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The Casual Bulletin now appears on the Archive website as an electronic journal. Printed copies are mailed out on request. It is published once or twice a year.

Acquisitions

The Archive wishes to thank:

* **Sophie Caplan** who continues to donate journals, broadsheets, and papers. These contributions have formed the basis of the archive ephemera collection.

* **Ilana Cohen** who has donated some more ephemera, and now works occasional hours in the Archive.. She is re-typing some of the detailed Archive schedules so they can be posted as pdf files 'on line' on the website catalogue.

***Peter Wertheim** and **Helen Bersten** for nine archive boxes of recent records.

***Daryl Lightfoot**, the Archivist of the NSW Synod of the Uniting Church of Australia, for a lost minute book from the Bankstown Memorial Synagogue.

* **Dr Rod Parker** for additional CD-Roms of images and material he has prepared on his ancestry which link up the Michaelis and Parker families.

* **Mrs J. Stosser** for a box of records on the Ezra Foundation.

* **Drs Margot** and **David Cohen** for a folder of archives from the Institute for Holocaust Studies.

Bankstown Hebrew Congregation

In March 1991, a fire, the third in a spate of arson attacks on Sydney's Jewish buildings, gutted the historic building of the Bankstown Hebrew Congregation. Membership of the synagogue had been dwindling for some time, but the fire precipitated closure, and the community was disbanded. About the time of the fire, a minute book of the Bankstown War Memorial synagogue was deposited for safe keeping with the records of the Dunkley Memorial Congregational Church. For years, it remained hidden and forgotten. Recently, the Dunkley records were deposited with the Uniting Church Records and Historical Society at Parramatta, and now they have been passed on to the Archive of Australian Judaica. The Minutes book dates from Wednesday 12th July 1967 till March 10th, 1976. Although mud stained and damaged, the records are clearly legible.

Festschrift for Professor Alan David Crown

The Festschrift is available from the Mandelbaum Trust for \$A22.95 (plus \$5 postage within Australia and \$12.00 overseas). This is a worthwhile publication covering biblical topics, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Jewish studies and Australian Jewish history, with contributions from scholars all round the world.

Washington Holocaust Museum

The Twelfth Hour tapes, four hundred in all, which were recorded between 1988 and 1992 by the *Australian Institute of Holocaust Studies*, are being copied for the Washington Holocaust Museum. Transcripts of the 120 interviews have been copied on to DVDs and it just remains to finalise the copying of the tapes.

Archive Publications

The sheet music of *Mi Adir*, *Sheva B'rochot* and *Phantasia Judaica* (by Boaz Bischofswerder), which was initially composed on the Dunera may be purchased from the Archivist for AU\$22 (includes GST) each plus postage (AU\$5 local, AU\$10 overseas).

Copies of *Monograph No 12: Early Australian Zionism: An Annotated Index of Records in the Central Zionist Archives*, Jerusalem. Part 2. 50pp are available from the Archivist for AU\$10.00 (includes GST) + \$1.00 postage (AU\$3.00 overseas). In addition, copies of the catalogue will continue to be updated on the internet, as well as some copies printed on request. The online catalogue on the web is kept up to date.

Available from Mandelbaum Publishing There are several publications of the Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica series. These include:

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Paul Stenhouse. *Kitab al Tarikh of Abu'l Fath: The Chronicle of Abu'l Fath*. Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica No. 1. 1985. 400 pp (approx). Stenhouse has translated the whole of this most important of the Samaritan chronicles into English for the first time. Although out of print, microfiche copies are available of the doctoral thesis on which the book is based. A second edition is in preparation. Fiche price AU\$110.00. Postage AU\$5.00.

Bruce Hall. *Samaritan Religion from John Hyrcanus to Baba Rabbah*. Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica no 3. 1987. 300pp (approx). This work studies the evidence for Samaritan religious practices and beliefs from the time that the Samaritan Temple on Mt Gerizim was destroyed to the period of the great Samaritan reformer and leader Baba Rabbah. AU\$37.50. Postage AU\$5.00.

Serge Liberman. *A Select Bibliography of Australian Judaica* (2nd edn) 1991, Laura Gallou (ed). 257pp. This second edition of the Bibliography of the contribution of Australian Jewry to literature and scholarship forms the definitive guide to literary and social concerns of the Australian Jewish community in its first two centuries. Price AU \$65.50. Postage AU\$5.00. Serge Liberman is currently working on a third edition which will be online, in a project with jewishaustralia.com.

Alan D. Crown and Lucy A. Davey (eds). *New Samaritan Studies III & IV: Essays in Honour of G. D. Sixel* 1995. Studies in Judaica No. 5. 618pp. (approx). The collection extends the range of studies on the Samaritans and should be an essential purchase for any library with holdings on Samaritan Studies. Price AU\$75.00 (paperback only available). Postage AU \$10.00 and AU\$20.00 (overseas).

Copies of Glenn Gordon's, *Guardians of Zion: the Shomrim in Australia 1939-1944* Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica No 6. 224pp. and Eliyahu Honig's *Zionism in Australia 1920-1939: the Formative Years* Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica No 7. 1997. 116pp. Gordon's work is the definitive account of the Shomrim youth movement which set the tone for Australian Jewry's involvement in supporting the creation of the Jewish State of Israel. The second work by Eliyahu Honig draws on archival resources in Jerusalem and traces the history of Australian Zionism through the period when the Zionist Federation of Australian and New Zealand was established to its role at the beginning of World War II.

The last two items are priced at AU\$40 each. Postage AU \$5.00 or AU \$12.00 (overseas).

Alan D. Crown. *A Bibliography of the Samaritans: Supplement to the Bibliography of the Samaritans* (2nd edn) published by Scarecrow Press, 1994. 19pp. (approx). Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica No. 8. 1996. Cost AU\$10.00 (paperback only available). Postage AU\$2.00 and AU \$5.00 (overseas).

Israel Kipen's: *Ahad Ha-am: The Zionism of the Future*. Mandelbaum Studies in Judaica no 9. 1997. 187pp. This work deals in depth with the philosophical underpinnings of Zionism as an interpretation of Jewish history and as a political ideology. Cost AU\$20.00. Postage AU\$5.00- overseas AU\$12.00.

Archive Publications in Progress

The third edition of Periodical Publications from the Australian Jewish Community which was first published in 1986 and incorporated in the 1987 edition of the Bibliography of Australian Judaica has been posted on the Archive webpage. Access is with an Adobe Acrobat Reader.

The Archive continues to attract a wide variety of users who include museum curators, students of higher degrees from overseas universities, as well as local users who include authors, film makers, journalists, writers and researchers preparing exhibitions.

In late November, the archivist took three months long service leave to be in Israel to do some writing, and was replaced by Ilana Cohen. While there, she also visited the Central Zionist Archives, and in March 2006 copied some more Australian Zionist records, which are extracts of a few selected letters from 1907 till 1967.

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