Activities in the Archive of Australian Judaica in 1990 have included several working visits to Melbourne, and to individuals and Jewish organisations in Sydney. The year has been particularly successful in the acquisition of many valuable records, and in the continuation of the policy of filming Synagogue archives and Australian Jewish newspapers. The Archive continues to support the research work and theses of academics and students. From time to time professional writers make use of its holdings. At present Audrey Tate is writing a biography of Ruby Rich-Schalit, and the Ruby Rich material in the Archive is also being used to support a BA Hons thesis. Two higher degree students are currently using Archive for primary source material to support theses on Hungarian-Jewish migrants to Australia. A third postgraduate continues to work on the unique collection of Zionist youth material. In the past two years, most books published about Australian Jewry make some reference to the Archive. Where original source material has been located, during the year the archivist answered numerous letters of enquiry, both from within Australia and overseas, and the Archive was visited by researchers from overseas and other Australian states.

Bibliography of Australian Judaica

The second edition of the Liberman and Young bibliography is now almost ready for printing. It has been revised, indexed and reformatted by Dr. Laura Gallou. This seminal researcher's tool is due to be published in 1991, as a memorial volume to the devotedness of the late Joy Ruth Young who edited the first edition. The volume is being published by the Mandelbaum Trust and through the generosity of a number of benefactors.

Microfilms

Negotiations are in progress to film the New Zealand Jewish Chronicle. The filming of the records of the Perth Hebrew Congregation is in hand, and there are hopes in 1991 of filming additional records of the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation as well as the minutes of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation. The cooperation of the National Council of Jewish Women is being sought to film their minutes as the Archive has had several requests for these minutes.

Twelfth Hour Project

At present the audio tapes and written interviews of the Twelfth Hour Project are being housed in the Archive, until the Australian Institute of Holocaust Studies is able to house the materials themselves. Madeline Chapman, of the Institute for Holocaust Studies has been computerising the records.

Fourth Australian Conference of Jewish Studies

As in other years, the lectures from the conference were recorded, and lodged in the Archive.

Acquisitions

The Archive wishes to thank the following individuals for their generous support of the Archive and for donations of material:

• Aaron Aaron for papers on the Sephardi Synagogue and the Sydney Jewish Centre on Ageing.

• The Australian Institute of Holocaust Studies for an audiocassette of a meeting chaired by Tom Kramer.

• The Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs for continuing to send published research reports, and the first issue of the new journal of the Institute, Against Prejudice.

• Dr. Ivan Cher for his background papers on the Sydney Teachers' College training programme for Jewish teachers, and the Joint Committee for Tertiary Studies which he helped to found. He also has lent copies of two New Zealand papers, HaKesher, and some issues of the New Zealand Jewish Chronicle.

• Shirley Cohen for pamphlets and small monographs on the Australian Jewish community.

• Yehuda Feher for a series of Australian Jewish pamphlets of the forties, and other wartime pamphlets as well as material relating to Habonim.

• Ilana Kaim for ephemera and copies of the minutes of The Lost Tribe, a Jewish outdoors youth club.

• Nancy Keesing for two photograph albums of nineteenth century family portraits of the Hallenstein, Michaelis and Hart families, and the Keesing family history by Anne Agnew. Help in identifying the photos was given by Mr. Orwell Phillips and Mrs. Barbara Selby.

• Serge Liberman for copies of recently published journals.

• Gert Lippman for a copy of his book, A Link in the Chain.
• Rabbi Dr. Israel Porush for magazine portraits, pamphlets and some copies of his sermons.

• Charles Rich for a copy of *Travelled Roads*, by Dr Maurice Schalit.

• Barbara Selby for scroll copies of the Israel Declaration of Independence and the Golden Book of Keren ha-Kayemeth Le-Israel.

• Lily Solvey for over three hundred published articles written for the *Australian Jewish News* between 1966-1987 by her late husband, Joseph Solvey.

• Dr. Abraham Wajnryb for his autobiography *They Marched us Three Nights* and the translation of his autobiographical *Memoirs of a Doctor from the Wilno Ghetto*.

The future

Some records have been pledged to the Archive.

In the early new year, Mrs. Fabian hopes to donate papers from the collection of her late husband, Rabbi A. Fabian.

Mr. Nat Zusman plans to donate his papers from the Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism, as well as Yiddish archives from the Jewish Folk Centre.

Papers from the Australasian Union of Jewish Students will also be donated in the near future.

Funding

Funding for the salary of the archivist has again been assured by the Mandelbaum Trust for 1991, and the Fisher Library generously continues to subsidise Archive activities.

