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A 2034 Papers of Dr Noah Barou

Main files of Barou's correspondence and papers

1/1	Three business diaries containing lists of names and some notes, one notebook containing notes [about reparations?] and figures and one wallet containing business cards.	*c*.1946-5
1/2	Documents from the World Jewish Congress: minutes from their Executive Meeting and two versions of a statement on Germany.	1949
1/3	Papers, in English and German, principally regarding the 'Declaration'/'Erklärung' by the German Federal Government on the Jewish question: this statement was formally made on 27 Sep 1951 by Dr Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal German Republic to the German Federal Parliament. The file contains drafts of statement (two main versions), notes and amendments. Also contains German press cuttings about Adenauer's statement; a statement made by an Israeli Government spokesman in Tel Aviv; minutes of the World Jewish Congress Executive Meeting (American Branch); *aide mémoire* for the discussions of Minister Erhard with Mr Gaitskell, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer. Correspondence with Herbert Blankenhorn, Nahum Goldman, Joseph Rosensaft, Gerhard Lewy and Erich Lueth.	Jan-Sep 1951
1/4	Papers, in English and German, principally regarding arrangements to start reparation negotiations with Germany and documents required by the Jewish delegation for such negotiations: documents on the basis of the Jewish claims against Germany, surveys of Germany and Israel, and press statements from the World Jewish Congress and the Conference of Jewish Claims Against Germany. Also includes an address delivered by the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany at Chatham House and an outline of a program of organizational activities of the World Jewish Congress for 1952. Correspondence with Dr A.Cohen, Dr H.G.van Dam, Nahum Goldmann, Herbert Blakenhorn, A.G.Brotman of the Foreign Office, F.R.Bienenfeld, Saul Kagan and Konrad Adenauer.	Oct-Dec 1951
1/5	Notes on arranging negotiations and conference material including statistics on Jewish wealth and an outline of Jewish claims against Germany.	n.d. *c*.1951
1/6	Notebook in English and German including minutes and other documents from the Conference of Claims	*c*.1952

	Against Germany. Includes economic notes on the number of immigrants to Israel from former Nazi-occupied countries and a break-up of absorption costs for immigrants. Also copies of telegrams and correspondence with Nahum Goldmann and Moshe Sharett.	
1/7	Papers, in English and German, regarding development of Israel including the settlement of newcomers, estimate list of equipment and materials required 1952-56 and priorities for development. Notes on: a meeting of the Board and Executive Committee of the Jewish Trust Corporation for Germany, a meeting between F.R.Bienenfeld and Mr S.Kagan, minutes and agenda for the Board of Deputies of British Jews Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr. Heinz Galinski's notes on the Jewish community in Berlin. Invitation from Mr. Sharett for Barou to become special economic adviser to the Israel delegation. Papers from the London Conference on German pre-war/external debts including minutes, an agenda and statements from Hermann J.Abbs, head of the German delegation and Mr M.Keren, head of the Israel delegation. Correspondence with Nahum Goldman, Harold Glasser, Director of the Institute of Overseas Studies, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Herbert Blankenhorn, Dr A.Steinberg, Gerhard Lewy, Dr Brassloff, Alex L Easterman, M Sharett, Dr F.E Shinnar, Gerhart M.Riegner, Moshe Keren and F.R.Bienenfeld.	Jan-Feb1952
1/8	Papers, in English, German and Hebrew script, regarding German-Jewish negotiations on Restitution and Reparations at The Hague which opened in March 1952: including statements issued by the Jewish and German delegations; directory of useful information for Israeli delegation; recommendations for German Legislation; provisional programme for supply of goods to Israel from Germany and notes indicating support from German Social Democratic Party. Also contains notes on the German debt talks, information on Hermann Abs, head of the German delegation and notes for discussions with Abs on reparations. Correspondence with F.R.Bienenfeld, Saul Kagan, Hugh Dalton, Maurice Orbach MP, C.Kapralik and Nahum Goldmann.	Mar-Apr 1952
1/9	Papers in, English and German, regarding Germany pre-war/external debts including Hermann Abs' report from the London debt conference. Also contains booklet entitled 'West-Germany Today' containing information and statistics, details of the debts of the United Kingdom and comparison with German Federal Republic; application of German parties for an examination of the wealth of different	May 1952

