The Casual Bulletin now appears on the Archive website as an electronic journal.

The Archive of Australian Judaica was established in July 1983 to arrest the deterioration of Australian Jewish records and to make them available to researchers in a central repository within a university setting. It is now an important historical archive of the Australian Jewish community, whose origins in Australia go back to the First Fleet. In late 2011, the archive records were placed in storage temporarily following a shelving crisis and the renovations taking place in the Fisher Library. At this time the archivist took three months long service leave. The archives are currently housed on Floor 1 of Rare Books in the Fisher Library.
Acquisitions

The Archive wishes to thank:

*John Burgan for his DVD “Friendly Enemy Aliens”, on the Dunera refugees. He used some material from the Archive in its composition.

*Sophie Caplan who continues to send ephemera which have formed the basis of a new substantial collection that is filed alphabetically by organisation.

*Ilana Cohen for more ephemera to add to the collection.

*Alex Selig for four booklets (1925, 1926) from the Jewish National Fund.

Jewish Folk Centre Yiddish Library

When the Jewish Folk Centre closed, the Archive of Australian Judaica, at the time housed in room 237, became the temporary home of some 4000 Yiddish books. When renovations began in the library these were moved out into storage and will remain there till the end of 2013 when they will be transferred into the new centre being built at Emanuel Synagogue, Woollahra.

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 in 1988. For several years the union list of journals it has been available ‘online’ on the Archive website. However, a printed version of a limited edition is in preparation and will be published by Mandelbaum Press. The archivist is being assisted by Dr Jennifer Dowling.

Honig Festschrift

On 22 September 2011 a Festschrift in honour of Eliyahu Honig was launched at Mandelbaum house. Eliyahu Honig is an expatriate Australian living in Israel who was the former vice-president of the Hebrew University for many years. The book (Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica No 13) published by Mandelbaum Publishing in association with the Australian Friends of the Hebrew University is entitled: Matnat Eliyahu. Essays for Eliyahu Honig. The editing was begun by Professor Alan Crown and then taken over by Rabbi Raymond Apple.

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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