Appeal for Photos of Synagogues

Some synagogues responded to the Archive’s appeal for photographs.
Activities
In late May 1991, the Archive of Australian Judaica moved to more spacious quarters on the second floor of the Fisher Library. This move has been necessitated by the rate of expansion of the collection over the nine years of its existence. As the Archive is part of the Rare Books Library, access, as before, continues to be via the Rare Book Library Information Desk on Floor 2. The archivist is present from 9.00 - 5.00 (Monday - Wednesday), but enquiries can be directed to the Rare Books Staff in her absence. The Archive direct telephone number is 692 4162, but if no-one is in attendance ring the Rare Books Library number: 692 2992.

Bibliography of Australian Judaica
Over the years importance has been attached to historical and bibliographical research by the Archive, and now the second edition of the Bibliography of Australian Judaica published by the Mandelbaum Judaica series, conjointly with the Archive is about to be released. The bibliography was revised, indexed and reformatted by Dr. Laura Gallou, and is being published as a memorial volume to the late Joy Ruth Young who edited and indexed the first edition. Its publication was made possible through the generosity of the Sydney Chevra Kadisha and a number of private benefactors. Copies are available from Mrs. Nancy Hickson, the Administrative Assistant of the Department of Semitic Studies (tel. 692 2190). A second updated version of an annotated journal bibliography is also nearing readiness for publication.

Jewish Book Fair
On June 2nd, the Archive participated in the Jewish Book Fair at the B’nai B’rith centre, and mounted a small display on the ten stained glass windows by Louis Kahan, from the Kew Hebrew Congregation, as well as drawings from the Sydney painter and etcher and pen and ink artist, Cedric Emanuel. Also displayed were thirteen of the forty or so books he has illustrated about Australia, Australians and their lives. Among his best collections are his Portrait of Sydney (1971) with its intricate and delicate drawings of the Great Synagogue, and his illustrations of Garden Island People, by Nancy Keesing. A modified form of the display has been mounted on the Second Floor of the Fisher Library, outside the Rare Books area, and has already created a great deal of interest.

Users of the Archive and its Resources
Researchers from Australia and abroad continue to consult materials in the archive, which include organisational minutes, journals, ephemera, manuscripts, diaries, and private papers covering such fields as community life, immigration, Jewish education, Australia/Israel relations, ethnic affairs, Zionism, Christian/Jewish Relations, Australian Yiddish literature, anti-Semitism, autobiographical materials, photos, theses and oral history. This original research material supports the work of several postgraduate students, writers of journal articles and television documentaries, local, overseas and interstate libraries, and Research Institutions. Workers in the fields of education, Australian history, contemporary Jewish studies, sociology, anthropology and other disciplines continue to consult material in the archive.

Microfilms
Negotiations are still in progress to film the New Zealand Jewish Chronicle. In addition, the filming of the records of the Perth Hebrew Congregation is in hand, as well as additional archives of the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation.

A Tribute
The Archive should like to pay a special tribute to the late Rabbi Israel Porush for his frequent letters of support for the Archive’s work, and his donations of material. On a number of occasions, he and Mrs. Porush welcomed the archivist into their home. Before his death, he was engaged in writing another book on Australian Jewish history, to add to the volume of scholarly work on Australian Jewry that he has produced over the years. As founder of the Australian Jewish Historical Society, he has always had a keen interest in preserving the records of the Australian Jewish community. His presence will be sadly missed.

Thanks are also due to Rabbi Brasch for his hospitality, and for explaining his substantial collection of scrap books on his interfaith work in Sydney over the last forty years.

Recent Acquisitions
The Archive wishes to thank the following individuals and organisations for their donations of material.

* The Australasian Union of Jewish Students for several cartons of archives.
Helen Bersten for several boxes of duplicates of Australian Jewish journals.

Sophie Caplan for her regular parcels of ephemera and archival material.

The Cleveland Hebrew Congregation for The Loom and the Cloth, and several monographs by Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jeremy Silver, as well as for the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Fechter, Mrs. Adele Silver and Nancy Becker of the Cleveland Jewish Archives.

Yehuda Feher for his files on Nazis in Australia from Australian newspapers. We also wish him a speedy recovery from his illness.

Louise Hoffman and David Mossenson for their monograph on Western Australian Jewry, Hebrew, Israelite and Jew.

Mrs. Fabian for the first installment of papers from the collection of the late Rabbi A. Fabian.

