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A2054            Manuscript volumes from the internment camps in Cyprus, *c.* 1946-9

Internment camps were run by the British in Cyprus between 1946 and 1949 to house Jewish immigrants who had attempted to immigrate illegally to Palestine. The two major camps were in Caralos, north of Famagusta, and in Dekhelai, outside Larnaca. It is estimated that over 50,000 inmates were held in these camps over this period.

Three manuscript volumes written in cursive Hebrew, with some Yiddish in volume 3, from the British internment camps in Cyprus for Jewish illegal immigrants to Palestine:

- 1            copies of letters sent out on behalf of the internees, letters produced by the Religious Union; entry 105 is a list of burials without tombstones
- 2            copies of birth certificates
- 3            copies of marriages, some with papers inserted verifying to the legitimacy of the ceremonies and many entries bearing a red stamp on behalf of the Committee of the Rabbis