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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### **Cecelia Razovsky** (1891-1968)

Cecelia Razovsky was born in St. Louis on May 4, 1891, to Jonas and Minna Meyerson Razovsky. She volunteered there from 1909 to 1917 as a teacher of English to foreigners at the Jewish Educational Alliance. After moving to Washington, D.C. in 1917, she became an inspector in the U. S. Children's Bureau, where she remained until 1920.

Much of Razovsky's early work in immigration and resettlement was done with the National Council of Jewish Women. From 1920 until 1932 she was the secretary of the immigrant aid department, and in 1932, she became the associate director of the Council. She later worked with the National Refugee Service, serving as the assistant to its executive director.

On June 2, 1927, she married Dr. Morris Davidson, though she continued to use her maiden name at times.

Razovsky traveled widely, especially to Latin America, to report on the possibilities for settling Jewish immigrants there. She was especially interested in Cuba, where she set up a social service program for refugees. She also traveled to Cuba during the "St. Louis" incident, attempting to find a home for the immigrants whom the United States turned away.

From 1921 to 1930 she was the editor of *The Immigrant*, and she wrote articles, plays and pamphlets on immigration, some of which were published.

In 1933, Razovsky served as the head of the panel chosen to advise the committee of 48 appointed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins to study Ellis Island conditions.

Razovsky died in October of 1968.

### **References:**

*Encyclopedia Judaica*, *Who's Who in American Jewry* (1938), and *The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection of Cecelia Razovsky (married name: Davidson) contains correspondence and reports regarding the settlement of Jewish immigrants in the United States and Latin America. Included is information on her work with the National Council of Jewish Women and the National Refugee Service, her work as a Resettlement Supervisor in the post World War II DP camps in Europe, and as a field worker in the south and southwestern U. S. for the United Service for New Americans in 1950. Razovsky was involved with the plan to settle refugees at Sosua, Dominican Republic, and with the "St. Louis" incident. Also included in the collection are published works by CR about immigration, biographical information about CR, personal correspondence between CR and her husband, personal documents and memorabilia, and several photographs.

The collection is valuable to researchers studying immigration to the United States, especially during World War II, resettlement of World War II refugees, the immigration and resettlement work of the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Refugee Service, and the United Service for New Americans.

Of special interest are reports from several Latin American countries on the status of Jews in those countries, a 1926 booklet in Yiddish and English written by CR entitled *What Every Woman Should Know About Citizenship* [this is also in the AJHS library], correspondence between CR and Sophonisba Breckenridge and Jane Addams, and various reports on "ideal immigrants."

The collection contains correspondence, reports, published articles, diaries, plays, booklets, and photographs.

The documents are mostly in English, though there are some materials in Yiddish, German, Russian, Hebrew, and Spanish.

The collection is organized by subject and is roughly chronological.

## BOX LIST

### Box 1

Early years, 1912-1932

Refugee Relief Work: USA, including reports on countries of possible settlement, 1938-1939

Refugee Relief Work, Admission of Refugees to South America, 1930-1939

Refugee Relief Work: USA, including reports on countries of possible settlement, 1932-1937

Isle of Pines (Cuba)

Dominican Republic - Settlement at Sosua

### Box 2

National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany:  
Correspondence, November 1938

National Refugee Service: Capital Loan Committee, January 1940-December 1941

National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany:  
Correspondence, December 1938

### Box 3

Relief work, 1941-1945

Treatment of enemy aliens in wartime

Reports by CR to National Refugee Service Executive Director, 1941-1943

National Refugee Service: Interned at detention centers in Southwest USA, 1941-1943

National Refugee Service: Relief work, September 1939-1940

"St. Louis" incident

### Box 4

U[nited] N[atations] R[elief and] R[ehabilitation] A[dministration] Specialist, Displaced Persons,  
September 1944-45

UNRRA Specialist, Displaced Persons, July 1945-January 1946

Background material to life of Jews in DP camps, 1946

UNRRA Child Search Reports, 1947

Citizen's Committee on Displaced Persons, March 1947-March 1948

A[merican] J[oint] D[istribution] C[ommittee], February 1946-August 1946

AJDC Brazil, October-December 1946

AJDC Speaker, March 1948-February 1950

United Service for New Americas: Field Work in Southwest USA, General Correspondence, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Alabama: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Arkansas: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Louisiana: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Mississippi: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Tennessee: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Oklahoma: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Texas: Field Reports, 1950

Correspondence, 1951-1957

### Box 5

United HIAS Service: Resettlement Supervisor, South America, 1957-1958

United HIAS Service Report of Brazil, September 1955

Brazil: Report on Immigration, December 1957

Egyptian Jewish Refugees in Brazil, 1957

Hungarian Jewish Refugees in Brazil, 1957

UHS Representative: Brazil, 1957

UHS Representative: Peru, 1958

UHS Representative: Colombia, 1958

UHS Representative: Chile, 1958

UHS Representative: Paraguay, 1958

UHS Representative: Ecuador, 1958

UHS Representative: General Correspondence, 1957-1958

Profile on Bolivia, 1957-1958

Profile on Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1957-1958

Profile on Panama, 1957-1958

UHS report on Venezuela, 1955

Correspondence, April 1958- May 1959

UHS Representative: Mexico, Summer 1959

Correspondence, September 1959-1960

El Paso, TX: Survey of city and related correspondence, 1961-1962

Diary of trip to South America, "Forty Thousand New Brazilians," 1963

Box 6

Published works by CR about immigration, 1920-1926

Personal involvement in case of settling Katznelson family, 1927-1939

Biographical sketches and resumes

Miscellaneous articles

Miscellaneous

Personal correspondence

Personal documents and memorabilia

Photographs

Published works about immigration, 1929-1937

Published works about immigration, 1938-1939

Correspondence, Necrologies, 1961-1968

ITEM LISTING

**NCJW = National Council of Jewish Women**

**CJW = Council of Jewish Women**

**NCC = National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming From Germany (becomes the National Refugee Service around 1939)**

**HIAS = Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society**

**NRS = National Refugee Service**

**Box 1**

Early Years 1912-1932

1. Essay by Henrietta Wolff on Americanization, Feb. 5, 1925
  - 9 small typed pages
  - On how best to run Americanization programs, including language programs and the training of Americanization workers (whom she refers to as "she")
  - She includes excerpts from essays submitted by new Americans for an essay contest, including:
    - "'Women are equal to men in America. They are regarded as partners rather than inferiors as is the custom in some foreign lands.'"
  
2. "Cecilia [sic] Razovsky Writes on 'What Every Woman Should Know About Citizenship,'" clipping from *Jewish Exponent*, Philadelphia, Nov. 26, 1926
  - Book published by the Department of Immigrant Aid of the National Council of Jewish Women
  - In English and Yiddish
  - Analyzes the Cable Act, 1922, which provided for the independent citizenship of married women
  - "The right of any woman to become a naturalized citizen of the U.S. may not be denied or abridged by reason of her sex or marital status. The main purpose of this law was to grant women in so far as it is possible, citizenship on equal terms with men."
  