Helena Mann for a large consignment of newspaper clippings on the Holocaust and antisemitism.

Special thanks are due to Nancy Keesing for her particularly generous financial support.

Antisemitism.

The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies will donate their substantial newspaper clipping collection files, to add to the files which were donated earlier.

Funding

As in previous years, the Mandelbaum Trust has assured funding for the salary of the archivist, and the Fisher Library continues to generously subsidise activities by providing space, and support services such as telephone, photocopying and mailing. Additional funds are still required for archive publications, and to continue the microfilming of synagogue records and Australian Jewish newspapers, as well as to provide for the automation of the archive records in the future, with the provision of a computerised database. Thanks are due to those Friends who have already contributed generously to the Archive’s plea for financial help.

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Future

Other records have been pledged to the archive.

Mr. Nate Zusman has pledged the Yiddish archives of the Jewish Folk Centre, as well as some additional material on the Jewish Council to Combat Fascism and
1991 marks the ninth year of activities in the Archive of Australian Judaica.

Visit to Jerusalem
In August, this year, the archivist visited the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, and listed Australian Jewish journals housed there (including several titles not sighted before), and the records of the Jewish Territorial Organisation (1901 - 1912). The latter was pointed out to the archivist by Ms. Rochelle Rubinstein, and has since been microfilmed for the Archive. A great deal of Australian Jewish material that is no longer in Australia is housed in the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, and would need several months of research to sight and list the material, so that selected material could be microfilmed for researchers in Australia. A Grant is being sought to complete this project. The Archivist also spent time in the Periodicals' Section of the Hebrew National Library in Jerusalem with Mrs. Nehama Winer in viewing Australian Jewish periodical holdings. Eliahu Honig, the head of the publicity Department of the Hebrew University also organised a tour of the campus at Mt. Scopus.

Twelfth Hour Project
There is continual contact between the archivist and members of the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Tapes and transcripts of the Twelfth Hour Project continue to be listed by Madeline Chapman, for lodging in the Archive. In October, the archivist attended an Oral History Workshop at the Mitchell Library, at the invitation of the Oral History Librarian, Rosemary Bloch, the Hard Hat Preview of the new Museum being set up for the Australian Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and in November, the Third Annual General Meeting of the Association. At the meeting it was announced that the Association will share the cost of a computer for the Archive, to facilitate access to the records being currently lodged in the Archive.

Filming
Negotiations are still in progress to film the New Zealand Jewish Chronicle. In addition, the Battye Library is now filming the records of the Perth Hebrew Congregation. It is hoped that in 1992, the Mortlock Library will be able to proceed with the filming of additional archives of the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation. The filming of the Hebrew Standard of Australasia was recently completed by the Mitchell Library, with costs being shared with the National Library. As a project for 1991, the Mitchell Library is filming the Australian Jewish Herald. Film Australia are currently filming Archive material for a documentary on the White Australia Policy to be shown on the A.B.C. next year.

Recent Acquisitions
The Archive wishes to thank the following individuals and organisations for their donations of material:

* Aaron Aaron for papers from the Sydney Council on Ageing and the N.S.W. Association of Sephardim.

* Sophie Caplan for continuing to send parcels of ephemera and archival material.

* Mrs. Fabian for more papers from her husband's collection.

* H. Frankfurter for a copy of Totenbuch Theresienstadt.
* Louise Hoffman for her recent visit and offer of help on more resource material on Western Australian Jewry.

* Margaret Gutman for articles she had written for the women's page of the Australian Jewish News in the 60's and 70's.

* Ben Hirsh for copies of letters from Gordon Keesing written during the first World War.

* Godfrey Lee for papers from the 1940's including the Council of Christians and Jews, and the Emergency Committee for European Jewry.

* Mrs. L. Mundell for a large consignment of books written in yiddish.

* New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies for several cartons of newspaper clippings from the 70's and 80's.

* Morris Ochert for the photocopy of a small group of delegates from the 1929 Conference of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand, as well as help in identifying participants from another photo of the same meeting. Syd Einfeld also supplied some names, and Gerald Falk is presently compiling a list.


* Reca Stone for a copy of Ian Lacey's International Law and the Arab-Israel Conflict condensed from Julius Stone's original volume.

* Ken Symonds for papers including the N.S.W. Jewish Board of Deputies, and youth groups.

* Abraham Wajnryb for a set of six books on Holocaust Studies (including a section he himself wrote) for the University collection.

* Lillian Weinberg for lodging a video of the first exhibition of the Jewish Art and Cultural Centre (f.1988) of Jewish artists.

