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## ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

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## MS 173 Archives of Jewish Care, 1757-1989

Jewish Care was formed on 1 January 1990 from an amalgamation of the Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Blind Society. Its objects are 'the relief of persons of the Jewish faith (wherever resident but in particular those residing in the United Kingdom) who are in need, or suffering sickness, hardship or distress, or who suffer visual or other physical or mental impairment resulting in disability or handicap', continuing the work of the three principal organisations it succeeded. The archives contain principally the papers of these three organisations, the Board of Guardians for the Relief of the Jewish Poor, founded in 1859 and commonly called the Jewish Board of Guardians or the Jewish Welfare Board; the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children, founded in 1885 as the Jewish Ladies' Society for Preventive and Rescue Work, to counter the problems of the white slave trade; and the oldest society of the three, the Jewish Blind Society, founded in 1819 as the Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish persuasion.<sup>1</sup> The Board of Guardians subsumed the activities of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children on 1 January 1947; and, in 1963, there was an administrative merger between the Board and the Norwood Jewish Children's Society, although the latter retained its separate identity.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> V.D.Lipman *A century of social service 1859-1959: the Jewish Board of Guardians* (London, 1959) discusses the history of the Board and the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children.

<sup>2</sup> The earlier archives of the Jews' Hospital and the Jews' Orphan Asylum, the predecessors of the Norwood Jewish Children's Society, are now University of Southampton Library MS 127.

## MS 173 Archives of Jewish Care, 1757-1989

### *Papers of the Board of Guardians for the Relief of the Jewish Poor*

**1/1: Minute books of the Board.** The early minute books of the Board mention some individual cases of relief, discussion of letters to the Board and the work of the emigration committee, the medical committee (from c.1873), the work committee, the canvassing (i.e. fund raising) committee, the industrial committee, the executive committee, the building committee, the ladies conjoint visiting committee and the visiting guardians of apprentices. In 1909 the Board had the following committees and honorary officials: executive committee, loan committee, committee for conducting the workrooms, fixed allowance committee, visiting committee, industrial committee, girls' apprenticing sub-committee, additional visiting guardians of apprentices, emigration committee, Russo-Jewish/Jewish Board of Guardians conjoint committee, sanitary committee, ladies conjoint visiting committee and sub-committee for managing the adult workroom, clothing department, almshouses committee, temporary allowance committee, Daneswood sanatorium aftercare committee (a conjoint committee of the Board and of the Jewish Convalescent Homes), district canvassing committee, honorary sub-auditors, and an honorary registrar of begging letters. Many of the reports of the sub-committees of the Board are printed or paraphrased in the Board's annual report.

1/1/1	Minute book of the Board (numbered 2, but no earlier minute book now survives). No index. With printed monthly reports pasted in; the Board received reports from its subordinate committees and the volume includes the minutes of the annual meeting of contributors.	6 Jul 1869 - 9 Dec 1889
	One volume	
1/1/2	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index (from this period onwards many of the reports of the sub-committees and committees of the Board are reserved for the Board's annual reports, rather than appearing in the minute book)	10 Feb 1890 - 10 Dec 1900
	One volume	
1/1/3	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index	28 Jan 1901 - 11 Dec 1911
	One volume	
1/1/4	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index	12 Feb 1912 - 6 Dec 1920
	One volume	
1/1/5	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index	7 Feb 1921 - 8 Dec 1930
	One volume	
1/1/6	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index	16 Mar 1931 - 4 Oct 1937
	One volume	

1/1/7	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index One volume	6 Dec 1937 - 7 May 1945
1/1/8	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index One volume	27 Jun 1945 - 29 Oct 1958
1/1/9	Minute book of the Board, preceded by index One volume	4 Mar 1959 - 15 Dec 1971

### **1/2: Minute books of the executive committee of the Board**

1/2/1	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board  Inverted, at the back of the volume, are the minutes of other committees of the Board and of conferences with other organisations: special emigration committee; deputation committee; legislative and parochial affairs; conjoint committee; canvassing committee; conference with delegates of the Jewish Workhouse; conference with the Soup Kitchen for the Jewish Poor; Mr Maurice Hart's committee; burial committee, concerning charity funereal; sub-committee about the Baron L.De Rothschild bequest; building committee; thrift committee; conference with the Portuguese Board; Alex Memorial Fund; conjoint meeting of the ladies visiting committee and the visitation committee of the United Synagogue; special committee on the vacant presidency; sanitary committee (for later minutes, 1/3/1)  One volume	12 May 1869 - 23 Apr 1893  7 May 1869 - 4 Dec 1884
1/2/2	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	22 Jan 1894 - 4 Mar 1912
1/2/3	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	18 Mar 1912 - 20 Nov 1922
1/2/4	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	26 Feb 1923 - 3 Apr 1933



1/2/5	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	16 May 1933 - 29 Mar 1943
1/2/6	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	19 May 1943 - 28 Oct 1953
1/2/7	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	25 Nov 1953 - 16 Jul 1958
1/2/8	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	17 Sep 1958 - 15 Jul 1964
1/2/9	Building plans for flats to be built at Hemel Hempstead under the Maitland Joseph bequest, considered by the executive committee on 6 Jan 1960 (1/2/8, p. 53)  One folder	c. Jan 1960
1/2/10	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index  One volume	22 Sep 1964 - 4 Dec 1968
1/2/11	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order)  One volume	15 Jan 1969 - 10 Dec 1969
1/2/12	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order)  One volume	14 Jan 1970 - 9 Dec 1970
1/2/13	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order)  One volume	13 Jan 1971 - 24 Nov 1971
1/2/14	Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order)  One volume	12 Jan 1972 - 20 Dec 1972