3. "Paying Our Rent," n.d., author unknown
  - 6 small typed pages
  - "It is most important that our homes be of the highest standard because upon the excellence of the home depend the excellence and stability of the nation."
  - "But the home need not, indeed it should not claim all our time and effort. We owe it to ourselves and to our families to take an active part in the civil and communal affairs of the city in which we live."
  - Serve your community, American women must work for peace  
[it's possible that this was written by CR, because it talks about the author's work with the Americanization committee]
  - Seems to be incomplete
  
4. Letter to Fred Butler, Dir. of Americanization, Dept of the Interior, May 26, 1919 (from CR, though it doesn't have her name on it)
  - Her resume
  - She's presently employed as an Inspector at the Children's Bureau of the Dept of Labor, \$2120/year
  - She wants to be transferred to his Division or to a state where she can do work directing and organizing in the field of immigration

5. Letter from Mrs. Joe Weinstein to CR, March 12, 1926
  - Attached to a case study "which I handled with gratifying results, and which proves the value of follow-up work among our immigrant girls and women"
6. P. 3 of a letter to Mr. Joseph Hyman, from CR, Feb. 14, 1927
  - It seems as if they're asking the Joint for financial assistance
7. Letter from Mrs. Abe K. Kreidel, Chairman, Immigrant Aid Committee, Seattle Section Council of Jewish Women, to CR, Feb. 16, 1926
  - CR has asked her about follow-up work
  - And she says that it's extremely important that the women count on the NCJW women as friends, and that often they're the only ones who look after them
8. "A Report on the Work of the Bureau of International Service of the National Council of Jewish Women," written by CR (as Secretary), Feb. 15, 1927
  - 22 typed pages
  - Arrange for visas and for transportation, protect and maintain women and children who are detained at points of departure, facilitate their admission at ports of entry, meet unaccompanied Jewish women and girls at port of debarkation
  - Including case studies
  - Includes a short description of their work in Cuba; of their work in reuniting families; their work with women and girls who are deported, sometimes arranging for them to overcome whatever it was that got them deported (illiteracy, illness, papers not in order) so that they can return to the U.S.; on their work combating white slave traders
  - List of reasons why the department should continue its actions, including: "That as an organization of Jewish women, the unfortunate women of Europe turn to us for assistance in their problems, feeling that as women we can sympathize and understand them in their sufferings."
9. "Humanitarian Effects of the Immigration Law," written by CR, May 12, 1927
  - Suggestions for humanizing a recent immigration law that has caused suffering
  - Results of a study, consisting of questionnaires sent out to various immigration organizations on the alien men living in their communities whose families are still abroad
10. Confidential letter from Max Kohler, Counselor at Law, to Mrs. Joseph Friend, Pres. of NCJW, Dec. 26, 1929
  - On the relationship between NCJW and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
11. "Recent Governmental Attitude Towards Migrants," by CR, Sect'y of the Department of Immigrant Aid Council of Jewish Women
12. "A Report of Investigations Made in the Downtown District of St. Louis During the Evening, with Reference to Street Trades," n.d., author unknown
13. Letter from Rachel Caplan, of the Aurora Section, NCJW, to Miss Florina Lasker, Sept. 6, 1926
14. Two pages from a report, title unknown, subject unknown
15. Copy of a letter of recommendation for CR from Caroline Fleming, asst. Chief of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Dept of Labor, Sept. 27, 1919

16. Copy of a letter of recommendation for CR from Julia Lathrop, Chief, Children's Bureau of the U.S. Dept of Labor, Oct. 1, 1919
17. Press release about the praise for CR's "What Every Emigrant Should Know" from Peter Wiernik
18. Report on the method of issuing employment certificates, by CR, Oct. 30, 1913
19. "Report of the Administration of the Child Labor Law of the District of Columbia," by CR, n.d.  
- 21 typed pages
20. Travel authorization, Dept of Labor, for CR, Sept 1, 1918
21. Letter from CR (probably) to Helen Winkler of the Dept of Immigrant Aid, May 23, 1919  
- Her resume - she's looking for a new job
22. Report on a short story: "The Man Who Understood Women," by Leonard Merrick, by CR, Aug. 12, 1919, attached to story, "The Poseur," n.d., author unknown (though possibly CR), with teacher's comments
23. Review: "Limehouse Nights" by Thomas Burke, by CR, Aug. 20, 1919, 3 typed pages, with teacher's comments
24. Letter from Henry Gideon, Chief of Bureau of Compulsory Education, Philadelphia, to CR, Oct. 24, 1919  
- He has sent a letter of reference for her to Washington  
- He invites her and a Mr. Quinn to the annual convention of the National League of Compulsory Education Officials
25. Letter from the Registrar at the U. of Missouri to CR, Nov 15, 1919  
- She has been accepted to the University, and they'll accept credit for courses done at Missouri School of Social Economy, the Univ. of Chicago, and the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy
26. Letter from Railways of France to CR, Jan. 22, 1924  
- They can't send her the posters she has asked for
27. Daily News Bulletin of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Nov. 30, 1923  
- About various immigrant news
28. Letter from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to Etta Lasker Rosensohn, Chair, CJW, NY, June 10, 1924  
- About the conditions of some ships carrying immigrants
29. Letter from CR to Joseph Bookstaver, Dec. 11, 1924  
- Information regarding the conditions for immigrants in Canada, Cuba, Mexico and South America  
- Bookstaver has asked for the information because he wants his relatives from Russia to settle in one of these countries (because it's so hard to get people into the US)

- Canada is too restrictive, Cuba is entirely out of the question (immigrants are suffering from the heat, don't know the language, and are mostly unemployed), Mexico has very few Jews, and it's hard to find them jobs because the country is so agricultural, Argentina is almost entirely closed to immigration, Uruguay and Brazil are almost impossible to find jobs in
  - "I want to emphasize the fact that no matter to what country such prospective emigrants will proceed, they will have to suffer and work very hard. The peace and comfort they are seeking will only be found after years of struggle and effort."
30. "America's Present Immigration Policy," by CR, 1925
    - 11 typed pages
  31. "National Conference of Social Work Stresses Immigration Problems," by CR, n.d.
    - 5 typed pages
  32. Letter from the ed. of the Jewish Social Service Quarterly, to CR, Sept. 9, 1927
    - Saying that they'd be happy to publish an article by her, suggesting that it be about her work in Latin America
  33. Clipping, "Miss Razovsky Speaks Before Social Session"
  34. "Statement Adopted by the Temporary Council on Immigration Policy," n.d. (around 1927)
  35. Letter from CR to "MalckaN," June 9 (year?), on Joint stationery from Riga
    - Her sister, maybe?
    - She's traveling around Europe, staying with various friends
  36. Photocopy of a clipping, Phoenix, *Arizona Republican*, "Eastern Visitor Discusses Immigration Problems Before Council of Jewish Women," Jan. 9, 1930
    - CR gave a speech on why the work of the Council is still so important
  37. Photocopy of a clipping, Phoenix, *Arizona Republican*, "Cecilia Razovsky Discusses Weaknesses of Immigration and Deportation Measures," Jan. 12, 1930
  38. Letter from News Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), June 30, 1930
    - She's agreed to write on Jews in South America
    - Some notes in pencil on the back on various countries
  39. Copy of a letter from CR to News Editor of JTA, July 3, 1930
    - She'll write the article, but there isn't much information on Jews in these countries
  40. CR's transcript from the Univ. of Chicago, Summer term, 1919, Sept. 26, 1930
    - Sociology: the Survey (grade: A)
    - English: English Composition (grade: A)
  41. "Jewish Settlements in the Western Republics of South America," by CR, Exec. Director, Dept. of Service to Foreign Born, National Council of Jewish Women, 1930
  42. Letter from Thomas Crowell, Co., Publishers, to CR, May 1, 1931
    - Her manuscript, "Foreign-Born Children" is overdue

