1898]

b. 2, f. 3 Takanot shel havurah mishnayot de-poh k.k. Mediash. [Pinkas ḥevrah mishnayot Mediash]

Medias, Romania. Register of Mishnah society of the Jewish community of Medias, Romania. Three pages of by-laws of the society, followed by pages inscribed with the Hebrew names of the members, including both the father’s and the mother’s names, and a pencil illustration, “Într-o casa religioasă din Germania, desen de: Gidali Nandor.” Manuscript in Hebrew, with some Romanian and Yiddish. 22 x 30 cm.

681 [1921]

b. 2, f. 4 Kuṇteret shel mazkir neshamot

űdveert [Hungary]? Memorial book from Jewish community of Üdveert, Hungary (?). Title page in red, gold and black ink, followed by memorial pages with the names of members of the community. Names written in large Hebrew calligraphy and also in Hungarian. Unlike other registers in the collection, names of women are interspersed with the men’s names, often on the same page as their husband. An unrelated printed page inserted into this volume appears to be a bill of sale of leaven for the duration of Passover. Manuscript in Hebrew and Hungarian. 31 cm.

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<td>Borculo, The Netherlands. Minute book of the “pious association” of the Jewish community of Borculo, a town in eastern Gelderland, the Netherlands. Includes names of members of the board, records of votes taken, amounts contributed by members, and outlays for communal expenses, such as upkeep of the synagogue, the burial society, and the teacher’s salary. The book documents the activities of the Jewish community for almost 50 years and ends mid-sentence in 1941.</td>
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<td>Pinkas ha-laz shayakh le-hevrā kadisha de-khan k.k. Palaţu u-vo nirshamim ha-melatsheš, ye-gam kol mah she-tserikhim le-ḥ.k. / ye-naasah me-ḥadasḥ a-pi ha-gabai Yitshak Yosef</td>
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<td>Varpalota, Hungary. Description provided by vendor: Manuscript on paper. 328 leaves, including 17 blanks. Written in Ashkenazic cursive script, title page and first few leaves in Ashkenazic square script, title page decorated and framed in blue, red, green and brown gouache, several leaves framed in brown gouache, first 20 leaves paginated in ink in Hebrew letters. Contemporary calf paneled in blind, sunburst pattern on upper cover, edges stained red, lower cover lacking, spine cockled. Although a Jewish minter was mentioned in the annals of Varpalota as early as 1542, significant Jewish settlement in this village some fifty miles west of Budapest did not occur until the beginning of the eighteenth century. The community included a variety of merchants as well as peddlers of local produce. This volume records the membership rolls of Ḥevra kadisha members including apprentices over a span of over a century. The scribe, Yitzhak Yosef, creates the chronogram on the title-page by an innovative use of his own name. Manuscript in Hebrew and Yiddish, with the official Hungarian and Hebrew stamp of Chēvrā ... Eǵylet, Várpalotine. [328] l.; 20 cm.</td>
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<td>Bucharest, Romania. Register of the Talmud Torah (?) of the Spanish community. Manuscript in Hebrew and Ladino(?). 93 l.; 25 cm.</td>
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<td>Hevrā kadisha gemilut ḥasadim; Pinkas shel hevrā kadisha gemilut ḥasadim</td>
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<td>Hermannstadt (Sibiu, Romania). Communal register from a social welfare society founded in 632 [1871 or 1872] in the Jewish community of Sibiu, Romania, known in German as Hermannstadt. Luxurious and ornate volume bound in velvet, with engraved silver title plate, latch and trim. Calligraphy and borders in gold, blue, red and black ink. Title page has elaborate micrographic borders made up of biblical verses. Seven pages of by-laws are written in Judeo-German and signed by the leaders of the society in Budapest on October 12, 1882. The rest of the pages are inscribed with names of the members. There is an index in the back of the book for the first 39 names; approximately another hundred names were added subsequently. Manuscript in Yiddish and Hebrew. 42 cm.</td>
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b. 4  
Zeh ha-pinkas de-hevrah kadisha; [Pinkas ḥevrah kadisha]  
Deva [Bacia, Romania]. Jewish communal register of a ḥevrah kadisha, a term which often refers to a burial society, sometimes with a broader social welfare role as well. The title page includes a calligraphed border with the quotation from responsa on the Mishnah, “Man worries about losing his money; man does not worry about losing his days. His days do not return; his money does not help.” The name of the community, Deva [Bacia, Romania], appears on p. 31 of the book. The volume contains five pages of by-laws of the society written in Yiddish script and individual pages for each member. The member’s names are written in large Hebrew letters, outlined and filled in with stripes, checks, or other decorative patterns, and the vernacular name is written in script at the top of most of the pages. Below each name is a list of the member’s pledges and contributions, and if the member died, the date of death. Manuscript in Yiddish and Hebrew. 45 cm.