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| 1/2/15  | Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order) | 10 Jan 1973 -<br>19 Dec 1973 |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/2/16* | Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order) | 24 Jan 1974 -<br>4 Dec 1974  |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/2/17* | Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order) | 29 Jan 1975 -<br>10 Dec 1975 |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/2/18* | Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order) | 21 Jan 1976 -<br>24 Nov 1976 |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/2/19* | Minutes of the executive committee of the Board, preceded by index (bound in reverse order) | 26 Jan 1977 -<br>18 Jan 1978 |
|         | One volume  |                              |

**1/3: Minutes of the sanitary committee** (known as the health committee from 3 Oct 1911)

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| 1/3/1 | Minutes of the sanitary committee (earlier minutes are in 1/2/1) | 7 Jan 1885 -<br>12 Jun 1922 |
|       | One volume   |                             |

**1/4: Minutes of other committees**

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| 1/4/1 | Minute book containing the minutes of other committees: (i) a sub-committee to enquire into the present system of granting relief to the able-bodied, 1892 (ii) special sub-committee on the labour question, 1892 (iii) conference with the visiting committee, 1892; (iv) special committee on site for new premises of the Board, 1894 (v) building committee, 1895 (vi) investigating committee, 1896-1901 (vii) fixed allowance committee, 1902-18, 1922-4, 1928-36 (viii) special committee of enquiry on consumption, 1897-8 (ix) conference with the Sick Room Helps Society on the provision of nurses for the sick poor, 1906 (x) building sub-committee, 1906 (xi) conferences between delegates of the visitation committee of the United Synagogue and the sanitary committee of the Board, 1907, 1926, 1928 (xii) 'general situation', 4 Aug 1914 (xv) conference with the local relief committee for Whitechapel (Stepney Representative Committee Prince of Wales' Fund), Nov 1914 (xvi) to consider the Board's financial position, 1907 (xvii) temporary allowances committee, 1911-18, 1928-9 (xviii) conferences with Jews' Hospital and Orphans' Asylum, 1915, 1927 (xix) conference with medical officers of the Stepney | 1 Mar 1892 -<br>11 Mar 1941 |
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(contd.) Dispensaries for the Prevention of Consumption, 5 Jul 1916 (xx) conferences with the Jewish Association for the Protection of Women and Children, 1917, 1927 (xxi) conference of the loan committee, 1919 (xxii) conference with the City and Stepney Local Association, 1920 (xxiii) canvassing committee, 1921, 1924, 1927 (xxiv) Federation of Synagogues, 1922 (xxv) conference with the committee of the David Jacobs Holiday House, 1928 (xxvi) clothing department (Broadstairs), 1928 (xxvii) conference with care committee workers, 1929 (xxviii) visiting committee and visiting, 1929-30 (xxix) Red Cross Clinic, Peto Place, Marylebone, 1931 (xxx) Jewish Schools' Boot Fund, 1933 (xxxi) distribution of motzas to the poor, 1935 (xxxii) general relief committee, 1941

One volume

**1/5: Records of the Russo-Jewish and Jewish Board of Guardians conjoint committee** (formed in 1891, on the exhaustion of the Mansion House Fund for the victims of Russian persecution, that had been established c.1881-2)

1/5/1 Newspaper cuttings about Jews in Russia, including material from *The Times, Jewish Chronicle, Jewish World, Daily Telegraph, Eastern Morning News, Tribune, Western Press, Financial Times, Daily Mirror, Contemporary Review, Morning Advertiser, The Globe, Yorkshire Daily Post, Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Western Mail, Daily Mail, Newcastle Journal, Justice, Bristol Mercury, Glasgow Evening News, Southampton Times, Review of Reviews, Manchester Courier, Daily News, Morning Post, The Standard, Westminster Gazette, Sheffield Independent, Pall Mall Gazette, The Scotsman, Labour Leader, Morning Leader, Morning Adventurer, The Outlook, The Spectator, Saturday Review, Manchester Guardian, New Age, Dundee Courier, Family Herald and Weekly Star* (Montreal), *Birmingham Post, The Financier, Daily Graphic, The Observer, Glasgow Herald, Daily Chronicle, Daily Express, Investors' Review, Vanity Fair and Contemporary Review* Sep 1904 - Jul 1908

One volume

1/5/2 Newspaper cuttings, mainly from the British local press, about Jews in Russia, in response to the persecutions of December 1905 Dec 1905 - Jan 1906; May 1910

One volume

1/5/3 Newspaper cuttings about the Jews in Russia (periodicals as 1/5/1, with the addition of *The Economist, Reynolds' Newspaper, Morning Advertiser, Beckenham Journal, Hereford Times, Christian, Liverpool Daily Post, Christian Endeavour, Evening News, The Sunday Times, Dundee Advertiser, Daily Graphic, Manchester Evening News, Dublin Evening Telegraph, Cardiff Express, South Wales Echo, Nation, Manchester Dispatch, British Architect, Bayswater Chronicle, Huddersfield W.Examiner*); typescript 'Chronological statement of the restrictions of the rights of Russian Jews 1882-1908'