43. Letter from Sophonisba Breckenridge, Univ. of Chicago Grad. School of Social Service Administration, June 13, 1932
  - Discussing the possibility of her attending a conference in Frankfurt
  - She mentions Jane Addams
44. Letter from Sect'y to Dean Abbott, Univ. of Chicago Grad. School of Social Service Administration, May 10, 1932
  - Something about a letter sent to Jane Addams from a Professor Polligkeit
  - Attached is copy of (translated) letter to Addams
  - Organizing details for the upcoming conference, such as who should speak and on what
45. Telegram from Jane Addams to CR, April 25, 1932
  - "Can you speak Frankfurt German Foreign Families Section July International Conference"
46. Copy of letter from CR to Sophonisba Breckenridge, May 31, 1932
  - That she will attend the conference coming up, and she wants to know what her official position there will be
47. Letter from Breckenridge to CR, May 28, 1932
  - Planning for the conference
  - Attached is another copy of the translation of the letter to Addams
  - Handwritten notes in pencil on the back of the Addams letter
48. Proceedings of the Meeting of the Temporary Committee on Naturalization, July 17, (year?)
  - CR is Chairman and wrote up the report
49. Letter from Robert Park, Division of Immigrant Heritage Press and Theater, Study of Methods of Americanization, to CR, Dec. 20, 1919
  - She proposed some kind of investigation into something by the Carnegie Corporation
50. Letter from Sophonisba Breckenridge to CR, Aug. 25, 1927
  - Answering some questions from CR about feelings in Chicago of superiority over the European immigrant - "I am afraid we are pretty much 'Nordic' in that part of the world, but we are conscious rather of our superiority over the Black than of our superiority over the European immigrant."
51. Letter from Maurice Karpf, Dir. of the Training School for Jewish Social Work, NYC, to CR, June 26, 1925
  - She's going to give a lecture to students there
52. Outline of Methods of Jewish Immigrant Aid Work in America and Abroad
  - Plus handwritten draft of it
53. Letter from Maurice Karpf, Dir. of the Training School for Jewish Social Work, NYC, to CR, May 12, 1925
  - Asking her to give the lecture
  - Attached is a copy of the schedule for a course in "The Field of Jewish Social Service in the United States"
54. Copy of letter from CR to Karpf, May 14, 1925

- Saying that she'll give the lecture

#### 55. Bibliography on Jewish Immigrant Aid Work in Europe and America

Refugee Relief Work: USA, 1938-1939, including reports on countries of possible settlement

1. Form letter from Mrs. Benjamin Spitzer, Chair, Committee on Naturalization and Citizenship, Jan. 15, 1938
  - They are sending the addressee a copy of the manual "Making Americans" by CR
  - It seems like it's being sent to chairs of naturalization chairs of the CJW
2. "National Coordinating Committee and Cooperating Agencies Throughout the United States, Statistical Statement - July 1938"
3. Copy of a letter from Elsa (?) to CR, Aug. 9, 1938
  - Elsa is Sect'y of the NCJW
4. Pages 3 and 4 of a report by CR
5. Blank Affidavit of Support for American citizens who are pledging to support relatives coming over on the Cunard White Star Limited
6. Letter from CR, Exec. Dir. of the National Coordinating Committee for aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany, to Stephen Wise, Nov. 22, 1938
  - About a man who is helping Jews come over from Europe
7. Memo from CR, National Coordinating Committee, to Dr. Kohs, Nov. 10, 1938
8. Letter from Sophia Nunberg to ?, Nov. 21, 1938, Rome
  - She is a Jewish woman whose son wants to go to the US
  - Is asking questions about how her son would be able to practice medicine in the US
9. Letters and a report from the Joint in Paris to CR, Dec. 2, 1938 - about the situation of Jews in Italy
10. Copy of a 1 page report from the Joint about getting visas for Peru, received Jan. 10, 1939
11. Letter from Henry Feibes, MD, to CR, Dec. 21, 1938
  - Written in back, in pen, "I wish you and Dr. Davidson [either her husband or soon to be her husband] merry Christmas and a happy New Year. No lady will ever be able to reward you for your work, but I thank you nevertheless. Cordially yours, Emilia Feibes and Annemarie Feibes"
12. "Outline for Summaries to be Referred to the Resettlement Division of the N.C.C.," Feb. 7, 1939
13. Blank questionnaire for the Greater New York Coordinating Committee, (Lebenslauf fuer Resettlement) in German
  - Asks about relatives in America, which languages the person speaks, how good her/his English is, about Sabbath observance
14. Various forms to apply for entry to the US

15. Information about emigrating to Panama by the National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany
16. Information about emigrating to Greece
17. Letter from Comite International Pour Le Placement Des Intellectuels Refugies, April 3, 1939  
- About emigrating to Switzerland
18. Memo from Augusta Mayerson, NY Section of NCJW, Service for Foreign Born, April 19, 1939  
- About a meeting of the Committee on Mentally Sick
19. "Refuge for Refugees - Where?," notes on the talk given by CR, April 26, 1939
20. Letter from Julius Seligsohn of the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, to CR, May 19, 1939, in German  
- Translation attached
21. Abstract of a report received by the NCC on the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany, May 18, 1939
22. Letter from the Jewish Refugee Committee, Manila, to CR, May 23, 1939  
- About emigrating to the Philippines
23. Packet of information on emigrating to the Philippines
24. Copy of a memo from the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America, to Dr. William Haber, Dir. of the National Refugee Service, Inc.  
- About the activities of the National Refugee Service
25. Memo from National Refugee Service, Oct. 30, 1939  
- About emigrating to Guatemala and the conditions of the refugees there
26. Letter from National Refugee Service to the Joint, Nov. 15, 1939  
- About the activities of American Jews to get their German relatives to England temporarily
27. "Eye Witness Report of Rescue Activities of JDC at Polish\_German Border," Nov. 18, 1938
28. Charts on estimated waits for emigrants coming from various countries, with minimum amounts of money needed for deposit (for each person to leave? or to come to the US?)
29. Clipping, "Blind Refugees are Heartened by Helen Keller," n.d., author and source unknown  
- Keller expressed sympathy for the blind and deaf Jews in Europe  
- Fanny Hurst was at the lecture
30. Letter, "Concerning the Progress of his Daughter," by A. Hyman  
- It seems like his daughter was sent to a foster home in the US and is thriving
31. Collection of case studies illustrating the difficulties of people trying to emigrate

32. Letter (German) and translation from the Hapag Lloyd Agency, Guatemala, to Mr. Luis Clasing, Havana, Jan. 21, 1939

- About the difficulties of emigrating to British Honduras and Cuba

33. Form letter from Joseph Chamberlain, Chairman of the NCC, June 15, 1939

- About the S.S. St. Louis

34. "Memorandum Regarding Dollar for Dollar Agreement with Joint Relief Committee for Havana, Cuba," by CR, Nov. 7, 1938