b. 5, f. 1  
Pinkas of Congregation Beth Abraham, Bayonne City, NJ.  
Account book of the Congregation Beth Abraham, beginning January 8, 1899 and continuing through December 22, 1901. Contains lists of contributions (“Einnahmen”), with the names of contributors written in Yiddish next to the amounts. Similarly the outlays (“Ausgahben”) are listed with the description in Yiddish next to the amount of each expenditure.

b. 5, f. 2  
Pinkas Odobești. Das goldene buch. Carte de aur. Sefer ha-zahav de-bet ha.k.n. Agudat Aḥim 1914 Odobesht  
Pinkas (register) of the synagogue Agudat Aḥim, Odobesṭi, Romania. Mainly contains hand-written records of contributions, sometimes in calligraphy or stencilled lettering. Includes names of the men and women who made contributions, names and yahrzeits of the deceased for memorial contributions, and the amount or the item donated. Original leather cover printed in gold ink. Decorative border and the name of the synagogue, Agudat Ahim - הפקוריון של בהכ"נ אחים אגודת, printed in green and red ink on each page. Manuscript in Hebrew and Romanian.

b. 6, f. 1  
Pinkas de-Ḥavurah Mishnayot. Pinkas Ivesḥt  
Register from the Mishnah study group of the Jewish community of Ivesti, Romania. Contains by-laws of the society, as well as notes and accounts. Manuscript in Hebrew.

b. 6, f. 2  
Zeh ha-pinkas de-ḥevrah kedoshah. Pinkas de-ḥevrah kadisha Ivesḥt 688  
Register from the Ḥevrah Kadisha (burial society) of the Jewish community of Ivesti, Romania. Illuminated, gilded title page. The register contains the charter, rules and regulations of the society, its membership roll, associated liturgies, etc. In Hebrew and Yiddish calligraphy, with pages in the back of book written in Romanian. Several pages have colorful borders with floral, architectural, and geometric designs, as well as illumination including eagles, lions, and synagogal elements. On heavy-weight paper.

b. 2, f. 3  
Hoyftrekhnung, Pinkas from Serdehaly, Hungary (?)  
Pinkas (register) of a Jewish community, which the vendor identifies as “Serdehaly, Hungary, 1867.” List of the members and their contributions for seats in the synagogue, as well as “mitsvos geld,” or contributions in honor of occasions throughout the year. Also includes lists of expenses and recipients of charitable support. Title page includes the saying: Zore’a tsedakah šekher emet (“he that sows righteousness has a sure reward,” Prov. 11:18). Manuscript in Hebrew and Yiddish.
Belarus

b. 1, f. 1  
Takanot Antopol  
Book of takanot (by-laws) of the Orah Hayim Society from the Jewish community of Antopol. The members of the society met daily for Torah study and also raised money for the poor. The last page of the book is signed by the scribe Shemu'el Pisatski of Antipolye. The rabbi of Antipolye during this period was Pinhas Mikha'el Rokeah. In Hebrew. [10] pages; 23 centimeters. Circa 1800–1900

Germany

b. 1, f. 2  
Izraelitish religiozer ferayn di Edesheyst  
Register from the Israelite Religious Union, Heidesheim, Germany. At the top of the title page is the Hebrew saying, "Every gathering that is for the sake of Heaven, will endure" (Avot 4:14). According to the vendor, this pinkas is quite rare because of its place of origin. It starts with twenty takanot (by-laws) signed by the board, continuing with information about the community, meetings, decisions, and so forth. Mainly in Yiddish, with some Hebrew and German. 80 leaves (1-28 have writing on both sides, 29-31 have been removed, and the rest are blank); 22 centimeters. 1830–1877