One volume

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| 1/5/4 | <i>Darkest Russia: a record of persecution</i> , numbers 1-5 (Jul 1891 - Dec 1891): periodical issued by the Russo-Jewish committee   | 1891  |
| 1/5/5 | Typescript copies of letters and papers relating to the proposed expulsion of the Jews from Moscow, Oct 1909, with copies of letters of 1908 between the Russian justice minister and the prime minister<br><br>One bundle  | c.1909  |
| 1/5/6 | `An appeal for adoption of orphan immigrant children' (reprinted from the <i>Jewish Chronicle</i> of 14 Dec 1906); applications for the adoption of the children; notes on the progress of cases<br><br>Printed map of Russia: <i>Europäisches Russland und Nord-Skandinavien in 6 Blättern von H.Kehnert und H.Habenicht</i> | Jan 1907 - Mar 1907<br><br>early 20th century |
| 1/5/7 | Memorandum: `Emigration as a result of legal situation of the Jews in Russia', a historical survey, concentrating especially on the period 1880-1906<br><br>Four papers   | c.Dec 1907                                    |

**1/6: Industrial committee, minutes** The committee and the industrial department of the Board was concerned with finding apprenticeships and placing boys in them. Supervision of the boys' progress was provided from time to time by visiting guardians. The committee was also known as the boys' industrial committee and, c.1966, it became the boys' careers and employment advisory committee. Some attention was also given to the needs of girls.

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| 1/6/1  | Minutes of the industrial committee, together with those of the girls' apprenticing sub-committee from 1904, preceded by index<br><br>One volume | 1 Feb 1894 -<br>4 Feb 1963   |
| 1/6/2* | Minutes of the boys' industrial committee, with reports of visiting guardians<br><br>One volume  | 22 Mar 1963 -<br>22 Feb 1968 |

**1/7: Other papers of the industrial committee**

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| 1/7/1 | Apprentices industrial exhibition committee minute book<br><br>One volume | 27 Mar 1882 -<br>23 Feb 1891 |
| 1/7/2 | Press cuttings, with some correspondence for 1892-4<br><br>One volume     | 21 Jan 1891 -<br>27 Dec 1918 |

1/7/3	Minutes of the executive of the industrial committee, preceded by index	23 Jan 1894 - 16 Jan 1930
1/7/4	One volume File containing the report of the sub-committee on applications for apprenticeship, supply of suitable masters, constitution, composition and duties of rota committee, appointment and duties of guardians, duties of clerk and collector, 1884; printed objects of the boys' industrial committee, c.1930, and boys' welfare and industrial department, c.1963; memorandums on apprenticing boys, c.1930-60; programmes for annual outings of apprentices, 1936, 1937	1884-1963
1/7/5	File of papers about employment agency licences for the Board of Guardians under 10 Edw. VII and 1 Geo. V cap. 129	1910-57
1/7/6	File of papers about employment agency licences	1957-76
1/7/7	Apprenticeships record book (nos. 6646-8954)  One volume	1928-55
1/7/8	Apprenticeships record book  One volume	1958-82
1/7/9	Apprenticeship forms  One file	1960s-1970s
1/7/10	Careers and employment section: vacancy book  One volume	Jun 1973 - Aug 1978
1/7/11	Careers and employment section: vacancy book  One volume	Aug 1978 - May 1984
1/7/12	Hirsch Fund: loans outstanding  One volume	11 Nov 1961 - 11 Dec 1986
1/7/13	Loans book: minutes of the loans sub-committee  Papers on loans procedure  One volume	29 Aug 1961 - 24 Apr 1975  1972

1/7/14	File of correspondence with visiting guardians of apprentices	1930-68
1/7/15	File of letters of condolence to families of deceased members	1932-70
1/7/16	Boys' careers and employment advisory committee: file of papers	1939-68
1/7/17	Careers and employment section file of correspondence with Messrs Foulks Lynch, accountancy tutors	1969-72
1/7/18	Correspondence and papers about apprentices in the jewellery trade	1950-64
1/7/19	Trade cards, listing apprentices by trade Two files of cards	c.1962-71
1/7/20	Papers about loans and apprentices Internal papers about apprenticeship deeds Two files of papers	c.1913-54 1964-9

### **1/8: Minutes of the finance committee**

1/8/1	Minutes of the finance committee	15 Dec 1931 - 18 Nov 1952
	Minutes of the Anthony and Annie Muller Seaside Convalescent Home sub-committee (building committee): drafts, together with minutes for the opening committee	30 Oct 1924 - 22 Jun 1927
	Drafts of minutes of the loan committee, 7 Jan 1925, the canvassing committee, 12 Feb 1925, and of a conference with the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women, c.1927	
1/8/2	One volume Minutes of the finance committee (investments committee from 7 Feb 1968) One volume	9 Jun 1958 - 1 May 1974

