

Country Name: **NORWAY**

Looted Judaica and Judaica with Provenance Gaps in Country	
Existing Projects	
Overview	<p>Looted Cultural Property Databases</p>
	<p>Publications</p>
	<p>Information from Other Sources</p> <p><u>Source:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Information provided by Anders Rydell, 19 March 2014. (2) Email exchange with Rebekka Paltiel, Det Jødiske Museum in Trondheim, April 2015. <p>Norway has not conducted any further research since completion of the Historical Commission's reports. This notion was supported by Ms. Paltiel who stated that no provenance research is being carried out throughout Norway.</p>
	<p>Historical Commission</p> <p><u>Source:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Reisel, Berit and Bjarte Bruland. The Reisel/Bruland report on the confiscation of Jewish property in Norway during World War II. Oslo: Norwegian Ministry of Justice, 1997. 125 pp. (Part of Official Norwegian Report 1997: 22). <p>On March 29, 1996 the Norwegian Commission on Restitution was appointed by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice to conduct a survey on what happened to Jewish property in Norway during and after World War II. The Commission existed in its entirety for about one year. After that, the Commission split into a majority of five members and a minority of two. The minority Commission was comprised of two members from Norway's Jewish Community: Berit Reisel and Bjarte Bruland. Each Commission, the majority and minority one, delivered reports to the Minister of Justice on 23 June 1997. The majority report was characterized by a financial accounting approach, while the minority report featured an analysis of the system of liquidation during the Nazi regime. In total, the two reports presented two different accounts on history. At the end, the Minister of Finance chose to go with the minority report.</p> <p>The research on movable property was completed and compensation was given to the Jewish Community of Norway.</p>
Selected Bibliography	<p>→ Please note that the general literature may also contain information on the specific country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cotler, Irwin. "Nuremberg 50 years Later: The Restitution of Jewish Property and Norwegian Justice". <i>Nordic Journal of International Law</i> no. 67, 1998, pp 275-287. ▪ Westlie, Bjorn. "Coming to Terms with the Past: The Process of Restitution of Jewish Property in Norway". <i>Policy Forums</i> No. 12, January 1996. ▪ Reisel, Berit and Bjarte Bruland. The Reisel/Bruland report on the confiscation of Jewish property in Norway during World War II. Oslo: Norwegian Ministry of Justice, 1997. 125 pp. (Part of Official Norwegian Report 1997: 22).
Notes	<p>Although research was carried out on cultural property taken by Norway from Jews, it does not appear that Norway has conducted any provenance research - neither on cultural objects, nor on Jewish religious and ceremonial objects - that may have come into or left the country during the War or since.</p>