The Casual Bulletin now appears on the Archive website as an electronic journal. Printed copies are mailed out to the Friends of the Archive or on request.

**Acquisitions**
The Archive wishes to acknowledge the work of:

* **Sophie Caplan** who continues to donate ephemera, journals and newspaper clippings. This material has grown into a substantial collection and forms the basis of the Archive ephemera resource. Valuable archival material is also donated.

* **Ilana Cohen** who has donated some more ephemera and papers on the Yeshiva school.

* **Dr Rod Parker** continues to send updates on the history of the Michaelis family on C/D- Rom.
Festschrift for Professor Alan David Crown
This is well under way and will be published in the near future. The book is well over 400 pages and includes authors such as Emanuel Tov and Serge Liberman. Topics covered include Samaritan studies, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Australiana, and Jewish thought and literature. It will be published by the Mandelbaum Press and is being edited by Marianne Dacy and Jennifer Dowling from the University of Sydney. Copies will be available from the Mandelbaum Trust.

Washington Holocaust Museum
We have begun to microfilm the whole of the Max Joseph Collection for the Washington Museum collection and hope to make copies of our Twelfth Hour tapes. Rosie Bloch from the State Library of New South Wales where the originals of the tapes are housed, expects to have solved the copyright problems in the near future. The Archive holds copies of the tapes and also short transcripts.

Board of Deputies Archives
The archivist has begun work in relocating and organising the archives of the last twenty-five years of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and bringing them to the Archive of Australian Judaica. A selection of the Board’s collection of Australian Jewish magazines, eight archive boxes in all, has already been accessioned.

Educating Jewish Organisations
The preserving of records in the Australian Jewish community is still a problem. In this last month, yet another major Jewish organisation has relocated, and dumped its records because of space problems. Fortunately, the archivist was able to rescue a large number of photos and newspaper files, and a few books that were already in the bins awaiting disposal. Other material was not saved and may have included valuable records. Record destruction has continued unabated over the last few decades. Community support or interest in the archives kept by Australian Jewish Historical Society and the Archive of Australian Judaica is not always in evidence. The former has been in existence since 1939 and the latter since July 4th 1982, but the destruction of records has continued. There is an urgent need for an educational campaign and consiousness raising in the community about the importance of preserving and adequately housing archives. Much of the prime source material for the history of the Australian Jewish community is lost when archives are not regarded as a valuable resource.

Archive Publications
The sheet music of Mi Adir and Sheva B’rochot and Phantasia Judaica (by Boaz Bischofswerder), which was initially composed on the Dunera may be purchased from the Archivist for AU$22 (includes GST) each plus postage (AU$5 local, AU$10 overseas).

Copies of Monograph No 12: Early Australian Zionism: An Annotated Index of Records in the Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem. Part 2. 50pp are available from the Archivist for AU$10.00 (includes GST) + $1.00 postage (AU$3.00 overseas). Copies of the catalogue will continue to be updated on the internet, as well as some copies printed on request. Monograph no 13, an update of the catalogue to 2003 has
been printed and will be supplied if requested (price as above.) The online catalogue on the web is up to date.

Available from Mandelbaum Publishing

There are several publications of the Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica series. These include:


**Bruce Hall.** *Samaritan Religion from John Hyrcanus to Baba Rabbah.* Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica no 3. 1987. 300pp (approx). This work is a study of the evidence for Samaritan religious practices and beliefs from the time that the Samaritan Temple on Mt Gerizim was destroyed to the period of the great Samaritan reformer and leader Baba Rabbah. AU$37.50. Postage AU$5.00.


Eliyahu Honig draws on archival resources in Jerusalem and traces the history of Australian Zionism through the period when the Zionist Federation of Australian and New Zealand was established to its role at the beginning of World War II.

The last two items are priced at AU$40 each. Postage AU $5.00 or AU $12.00 (overseas).


**Archive Publications in Progress**

It has been decided to defer publication in hard copy of the Union list of Australian Jewish Periodicals. It is currently available from the archive webpage as a zip file.

The Archive continues to attract a wide variety of users who include students from overseas universities, as well as local authors, writers or museum curators and researchers preparing exhibitions. Queries are also answered by email and the webpage is kept updated. Historical articles are added from time to time.

The Archive wishes to thank the University of Sydney Library for technical support of the Archive, as well as the Mandelbaum Trust for paying the salary of the archivist and the Friends of the Archive for their ongoing support of the Archive’s projects, such as the microfilming of material and the copying of relevant archives and equipment updates.

The Archive is closed in January for the summer break.

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