**1/9: Minutes of the women's, girls' and children's welfare committee** This committee was set up in 1947 as the central committee to co-ordinate the eight sub-committees of the women's, girls' and children's department, which was responsible for carrying out the work of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children, and that formerly performed by the girls' welfare and industrial committee. At its first meeting it set up sub-committees for (i) children's welfare (ii) women's and girls' welfare (iii) women's and girls' employment (iv) matrimonial cases (v) moral welfare (vi) Charcroft House (vii) Sara Pyke House and (viii) Montefiore House

1/9/1	Minutes of the women's, girls' and children's welfare committee  One volume	28 Apr 1947 - 17 Oct 1950
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**1/10: Charity Commission**

1/10/1	Registration slip for Jewish Care  Two papers	1989-90
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**1/11: Letter books of the secretary of the Board**

1/11/1	Letter book, preceded by index, containing incoming correspondence for the secretary of the Board, including internal letters from the secretaries of the committees of the Board, monthly statements of liabilities and assets, and papers about the Russo-Jewish conjoint committee and the Mansion House Fund  One volume, with letters pasted in	Jan 1881 - Dec 1889
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1/11/2	Letter book containing the incoming correspondence of the secretary of the Board  One volume, with letters pasted in	Jan 1890 - Dec 1900
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1/11/3	Letter book containing the incoming correspondence of the secretary of the Board  One volume, with letters pasted in	Jan 1901 - Dec 1909
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1/11/4	Letter book of the secretary of the Board, with incoming and outgoing correspondence  One volume, with letters pasted in	Jan 1910 - Nov 1916
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1/11/5	Letter book of the secretary of the Board, with incoming and outgoing correspondence  One volume, with letters pasted in	Dec 1916 - Feb 1926
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1/11/6	Letter book of the secretary of the Board, with incoming and outgoing correspondence  One volume, with letters pasted in	Apr 1926 - Dec 1933
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1/11/7	Letter book of the secretary of the Board, with incoming and outgoing correspondence	Dec 1933 - Jan 1941
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One volume, with letters pasted in

1/11/8	Letter book of the secretary of the Board, with incoming and outgoing correspondence	Feb 1941 - Dec 1945
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One volume, with letters pasted in

### 1/12: Annual reports

1/12/1	A volume containing <i>A scheme for a board of guardians to be formed for the relief of the necessitous foreign poor, c.1858</i> ; three half yearly reports, Jul 1859 - Dec 1859; Jan 1860 - Jun 1860; Jun 1860 - Dec 1860; followed by annual reports, 1861-5	1859-65
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1/12/2	Annual reports	1866-72
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1/12/3	Annual reports	1873-9
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1/12/4	Annual reports	1880-6
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1/12/5	Annual reports	1887-93
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1/12/6	Annual reports	1894-1901
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1/12/7	Annual reports	1902-8
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1/12/8	Annual reports	1909-15
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1/12/9	Annual reports	1916-21
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1/12/10	Annual reports	1922-7
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1/12/11	Annual reports (five unbound booklets), with a separate list of <i>Contributions received in response to the special appeal for £50,000, October 1, 1929 - February 28, 1930</i>	1928-31
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1/12/12	Annual reports	1932-6
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1/12/ Misc	Duplicate annual reports, 1859-1927 (with gaps), including the volume of reports, 1859-72, presented to Ephraim Adler, and two volumes of reports, 1859-73, 1874-83, presented to L.L.Alexander (the text of the first volume is preceded by a photograph of Alexander)	
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Four boxes

**1/13: Convalescent homes** The Board of Guardians ran its own homes and at various stages in its history assumed control of others. The Baroness Clara De Hirsch Convalescent Home, Tudor House, Hampstead, was an independent home, run in close co-operation with the Board of Guardians, certainly from *c.*1911, and coming completely under the aegis of the Board from 1927. It was used as a military hospital for Jewish soldiers, 1918-19. The Samuel Lewis Seaside Convalescent Home at Walton-on-the-Naze opened in May 1910 and from its inception was operated by the Board of Guardians. The Gerald Samuel and Denzil Myer home was originally established for the general welfare of ordinary working boys aged between 12 and 16 years at a house in Trafalgar Square, Stepney; its scope was widened as the Board of Guardians accepted responsibilities for boys who had been deprived of a normal home life.

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| 1/13/1  | Minute book of the management committee of the Baroness Clara De Hirsch Convalescent Home | 30 Dec 1897 -<br>13 Oct 1927 |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/13/2  | Samuel Lewis Seaside Convalescent Home: visitors' book                                    | May 1910 - Jun<br>1976       |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/13/3* | Minute book of the Gerald Samuel and Denzil Myer Home committee, preceded by index        | 9 Mar 1919 -<br>25 Nov 1954  |
|         | One volume  |                              |
| 1/13/4  | Lincoln Street Housing Company Ltd: directors minute book, preceded by index              | 17 Jul 1963 -<br>22 Sep 1971 |
|         | One volume  |                              |