#### Refugee Relief Work, 1930-1939: Admission of Refugees to South America

1. Letter from CR, Exec. Dir. of NCC, to Paul Baerwald, April 5, 1937

- She's working with non-Jewish groups to get people to South America

2. Article from "Brazilian Business," 17:8, Aug. 1937

- About the possibility of letting in immigrants who will aid Brazil's economy and industrialization

3. Letter (German) from Ludwig Lorch to CR (in Sao Paolo), Aug 18, 1937

- Just about some material that he's sending her

4. "Authorizing the Permanency of Stay of Foreigners," from the Official Gazette of the Ministry of Justice and Interior of Brazil, July, 1938

5. Letter to the Joint, NYC, from the Joint, Paris, Aug. 23, 1938

- Attached is a report concerning conditions for Jewish emigration to Mexico

6. Confidential report from NCC about the conditions for emigration to Brazil (written by a congregation in Brazil), Oct 31, 1938

7. Letter from George Warren, President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, to CR and Joseph Chamberlain, Jan. 30, 1939

- About emigrating to Bolivia

8. Packet of information about emigrating to Bolivia, 1939

9. Copy of memo from CR to staff of NCC, March 2, 1939

- About Bolivia

10. Packet of information on emigrating to the Bahamas, 1939

11. Packet of letters on Brazil

12. Copy of a letter from CR to Mrs. Luisa Lorch, Brazil, Nov. 28, 1939

- Pleasantries

- She says that many of the immigrants are beginning to come from England instead of Germany

13. Translation of a letter from the Rabbinical Office of the Chevra, Chile, Dec, 7, 1939

- About accepting immigrants into Chile

14. Memo on Mexico, Dec. 22, 1939
15. Page of handwritten notes on Pan Am stationery
16. Page of notes summarizing the status of Jewish settlement and migration to Argentina and Brazil
17. Pages 2 and 3 of a report from Ludwig Lorch on the status of immigrants in Brazil
18. Memo from HIAS, n.d., about the status of immigrants in Brazil
19. "Memorandum on the Project and Budget of Old Age Home to be Erected in Rio De Janiero"
20. Information on Brazil - members of a committee and correspondents in Brazil, requirements for admission, etc.
21. Memo (German) about the visit from Mr and Mrs. Davidson [CR and husband] to Brazil
22. "Digest of Reports and Letters from South America from Frances Eddy," National Federation of Settlements, NYC
23. Copy of a report, starting on page 2, which includes information on conditions in Brazil, conditions in Argentina, anti-Jewish sentiment affecting the Jewish immigration and local situations in the 2 countries
24. "Summary as of May 1, 1939 of information received by the New York Agencies on Local Refugee Conditions in the West Indies, Central and South America"
  - Barbados, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad, Windward Islands
25. "The Present Status of Jewish Settlement and Jewish Migration to Brazil and the Argentine," by CR [Davidson], 1937, only page 1
  - Based on a 26-day trip she took to Brazil and Argentina
26. Packet of information (including reports by representatives of the Joint) on Brazil and Trinidad, July 3, 1939
27. Packet of information on British Honduras, June 30, 1939
28. 1 page containing information on Colombia, 1930
29. Information on Panama
30. "An Ounce of Prevention," by CR, on preventing anti-Semitism in Latin America
31. Packet of information about Bolivia's prohibiting Jewish immigration for 6 months as of May, 1939
32. Report on conditions in Chile, May 15, 1939
33. Report on conditions in Chile, May 6, 1939

Refugee Relief Work: USA, 1932-1937, including reports on countries of possible settlement

1. Postcard in Russian to CR, August 30, 1933
2. Letter in German from Fritz Woltmann to Dr. Wurzburg, July 6, 1932
  - About Woltmann meeting CR
3. "Resolution Adopted at a Mass Meeting Held by Social Workers at the National Conference of Social Work in Detroit," June 16, 1933
  - Express their shock at the persecution of Jews in Germany
  - "We wholeheartedly endorse the protest of more than 1200 Christian Ministers who have recently expressed their sense of outrage and indignation"
4. Copy of a letter from Rosa Manus, Amsterdam, to Carrie Chapman Catt (suffragist), Sept. 15, 1933
  - About the condition of Jews in Germany and Holland (getting progressively worse; she relates some incidents)
  - She has connections with German suffragists
5. Copy of a letter from Rosa Manus, Amsterdam, to Carrie Chapman Catt, Sept. 22, 1933
  - She's organizing a clubhouse for refugees - the municipality of Amsterdam donated the building
6. Letter from Monsignor Keegan, Secretary for Charities to the Archbishop of NY, to CR, Oct. 13, 1933
  - She had attended and participated in a recent national Conference of Catholic Charities
7. "Field Service Committee [of NCJW] Report on German Jewish Situation," written by CR, Oct. 9, 1933
  - Contribution of the NCJW to the German Jewish problems with which American agencies were concerned: 1) collaboration with other national Jewish agencies in the proposal of immigration legislation, passport regulation, etc; 2) individual and personal service, including preparing documents, meeting new arrivals, etc
  - Collaboration with Jewish national agencies: HIAS and NCJW; CR is the secretary of the Joint Clearing Bureau, a clearing committee of the Joint Distribution Committee (refers people to the proper agencies)
  - Collaboration with non-Jewish agencies: with International Committee for Securing Employment for Refugee Professional Workers (Carrie Chapman Catt is a member of this committee); national organizations for social workers
  - Individual service: providing stays of deportations, etc., for people who come to them as a last resort
8. Copy of a letter from MJK (?) to Eugene S. Benjamin, Esq., of the Baron de Hirsch Fund, Dec. 12, 1933
  - About CR: she is a confidential adviser to the League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, chief of the technical advisers of the Committee on Ellis Island, member of a special committee on working out a plan for handling German Jewish children, "her organization has just induced Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt to form a committee of women to get prominent Christian women all over the country to urge liberal treatment of German refugees..."
9. Copy of "Suggested Set-up for American or Emergency Joint Bureau for German Refugees," by Cecelia Razovsky-Davidson, 1/3/34
  - 5 typed pages
  - A central committee to be known as the American or Emergency Joint Bureau for German Refugees should be formed immediately

