Iraqi Jewish Archives: The Way Forward

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Description: The presentation will cover what should happen to the Iraqi Jewish Archives (IJA) including clips from the documentary “Saving the Iraqi Jewish Archives”. What is the history of the IJA? What is the status of digitization? Is there a complete list of all documents in the IJA? Who should have custody of the IJA? Who owns the IJA? These questions will be discussed from a legal and cultural heritage perspective.

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