**1/14: Legal and other papers**

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| 1/14/1 | Isaac v. Defriez: papers, including copies of masters' reports, a report of costs and an apportionment of funds, in a succession of cases in Chancery concerning a charity established for the poor relatives of Nathan Simson and Dyfie, his wife. The papers conclude with a `scheme for the application of the fund bequeathed by the will dated the 3rd of August 1725 of Nathan Simson for the benefit of poor relations of himself and his wife Dyfie Simson', three quarters to be administered by the Board of Guardians and one quarter to be administered by the Society for Organising Charitable Relief and Suppressing Mendicity | 1757-1884   |
|        | One bundle of papers  |             |
| 1/14/2 | Address from the official staff of the Board of Guardians to Mr and Mrs Benjamin L.Cohen on their silver wedding  | 22 Apr 1895 |
|        | One volume  |             |
| 1/14/3 | Two photographs of Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen  | n.d. 1960s  |

- 1/14/4      Memorandum on the reorganisation of the Jewish Welfare Board social services on an area basis, 1986, with pamphlets on aims, objectives and priorities; guide to application and admission procedure to the JWB Homes for the Elderly      c.1986-7
- 1/14/5      Revd Michael Adler *British Jewry book of honour* (Caxton Press, London, 1922)
- 1/14/6      'Book of remembrance' presented to the Board by the colleagues of Arthur Stiebel (President, 1920-30), listing events, legacies and donations, year by year, 1859-1938      c.1938
- One volume

**1/15: Diaries of social workers and related papers**

- 1/15/1\*      Social worker's diary      1955-8
- One volume
- 1/15/2\*      Social worker's diary      1958-60
- One volume
- 1/15/3      Copies of cases in courts monitored by or supported by the welfare officer or social workers of the Board, together with copies of counsel's briefs      1950-8
- Three files of papers

***Papers of the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children***

**2/1: Minute books of the general committee.** The society was founded as the Jewish Ladies' Society for Preventive and Rescue Work, with Mrs Cyril Flower as its first secretary. The association was formed on 23 March 1885 and the first meeting was held on 17 April 1885. In June 1888, it was proposed that a small sub-committee of three gentlemen should supervise the actions of the association's agents; and in October 1889 a gentlemen's committee, consisting of Revd S.Singer, Mr Landon, Mr Schloss and Mr Lucas, was created. A visiting committee for preventive work was established about 1893. The association received a donation in October 1894 from Mr Pyke which was to be employed for the lodging house, known as Sara Pyke House thereafter. On 26 March 1897, the society, noting the increasing role of the work of the gentlemen's committee, became known as the Jewish Association for the protection of Women and Girls (or Girls and Women); the word 'children' was added in 1932. The association merged with the Board of Guardians on 1 January 1947, after which some of its functions continued to be performed by the women's, girls' and children's welfare committee of the Board.

2/1/1	Minute book, with names and addresses of the committee members (where the minutes use the expression 'Minutes of both committees read and passed', the other minutes are those of the Home Committee (Charcroft House), 2/8/1)	23 Mar 1885 - 9 Nov 1888
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One volume

2/1/2	Minute book	10 Jan 1888 - 4 Dec 1895
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One volume

2/1/3	Minute book of the general committee	17 Jan 1896 - 22 Oct 1902
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One volume

2/1/4	Minute book of the general committee (of ladies)	3 May 1900 - 28 Oct 1901
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One volume

**2/2: Minutes and papers of the gentlemen's sub-committee for preventive work**

2/2/1	Minute book	19 Jan 1890 - 8 Nov 1896
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One volume

2/2/2	Memorandum, by E.Montefiore Micholes and Arthur R.Moro, from the gentlemen's sub-committee to the ladies' committee regarding relations with the lodging house committee	8 Mar 1891
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2/2/3	Six papers Report of the honorary secretary to the gentlemen's committee for 1891	c.1892
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Three papers

2/2/4	Gentlemen's committee: report of the honorary secretary upon work done at the port of London during 1893  Thirteen papers	18 Mar 1894
2/2/5	Minute book, with reports of the case committee  One volume	2 Jul 1899 - 20 Jan 1901
2/2/6	Minute book, preceded by index, including conjoint meetings with the general purposes committee  One volume	16 Jan 1916 - 25 Jan 1925

**2/3: Minutes of the council** The council was formed in 1901, to replace the conjoint meetings of the ladies' and gentlemen's committees. It was intended to meet twice a year, if possible, to discuss financial and other matters.

2/3/1	Minutes of the council, preceded by a list of members and their addresses  One volume	12 Mar 1901 - 9 Oct 1912
2/3/2	Minutes of the council  Minutes of subscribers' meeting  One volume	6 Dec 1917 - 17 Jul 1928  25 May 1933
2/3/3	Minutes of the council meeting  Thirteen papers	23 May 1935

**2/4: Minute books of the general purposes committee**

2/4/1	Minutes of the general purposes committee, preceded by index  One volume	27 Apr 1917 - 23 Nov 1921
2/4/2	Minutes of the general purposes committee, preceded by index  One volume	25 Jan 1922 - 6 Jun 1928
2/4/3	Minutes of the general purposes committee, preceded by index  One volume	17 Jul 1928 - 2 Nov 1932
2/4/4	Minutes of the general purposes committee, preceded by index  One volume	8 Feb 1933 - 10 Jul 1946

**2/5: Minute books of the finance committee**

2/5/1	Minutes of the finance committee, preceded by index One volume	22 Jun 1920 - 13 May 1925
2/5/2	Minutes of the finance committee, preceded by index One volume	10 Jun 1925 - 13 Jun 1928
2/5/3	Minutes of the finance committee, preceded by index One volume	29 Jun 1928 - 29 Jan 1931
2/5/4	Minutes of the finance committee, preceded by index One volume	19 Mar 1931 - 20 May 1937

**2/6: Minutes of the organising and propaganda committee**

2/6/1	Minutes of the organising and propaganda committee One file of papers	20 Sep 1921 - 26 Nov 1925
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**2/7: Annual reports**

2/7	Annual reports (years run from 1 Apr to 31 Mar): 1935-6, 1939-40, 1940-1, 1941-2 (2 copies), 1942-3, 1943-4, 1944-5 (2 copies) Ten booklets	
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**2/8: Houses, homes and schools** Montefiore House was a school approved by the Home Office.

