The Casual Bulletin appears on the Archive website as an electronic journal. It is published once or twice a year. The Archive of Australian Judaica has been in existence for twenty-seven years at the University of Sydney, being founded on July 4, 1983.

Why an archive? The Archive was established to halt the deterioration and destruction of records that traced the growth of the Australian Jewish community and to centralise these records in a research repository that would be accessible to researchers. In the course of the years, the Archive has come to house the records including those of some key Australian Jewish organisations including the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies and the Australian Zionist Federation, the records of some 80 individuals who have contributed to Australian Jewish life and the life of the nation. Notable among these are papers and photographs from the acclaimed Australian author Nancy Keesing, the Holocaust survivor Max Joseph and Ruby Rich-Schalit.

**Acquisitions**

The Archive wishes to thank:

* Sophie Caplan for continuing to gather ephemera for the files
*Ilana Cohen* for ephemera, some journals and minutes including material on Academy BJE, the Great Synagogue, Judean Scouts, *Woman Power* and the Yeshivah

*Peter Keeda* for a CD of the Minutes of the Bridge Street synagogue, September 1837-December 18452.

* Ruth Latukefu* for a folder of papers on WIZO and other Jewish community activities from her mother Lotte Fink.


* Paddy Pearl* for two letters from Albert Karoly dated 1985 concerning the list of those on the Dunera voyage.

* Gregory Sachs* for paying to have the Yiddish manuscripts of his great uncle, Lazarus Sachs copied on to a CD Rom.


*Maroubra Synagogue* for a copy of the booklet *Maroubra Synagogue History*.

**Jewish Folk Centre Yiddish Library**

The Archive of Australian Judaica in Fisher Library continues to be the temporary home to the collection of three thousand Yiddish books formerly under the aegis of The Jewish Folk Centre in Sydney.

**Journal Bibliography**

The Union list of periodical publications was last published in hard copy in 1986 and then incorporated in the first edition of the *Bibliography of Australian Judaica*. For several years it has been available ‘online’ on the website. However, a printed version of a limited edition is in preparation to be published by Mandelbaum Press. The archivist is being assisted by Dr Jennifer Dowling.

**Zionist Listing**

The archivist has compiled a comprehensive listing of early zionist material for a projected publication. While in Israel recently she checked material in the Central Zionist Archives and visited Hadassah Assouline of the Central Archives of Jewish People at the Hebrew University.

**Archive Publications**

The sheet music of *Mi Adir*, *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). In addition, copies of the catalogue will continue to be updated on the internet, as well as some copies printed on request. The online catalogue on the web is kept up to date. Users include students of higher degrees from overseas universities, as well as local students, authors, film makers, journalists, writers and researchers preparing exhibitions.

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**Some Sad News**

The news of Dr Jennifer Alison’s death on 29th July has saddened us all. Though she retired from the library early in 1990, she continued to play an active part in the Friends of the Library and to keep in contact with me in the Archive of Australian Judaica she helped found in 1983. She was one of the original three project directors together with Dr Neil Radford (University Librarian), and Professor Alan Crown. Just recently Professor Alan Crown was been taken ill and was in intensive care at St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney. He died on November 2nd. He will be greatly missed.

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