Hungary

b. 2, f. 1  
Piṇkas Hevrah Kadisha de-̣K.̣K. Győr  
Register book of the Jewish burial society (Hevrah Kadisha) of Győr, Hungary. The pages of the book are printed mainly in Hungarian, with Hebrew and Hungarian headings at the top of each page. Over 400 of the pages are filled in with handwritten particulars in Hebrew and Hungarian about each member of the community who died. Information includes Hebrew and Hungarian names, dates of death and burial, age, names of parents, contributions and expenses. 240 [that is, 480] pages; 36 centimeters. 1928–1937

b. 2, f. 2  
Zeh ha-piṇkas shayakh le-̣hevra ̣kadisha de-gemilut ḥasadim de-yishuv Holash  
Register of a Jewish welfare society in the town of Kiskunhalas (Halas, Olaš), Hungary. The title page is calligraphed and decorated in color. The first few pages have signatures of the board and the by-laws of the society. The rest of the volume contains pages with details about the accounts of each of the members. The title page is dated 587 [1826 or 1827], while entries seem to be dated later in the nineteenth century, at least as late as the 1870’s. At the end of the volume there is a description of the cemetery. In Yiddish and Hebrew. 1 volume; 36 centimeters. Circa 1826–1875
Israel (continued)

b. 3

Pinkas yeshivat Zikne talmide ḥakhamim ha-kelalit

The Central Jew’s Age Shelter (Yeshivat Zikne Talmide Hakhamim ha-Kelalit) was founded in Jerusalem in 1907 to help elderly Torah scholars from the Diaspora live their last days in Jerusalem. This pinkas, or register, from the yeshiva contains by-laws of the institution, including policies with regard to medical attention for the scholars; “Shadar” letters dated 1910-1914 empowering various emissaries to collect contributions in America for this institute; and lists of donors. The letters are signed by the administration and members of the Jerusalem rabbinical court as well as visiting rabbis, including autograph signatures and stamps of famous rabbis such as Joseph Chaim Sonenfeld, David Tipman, Joseph Yehuda Strassburg, Nachum Ber Fraiman and others. The lists of contributors include amounts, names and the communities of the donors: Boston, Roxbury, Dorchester, Malden, Maplewood, Chelsea, Cambridge, Brookline, New London, Hartford, Norwich, Plymouth, Rhode Island, and more. Manuscript in Hebrew, various hands, calligraphic colored title page. [43] leaves; 30 centimeters. New binding.

Circa 1910–1914

Latvia

b. 4, f. 1

Zeh ha-pinkas shayakh le-vet ha-midrash yashan k.k. Lutsin

Register book from the Jewish community of Ludza, Latvia. The register contains records of the old House of Study, including financial accounts, decisions, and minutes of meetings signed by members of the board. Manuscript in Hebrew. 115 [that is, 230] pages; 34 centimeters.

1805–1858

b. 4, f. 2

Pinkas shel ḥevra shulhan ‘arukh, Lutsin

Register book from a study group in Ludza, Latvia focusing on the major code of Jewish law, the Shulhan Arukh. The Jewish community of Ludza dates back to the 17th century and grew to over 1,500 Jews by the early 20th century, establishing at least eight synagogues and houses of study. The register, which spans almost a century, includes by-laws and other records of the study group signed by rabbis and members of the society. The title page has a pen-and-ink decorated border and an official stamp in Hebrew, “Belongs to the Shulhan Arukh Society of the holy congregation of Lutsin.” Manuscript in Hebrew. The date is written on title page in the chronogram, Oraḥ hayim le-ma‘alah le-maskil. 90 [that is, 180] pages; 22 centimeters.

1837–1923

Lithuania

b. 4, f. 3

Pinkas Skuodas

Register from the Jewish community of Skuodas, Lithuania. The first section of the notebook contains records of meetings and decisions of leaders of the community, with the signatures of the committee members. The rest of the manuscript contains biblical exegesis, mainly but not exclusively on the books of Judges and Samuel. Manuscript in Hebrew. Approximately [130] pages (some blank); 22 centimeters. Repaired and rebound using original covers.