2/8/1	Minute book of the home committee (originally at Mile End, transferring c.1887 to Shepherds Bush and subsequently known as Charcroft House) One volume	13 Nov 1885 - 19 Mar 1889
2/8/2	Sara Pyke House: minute book of the house committee, preceded by a list of names and addresses of the officers One volume	28 Sep 1904 - 11 Sep 1907
2/8/3*	Sara Pyke House committee: minute book, preceded by index One volume	14 Jan 1937 - 7 Mar 1946

2/8/4	Montefiore House general committee: minute book, preceded by index  One volume	13 Feb 1912 - 12 Apr 1916
2/8/5	Montefiore House general committee: minute book, preceded by index  One volume	22 Feb 1922 - 15 Dec 1926
2/8/6	Montefiore House house committee: minute book, preceded by index  One volume	7 Jan 1926 - 5 Jul 1929
2/8/7	Montefiore House general committee: minute book, with detailed accounts for expenses, preceded by index  One volume	27 Mar 1935 - 20 Mar 1936
2/8/8	Montefiore House general committee: minute book, with detailed accounts for expenses, preceded by index  One volume	11 Mar 1936 - 18 Mar 1937
2/8/9*	Montefiore House house committee: minute book, with detailed accounts for expenses, preceded by index  One volume	1 Apr 1937 - 16 Mar 1938
2/8/10*	Montefiore House house committee: minute book, with detailed accounts for expenses, preceded by index  One volume	20 Apr 1939 - 27 Mar 1940
2/8/11*	Montefiore House school: admissions register, preceded by index  One volume	c.1919-c.1938
2/8/12*	Montefiore House: punishment register  One volume	7 Aug 1941 - 25 Apr 1945

**2/9: Other papers**

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| 2/9/1  | Address to Arthur R.Moro on the occasion of his seventieth birthday by the Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls and Women | n.d. 1920s           |
|        | One volume  |                      |
| 2/9/2* | Foreign agents' address book  | n.d. 1920s and 1930s |
|        | One volume  |                      |

***Papers of the Jewish Blind Society***

The Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion was founded in 1819. One of its aims was to make no distinction between the Sephardic and Tedesco (i.e. Ashkenazi) congregations in the administration of relief. In 1842 it united with the New Blind Association. Upon its centenary, c.1919-20, the name of the organisation was changed to the Jewish Blind Society. By 1947 the Jewish Blind Society had incorporated the Jewish Homes for the Blind at Bushey and Dorking (later known as Rokefield); ten years later, further homes included the Dolly Ross Holiday Home ('Braemar Royal'), Cliftonville, Bournemouth; the Herbert M.Harris Hostel for the Blind, London; and the Louis Glancy House for the Blind, Manchester. Further homes included Springdene (the Mary Alexander Home for Infirm Jewish Blind, Whetstone, London N20: opened in 1961-2) and Kay Court (368 Finchley Road, London NW3).

**3/1: Minutes of the general court and committees.** The general court met throughout the nineteenth century to ballot for the election of pensioners to receive relief from the funds of the institution. From 1947 in large part until the 1980s, the minutes of all the committees of the Jewish Blind Society were kept in the same minute books; there are some separate sequences of committee minutes prior to 1980, listed as 3/2 below, along with the latest separate minute books for the committees.

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| 3/1/1 | Minute book of the general court and committee, containing, inverted, at the back, the laws of the institution, c.1837   | 8 Jan 1837 -<br>22 Apr 1874  |
|       | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/2 | Minutes of the general court and committee   | 20 May 1874 -<br>30 May 1932 |
|       | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/3 | Minutes of the general court and committee, including the minutes of the finance and general purposes committee, the house committee and the treasurer's advisory committee for 1947 | 20 Jun 1932 -<br>27 Nov 1947 |
|       | One volume   |                              |

