

## Collection Development Statement Books and Pamphlets

### Introduction

In accordance with the aims set out in its mission statement, The Wiener Library seeks to collect and make available for research purposes books and pamphlets which document Jewish life and antisemitism in Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and in particular from the Nazi era and the Holocaust.

### Background

The Wiener Library has been collecting books and pamphlets since it came into existence in 1933. Currently, the Library holds 65,000 books and pamphlets. About 50% of this collection is in German, 40% is in English. Our particular strength lies in the breadth and depth of the collection.

### Collection Focus

The Wiener Library is a library with a distinct focus: the Holocaust, its history and historiography, its causes and legacies. All subjects we cover can be traced back to this theme.

The Library attempts to collect comprehensively in the following areas:

- The history and historiography of the persecution of Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators and of Jewish resistance against the Holocaust
- The rise of the Nazis; antisemitism in Germany before, during and after the Holocaust
- The legacies and after-effects of the Holocaust such as war crime trials, restitution and Vergangenheitsbewältigung (coming to terms with the past); Holocaust denial; refugees, survivors and Second generation; remembrance and memory, post-Holocaust thought, Holocaust education; representation of the Holocaust in the arts, fiction and film.

To document what has been destroyed, The Wiener Library collects material on:

- Central European Jewish history and Jewish communities in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century, with a special emphasis on German-Jewish history

In order to support the core subjects and the larger work of institute, the Library also collects materials in the following areas:

- Nazi Germany, in particular: the persecution of non-Jews
- World War II, resistance and collaboration
- Contemporary German history
- Comparative genocide studies

### Media

The Library collects new and second hand books and pamphlets in all material types available: hardback, paperback, microforms, audio-books, CD-ROM, DVD.

### **Method of Acquisition**

The Wiener Library has an annual book budget for new and second hand books and pamphlets to buy material within the remit. Financial donations that increase the book budget are always very welcome; donations of books and pamphlets are also welcome provided the material falls within our collection policy and is not duplicating existing material. The Wiener Library marks donated material with plates stating the name of the donor if they wish.