1912–1918

Netherlands

b. 5, f. 1-50

[Collection of constitutions and regulations of Jewish organizations in the Netherlands]

Collection of fifty small printed books containing by-laws of Jewish organizations in the Netherlands, mainly synagogues and local branches of the Nederlands-Israëlitisch Kerkgenootschap. Some of the books contain handwritten signatures or annotations by an officer of the organization. In Dutch. 50 volumes; 14-24 centimeters.

Circa 1800–1900
Poland

b. 6

Pinkas Zgierz

Manuscript register from the Jewish community council of Zgierz, Poland containing protocols covering the fifteen-year period from 1915 to 1930. Zgierz, a city in the Lodz province of central Poland, had a Jewish population of approximately 4,000 during these years. The order of the protocols is not continuous: at the front of the volume are protocols no. 406-413 (1930), followed by no. 1-13 (1915-1917), one unnumbered protocol from 1918, and then the rest of the protocols, no.1-405. A detailed description by Y. A Malchieli of this manuscript has been published in the Book of Zgierz (Hebrew, 1975; English translation, 2007) and on the JewishGen website. Malчиeli writes that the Communal Council dealt with “matters of ritual slaughter (shechita), schools, prayers, bathhouses, cemeteries, the various assistance and support organizations serving the needy, religious affairs and other matters. As well, it served as the official representative body of the Jewish community to the various governments and other causes. The Communal Council oversaw a staff of workers and a variety of institutions and funds. To support its activities, it imposed taxes upon the community...” The protocols in this volume record discussions about all of these matters as well as important events affecting the community including pogroms, antisemitism, Zionism and Jewish settlements in the land of Israel. In Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and German. [276] pages; 37 centimeters.

1915–1930

Romania

b. 7, f. 1

Sefer ha-takanot shel ha-hevrah gemilut she-nityasah bi-shenat 632 poh ‘ir Bakoy

Register of a communal welfare society n Bacau, Romania. The impressive title page has colorful calligraphy and illumination with columns, mythical creatures and official stamps of the community. The date on the title page is 5535 [1874 or 1875]. The register was written by the sexton Yaakov Shemuel Segal, the treasurer of the society, Shimon Rekht, and the secretary of the society, Hayim Ozer Kroiz. The volume contains by-laws of the society written in Yiddish followed by lists of yahrtzeits. The lists include names of men and women for each month of the year beginning with Nisan. [36] pages (11 blank); 31 centimeters. Original tooled leather binding, worn condition.

1874 or 1875

b. 7, f. 2

Dizer bukh ... (Birlad, Romania)

This bound cloth book is an artifact from the Jewish community of Bîrlad, located in the central Moldavian region of Romania. At the beginning of the twentieth century Bîrlad had a Jewish population of over 5,000, with numerous synagogues and houses of prayer among other institutions. In this volume the text is printed on fabric which has been sewn together with pockets to hold cards for the congregants receiving honors at the High Holiday services. The cards are numbered, possibly with the seat numbers of the donors. In Yiddish. [36] pages; 34 centimeters.

1905 or 1906

b. 7, f. 3

...Zeh ha-pinkas shayakh le-havurah sandlars

Register from the society of shoemakers in Botoșani, Romania. Includes by-laws, lists of members, pages with names of women in the back, and other notations. Date on the cover is 593 [1832 or 1833]; pages are dated as late as 669 [1908 or 1909]. In Yiddish. Approximately 100 leaves (about half are blank); 35 centimeters. Original tooled leather binding with gold colored patterns on front and spine.

1832–1909
b. 8, f. 1  
Pinkas me-Bukarest; Zeh ha-pinkas shayakh le-vet ha-keneset yashan ha-nikra bet ha-midrash mi-Bokoresht  
Register from a synagogue and house of study in Bucharest, Romania. The introduction describes the turbulent history of the community: the holy society (“havurah kedoshah”) was established in 1794, but when hard times forced Jews to flee the city the first register book was lost. The second pinkas, written in 1800, was also destroyed when a fire burned thousands of houses along with the old synagogue. Years later a member of the society recovered the original pinkas, and this volume, which is dated 607 [1846 or 1847], contains a copy of the thirteen original by-laws. There are several philosophical texts--treatises on cosmogony and theology, as well as lists of members of the society. Some of the entries are dated as late as 633 [1872 or 1873]. The entire text, except for one page in script in the back of the volume, is written in neat, legible calligraphy, the introduction in Rashi script and the rest in block letters. In Hebrew. Approximately 75 leaves (mostly blank; approximately 20 pages with text); 40 centimeters. Original leather cover with title and ornamentation stamped in gold ink.  
1846–1873

