

The Industrial School for Jewish Girls, Sambir (1925-1939): A Local Institutional Description

Abstract:

The publication's purpose is to analyse the activities of the professional school for Jewish girls in Sambir (1925-1939), to identify the stages of its history and to reveal aspects of its life. The methodology of the research is based on the concept of the 'history of institutions' as a special field of scientific and historical research. The Industrial School for Jewish Girls was a private educational institution owned by the Göthelf Foundation. It consisted of three classes, each of which was divided into special departments. Initially there were two departments, Clothing Design and Carpet Weaving, and then the Tailor department was added, along with Tailor and Linen. Teachers at the school had varying qualifications and work experience and belonged to different religions and nationalities (although Jews prevailed). The number of schoolchildren varied greatly in different periods of its history, due primarily to the economic crisis and local market requirements, as the local market did not require a significant number of craftsmen, as prepared by the industrial school. The content of schooling was determined by state requirements and was orientated towards secondary level education.

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