* Rabbi Zlotowitz of the Yeshiva University, New York (publishers of the Art Scroll Series) for the first copies of the Babylonian Talmud, in the Schottenstein annotated edition, as part of the Torah Enrichment Program for libraries.

Other records have been pledged to the archive. Mrs. Mona Klein is presently preparing papers from Louis Klein's collection for the Archive.

Great Synagogue Journal
The Archive is seeking early issues of the Great Synagogue Journal. Is there anyone who has copies from 1952 - 1955 which they would be willing to donate or lend to the Archive for copying?

Thanks are due to those who have contributed financially to the Archive appeal in 1991, as well as through donations of material and for helpful advice. Practical help was also given on a voluntary basis in the Archive by Yehuda Feher in July, Ilana Kaim on Thursdays and Fridays from September to mid-November, and Diana Rozenman who has been working for one day a week in the Archive since 21st October.

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Activities

In 1992, activities in the Archive entered their tenth year. The catalogue of holdings just published notes that over fifty individual collections are now housed in the Archive, as well as the Archives of some thirty Jewish organisations and communities. Work is also continuing on the updating of a second edition of Periodicals from the Australian Jewish Community.

Twelfth Hour Project

Over one hundred and seventy interviews with Holocaust Survivors have now been recorded, and others remain to be completed. Mrs. Val Stern is inputting the information into a data base created by Earl Schonberg. This information will be transferred to a data base in the Archive of Australian Judaica for research purposes. All information is under "restricted access" and permission from the Australian Institute of Holocaust Studies must be obtained before any information will be given. At present Herta Imhof is coming one day a week to the Archive to catalogue the summaries of the interviews, and to organise the audio tapes.

Microfilms

The filming of The Liberal Jewish Digest (1950 - 1952), and Temple Time (1952 - 1962) has just been completed, with the Archive and the National Library sharing costs. The Archive wishes to thank Alfred Ruskin, the publisher, for permission to film this material.

Later in the year, it is hoped that the New Zealand Jewish Chronicle will be filmed. Microfilming projects of the records of the Adelaide and Perth Hebrew Congregations are still to be negotiated. If a Grant can be obtained, Australian Zionist records from the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem will also be microfilmed, as much zionist material is no longer extant in Australia, though not having been preserved over the years.

Users of the Archive

At present, the Archive provides primary resource material for two doctorates and one master's degree, and has made a substantial contribution to several books and two television documentaries. Requests for information also continue to arrive from researchers round Australia as well as from abroad.

Recent Acquisitions

Ephemera

We are grateful to Mrs Sophie Caplan who continues to send regularly envelopes of ephemeral material for the Archive files. This material includes dinner invitations, menus from Jewish functions, programmes, brochures, souvenirs, brochures and circulars. The material is filed by organisation, and provides an historical record of organisation concerned, but also of the social milieu of the time. In time this material becomes more valuable, often providing information that is not supplied through books or journal articles.

Books

A number of books have been donated to the Archive some of which have been integrated into the research collection of the Fisher Library, and others which are kept in the Archive. The archivist wishes to thank

* Dr Rubin Hertzberg for a Book of Psalms inscribed by Aaron Blashki, and a prayerbooks for Jewish soldiers signed by Rabbi L.A. Falk, as well as Julius Stone's booklet No Peace no War in the Middle East and Steigra's book on John Monash.

* Mrs Steinhouse for several valuable books of German classical literature, as well as art books, and the Judisches Lexicon.

* Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz of the Mesorah Foundation for Tractate Beitzah of the Schottenstein Edition of the Talmud, as part of the library.
enrichment programme. The entire set of the Talmud will be presented to the Fisher Library as it is published. The edition includes a commentary and translation of the original text.

Photos

Donations of photos have also been received from:
* Mervyn Doolov and include several photos of the Old Brisbane Synagogue in Deshon Street in the 1960's.

Archival Papers

A short diary from
* Rudy Lewin who was transported to Australia on the Dunera has been sent through the kindness of Mrs Nechama Winer of the Periodicals Department at the National Library, Jerusalem.
* Mrs Fabian is continuing to donate papers of her late husband, Rabbi Dr A. Fabian to the Archive. Thanks are also due to Mrs Diana Rozenman who is helping to sort these papers, and is assisting in the Archive one day a week.
* Dr. Helena Mann also continues to send clippings from American papers on the Holocaust and racism.

