

**Reference code:** GB165-0170

**Title:** Leopold Kessler Collection

**Name of creator:** Kessler, Leopold (1864-1944)

Goldsmid, Albert Edward Williamson (1846-1904)

**Dates of creation of material:** 1903

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 1 box

**Biographical history:**

Kessler, Leopold (1864-1944)

Born 4 February 1864, Tarnowitz, son of Jacob Kessler. Educated Realgymnasium; Mining Academy, Freiburg; Royal School of Mines, Berlin. Mining engineer, Rhodesia; 1896, general manager, mining operations, Transvaal; 1899, President, Transvaal Zionist Association; 1900, exploratory trip to Palestine; member of El Arish expedition, 1903; director and later chairman of the board of *The Jewish Chronicle*; on board of directors of Jewish National Fund, 1907-21. Married. Died 3 January 1944.

Goldsmid, Albert Edward Williamson (1846-1904)

Born 6 October 1846, Poona, son of Henry Goldsmid. Educated privately; Sandhurst. Entered Army, 1866, on General Staff; organised Baron de Hirsch's Colonies in the Argentine Republic, 1892-93; served in South African War 1899-1901; member of El Arish expedition, 1903; MVO 1903. President of the Maccabaeon Society. Commandant of the Jewish Lads' Brigade. Married Ida Hendriks. Died 27 March 1904.

**Scope and content:** Photocopy of Kessler's copy of the Log book of the Commission appointed to report on the practicability of establishing Jewish settlements in the Sinai Peninsula on land under Egyptian Administration east of the Suez Canal and Gulf, 11 February – 25 March 1903; biographical article on Leopold Kessler written by Joseph Fraenkel from *The Jewish Chronicle* 31 January 1964. 3 photographs from the El Arish Expedition.

**Access conditions:** Open

**Language of material:** English

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**Custodial history:** In the possession of Leopold Kessler and his family.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Received from David Kessler, son of Leopold Kessler in 1966.

**Location of originals:** In 1966 the original notebook was in the possession of David Kessler (the son of Leopold Kessler).

**Location of copies:** Please note that the Kessler Collection has been digitised.

**Related Units of Description:**

In other repositories:

Further Kessler papers in Central Zionist Archive.

**Finding aids:** In Guide; Handlist

**Archivist's note:** Fonds level description created by Clare Brown 23 Feb 1999 and revised by Debbie Usher 4 May 2016.