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REGISTER:
THE GEORGIA FARM SCHOOL AND
RESETTLEMENT BUREAU RECORDS

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The Georgia Farm School and Resettlement Bureau was organized in 1939 as a non-profit agency interested in the resettlement and retraining of Jewish refugees. It was first thought, because of Georgia's special agricultural economy, that many of the individuals should be given training leading to eventual placement on area farms. The bureau, however, soon discovered that many of the young refugees were not interested in farming, and this newly founded organization quickly modified its agricultural emphasis to a general resettlement and training program. Maintaining its name as the Georgia Farm School, the Bureau assisted newcomers in finding employment in a variety of fields. Many Jewish businessmen were contacted in the hopes that they would employ and train refugees to develop new job skills. Other needs, including social, medical dental, and educational, were also met by the numerous committees of the Bureau.

As the situation of Jews in Europe deteriorated, the Bureau developed a working relationship with the National Refugee Service. This relationship enabled the Farm School to disseminate information regarding immigration possibilities for Jewish citizens of occupied territories.

So that efforts on behalf of newcomers could be coordinated, the Farm School and Resettlement Bureau worked closely with other Jewish service organizations. The Atlanta Section of the Council of Jewish Women, Gate City lodge #144 B'nai B'rith, The Temple Sisterhood, the Atlanta Federation for Jewish Social Service and the Atlanta Free Loan Association offered much time, support and assistance.

The last meeting of the Farm Bureau was held on December 12, 1941, only five days after the bombing of Pearl harbor. It was at this meeting that the Executive Council discussed the question of enemy aliens, and decided on the basis of that discussion to suspend all activities of the Bureau.

The Georgia Farm School and Resettlement Bureau Records, 1936-1944, 1948 are composed primarily of the correspondence, minutes, committee reports and financial records relating to the daily activities of this organization. Also included are the records of some of the agencies with which the Farm School had dealings, eg. the National Refugee Service and the National Council of Jewish Women. The files are arranged alphabetically by folder and chronologically within each folder. The social historian interested in Jewish relief activities, immigration efforts in the early days of World War II, and the resettlement and assimilation of Jewish refugees into a southern community will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of Containers: 4

Photographs: Removed to visual arts

Oversize: Removed to oversize collection

Shelf space occupied 1.4 linear feet

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1 Subject file, 1939-1942, A-Ed

Folder 1: Affidavit information, 1941-1942.

Folder 2: Agricultural Project-Farm School pledge, 1939-1942.

Folder 3: Agricultural Project-National Youth Administration, citizenship record of refugee youth, 1939-1940. (The record is arranged A-Z).

Folder 4: Agricultural Project-settlement, 1940-1941.

Folder 5: Agricultural training, 1938-1941.

Folder 6: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1941-1941.

Folder 7: Annual meeting, 1941 (recording, 1941-1942).

Folder 8: Articles of Incorporation, charter and history, 1939-1943.

Folder 9: Board and committee-membership lists, 1940-1941.

- Folder 10: Budgets, 1939-1942.
- Folder 11: Bulletins and newsletter, 1940-1941.
- Folder 12: Campships, 1941.
- Folder 13: Contributions and memorials, 1940-1941.
- Folder 14: Correspondence and related material, 1938-1942.
- Folder 15: Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds – Refugee Service, bulletins, 1940.
- Folder 16: Dental Committee, 1939-1941.
- Folder 17: Education and Citizenship Committee, 1939-1941.

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- 2 Subject file, 1937-1943, 1948, Ed-L
- Folder 1: Education and Citizenship Discussion Group, 1940-1941.
- Folder 2: Education and Citizenship Discussion Group, “Monday Nighter”, 1941.
- Folder 3: Employment questionnaire, 1940.
- Folder 4: English classes, 1937-1940.
- Folder 5: Executive Council-minutes and related material, 1939-1942
- Folder 6: Financial Committee, 1940-1941.
- Folder 7: Financial statements, 1939-1940.
- Folder 8: Financial statements, 1941-1943, 1948.
- Folder 9: German Jewish Children Aid Committee, 1938-1940.
- Folder 10: Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) 1939-1941.
- Folder 11: Immigration-Cuba, Dominican Republic, England and Mexico, 1938-1941.

- Folder 12: Immigration-general, 1938-1941.
- Folder 13: In-take policy, 1941.
- Folder 14: Jewish Welfare Fund-Allocations, 1941.
- Folder 15: Loans for self-support, 1940-1941.

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3 Subject file, 1936-1944, M-ph.

- Folder 1: Mailing lists, 1940-1941.
- Folder 2: Medical Committee, 1939-1941.
- Folder 3: National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare-Community Planning for Refugee Work, 1941.
- Folder 4: National Coordinating Committee-Resettlement Division, 1938.
- Folder 5: National Council of Jewish Women, Atlanta Section 1936-1942.
- Folder 6: National Council of Jewish Women-Shop Talk, 1940-1941.
- Folder 7: National Refugee Service, 1938-1944.
- Folder 8: National Refugee Service-Community Bulletin, 1940-1941.
- Folder 9: National Refugee Service-field service, 1939-1943.
- Folder 10: National Refugee Service-informational bulletins, 1939-1943.
- Folder 11: National Refugee Service-Miami office, 1940.
- Folder 12: National Refugee Service-reports of the Executive Director, 1940-1941.
- Folder 13: National Refugee Service-resettlement correspondence, 1939-1941.
- Folder 14: National Refugee Service-Traffic Department, 1939.
- Folder 15: Opportunity, Workshop and Exchange, 1940.

Folder 16: Phillips, Eleanor-Case Worker, 1941.

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4 Subject file, 1939-1942, PI-T

Folder 1: Placement Committee-advisors, 1939-1940.

Folder 2: Placement Committee-correspondence, 1939-1941.

Folder 3: Placement Committee-minutes and related material, 1939-1941.

Folder 4: Placement Committee-specific commitments, 1939-1941.

Folder 5: Publications-other organizations, 1939-1941.

Folder 6: Refugees-deportees, unknown destinations, 1942.

Folder 7: Reorganizational meeting, 1940.

Folder 8: Resettlement Committee-Census, 1939-1941.

Folder 9: Social Service Committee, 1939-1940.

Folder 10: The Temple—"Gateways Project", 1940-1941.

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