



Bundist refugees from Europe at a group meal.
Shanghai, China, 1941. YIVO Archives.

THE JEWISH LABOR AND POLITICAL ARCHIVES

HELP
THE JEWISH
CHILDREN
OF EUROPE



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CHILDREN OF THE U.S.A.
FOR THE CHILDREN OF EUROPE

Thousands of surviving Jewish children overseas look to you, wait anxiously for your response to their appeal. Thousands of Jewish children, lucky to have escaped death in Hitler's gas chambers, languish now in the camps of Germany; they are lonely and forlorn, hungry and bare-foot. They look to you and wait for your response.

A harsh winter is approaching Europe. A winter bearing suffering to all and especially to the Jews, and even more so to the Jewish children.

The Jewish children are in critical need of winter coats, good shoes, warm underwear. No one can give it to them but you. And they wait for your response.

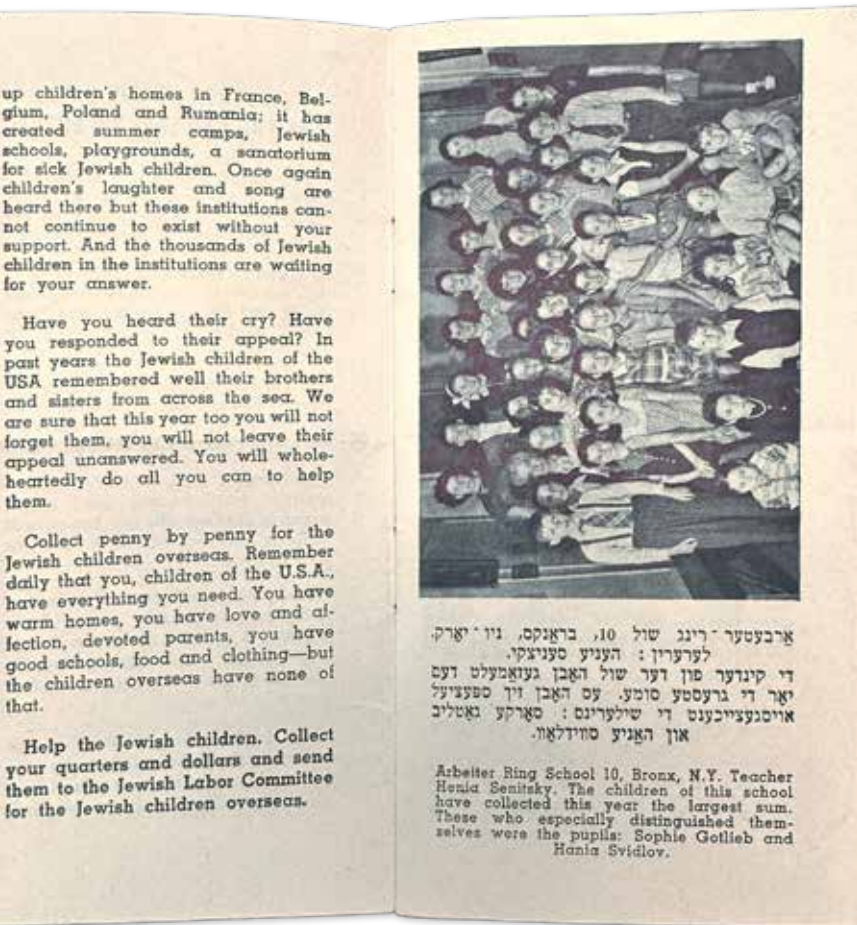
Thousands of children have no text books or any reading matter. Little Jewish tots yearn for toys, they want to play, they want a little gaiety. No one can give it to them but you. And they wait for you. . . .

The Jewish Labor Committee has assumed the responsibility for the care and support of thousands of Jewish children. The Committee has built

FEATURED ARTIFACT

A Jewish Labor Committee Appeal Booklet to Support the Jewish Children Who Survived the Holocaust

This is an appeal booklet that comes from YIVO's Jewish Labor Committee collection. It seeks support for Jewish children who had survived the Holocaust and were living in one of the children's homes built and run by the Jewish Labor Committee. With texts in Yiddish and English, the booklet was distributed to Jewish children attending one of the *Arbeter Ring* schools in the United States. In an effort to help the children in the US connect with those in Europe, it features photographs of daily activities in JLC-supported homes in France and Belgium. The booklet reminds the children in the US that they are fortunate to have everything they need: "You have warm homes, you have love and affection, devoted parents, you have good schools, food and clothing." In contrast, the booklet states bluntly, "But the children overseas have none of that," and implores those in the US to "collect penny by penny" to help the JLC supply Europe's surviving Jewish youth with winter coats, shoes, warm underwear, toys, and textbooks.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Consisting of nearly 200 collections encompassing 3.5 million pages of archival documents that were collected by the Bund Archives, the Jewish Labor and Political Archives (JLPA) forms the world's most comprehensive body of material pertaining to Jewish social and political activism in Europe and the United States. Spanning the years 1870 to 1992, the JLPA tells the story of Jews' involvement in the European political and revolutionary movements of the 20th century and resistance to the Holocaust, as well as their impact on the American labor movement and the fight for fair wages and workers' rights. YIVO is now in the midst of an eight-year project to digitize these unparalleled materials and make them available for free access online.

As of December 17, 2024, the JLPA project has raised over \$5.8 million toward its \$8.5 million goal. We welcome your support as we make this historic archival resource available to a global audience. **Thanks to matching challenge grants from an anonymous foundation and The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference), German Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), and the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), your support will now have an even greater impact!**

We are profoundly indebted to Irene Pletka for her generous lead support of this extraordinary collection.

For more information and naming opportunities, please contact Melissa S. Cohen at **212.294.6156** or via email at **mcohen@yivo.org**.

YIVO Receives \$22,500 from the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc.

YIVO is pleased to announce a grant of \$22,500 from the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, Inc. for the conservation, processing, and digitization of Holocaust-related materials in the JLPA. The materials cover various aspects of the Holocaust and its lingering effects, painting a more detailed image of the lives lived and lost. This is the Foundation's fifth grant, the third towards this multi-year project. We are grateful to the Board of Directors of the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation for their steadfast generosity, which enables us to match a challenge grant from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and an anonymous foundation. Their continued support allows us to continue honoring the memory of those who persevered in the wake of such tragedy.

JLPA BY THE NUMBERS: TO DATE



Approximately
3.5 million
pages in the collection

65% conserved
35% processed
15% digitized and available online



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