Bibliography of Australian Judaica

Copies are still available of the second edition of this essential research tool which was compiled by Serge Liberman, edited by Dr Laura Gallou and issued as a memorial edition to the late Joy Ruth Young, editor of the first edition, and can be ordered from Mrs Nancy Hickson, the Administrative Assistant of the Semitic Studies Department. The book provides essential bibliography for a study of Australian Jewish life - its history, and migration patterns, and is a valuable resource book for schools, universities and private use. A second edition of Periodical Publications from the Australian Jewish Community is also in preparation in the Archive, and will be published when sufficient funding is available.

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Activities

Activities in 1992 brought the Archive into its tenth year of collecting and preserving the records of the Australian Jewish community. In July 1992, the archivist gave a paper at the International Congress of World Religions at Melbourne University, and accepted an invitation from the Israel Archives Association to present a paper on the Archive at the Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies to be held in Jerusalem from 22nd-29th June, 1993.

Periodical Bibliography

Work continues on the updating of a second edition of Periodicals from the Australian Jewish Community, but publication is at present delayed until sufficient funding is available. The Archive would like to thank all those librarians who completed the recent questionnaire on updates of holdings of Australian Jewish journals.

Twelfth Hour Project

Over one hundred and sixty interviews with Holocaust survivors have now been recorded, amounting to almost four hundred audio-tapes of recorded material. During the year Mrs Herta Imhoff catalogued and numbered the tapes, which have now been copied, with the original being housed at the State Library of New South Wales, and a copy for research purposes at the Archive of Australian Judaica. Because of the very personal nature of the information, all the tapes are under "restricted access" and permission from the Australian Institute of Holocaust Studies must be obtained before researchers may use them.

Microfilms

In the near future, it is hoped that the Great Synagogue Journal will be filmed on a co-operative venture with the National Library. Mr Isi Leibler has kindly consented to lend us his copy so that the filming can be done. It is also hoped that the New Zealand Chronicle will be filmed. Microfilming projects of the records of the Adelaiue and Perth Hebrew Congregations are still to be negotiated.

Users of the Archive

At the present moment, the Archive continues to provide primary resource material for two doctorates and one master's degree. Requests for information also continue to arrive from researchers around Australia as well as from New Zealand, Israel and America.

Recent Acquisitions

Ephemera

We are grateful to Mrs Sophie Caplan who regularly continues to send valuable ephemeral material for the Archive files, as well as original archival material.

Books

A number of books have been donated to the Archive. Following prior policy, some have been integrated into the research collection of the Fisher Library, and duplicates are retained in the Archive.

The archivist wishes to thank:

* Mrs Clements for a collection of Yiddish books and magazines.
* Ben Zion Fischler for three monographs to aid in the teaching of Hebrew and Randomalitis by Miriam Arad.

Videos

Dr Helena Mann for three videos on the Holocaust, as well as newspaper clippings.

Archival Papers

Thanks are due to: Mrs Valentina Rosenberg who is assisting with bibliographical work on a voluntary basis in the Archive, and Sabina Elias,
a newly graduated Archive student, who is helping catalogue archive papers, and Mr Yehuda Feher for his voluntary work in the Archive.

The Archive would also like to thank:

* Aaron Aaron for additional papers from the Sephardic Synagogue, as well as from other Jewish organisations.
* Mrs Fabian (and Mrs Diana Rozenmann) for donations of papers of Rabbi Dr A. Fabian.
* Mrs Bertha Porush for photocopies of historical articles on Australian Jewry, and her recent hospitality in Melbourne, as well as that of Mrs Naomi Leibler, in connection with the filming of *The Great Synagogue Journal*.
* Mrs Helen Bersten for journal duplicates and bibliographical information.
* The New South Jewish Board of Deputies for additional records.

Bibliography of Australian Judaica

Copies are available of the second edition of this essential research tool which was compiled by Serge Liberman, edited by Dr Laura Gallou and issued as a memorial edition to the late Joy Ruth Young, editor of the first edition. They can be ordered from Mrs Nancy Hickson, the Administrative Assistant of the Semitic Studies Department, University of Sydney 2006 ($30.00 publication price, plus $5.00 for postage and packaging). The book provides essential bibliographical information for a study of Australian Jewish life - its history, and migration patterns, and is a valuable resource book for schools, universities and private use.

The Archive wishes to thank the Friends of the Archive for their generous financial support in 1992. In addition, thanks are due to the Trustees of the estate of the late Rachel Lipton, the Mandelbaum Trust for their continuing strong support of the Archive and its vital activities towards the preservation and documentation of the records of the Australian Jewish community.

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