

Country Name: **ARGENTINA**

Looted Judaica and Judaica with Provenance Gaps in Country		Yes
Existing Projects		
Overview	Looted Cultural Property Databases	
	Publications	<p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) Herman, Dana. <i>Hashavat Avedah: A History of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction</i>, Inc. PhD thesis, Department of History, McGill University, Montreal, October 2008.</p> <p>(2) Gallas, Elisabeth. <i>Das Leichenhaus der Bücher. Kulturrestitution und jüdisches Geschichtsdenken nach 1945</i>. Schriften des Simon-Dubnow-Instituts, Band 19, Göttingen: Vandenhock & Ruprecht, 2013, p. 184.</p> <p>Argentina received 5,053 books and 150 museum and synagogue pieces from the JCR after World War II. So far as is known, no provenance research has been conducted on these JCR holdings or on other Judaica that may have reached Argentina during or after World War II.</p> <p>(3) Yapp, Robin. "Eva Peron kept Nazi treasure taken from Jews." <i>The Telegraph</i>, September 2011.</p> <p>The article reviews the book by Leandro Narloch and Duda Teixeira entitled <i>The Politically Incorrect Guide to Latin America</i> which among other stories reports that Evita Peron, Argentina's former first lady, sold visas to known Nazis in exchange for Nazi treasures from Jews who were killed in concentration camps.</p>
	Information from Other Sources	
	Historical Commission	The Historical Commission "Argentine Commission of Inquiry into the Activities of Nazism in Argentina" (CEANA, Comisión Para el Esclarecimiento de las Actividades del Nazismo en la Argentina) was established by then Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella in 1997
Selected Bibliography	<p>→ Please note that the general literature may also contain information on the specific country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comisión Para el Esclarecimiento de las Actividades del Nazismo en la Argentina (Argentine Commission of Inquiry into the Activities of Nazism in Argentina) • Goni, Uki. <i>The Real Odessa. How Peron Brought the Nazi War Criminals to Argentina</i>. London: Granta Books, 2002. • Chesnoff, Richard Z. <i>Pack of Thieves: How Hitler and Europe Plundered the Jews and Committed the Greatest Theft in History</i>. New York: Doubleday, 1999. 	
Notes	<p><u>Source:</u></p> <p>(1) Chesnoff, Richard Z. <i>Pack of Thieves: How Hitler and Europe Plundered the Jews and Committed the Greatest Theft in History</i>. New York: Doubleday, 1999.</p> <p>Any scant previous research has only focused on fine art. Richard Z. Chesnoff noted in his "Pack of Thieves. How Hitler and Europe Plundered the Jews and Committed the Greatest Theft in History" how Argentina was presumably the recipient of looted art in addition to piles of jewelry, etc. It is conceivable that Argentina was also the recipient of looted Judaica.</p>	