	lands; notes on the German-Israeli claim; resignation offers of Professor Franz Boehm, Head of West Germany's delegation to the Hague Conference and Dr Otto Kuester, Deputy Chief of the delegation. Correspondence with Nahum Goldman, Herbert Blankenhorn, F.R.Bienenfeld, Moshe.Sharett, F.E.Shinnar, N.Krafsoft, Konrad Adenauer, Dr Kubuschok and Kurt Grossman.	
1/10	Papers and correspondence in English, German and Hebrew script including: five reports from Kurt R.Grossmann; statement from German Socialist Democratic Party to acknowledge and to compensate for Nazi wrongs; information on Herman J.Abs; notes of meeting between Jewish and German delegations where 450 million Deutsche Marks are offered in respect of the global claim; start of discussion about buying ships and supplies from Germany to Israel and correspondence regarding alleged 'Barou' group and disagreements with Mr Herrmann and Mr Lewy and Bruno Weil. It appears that these Germans were helpful in reparation negotiations and believed that they would receive preferential business treatment in return. Correspondence with Nahum Goldmann, Konrad Adenauer, Mr Kagan and F.E.Shinnar.	Jun-Aug 1952
1/11	Formal documents in English and German between the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Israel signed by Adenauer and Sharett and information on 'Barou' group allegations. Correspondence with Moshe Sharett, Leshkol, Dave Petegorsky of the American Jewish Congress, Nahum Goldmann and Dr Hans Herrmann.	Sep 1952
1/12	Papers and correspondence in English and German including minutes and report from the Conference of Jewish Material Claims against German; notes on the arrival of Arab delegation; Dr Hermann's alleged misrepresentation of Barou; trade details regarding Gerard Lewy's ships, oil interim credit arrangements, proposal for use of waste material from refinery, the Shilumin agreement and the Nah-Ost Handelsgesellscgaft (The Middle East Trading Company). Correspondence with Dr F.E.Shinnar, E.A.Brand, Franz Böhm, Nahum Goldmann, Dr G.M.Riegner of the World Jewish Congress, P.Shulman and M.Schwarz.	Oct-Dec 1952
1/13	Three original bundles of Barou's notes and correspondence, in English and German, entitled 'History 1951 (Sept-Nov) N4', 'N5 Luxembourg SPD', 'Lists N1-7 See 10/2 Letter to Sharett'. Contains information on Barou's visit to Germany, death of Dr Schumacher, discussions with Socialist parties and a provisional list for supply of good to Israel from Germany. Correspondence with Nahum	1952

	Goldmann, Blankenhorn, Franz Böhm, Dr H.W.Büttner, Erich Ollenhauer, Adolf Arndt, Mr A Held, Karl Adenauer and Moshe Sharett.	
1/14	Papers in English and German including Barou's handwritten notes, details of supplies for Israel, notes on USSR's and USA's perspective, the economic status of Germany in 1951.	*c*.1952
1/15	Papers in English and German which contain information on the position of the implementation of the Israel-German agreement; resolution adopted by the European Executive of the World Jewish Congress regarding the USSR, comment on World Jewish Conference condolence on the death of Stalin German government statement on outside trade and details of the resignation of Alex L Easterman from the World Jewish Congress. Correspondence between Julius Braunthal and Erich Ollenhauer, Nahum Goldman, Alex L.Easrerman, Israel Goldstein, David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel, Dr F.Stedtfeld, Gerard Lewy, Dr S Roth and Moshe Sharett.	1953
1/16	Papers in English, German and Hebrew script including notes on the 'Declaration'/'Erklärung' of 1951 including a draft and information on its development, pad of handwritten notes in an envelope and correspondence with Blankenhorn and F.L.Brassloff.	1945-55
	Correspondence with Gerard M Lewy from an original file entitled 'Dr. Barou Allgermeine Korrespondence und Israel 20.12.49-28.9.53' (General correspondence on Israel).	
2/1	File containing information, in English and German, on trade negotiations regarding cotton, wool and jute and business contacts in Australia. Also contains personal communications regarding their health and their families.	1950-51
2/2	File containing information, in English and German, on trade negotiations regarding cotton, wool, cement, cargo ships for the Israeli fleet, pre-fabricated houses, blocked marks (currency) and Nah-Ost (the Middle East Trading Company); information on disagreement between Barou, Lewy and Dr Hermann regarding Hermann's alleged misrepresentation of Barou. Information on Arabic protests against ratification of German-Israeli agreement and German opinion of being 'dragged into' the Arab-Israeli conflict. Also contains personal communications regarding Barou and Lewy's health and their families. Correspondence with Dr F.E.Shinnar.	1952

2/3	File containing information, in English and German, on trade discussions about ships, blocked Marks (currency), tractors, orange boxes and the conference in Geneva. Also contains personal communications regarding their health and their families, Lewy's wedding and Barou's semi-retirement.	1953-55
	Printed and published material, photographs and illustrations.	
3/1	The book *The Jews in Work and Trade* by Noah Barou (third edition 1948, first published in 1945) and a commemorative booklet from the Seventieth Birthday Tribute to Stephen Wise in New York, dedicated to Barou.	1944-48
3/2	Newspapers cuttings and magazines in English, French, German and Hebrew script including from *Prevent World War III*, *The Co-operative Review*, *Der Spiegal* and the *Jewish Observer and Middle East Review*. Includes articles on 'Why British people must smash anti-Semitism', reparation talks and payments, investments in Israel, Germany's ability to pay reparations and an interview with Dr Barou entitled 'The story behind the reparations'. The majority are from 1952.	c.1947-52
3/3	Six cartoon, mostly by Low, regarding the war-time treatment of Jews.	n.d. (*c*.1940s-50s)
3/4	Four photographs taken at the first assembly of the first World Jewish Congress: two of a large conference room with delegates and two of the delegates outside (Barou is on the far right in the smaller group and in the back row, second from the right in the larger group).	1936
	Mrs Sophie Barou's correspondence	
4	Correspondence with Gerard Lewy. Some letters concerning the posthumous publication of Noah Barou's work. Also with Dr Maurice Perlzweig of the American Jewish Congress.	1957-58