- Composed of Jewish organizations and non-Jewish organizations
  - Delineation of functions of the committee
  - Refugees who would be given preference for admission:
    - 1) Children, especially boys, up to the age of 18 or 21
    - 2) Women under the age of 30, especially kindergarten teachers, primary school teachers, nurses, social workers, maids, etc., who could be placed in homes as governesses
    - 3) Specially skilled or technically trained people who could make a cultural contribution to the country or whose special knowledge would be valuable to industry or science
  - Duties of the committee
10. Memo from Holland, Jan. 20, 1934: "Second Work Report Regarding the Activities of the Committee voor 'Bijzondere Joodsche Belangen"
- Numbers of German Refugees in Holland
  - Numbers of refugees helped
  - Numbers of refugees in various countries
  - Funds collected and spent
  - Activities of this committee, including helping intellectuals, training domestic workers, language classes, social clubs, etc.
11. "The United States and the German Refugees," an NBC radio broadcast, July 9, 1934, by CR
- About American shortcomings regarding immigration policy
  - About the NCJW's work with Jewish women and girls
  - On the problems German refugees have in America
  - This is an appeal to "all women in this country, Christian as well as Jewish, for their sympathetic interest and cooperation" (especially because so many of the refugees are only part-Jewish or are children of baptized parents)
12. Copy of a letter from Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, July 24, 1934, to CR
- Thanking her for a recent report of the Ellis Island Committee, which will most likely help to improve immigration and naturalization law
13. Copy of a letter from D.W. MacCormack, Commissioner ?, to Heywood Brown, New York *World Telegram*, May 19, 1936
- About the Kerr-Coolidge Bill, regulating deportation of alien criminals and other aliens
14. Press release from NCJW, about Saar Plebiscite, Nov. 27, 1934
- Immigration regulations
15. Packet of information from CR to Mrs. Arthur Brin, Pres., NCJW, April 26, 1935
- With information about the NCJW's projects for adult German-Jewish refugees and for German-Jewish children
  - Urging her to act on the information immediately, to have the Council cooperate with social agencies working in the same field
16. NCJW report of service to foreign-born and migration service to the Board of Directors, Nov. 20-22 1935, written by CR, Associate Director
- Dock service, Ellis Island, follow-up service - immigrant aid, deportation, international service, National Coordinating Committee, German-Jewish Children's Aid, Legislation

17. Copy of an address by Col. Daniel MacCormack, U.S. Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization at the National Conference on Social Work, May 26, 1936
  - "What would happen if all aliens were deported?"
  - Rebutting the claim that unemployment caused by the depression would be eradicated if all aliens were deported
18. Letter from Blanche Goldman, Chair, Exec. Committee. NCJW, to CR, Exec. Dir., National Coordinating Committee, Oct. 23, 1936
  - The Executive Committee wants her back as Associate Director - "as you recall, you were loaned to the National Coordinating Committee and we would like to know when we may count on your return."
19. Cover of *The Jewish Forum*, Oct. 1937
  - On reverse is the program for a meeting of The Jewish Forum Association, Oct. 26, 1937, where CR will be speaking on "The Migration of Jews from Germany"
20. Untitled report (12/14/36 written in pencil on top) about the deportation situation and possible legislation
21. Packet of information from Hilda Wolff, Chair, German-Jewish Refugee Projects, to "Chairman of German Refugee Projects" (CR?), Dec. 23, 1937
  - Including "brief histories of nineteen of our most urgent scholarship cases" (6 are women)

#### Isle of Pines (Cuba)

1. Letter from Edward Hochhauser, Exec. Dir., Committee for the Care of the Jewish Tuberculosis, to CR, June 9, 1939
  - Telling her that he sent her a copy of a memo which he sent to the Joint discussing his contacts on the Isle of Pines
  - And her brief reply, June 12, 1939
2. Blank form: "Confidential Report to Isle of Pines Trust Estates"
  - Interviewer's personal impression of the applicant, including:
    - Personal Appearance, Facial Expression, Neatness
    - Health, Vigor, Physique, carriage
    - Ease in meeting people (friendly or diffident)
    - Poise
    - Humor
    - Intelligence - keen, quick mind or slow
    - Any indications of physical or mental disturbances due to recent experiences
    - Probable adaptability to new and unexpected situations
    - Sufficient initiative to maintain himself and family on a self-supporting basis
3. Blank form: "Questionnaire - Isle of Pines Trust Estates"
  - To be filled out by the applicant
4. Letter from Edwin C. Jones, Public Relations Counselor, Isle of Pines Trust Estates, to Miss Frances Taussig, Jewish Social Service Association, Inc., Nov. 29, 1939
  - Describing the Isle of Pines project
  - Limited number of families on ten-acre farms (300 families)

5. Blank Memorandum of Agreement between "Settlers" and "Isle of Pines Trust Estates"
  - Buy ten acres of land, with a house and outbuilding, tools, water well and pump, for \$2750.00
6. "Isle of Pines Trust Estates' Project for Resettlement on the Beautiful Isle of Pines"
  - 6 typed pages, with illegible handwritten notes attached

#### Dominican Republic - Settlement at Sosua

Rosenberg is an NY attorney and Pres. of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association

1. Memo to Mr. [James N.] Rosenberg from Mrs. [Rebecca Hourwich] Reyher, Re: Dominican Republic - A Brief Economic Report, Dec. 9, 1939
  - Imports, exports, report of National City Bank Specialists
2. 27 page typed report from Michael Bodkin (ed. by Reyher) to James Rosenberg
  - Mainly a history of Santo Domingo, 1492-1939
3. Report from William Haber, National Refugee Service, to James Rosenberg, Jan. 9, 1940
  - CR is on the staff of the National Refugee Service
  - Memorandum regarding selection of refugees for settlement in the Dominican Republic
  - Look for people from the temporary residents in the U.S. - those on temporary visas who can't return to Europe
  - And on selection of refugees from other countries
  - England: "there are a large number of refugees, mostly men under thirty two years of age, attractive, strong, healthy, active"
  - And various other countries where young men and women are being trained in trades
4. Blank applications
  - a. For settlers wanting to go to the Dominican Republic
    - In English, Spanish, German
  - b. For trainees for Dominican Republic
5. Notes on luncheon discussion at Town Hall Club, Jan. 25, 1940, on the Selection of Settlers for the Dominican Republic
  - Attached to letter from George Warren to James Rosenberg, Jan. 25, 1940
6. Clipping, "Dominican Republic to Sign Refugee Pact," taped to National Refugee Service Interoffice Memo
7. Clipping, "Dominican Haven Set Up for Exiles," from *Times* (New York, probably), Jan. 31, 1940
  - 500 families are to be let in immediately, with plans for a total of 100,000 people
8. Clipping, "Trujillo Grants Refugees Rights," also probably from the *NY Times*, Feb. 13, 1940
  - That the immigrants would have full rights, would be able to live free of persecution or molestation
9. Booklet, "Concerning Refugee Settlement in the Dominican Republic," a meeting at the Town Hall Club, NYC, Feb. 15, 1940

- Including full text of the agreement, Jan. 30, 194, ratified by the Dominican Congress
- 10. "Selection of Settlers for the Dominican Project," Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, Feb. 20, 1940
  - Young people, preferably single, trained to do agricultural or at least physical work
  - First group may have more men than women
  - People who are strong, healthy and of good character
- 11. Requirements for immigrants from Central Europe to Dominican republic
  - Passport, \$500 for each adult (males over 16 and females over 18), \$50.00 for transportation company, reimbursed on arrival, vaccination certificate, annual tax of \$6.00
  - \$500 tax "applies to all persons of the Semitic race - whether entering the country as immigrants or not - excepting those who shall have been established (settled) continuously during the three years prior to March 10, 1939 in countries or territories of the American Continent"
- 12. "Temporary Asylum for Refugees Awaiting Visas to the United States"
  - Attached to memo from CR to William Haber, March 19, 1940, with supplementary information
  - \$500 head tax has been abolished
- 13. Two copies of a letter from William Haber, Exec. Dir., National Refugee Service, April 8, 1940
- 14. 2 page report on details of the Dominican agreement, dated in pencil 4/8/40
- 15. Draft of a letter from William Haber to James Rosenberg, April 8, 1940
- 16. Copy of a letter from subcommittee of the Dominican Republic Association to James Rosenberg, April 10, 1940
  - Recommendations of the subcommittee on the selection of refugees
- 17. Excerpt from a letter regarding the cost of putting up barracks in Sosua and the cost of keeping people in them, April 10, 1940
- 18. Notes of meetings, April 11 and 12, 1940, of Warren, CR, and others
- 19. "Plan for Temporary Asylum in the Dominican Republic, April 12, 1940"
  - Dealing with the category of immigrants they'll take, the money involved, etc.
- 20. 3 page report on those being chosen and the costs involved
- 21. Copy of letter from CR to James Rosenberg, April 15, 1940
  - On the requests coming from prominent Americans asking for their relatives to be admitted to Sosua
  - Names include: Judge Joseph Proskauer, Richard Goldman (of Goldman and Sachs), son of Julius Rosenwald, Gov. Herbert Lehman, etc., all with short bios and guarantees of their wealth (ability to support relatives)
- 22. Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, April 15, 1940
- 23. Reprint of article, "35 Refugees Sail for Dominican Port," *New York Times*, April 24, 1940

