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A2085 Papers of Leon Locker

Personal correspondence

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| 1 | Picture postcards with correspondence, many to Freda Locker and Morris Locker; greetings cards | 1907-56, n.d. |
| 2 | Correspondence, mainly personal, some in Hebrew script and Romanian, many to and from Freda Locker; letters discussing Arab attacks on Jews in Hebron , Oct-Nov 1929 | 1915-61 |
| 3 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including letters from Freda, Charlie, Maurice and Michael Locker, Alice Turtle, extract of letter describing life for Jews in Berlin | 1930-9 |
| 4 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including with Victoria Schwartz, and from and to Paris, Berlin, Jassy and Jerusalem, in Romanian, Hebrew script and German; Romanian newspaper cuttings | 1930-9 |
| 5 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including from New York, in Romanian, Hebrew script; statistics about Romania, in Romanian | 1940-5, n.d. |
| 6 | Correspondence, mainly from family and friends, including letters describing economic distress in Germany and popular disapproval of Nazis, 1943; conditions for Jews in Romania, 1941; photographs of cousins Yousea and Paulette, 1947 | 1940-7 |
| 7 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including with Chaim and Frida Abramovich, and including with Bucharest and Oradea, in Romanian, Hebrew script and German; photograph of couple | 1946-7 |
| 8 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including with New York, Bucharest and Berlin, in Romanian and Hebrew script | 1948 |
| 9 | Correspondence, mainly personal, including with concerning cousins in Palestine | 1948-9 |
| 10 | Correspondence, much personal, in Romanian, Hebrew script and German and including with Paris and New York; Romanian newspaper cuttings; number 1 of the <i>Libertatea Noastra: buletinul evreilor refugianti din Romania in Paris</i> , Jan 1949 | 1948-9 |
| 11 | Correspondence, much from family and friends, including in French and German; includes reference to helping Jewish refugees in Jan 1957 | 1950-9 |
| 12 | Correspondence, much from family and friends, mostly in Romanian, mainly from Romania and Israel | 1950-7 |
| 13 | Correspondence in Hebrew script, mainly from Israel | 1950-8 |

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| 14 | Correspondence in Romanian and Hebrew script, much from Israel | 1960-9 |
| 15 | Correspondence; cutting from the Jewish telegraph with an obituary by Locker of Leon Alman, Yiddish expert and book collector | 1960-9 |
| 16 | Correspondence in Romanian and Hebrew script, including with Avram Schwartz, cousin, resident in Paris and from Israel | 1965-75 |
| 17 | Correspondence, mostly personal from friends and family members, much concerning Locker's accidents and illness | 1970-5 |

General and business related correspondence

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| 18 | Correspondence, some in Hebrew script and Romanian, including with the Home Office relating to the case of Sarah Frohling, with the Russian Vice Consul, London, 1919, and with the National Guilds League; circular for the Joint Committee for the Relief of Conscientious Objectors appeal, 1917; City of Manchester war charities act, regulations, 1916, 1918; programme for a visit by Manchester Grammar School students to Manchester University, 1923 | 1910-28 |
| 19 | Correspondence including relating to support for Romanian refugees and those wishing to travel to Palestine and translation work undertaken by Locker;
Correspondence including with Neville Laski relating to the Manchester Foreign Jews' Protection Committee, with organisations such as the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Independent Socialist Party, the Zionist Central Council of Manchester and Salford, the Centre for Psychic Research, Independent Labour Party and the Jewish Socialist Labour Party;
copy of a memorandum of agreement between the Chief Rabbi, United Synagogue, Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, the Federation of Synagogues, the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, the London Board for the Affairs of Shechita, the Manchester Board of Shechita and the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews for the administration of shechita, 15 Jan 1933;
translation of a letter from P.Constantinescu-Iasi, Bucharest, to Locker, asking for assistance as he has been imprisoned and fined due to his political activities;
account of life in Manila in the Philippines, including Chinese refugees, 1939;
newspaper articles;
minutes of a general members meeting of a branch of the Jewish Agency[?], Maccabean House, Cheetham Hill Road, 1931 | 1930-9 |
| 20 | Correspondence including relating to translation work by Locker and book dealing and with organisations including the Polish Refugee Fund, Jewish Labour News, Jewish Agency for Palestine, Zionist Central Council; typescript paper protesting about British policy in Palestine; | 1940-9, n.d. |

typescript paper 'About the Jewish Question in Roumania'; preliminary list of contributions to the United Palestine Appeal, 1943; issues 86-88 of the *Jewish Labour News* letter from Locker to the CID, Manchester, 13 Aug 1941, with the translation of letter describing life for Jews in occupied Bucharest

