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Collection Information

Abstract : Vaad Hoer, a transliteration from the Yiddish meaning City Committee, oversaw slaughter houses to guarantee that meat sold to Jewish people conformed to Jewish dietary laws.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

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Vaad Hoer, Inc. (Worcester, Mass.)
Shaarai Torah Sons of Abraham (Worcester, Mass.)
Worcester Jewish Community Committee (Worcester, Mass.)
Jews – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Jewish way of life.
Jews – Dietary laws.
Kosher food industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.

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Broadsides.

(local 690)
Jewish Community in Worcester

Historical/Biographical Notes

Vaad Hoeir (spelled several ways, usually Vaad ha-Ir) is a transliteration from the Yiddish meaning City Committee. The organization was comprised of delegates from the membership organizations of the Worcester Jewish Community Committee. The purpose of Vaad Hoeir was “to see that any and all meats sold to the Jewish people shall be strictly kosher and all the rules and regulations of all slaughter houses shall be in conformance with the Jewish dietary laws.”

Scope and Content

The collection consists of three documents relating to the organization: Articles of Incorporation, 1927; a broadside (in Yiddish) relating to the kosher slaughtering of animals in Worcester, ca. 1930, with translation into English; and a letter to Shaarai Torah synagogue requesting delegates to the Vaad Hoeir, 1939. The collection provides insight into the purpose and governance of the organization, and provides insight into aspects of the religious and cultural life of the Jewish community in Worcester.

Series Description

The collection is divided into three series by format:

Series 1: Official documents.

Series 2: Broadside.

Series 3: Letters.

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Series 1, Official Documents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1999.FIA.09.1.1	Articles of Incorporation of Vaad Hoeir, Inc., May 16, 1927. 11 x 17 in. Form signed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and stamped with the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
		.1a	aqp, reduced to 8 ½ x 11 in.

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Series 2, Broadsides

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1	2	1999.FIA.09.2.1	Broadside, in Yiddish, re kosher slaughtering of animals, fees paid for kosher slaughtering, and related matters. ca. 1930
		.1a	aqp
		1999.FIA.09.2.2	Translation of broadside from Yiddish to English. Typescript.

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Series 3, Letters

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1	3	1999.FIA.09.3.1	Letter. Worcester Jewish Community Council to Congregation Shaarai Torah, requesting appointment of delegates to Vaad Hoeir, April 16, 1939. Typescript.
		.1a	aqp