b. 8, f. 2  
Pinkas de-havurta kadishta de-poh k.k. Krayove  
Register of the Hevrah Kadisha (burial society) of the Jewish community of Craiova, Romania. The register contains by-laws and decisions signed by leaders and members of the society, as well as accounts of various events in the community, such as a dispute between a group of more modern Jewish people who wanted to transport the deceased to the cemetery in a new wagon, while members of the Hevrah Kadisha insisted on carrying the body according to the old custom on a stretcher by foot. The volume has two illuminated title pages. The first, dated 607 [that is, 1846 or 1847] is in colored ink and paint. At the top of the page a lion is depicted crouched within the arched frieze of a portal. On either side are two columns, supported beneath by a panel with marble-like decoration. The title is written in calligraphy in the middle of the page surrounded by fine geometric patterns which have been drawn or printed and applied to the page. The second title page is illuminated in black ink, with intricate lettering in different styles inside geometric and floral borders. This page is dated 5608 [1847 or 1848]. It is signed by Solomon Löbel. A page with a colorful painted border chronicles events in the community’s history including the pogroms and expulsion of many of the Jews in 1885, signed by David Yosef ben Mosheh Yehuda Psalter Shats, the cantor of the synagogue, dated Kislev and Tishre 5668 [1907]. The register is written in Yiddish and in Hebrew. 44 pages; 42 centimeters.

