

Country Name: **BRAZIL**

Looted Judaica and Judaica with Provenance Gaps in Country		Yes
Existing Projects	N/A	
Overview	Looted Cultural Property Databases	N/A
	Publications	<p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) Herman, Dana. <i>Hashavat Avedah: A History of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc.</i> PhD thesis, Department of History, McGill University, Montreal, October 2008.</p> <p>(2) Kapralik, Charles I. <i>Reclaiming the Nazi Loot: The History of the Work of the Jewish Trust Corporation for Germany.</i> London: The Corporation, 1962, p 10.</p> <p>Brazil received 2,463 books from the JCR after World War II. Upon special request, the Advisory Council on the Question of Jewish Cultural and Religious Objects, established by the Jewish Trust Corporation (as part of the British Occupation Authorities), decided to make book donations of looted Jewish books to the Jewish community in Sao Paulo.</p>
	Information from Other Sources	<p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) Email exchange with Max Nahmias, President of the Museo Judaico do Rio de Janeiro, in July 2007.</p> <p>(2) Email exchange with Museu Judaico de Sao Paulo. 27 November 2015.</p> <p>There are no known claims against Judaica objects in Brazilian cultural institutions.</p> <p>The collection of the soon to be established Jewish Museum in Sao Paulo (<i>Museu Judaico de Sao Paulo</i>) is, according to its director, based on spontaneous donations from the Jewish community in Sao Paulo.</p>
	Historical Commission	<p><u>Sources:</u></p> <p>(1) Hinchberger, Bill. "Brazil Uncovers Nazi War Loot". <i>ARTnews</i> September 1998, p 67.</p> <p>(2) http://www.museum-security.org/reports/05998.html#9, last accessed in June 2014.</p> <p>In 1997, the Justice Ministry set up a Commission to investigate leads into approximately 100 works which were sold in Brazil between the 1940s and 1970s. The ARTnews article further referred to a few specific museums with holdings of unclear provenance: Museum of Art, Sao Paulo; Museum of Modern Art, Rio de Janeiro; and the Museum of Art of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre.</p>
Selected Bibliography	→ Please note that the general literature may also contain information on the specific country.	
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