

# Collections of the Arolsen Archives concerning deportations of Jews, Sinti/Sintize and Roma/Romnja

The following collections have been newly indexed and cataloged and will be available in the online archive of the Arolsen Archives during spring 2020. We encourage research projects related to these sources. For more information on the collections, research possibilities and the date of online publishing you may contact the Cataloging Department of the Arolsen Archives at [catalog@arolsen-archives.org](mailto:catalog@arolsen-archives.org).

## 1.2.1.1 – Deportations

The Deportation lists collection concentrates most of the documentation collected by the International Tracing Service (ITS) and held at the Arolsen Archives concerning the deportation of Jews, Sinti und Sintize as well as Roma and Romnja (persecuted as “Gypsies”) from Germany, Austria and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. The lists have been collected from various sources as part of the institutions mandate to supply information on the fate of persecuted individuals. Among the Arolsen Archive collections, it is one of the most important collections on the Nazi extermination of central European Jewry.

The deportation of Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia was a complex bureaucratic process involving many actors – this is reflected by the diversity of the lists collected by the ITS, which include amongst other:

- Lists of deportees created by various Jewish institutions
- Gestapo deportation lists / confiscation lists
- Extracts of deportation lists sent to various government agencies
- Entry lists from the Theresienstadt Ghetto
- Post-War lists of deportees and deportations

The collection contains original documents, most notably concerning deportations from Berlin, as well as copies and extracts from various sources.

In addition to deportation lists, the collection contains registration cards of Jews residing in Germany, added to the collection under the assumption that Jews residing in Germany during the war have mostly been deported to ghettos, concentration and extermination camps.

Occasionally, lists can be found that were created in the context of so-called T4 actions (“Euthanasia”).

The collection is partially indexed. The original Berlin Deportation lists have been fully indexed including deep geographical data.

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/1-2-1-1/?p=1>

## 1.2.1.2 AJDC Berlin Card File (Deportations)

The AJDC Berlin Card File is a Post-war evaluation of deportation lists and other documents produced in card file format after the war. Aside from the personal data of deceased or deported Jews, the index cards include details on their spouses and any next-of-kin as well as deportation data and destinations.

The Index Card was created by the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC), the original documents are sorted in the Yad Vashem Archives in Jerusalem.

The index card is fully indexed and can be searched by name.

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/1-2-1-2/?p=1>

#### **1.2.1.4 Card File of Berlin Transports to the East (Osttransporte) Waves 1-7**

The Card File of Berlin Transports to the East (Osttransporte) Waves 1-7 contains details of the Jewish citizens of Berlin who were deported to Lodz, Minsk, Kowno or Riga in the first seven large consolidated transports in October and November 1941 by the Berlin State Police Office. In addition to personal details, the cards contain information on the last place of residence and family members, as well as processing notes and file numbers. Since, especially with regard to the first seven deportations from Berlin, the documents handed down are fragmentary, the Card File can serve as a supplement to the inventory 1.2.1.1, VCC.155.I (Deportations from Berlin).

Documented are the following deportations:

- I) Wave 1 – 1st Osttransport to Lodz on 10/18/1941
- II) Wave 2 – 2nd Osttransport to Lodz on 10/24/1941
- III) Wave 3 – 3rd Osttransport to Lodz on 10/29/1941
- IV) Wave 4 – 4th Osttransport to Lodz on 11/01/1941
- V) Wave 5 – 5th Osttransport to Minsk on 11/14/1941
- VI) Wave 6 – 6th Osttransport to Kowno on 11/17/1941
- VII) Wave 7 – 7th Osttransport to Riga on 11/27/1941

The ITS received the Card File from the Supreme Police Authority of Berlin (West) as a microfilm copy in 1969. Today, the originals are stored in the Brandenburgian State Main Archive (BLHA).

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/1-2-1-4/?p=1>

#### **1.2.5.1 Local Lists of Jewish Residents**

This collection contains post war lists of Jewish residents in German Communities and communes, created at the request of the ITS. The collection is arranged alphabetically and is not yet indexed. The collection is being indexed by volunteers of the USHMM.

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/1-2-5-1/?p=1>

### **7.5.4 Leipzig – Archive of the Jewish community**

This is one of the “youngest” collections at the Arolsen Archives, which contains digital copies of original documentation held by the Jewish community in Leipzig. The Archive of the Jewish community in Leipzig contains

extensive documentation concerning the deportation of Jews from Leipzig and “middle Gemany” to the Eastern occupied territories, including a large collection of “Heimkaufverträge”.

The collection is indexed and searchable by name.

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/7-5-4/?p=1>