b. 9, f. 1  
...Piṇkas meha-Havurah Mishnayot ve-Shas  
Register from a society for Mishnah and Talmud study, including an introduction and twenty-two by-laws. Calligraphy in block letters and Rashi script with decorative elements. The colophon on page 11b is dated 28 Tamuz 5637 [1877], Krasnye. The town of Crasna (Kraszna in Hungarian) is in the region of Transylvania--Hungary at the time this volume was written, but now part of Romania. In Hebrew. 13 [that is, 26] pages; 22 centimeters. New binding.  
1877
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<td>Two bound volumes containing records of meetings of the Jewish community council of Dorohoi, Romania. The books apparently come from a larger set. The records include the dates of the meetings, lists of members present or absent, and the minutes of the meetings signed by the attendees. Written in Romanian. These two volumes are numbered: Inventar Archiva No.37. 1909/1910 -- Inventar Archiva No. 43. 1929/1930/1931. 2 volumes (approximately 200 and 500 pages); 34 centimeters.</td>
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<td>This volume appears to be the register of a burial society in Iași, Romania. It contains memorial prayers and the names of members and their families. The register is from the early twentieth century, but some notatons were added later. Mainly in Hebrew with some Yiddish. In the back of the register there is a letter dated 9/XII/1943 offering congratulations on the birth of a granddaughter and expressing hope for better times. Approximately 50 pages; 32 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Register of the Hevrah Kadisha [burial or communal welfare society] of Piatra Neamt, Romania. Includes by-laws of the society, lists of members, information about the local Jewish community and cemetery, and accounts of historical events and interesting happenings. Manuscript in Hebrew and Romanian. Many of the pages are illuminated in color. Original leather binding and box engraved with a six-pointed star and the inscription “Pinkas from the Hevrah Kadisha from the year 5531, here in Piatra.” On the title page of the register the year 5531 [1770 or 1771] is crossed out and 5461 [1700 or 1701] written beneath. Entries were added to the volume until 1934. 84 leaves (some pages are blank or missing); 30 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Register of the synagogue on Hosh Street in Vaslui, Romania. The volume includes a chronology of important dates from the year the synagogue was founded in 1873, customs of the synagogue, duties of its officers, and the names of donors and those being memorialized. The entries are from various dates, with the last writings from 1944-1945 describing the Holocaust and mentioning the death of U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt. The description of the Holocaust is written in the style of the Scroll of Esther. Most of the pages are blank; there are seventeen pages with writing. The title page has a decorative border and lettering. The introduction, signed by David Pakhter, and title page are both dated the third day of Hol ha-Moed Sukkot 5641 [1880]. In Hebrew and Yiddish. 100 pages (83 blank); 38 centimeters. Re-bound in new leather binding.</td>
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<td>Register of the society for visiting the sick and providing dowries for brides in the Jewish community of Astrakhan', Russia. Contains mission statements, by-laws, and the names of leaders and members, with women given autonomy to provide for the needs of the brides. The society was founded 1 Tamuz 648 [1888]. Dates of death of some of the members were added subsequently, as late as 20 Tevet 688 [1928]. At the back of the register there are two statements of fathers dated in the 1892 and 1895 testifying that their daughters were playing with other girls and accidentally started bleeding. Apparently this was to prevent accusations concerning loss of virginity. Manuscript, ink on vellum. In Hebrew and Yiddish. The title page is illuminated with an intricate multi-colored drawing of an arched gate with columns on either side, six pointed stars, vases with flowers, and geometric patterns all enclosed within a decorative border. 20 pages; 30 centimeters. Original embossed leather binding with title stamped on front cover in cyrillic letters.</td>
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<td>Register of by-laws (takanot) of a Jewish communal welfare society from the village of Ahaya in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, probably the place known today as Dolný Ohaj, Slovakia. At the time this volume was written, this village was in Hungary and was called Nagyőhaj. The title page is dated 645 [1884 or 1885]. Later entries in the volume include dates into the first third of the twentieth century. In Yiddish. 1 volume ; 43 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Document regarding a bequest to the Jewish community of Liptovský Mikuláš</td>
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<td>Disposition of the last will and testament of Hercz Fülöp (Phillip Hertz) bequeathing a third of his estate to the Jewish community of Liptószentmiklós, Hungary (since 1918, Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia) and two-thirds to its Hevra Kadisha. The document includes the by-laws of the fund established by this bequest. Although Mr. Hercz died in 1887, this document is dated March 18, 1906. In Hungarian. Mimeographed with a few handwritten additions. [8] pages ; 34 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Register from the Jewish community of Nitra. Although not a large city, Nitra was an important center of Jewish life in the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This register includes by-laws of the congregation, entries concerning local conditions, issues and controversies, and demographic information such as occupations of members of the community. The name of the town appears in several different spellings within this volume. Manuscript in Hebrew and Yiddish. Approximately 200 pages; 32 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Register of a Jewish community now known as Považská Bystrica, Slovakia and formerly as Vag Beszterce (Hungarian) and Waag Bistritz (German). The title page is lacking. The first page (p.2) contains a poem in Hebrew praising the faithful founders of the community. It is signed in an acrostic by the scribe Kalman Kohn. Pages 3-9 contain several introductory statements in German, Hebrew and Yiddish signed by officials and leaders of the community. Following these is an index to over one hundred by-laws of the congregation, which are written in Yiddish script on pages 10b-19. The by-laws cover such topics as obligations of community members, prayers and synagogue protocols, and disbursement of funds for communal and charitable needs. After the by-laws are several more official declarations in various languages including four pages written in Latin, signed and stamped with red wax seals. The bulk of the volume contains individual pages for each member of the community. The members' names are written in large Hebrew letters. Below each name are notations concerning the member's contributions and the assigned seats in the men's and women's sections of the synagogue. 184 leaves; 43 centimeters. Original leather binding.</td>
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<td>b. 15</td>
<td>Pinkas kehilat Bistrits</td>
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<td>The register seems to belong to the same set as the other pinkas from Považská Bystrica, Slovakia. It includes records of meetings signed by leaders of the community, contributions and expenditures. There are diagrams showing the men's and women's sections of the synagogue. Parts of the manuscript are in Yiddish, Hebrew, German, Latin, and Hungarian. [48] leaves; 43 centimeters. Original leather binding.</td>
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<td>Register of the Hevrah Kadisha from Trnava (Nagyszombat; Týnau), Slovakia. Although Jews first settled in Trnava in the late middle ages, persecution and expulsion followed, and only in the late 18th century did restrictions begin to ease. The register is dated the first of the month of Heshvan of the year 561 (1800). The small Jewish community had just established a cemetery and burial society in Trnava. This volume contains the records of the burial society: its by-laws (takanot), members, contributions, and accounts of important historical events in the community. In Yiddish and Hebrew. Approximately 400 leaves; 40 centimeters.</td>
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<td>Register of the Hevrah Kadisha (burial society) “Ahavat Yisrael,” located at 1372-4 Gates Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, The address is included on the cover and the title page. The title page is calligraphed and illuminated in gold and colored ink with architectural columns, rampant lions and other decorative elements. The entries are written in Yiddish and Hebrew in square characters. The volume includes an introduction (page 5), takanot (by-laws) of the Society relating to official duties (pages 15-23), history of the Hevra Kadisha and lists of officers and members (pages 43-59, 129-135), a second title page (page 461) followed by detailed descriptions of practices related to accompanying, purifying, and dressing the deceased, and yahrtzeits of members (463-497). The Hevrah Kadisha was founded on 15 Kislev 5676 (December 1915). This volume is dated 683 [1923] with additional entries added in subsequent years, one as late as 1988. Original binding, red Morocco, spine detached. 500 pages, including numerous blanks; 40 cm.</td>
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<td>Community ledgers of Moravia. Manuscript in Hebrew and Judeo-German, written in a cursive Aschkenazic hand on paper. The Tzvi Hirsh Shapiro of Munkacs copy, with his stamps throughout. Title page read: “General Policy Process, Commercial Order for the Judenschaft in Moravia, 1754.” Divided into three sections and subsections. Large portion consists of 360 regulations (Takanoth) relating to religious affairs and appropriate social behavior, also with many laws pertaining to synagogue life. It is possible that this was written for the community of Nikolsburg.—Description in vendor’s catalog.</td>
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b. 1, f. 1  Pinkas Oldenzaal  1800–1941
Manuscript register book from the Jewish community of Oldenzaal, the Netherlands. Ink on paper, with original vellum binding. The title page is decorated with drawings of two cherubs standing atop columns supporting the word “Pinkas” [register book], with a crown on the top. The book, dated 561 [1800 or 1801], was made to raise funds to build a synagogue. According to the Jewish Historical Museum in Amsterdam, “a division in the community [of Oldenzaal] in 1800 led to a decision to found a second synagogue. The new house of worship was consecrated in 1802.” The first section of the book contains pages with members’ names at the top and foldable cut-out tabs to record their pledges on the Sabbath or holidays without writing. Another section of the book records well over a century--from the beginning of the nineteenth century until autumn 1941--of the members of the community selected to receive honors on holidays.

