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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Bialystoker Community
Title:	Bialystoker Community archive
ID:	12801307
ID:	MS#1843
Date [inclusive]:	1900s
Physical Description:	2.5 linear feet 1 folder (mapcase 15J10); 1 Yiddish Typewriter
Language of the Material:	English , Yiddish .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Bialystoker Community Archive; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

The Bialystoker Center itself grew out efforts to provide foreign aid to the regions of Eastern Europe devastated by World War I. A Bialystoker Relief Committee was founded in 1919 to coordinate the work of existing Bialystoker landsmanshaft, and in 1921 this evolved into the Bialystoker Center, a new landsmanshaft created as an umbrella organization to oversee the other Bialystoker groups, provide a central meeting space, and direct their charitable and cultural programs. By the mid 1920s, with the recovery of Eastern Europe and the passage of national immigration restrictions, the Center's focus shifted to supporting the existing Jewish community in New York. A central component of this new mission was the creation of a Home for the Aged. Plans for a new building to house both the Bialystoker Center and the Home for the Aged were begun in 1927. The cornerstones were laid in 1929 and the completed building was inaugurated during a large ceremony in 1931.

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Summary

Materials relating to the Bialystoker Community. Six oversize photographs, one Yiddish typewriter.

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Revision Description

Updated to reflect mold review and more precise description 2020-06-08

Restrictions on Access

Material is unprocessed. Please contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

Processing Information

Collection-level record describing unprocessed material made public in summer 2018 as part of the Hidden Collections initiative.

Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

One box of published reference books was discarded due to mold (October 2019).

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Accruals

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- Judaism -- New York (State) -- New York
- Jews -- New York (State) -- New York -- History
- Newsletters
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- Photographs
- Bialystoker Community