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| 21 | Correspondence, some in Hebrew script, including with Alexander Eliash and Company Limited of Jerusalem and with organisations such as the Jewish National Fund and the Society for Promoting the Study of Hebrew Law; correspondence relating to property; invoices | 1941-9 |
| 22 | Correspondence, a small proportion in Hebrew script, including relating to charitable donations to Jewish and other charities such as the Russian Benevolent Society; fabric samples; business invoices; copy of the <i>Jewish Times</i> , 25 Jul 1950; copy of <i>The Torch of the Jewish Blind</i> (Jerusalem); Machzikei Hadass accounts | 1950-9 |
| 23 | Correspondence concerning charitable donations and property, Judaica book sales and gifts, translation work, and with organisations such as the Northenden & Gatley Synagogue, the Jewish Teachers Training College, Gateshead | 1958-69 |
| 24 | Correspondence including charitable donations | 1970-5 |
| 25 | Mainly business papers including correspondence with HM Inspector of Taxes; invoices and bills of lading for cotton goods exported to Palestine; samples of cloth | 1927-38 |
| 26 | Correspondence with libraries, museums, booksellers and others regarding buying and selling mainly Hebrew books | 1949-63 |
| 27 | Correspondence, some in Hebrew script, from Abraham Rosenthal, London bookseller and art dealer, including comments on the Holocaust and situation in Israel | 1965-75 |
| 28 | Carbon copy book recording Romanian, Yiddish and Hebrew books bought and sold with related correspondence | 1952-62 |

Other papers

Photographs and newspapers

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| 29 | Photographs of individuals and groups | 1925-59, n.d. |
| 30 | Collection of newspaper illustrations in Romanian; proposed constitution of Independent Socialist Party, minutes of Friends of the Vaad Halashon meeting,"; booklet <i>Back to Balfour</i> by Philip M.Oliver, 1917 | 1897, 1917, n.d. |

Notes and writings

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| 31 | Notebook notes on the Jews in Manchester, in Romanian, by Locker | May 1913 |
| 32 | Carbon copies of account of journey to Bucharest via Orient Express | 1921 |
| 33 | Manuscript notes, much in Yiddish: includes notes 'Anti-Semitism at work', 'Palestine', critical notes on manuscript sent by Locker to S. Jones, 1923; Manuscript of 'An Easter candle', a translation of an account life in Romania; typescript essay 'The ethics of killing'; typescript of 'A leaf of my diary—amplified: "all in a day's work in Jerusalem"', Saturday 27 April 1935 | 1917-35, n.d. |
| 34 | Loose-leaf book "Romanisms in current Yiddish as used by Romanian Jews". Contains loose papers in Yiddish (rough notes) | 1936 |

"Special items"

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| 35 | Telegram sent by Leon Locker to the <i>Jewish Chronicle</i> from Vienna, describing the funeral of Theodor Herzl: | 1904 |
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In beautiful spot overlooking hills surrounding Vienna. Herzl has just been laid to rest. Such a throng of people round a grave. Have never witnessed since burial of Beaconsfield at Stughenden. Proceedings began at residence where in his library converted into mortuary body has lain since its removal from Edlach surrounded by huge brass candelabra with lighted candles a constant body guard. The two cantors with their choir sang beautifully Jephillah Samoshay. At cemetery of Waehring in Jewish section the Ober Rabbiner cantors and choir awaited body which was borne from hearse by zionist co-workers, preceded by an under cantor chanting verse. Hatzur was then chanted by cantor assisted by choir and then Adonai Hoson was rendered dramatically placed his hands over the head of body which was in double coffin lead inner and tin outer with name plate. This was a sign for an outburst of pent-up grief strong men weeping like children and interrupting the service awhile. Then again borne on shoulders of those who supported him during life body was taken to grave of his father which had been opened for purpose and there to strains of Josheb Besizur sung by cantor and choir body lowered to resting place - not the last it is fondly hoped. Will according to his wish be Palestine. Looking from stone steps round grave one could all around see nothing of ground only sea of faces. It was a zionist congress and for the last time Herzl was central figure - almost as eloquent as even he ever was in the Duhib stillness of his silent grave. For a rabbiner in final prayer said at grave and not in chapel mentioned by name Dr Theodor Herzl a wail of grief and crying wrut [rose] up to straven from assembled people who if they had not in sorrow torn their garments showed that their hearts were rent in abiding grief. Then amidst profound silence

broken only by sobs Herzl's son Hanr read the Kaddish after which Wolffsohn with one arm uplifted commanding attention and other pointing to open grave said 'You have desired that no address shall be given here at your grave and to us your wishes are sacred. But we utter a solemn vow here before your resting place to carry on faithfully, earnestly, truly the great and glorious work of the redemption of Israel which you have begun so well and which we will strive to carry to a successful issue. We swear that your name shall be cherished and revered so long as there remains a Jew on earth. And our final words now will be those with which you closed the last congress and with right arm uplifted each of us in your name and in your memory will declare I'm Ashkachacha Jerusalem etc.' Immediately five thousand arms were raised and from five thousand throats there proceeded the verse from Poalinr. Many present had come direct from holiday resorts with no morning attire. From all parts of Europe men had flocked to do honour to cad leader. Amongst those from England Staham, Moser, Cowen + Greenberg.

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| 36 | Letter from Tom Mann, the British trade unionist, to Locker, stating that he cannot attend meetings on either 23 or 30 December but assuring Locker "I am entirely in accord with what I understand to be your attitude on this great subject and I heartily rejoice that matters have so shaped that the Jewish aspirations will be realised". | 13 Dec 1917 |
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Private papers

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| 37 | Small address book | |
| 38 | Financial and legal papers including Locker's will, 1974, and related correspondence; power of attorney, 1927; tax and insurance matters; documents in Romanian, 1899; bank books, 1907-16 | 1899-1975 |