b. 1, f. 2  Trieste manuscript  Circa 19th Century
Manuscript in Hebrew containing instructions for observing the Sabbath and Festivals according to the traditions of the Jewish community of Trieste, Italy.

b. 2, f. 1  Pinkas Lugo  1764–1825
This volume is mostly written in Italian with names of people and Hebrew passages. The majority of the ledger records various communal affairs depicting daily life of Italian Jewry from the mid-18th century. Also contains interesting documentation of Eretz-Israeli emissaries who visited the community. On the last leaves of the volume are titles and lists of donations to Eretz Israel funds, Kupat Hebron, the needy residents of Jerusalem Safed and Tiberias.

b. 2, f. 2  Pinkas Nikolsburg  1651
The manuscript is in Hebrew and contains takanot (by-laws) of the Jewish community of Nikolsburg, Moravia (now known as Mikulov in the Czech Republic). It includes regulations regarding the community life in Nikolsburg. The first few pages are missing, and the text begins with Takanah number 39. The colophon is dated 4 Shevat 411 (1651).
**Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

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**Preferred Titles**

- 1891-1901 Jegyzkönyv..
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- Haupt Protokoll für Gemeinde Palota
- Ḥeshbon bukh ... ḥevra kadisha Irisa
- Jews Infant School : minute book
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- Ketav-yad pinkas K.K. Shats
- ʻKen Kayemet
- Kuṭṭeret shel mazkir neshamot
- Libro de oro
- Mahberet Yeshivat Bar-Yohai al Har Tsiyon ha-Tana ha-elopeh ha-Rashbi ve-R. Elazar beno
- Mindszenti izraelita "Szent-Egylet"
- kozgyulesinek jegyzokonyvyei 1889ik evtol.
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