24. Opportunities for Trainees Offered by the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, April 30, 1940
  - 2 copies
25. Copy of list of passengers who sailed from Genoa on the "Conte Biancamano," due at Dominican Republic May 8, 1940, whose tickets were purchased in the US
26. Application for Temporary Asylum for Dominican Republic
27. Application for Permanent Admission into the Dominican Republic (other than settlers)
28. Procedure in the Matter of Dominican Republic Applications for Temporary Asylum
  - 2 copies
29. Letter to James Rosenberg, May 15, 1940
  - With names of people they (NRS?) want to recommend for Dominican visas
30. 2nd (May 17, 1940) and 4th (May 22, 1940) proofs of Maintenance Trust Agreement in respect of immigration into the Dominican Republic
31. Bulletin on Dominican Republic Italian Steamer Nuptunia Situation, 5/22/40
  - Italian government refuses to give German Jews transit visas
  - Attached to various telegrams and letters with info on status of various people's visas
32. Copies of 2 letters from Rosenberg to various people, May 23 and May 27, 1940
  - About information he has on a seemingly shady deal where for \$300, a man can get visas to the Dominican Republic
  - "Here we are...working hard to prevent the wrong kind of people from getting into the Dominican Republic and particularly to prevent people from coming to the Dominican Republic who might become public charges...I want very much to find [people] refuge if they are the right kind of people, but his bootlegging of people into the Dominican Republic in the way I have described above is a dangerous and bad business from many points of view."
33. Memo from CR to Professional Staff, Migration Dept., June 14, 1940
  - The present status is that they are trying to get the Dominican Republic to reconsider their present decision to stop visas for temporary asylum
34. Letter from CR to Prof. Joseph Chamberlain, June 19, 1940
  - Attached to various telegrams about status of refugees
  - About stoppage of visas, etc.
35. Maintenance Trust Agreement in Respect of Immigration into the Dominican Republic, Final Proof, June 26, 1940
36. Packet of telegrams, June 1940
37. Memo to Rosenberg from Reyher, "re: Dominican Republic - A Brief Summary Outline of Essential Facts Contained in Report Covering Field Investigations of Settlement Possibilities Existent on Selected Lands in the Dominican Republic"

38. Letter from Rehyer to CR, July 16, 1940
  - About Management Trust Agreement
39. Telegram from Rosenberg to Emerson, Intergovernmental Committee, July 16, 1940
40. Translated information about "Visa Cancellation for Non-Settlers Immigrants Agreed Between Dorsa and the Foreign Office," July 24, 1940
  - Attached to other information about the cancellation of visas
41. Data about the most recent immigration regulations in the Dominican Republic, Aug. 9, 1940
42. Report to the trustees of the maintenance trust agreement accord in NY, Sept. 2, 1941
43. Report of commission of Hopkins University
  - On general conditions in Dominican Republic
44. Plan for the admission of temporary and permanent residents in the Dominican Republic
45. Clippings:
  - a. "Caribbean Refuge," Freda Kirchwey, *The Nation*, April 13, 1940
    - Why does the country want these settlers? Because the dictator, Trujillo, wants a white country, and interestingly, Jews are seen here as white - "Ironically, the bitter race prejudice in the little Caribbean republic crates a haven for victims of a different race prejudice in the Reich. Jews are white, they are Europeans; they will bring energy and higher standards of life and better ways of doing things. They will mingle, eventually, with the population, increasing the precious proportion of white blood."
    - Also they'll bring money
    - It'll give them political clout, as the country that took refugees
    - Gains him lobbyists in America
  - b. "Trujillo Extends Refugee Asylum," *New York Times*, June 18, 1940
  - c. "35 Refugees Sail for Dominican Port," *New York Times*, April 24, 1940
46. "Plan for Temporary Asylum in the Dominican Republic"
  - Includes list of 5 kinds of refugees who will be given consideration
  - Attached to page 28 of a document about admitting refugees into England
47. List of Dominican consulates and addresses
48. Form letter from CR giving US relatives of potential refugees the regulations for getting their relatives out and to the Dominican Republic

[NOTE: Hereafter, only summaries of the documents contained in this collection are given. Each individual document will not be listed.]

## **Box 2**

National Refugee Service: Capital Loan Committee, Oct-Dec 1939 and National Refugee Service: Capital Loan Committee, Jan. 1940-Dec. 1941

Requests for loans, case histories of those requesting loans, amounts loaned  
- Businesses and individuals applying for loans include: farms, clothing manufacture and retailing, theatrical productions, training of musicians and actors, scholars, students, manufacturing cosmetics, boarding houses

National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany - Correspondence, Nov. 1938

On laws regarding immigrants, individual immigration cases, on efforts of other organizations (and duplication of efforts), investigations of people who are selling affidavits  
- Important figures: Stephen Wise, whom she gave information to about individual cases; Shalom Spiegel, who was trying to get his sister-in-law and her husband out; Warburg, whom she asked for advice; Brandeis, who may have been trying to get someone out; Abba Hillel Silver, trying to get someone out

National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany: Correspondence, Nov. 1938 (cont.)

11/21/38, Justice Brandeis has been writing to them, asking for help getting various people out

11/22/38, but since they're not his relatives, they can't do that much for them

Copies of letters about various people, affidavit laws, etc.

National Refugee Service: Capital Loan Committee, Jan. 1940 - Dec. 1941

- Correspondence regarding various cases before the committee
- Agendas for meetings, minutes of meetings

National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and Emigrants Coming from Germany: Correspondence, Dec. 1938

- Copies of correspondence regarding various cases of people who want to get out of Germany

**Box 3**

Relief Work 1941-1945

- Correspondence regarding the work of various organizations trying to get people out
- Correspondence with government officials about immigration policy

interesting items:

- Correspondence with Alan Cranston, who assisted in various efforts
- "Human interest material for National Refugee Service Speakers, April 1942"
- A packet of stories of recent immigrants who have made good in America
- Memorandum to Social, Civic and Welfare Agencies from the Dept. of Justice, Nov. 5, 1942 about the naturalization of aliens

- Correspondence (Dec. 1942) regarding her job: a 30% pay cut, new title, curtailing of her work, etc.
- Charts of totals of immigrants admitted and aliens deported, total and Jewish, 1921-1942
- Correspondence regarding her resignation, May 1943 - she felt that the limitations of her new position would not give use to the long years of experience and the status she has had before
- She goes to work for the Common Council for American Unity (where Alan Cranston works)
- "The Position of Jewish Refugees in England," Jan. 1945, prepared by Jewish Central Information Office

#### Treatment of Enemy Aliens in Wartime

- "Treatment of Enemy Aliens in Wartime," 8 typed pages
- "Alien Enemy Control in War Time," 5 typed legal pages
- Dept. of Justice has interned 10,000 of over 1 mil enemy aliens in U.S.