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| 3/1/4  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the junior committee, the finance and general purposes committee, the Trocadero dance committee, the house committee, the building committee and planning sub-committee, and the holiday home sub-committee<br><br>One volume   | 17 Nov 1947 -<br>27 Feb 1950 |
| 3/1/5  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the finance and general purposes committee, the standing finance sub-committee (first meets 20 Mar 1950), the house committee, the investment sub-committee, the Margate house committee and the general court (meeting of 16 Nov 1949)<br><br>One volume                             | 14 Nov 1950 -<br>18 Sep 1951 |
| 3/1/6  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the house committee, the finance and general purposes committee, the Dorking and London house committee, the publicity sub-committee and the annual general meeting (25 Nov 1952)<br><br>One volume   | 30 Oct 1951 -<br>13 Oct 1953 |
| 3/1/7  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the finance and general purposes committee, the Dorking and London house committee, the Margate house committee and the annual general meeting<br><br>One volume  | 26 Oct 1953 -<br>14 Jun 1955 |
| 3/1/8  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the Margate house committee, the finance and general purposes committee, the Dorking and London house committee, and the general court and annual general meeting<br><br>One volume   | 14 Jul 1955 -<br>4 Jun 1957  |
| 3/1/9  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the finance and general purposes committee, the Dolly Ross Holiday Home planning sub-committee and the Bournemouth house committee; the Margate house committee; the Dorking and London homes committee; and the planning committee for a home for the senile blind<br><br>One volume | 2 May 1957 -<br>23 Mar 1959  |
| 3/1/10 | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the executive committee, the Dorking house committee, the Bournemouth house committee, the senile home planning committee, the finance and general purposes committee, and the annual general meeting (court)<br><br>One volume   | 21 Jan 1959 -<br>17 Jan 1961 |



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| 3/1/11  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the finance and general purposes committee, the Dorking house committee, Springdene house committee and Springdene opening sub-committee, the Bournemouth house committee, the annual general meeting and court, council (successor to the finance and general purposes committee) and the finance committee                 | 20 Feb 1961 -<br>1 Oct 1962  |
|         | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/12  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of the Springdene house committee; the executive management committee of the Southport Home, Southport; council; the appeals and publicity committee; the Bournemouth house committee; the finance committee; the Dorking house committee/Rokefield house committee; and the laws and regulations sub-committee                 | 30 Jan 1962 -<br>28 Oct 1963 |
|         | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/13  | Minute book containing records of the meetings of council, the Bournemouth house committee, the Dorking house committee, the finance committee, the Springdene house committee, the management committee for the Southport home, and the annual court  | 25 Nov 1963 -<br>20 Oct 1964 |
|         | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/14* | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of council, the Dorking house committee, the finance committee, the sub-committee to examine the question of organisational changes and accommodation, the Bournemouth house committee, the Springdene house committee, the annual court and the selection committee   | 23 Nov 1964 -<br>25 Dec 1965 |
|         | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/15* | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the finance committee, the property sub-committee, council, the Dorking house committee, the Bournemouth house committee, the general court, the sub-committee to investigate the society's administration, the publicity committee, the selection committee, and the sub-committee to plan the society's 150th anniversary | 6 Dec 1965 -<br>28 Nov 1966  |
|         | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/16  | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the sub-committee to investigate the society's administration, the Springdene extension planning committee, the finance committee, the sub-committee to plan the society's 150th anniversary, the Rokefield house committee, council, the Bournemouth house committee, the provincial council and the general court         | 1 Dec 1966 -<br>7 Jun 1967   |
|         | One volume   |                              |

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| 3/1/17 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the Rokefield house committee, the Bournemouth house committee, the finance committee, the sub-committee to plan the 150th anniversary of the society, the Springdene house committee, the annual general court and the property sub-committee  | 22 May 1967 -<br>8 Jul 1968  |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/18 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the council, the property committee, the Rokefield house committee, the finance committee, the sub-committee to plan the 150th anniversary of the society, the Southport home management committee and the annual general court                 | 24 Jun 1968 -<br>13 Oct 1969 |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/19 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the council, the Springdene house committee, the Bournemouth (Braemar Royal) house committee, the finance committee, the Rokefield house committee, the property committee, the office accommodation sub-committee and the annual general court | 27 Oct 1969 -<br>14 Dec 1970 |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/20 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the finance committee, the Springdene house committee, the Springdene rebuilding sub-committee, the Braemar Royal house committee, council, the annual general court, the Rokefield house committee, and the investment sub-committee           | 11 Jan 1971 -<br>25 Sep 1972 |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/21 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the Bournemouth house committee, the finance committee, the Rokefield house committee, the provincial council, the annual general court, council, and the investment sub-committee  | 15 Aug 1972 -<br>13 Oct 1975 |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/22 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the investment sub-committee, the finance committee, the Rokefield house committee, council, the annual general court, Braemar Royal house committee and the provincial council   | 13 Oct 1975 -<br>19 Sep 1977 |
|        | One volume   |                              |
| 3/1/23 | Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the finance committee, the investment sub-committee, the Rokefield house committee, council, Braemar Royal house committee and the annual general court   | 5 Sep 1977 -<br>19 Dec 1978  |
|        | One volume   |                              |

3/1/24 Minute book containing a record of the meetings of the Rokefield house committee, council, the finance committee, the investment sub-committee, Braemar Royal house committee, the finance committee, the provincial council, the honorary officers and the annual general court

14 Feb 1979 -  
22 Sep 1980

One volume

**3/2: Minutes of committees**

3/2/1 Minutes of the investigation committee

4 Apr 1910 -  
3 Jul 1933

One volume

3/2/2\* Minutes of the selection committee

22 May 1956 -  
11 Apr 1961

One volume

3/2/3 Minutes of the executive committee

13 Jun 1955 -  
14 Jan 1960

One volume

3/2/4 Minutes of the meetings of the honorary officers

1 Nov 1966 -  
9 Jul 1981

One volume

3/2/5 Minutes of the meetings of the executive committee and the honorary officers