#### Reports by CR to National Refugee Service Executive Director, 1941-1943

- Reports on various meetings she attended, including governmental meetings

#### National Refugee Service: Jews Interned at Detention Centers in Southwest USA, 1941-1943

- Lists of Jewish detainees include whole families, including very young children
- Lists of internees at various forts and camps
- Many seem to have been living in Panama at the time of their internment
- Interesting material on the situation in Panama when they were interned
- Biographical information about detainees
- CR has been contacted to wield influence in getting them out of internment
  - Several letters from individual internees

#### National Refugee Service: Relief Work, Sept. 1939-1940

- Plans for a conference on the status of refugees, Sept. 1939, at which CR spoke
  - Copy of her speech, "How does the refugee get here?"
- Information on refugees in various countries

#### "St. Louis" incident (1939)

- Photocopies of clippings, articles, memoranda (from CR) on situation
- Memorandum from CR, Sept. 1961
  - She was part of the Mission that flew to Cuba to try to work out arrangements
  - In Cuba, they contacted consuls from various Latin American countries to see if they would take the refugees; they also contact the leaders of various women's organizations in Cuba
  - "We attended meetings and spoke about the situation; some passed resolutions urging Cuba to accept the passengers, others agreed to make representations to the officials, on our behalf."
- Other reminiscences by her of the incident
- An entire clipping file in Spanish on the incident

**Box 4**

U[nited] N[atations] R[elief and] R[ehabilitation] A[dministration] Specialist, Displaced Persons, Sept. 1944-1945

- She was appointed as a Displaced Persons Specialist, \$5,600/year, in the Division of Displaced Persons, Wash. D.C., October, 1944
- She was sent to London on Nov. 1, 1944
- She was sent to France Jan. 1945, with her travel and maintenance expenses paid by the Joint
- Stories of survivors of the Holocaust, April 1945
- Reports by people who visited the concentration camps after the war
- Correspondence from CR, May 1945, on her health: "I am under the care of Physicians who state that my condition is the result of diet and living conditions here and for that reason they do not advise that I should go into the field where these conditions would be much more marked."
- She asks to be sent home because she doesn't want to become a burden

UNRRA Specialist, Displaced Persons, July 1945-Jan. 1946

Background Material to Life of Jews in DP Camps, 1946

UNRRA Child Search Reports, 1947

Citizen's Committee on Displaced Persons, March 1947-March 1948

AJDC, Feb. 1946-Aug. 1946

AJDC Brazil, Oct.-Dec. 1946

AJDC Speaker, March 1948-Feb 1950

- Info concerning her speaking tour throughout the South, March and April 1948
- Clippings

United Service for New Americas: Field Work in Southwest USA, General Correspondence, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Alabama: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Arkansas: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Louisiana: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Mississippi: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Tennessee: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Oklahoma: Field Reports, 1950

United Service for New Americans, Texas: Field Reports, 1950

Correspondence, 1951-1957

- Mostly with people who want her to speak for them

- Program from a synagogue service at which she spoke

**Box 5**

United HIAS Service: Resettlement Supervisor, South America 1957-1958

United HIAS Service Report of Brazil, Sept. 1955; Brazil: Report on Immigration, Dec. 1957

Egyptian Jewish Refugees in Brazil, 1957

Hungarian Jewish Refugees in Brazil, 1957

UHS Representative: Brazil, 1957

UHS Representative: Peru, 1958

UHS Representative: Colombia, 1958

UHS Representative: Chile, 1958

UHS Representative: Paraguay, 1958

UHS Representative: Ecuador, 1958

*UHS Representative: General Correspondence, 1957-8*

*Profile on Bolivia, 1957-8*

Profile on Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1957-8

Profile on Panama, 1957-8

UHS Report on Venezuela, 1955

Correspondence, April 1958-May 1959

UHS Representative: Mexico Summer 1959

Correspondence, Sept. 1959-60

El Paso, TX: Survey of City and Related Correspondence, 1961-62

- Diary of trip to South America, 1963, "Forty Thousand New Brazilians"
- Red vinyl book, engraved "C. Razovsky"
  - A few loose pages of notes in front
  - Diary entries begin for real on page labeled May 29, 1962, but the actual date of her entry was May 4, 1963, goes to Jan. 1966
  - Handwritten diary
  - "Forty Thousand New Brazilians"

- Her impressions of the development of the Jewish communities in Brazil, as observed on trips in 1937, 1946-7, 1954, 1957-8, 1963
  - 14 typed pages
- Typed pages #7-18 of a journal [excerpts from her diary?]

### **Box 6**

#### Published Works by CR About Immigration, 1920-1926

1. *Three Per Cent or At Ellis Island, A Play in Two Scenes*. New York: General Committee of Immigrant Aid at Ellis Island, 1922.
  - Tragic story of immigrants being sent back because quotas are exhausted; social workers play major parts
2. *What Every Woman Should Know About American Citizenship*, New York: National Council for Jewish Women, 1926.
  - In Yiddish and English
  - Cover page signed by her
  - Encouraging women to become citizens, learn to read and write, vote, be "good citizens"
  - Picture in back of a NCJW English class, with woman in sheitl in front
3. "What is the Cable Act?" reprint from *The Immigrant*, (Oct. 1922).
4. "The Operation of the Three Per Cent Law." *Foreign-Born: A Bulletin of International Service*, March 1922
5. *What Every Immigrant Must Know*. (Yiddish), NCJW, n.d.
6. "Adult Immigrant Education," *The Jewish Center* (Sept. 1926).
  - Also includes review of her book *What Every Woman Should Know About Citizenship*
7. *I-19*, or *The Council Lends a Hand*, A One Act Sketch, Oct 1926
  - From "Foreword": "Because of the new immigration law, many men in this country who are not yet American citizens are separated from their wives and children still living abroad. During the long period of separation, the husbands sometimes become indifferent and neglectful towards their families. The Department of Immigrant Aid of the National Council of Jewish Women has received many requests from agencies abroad to locate such husbands and induce them to send maintenance to their families until they may be reunited in this country. These cases are classified in the files of the office of the Department of Immigrant Aid as 'I-19' Domestic Relations cases."

#### Personal Involvement in Case of Settling Katznelson Family, 1927-1939

##### Case report and correspondence:

- Sara Katznelson, a woman in Cuba in July, 1927, is trying to get insurance for the death of her husband, contacted New York Section
- Has a cousin in New York, Morris Nelson
- Katznelson arrives in NY, Dec. 1927, CR becomes the guardian for her children because she is a transient

- She returned to Cuba Feb. 1928, after collecting about \$9000 in insurance and Workmen's Comp.
- Jan. 1932, she and two children move permanently to NY
- The children receive their money when they reach 21, and CR is released from guardianship
- The NCJW got involved because Sara K. was suspicious of her cousin Morris, and thought he would try to take the money from them

#### Biographical Sketches and Resumes

- Biographical notes, May 1964, San Diego, CA (5 typed pages), 4 copies
- Obituary, 1968
- C.V., post-1964 (2 typed pages)
- Biographical sketch, Nov. 17, 1967 (1 typed page)
- C.V., 1964, (4 typed pages, plus 1 page of autobiography)
- C.V., post-1941 (2 typed pages), 2 copies
- Biographical sketch, post-1957 (1 typed page)
- C.V., post-1919 (3 typed pages)
- Biographical sketch (2 typed pages)
- Biographical sketch from National Refugee Service, 2 copies
- Application for federal employment, Dec. 1947, 2 copies
- 1 page summary of foreign experience, post-1939 (2 typed pages)
- 1 paragraph on her work with refugees, July 1945
- 1/2 page on some of her work
- Page 4 of a C.V., post-1944
- 1 page summary, post-1948, 2 copies
- 1 page C.V., 1956
- 1 page C.V., post-1963
- Unfinished biographical notes, post-1960 (2 typed pages)
- 1 page obituary
- C.V., post-1939 (3 typed pages)
- 1 page biographical sketch, post-1945
- Page 4 of a C.V., post-1951
- Last paragraph of an obituary, which turns into a polemic against war
- 1 page biography of CR and her husband, and their work for refugees in South America, Nov., 1958
- 2 page biography, post-1961

#### Miscellaneous Articles

- Notes on status of women in South American countries
- Jan. 1955, review of *My Several Worlds*, Pearl Buck
- "The Season of Love," *The Survey* Dec. 22, 1917
  - Fiction (?) about a Christmas party for Italian teenagers
- "Soviet Children Have Their Say About Books," Sept. 1932
- Intro. to her translation of a pamphlet on Russian children learning to read, as part of an article about the status of people in the USSR, 1962
- "Locating Relatives," 4 typed pages

#### Miscellaneous

- "A Quarter Century of Brazil's Progress," with handwritten notes at end
- Biographical sketch

- Report on anti-Semitism in Brazil
- Report on anti-Semitism in South America
- Report on status of Jews in South America
- Various HIAS reports, telegrams, pages in Spanish,
- "Twentieth Century Migration with Special Reference to the Jews"
- "Report on Refugee Problems"

#### Personal Correspondence

- Several airmail letters from CR to her husband, 1945, 1946
- June 1945: "We are doing wonderful helpful exciting rescue work - I am desolate at leaving it - I really feel needed here.

#### Personal Documents and Memorabilia

- Contract for book, *Stories of Foreign Born Children in America*, 1928
- Affidavit of support for her cousin, Jacques Zatvan of France, 1940
- Letter of recommendation/introduction from Gov. Herbert Lehman, NY, 1942
- Letters of recommendation for her to be appointed to the Governor's staff on immigration, with C.V. of CR
- Application for information on relatives and friends in Russia by Morris Davidson, 1944
- Passes:
  - Military pass, 1946
  - Card from Ministry of Health and Dept. of Health for Scotland
  - Pass into Commanding General's Casino Mess, 1946  
(on back: "Death is so Permanent - Drive Carefully")
  - Ration card, Army Exchange, 1946
  - Officers' mess pass, 1946, Germany
  - Officers' mess pass, 1946, Regina Hotel
  - UNRRA pass, 1944
  - Night, Sunday and Holiday pass, 1945, Washington
  - International certificate of vaccination, 1944
  - Ellis Island pass - member Ellis Island Visitation Committee, 1920
  - Civilian pass to officers' mess, March 1945
  - Civilian continent card, pass to officers' mess, April 1945
  - Booklet: "United States Forces European Theater Currency Control Record"
  - Certificate of registration as Alien, London, 1944
  - With photo stapled in and extra photo loose inside
  - Guide to Assembly Center [for Displaced Persons] Administration
  - Military entry permit, Frankfurt, 1946
- Certificate of membership, American Association of Social Workers, Sept. 1953
- 1957: letters concerning her search for a high school transcript
- Application for Admission, U. of Texas - she wants to attend a conference on creative writing, 1957
- Transcript of classes taken at Academia Internacional de Espanol, Mexico
  - Spanish classes and a class in Mexican Dance, 1959
- C.V. of Morris Davidson, Sept 1960
- Letter in Hebrew, 1960 from ?
- Aerogram from Israel, 1962, in Hebrew

### Photographs

- Passport size head and shoulders, in her 50s?
- Three women, CR in middle, holding a piece of paper
  - CR has a miniature around her neck of a woman
  - "Oklahoma" written in pencil on back
- CR (?) as a nurse, 1953
  - In a hospital ward at Christmas, patients in the background, she's at a nativity scene in front of a Christmas tree
- Wedding photo (not of her) with a 2 men in uniform in front of a synagogue (?)
  - "West Side Institution . . . ," sign in English
  - Written on back in pen, "Germany, Bremen, Emil"
  - 1940s?

### Published Works About Immigration, 1929-1937

1. "The Stranger in Our Midst," *Eve*, Feb 1937
  - "The National Council of Jewish Women represents a social service organization rather than a national minority group. . . . It's [sic] activities for more than forty years have been inspired by an eagerness to make a contribution to American life. It was this zest which caused the National Council of Jewish Women to undertake a program of service to foreign born men and women who have come to these shores to live, - a service designed to incorporate them into the American way of life."
2. "Oi, Mein Mann!," "a ten\_minute sketch describing social service at the piers," Nov. 1929
3. "How the Refugee Reaches This Country," *Social Work Today*, Dec. 1939
4. "Immigration and the Alien in 1936," *Better Times* June 1, 1936
5. Manuscript of "The Stranger in Our Midst"
6. "Deportation of Alien Jews," *The Jewish Social Service Quarterly*, Dec. 1931
7. "The Problem of the German Refugees," *The Reform Advocate*, Dec. 7, 1934
8. *Handicaps in Naturalization: A Study of the Effects of High Fees Upon the Naturalization of Aliens in the United States*. NY: National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship, 1932.
9. "The Jew Re-Discovers America: Jewish Immigration to Latin American Countries," *Jewish Social Service Quarterly*, March 1929 (2 copies)

### Published Works About Immigration, 1938-1939

1. "These Families Want a Chance: Footnotes on the Immigration Law," source unknown, n.d.
2. Rev. of *Jewish Community Organization in the United States*, *Jewish Social Studies*, April 25, 1940
3. *Making Americans*, NY: National Council of Jewish Women, 1938
  - Inscribed on title page, "With love and kisses to my b.f. and s.c., Cel"

Correspondence, 1961-1967; Necrologies

- Paragraph by CR about Albert Einstein arriving in America, July 1965
- Report by CR on immigration situation in El Paso, 1961
- Correspondence regarding speaking invitations
- Correspondence regarding her trips to Latin America, and individual people who she wants to help there
- Manuscript, "Forty Thousand New Brazilians," 26 pp, May 1964
- Form letter from CR thanking her friends for their get-well wishes, June 22, 1965
- Correspondence in 1960s about her work in California setting up organizations for Mexican immigrants
- Obituary from *Southwest Jewish Press*, Oct. 31, 1968