2 Mar 1981 -  
7 Nov 1989

One volume

3/2/6\* Minutes of the finance committee and the investment sub-committee

8 Dec 1980 -  
5 Sep 1989

One volume

3/2/7\* Minutes of the meetings of the council and the annual general court

17 Nov 1980 -  
16 May 1989

One volume

3/2/8 Minutes of the meetings of the Rokefield house committee and the Braemar Royal house committee

9 Dec 1980 -  
10 Dec 1985

One volume

3/2/9 Minutes of the meetings of the Braemar Royal house committee, the Rokefield house committee and the Kay Court house committee (first meets 25 Feb 1986)

26 Nov 1985 -  
31 Oct 1989

One volume

3/2/10\* Minutes of the social services committee (successor to the welfare committee) 21 Jan 1982 - 19 Jan 1989

One volume

**3/3: Records of housing associations.** The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association was established by resolution of the committee of the Jewish Blind Society in 1957 and JBS properties were subsequently leased to or managed by JBSHA and individual housing associations for particular homes.

3/3/1 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: memorandum about its establishment, rules, draft lease of Braemar Royal by JBS to JBSHA; minutes of meetings of the housing association 25 May 1959 - 28 Apr 1969

One volume

3/3/2 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: minute book 25 May 1959 - 28 Apr 1980

One volume

3/3/3 Rules of the Jewish Blind Society Housing Association c.1957

One volume

3/3/4 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: correspondence and copies of minutes 19 May 1959 - 27 Jul 1983

One file of papers

3/3/5 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: minutes and correspondence Sep 1979

One file of papers

3/3/6 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: correspondence with the National Federation of Housing Associations (formerly the National Federation of Housing Societies) 4 Jun 1957 - 12 Jul 1985

One file of papers

3/3/7 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: correspondence and papers relating to the Southport home, Albert Road, Southport 8 Jan 1958 - 31 May 1963

One file of papers

3/3/8 The Jewish Blind Society Housing Association: Braemar Royal, Bournemouth, copy of trust deed and correspondence 1958-60

One file of papers

3/3/9 Booklet containing plans for a new residential home for the visually handicapped at 368 Finchley Road, London NW3 (subsequently Kay Court) 1983

#### 3/4: Register of pensioners

3/4/1 Register of current pensioners, preceded by index (includes pensioners elected as early as 1862) 1894-1924

One volume

#### 3/5: Correspondence

3/5/1 Correspondence of S.Solomon and Sir Benjamin Phillips Apr 1874

One file of papers

**3/6: Annual reports.** Annual reports are also to be found in 3/1, mounted in the minute books.

3/6/1 Annual reports 1927-35,  
1937-8, 1945-58

3/6/2 Annual reports 1959-74

3/6/3 Annual reports 1975-88

3/6/4 Annual reports of the Jewish Blind Society (Manchester, Salford and District Branch), subsequently the Manchester Jewish Blind Society 1951-60, 1962, 1967-75, 1977, 1979-80, 1982

3/6/5 Annual reports of the Leeds branch of the Jewish Blind Society 1957, 1960, 1962

3/6/6 Annual reports of the Sheffield branch of the Jewish Blind Society 1962-3, 1969-73

3/6/7 Annual reports of the Scottish Branch of the Jewish Blind Society 1962-5, 1967-70, 1971

#### 3/7: Jewish Blind Society, other papers

3/7/1 Publicity materials, including copies of *Perception* 1950-87

Four boxes

3/7/2 Press cuttings 1982-4

One box

- 3/7/3 Notes on the archives of the Jewish Blind Society, some extracted from the minutes (3/1 above); copies of material from the *Jewish Chronicle* 1969-c.1982
- One file

***Records of other bodies and individuals***

- 4/1 Minute book (labelled 'rough minute book') of the general committee and sub-committee for the memorial to Judith, Lady Montefiore (a convalescent home, which also served as an institution for training Jewish, domestic, female servants) 31 Dec 1862 - 20 Jan 1876
- One volume
- 4/2 Papers of the family of Catherine Hannah Jacobs including a marriage certificate and ketubah (marriage contract) for her parents, Judah Jacobs and Esther Colliss, 20 Aug 1873; Great Synagogue receipted bill for marriage charges, Aug 1873; birth certificate of Catherine Hannah Jacobs, 1874; list of Hebrew anniversaries of the death of Esther Jacobs for 50 years from 1920; testimonial letters from S.Arrobus and Son, for Miss Kate Jacobs, an ostrich feather hand, after 34 years service on the closure of the firm, 1926; receipt for a donation by Miss Jacobs to Mizrachi, the Palestine Fund Charitable Trust, 9 Jul 1948; two fragmentary letters in Yiddish and Russian, c.1905
- 4/3 Year of the Disabled: minutes of meetings of an advisory committee constituted by the Central Council for Jewish Social Service, with representatives of the Office of the Chief Rabbi, the Jewish Association of Physically Handicapped, the Jewish Home and Hospital at Tottenham, the Jewish Blind Society, the Jewish Deaf Association, the Jewish Welfare Board and Young Jewish Disabled, to consider research into the problems of the physically handicapped 26 Feb 1981 - 27 Oct 1981
- One volume