This select list of archival collections at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum provides researchers with information on materials that were created in the English language or in a combination of languages that include English as of mid-summer 2010.

The number of English-language resources in the Museum’s Archives continues to grow at a rapid pace, and represent but a fraction of the institution’s more than 160 million pages of archival holdings. Significant English-language primary documents also appear in the digitized International Tracing Service collection, which is accessible on the Museum campus. For information on all of the Museum’s collections, please visit the Museum’s archival resources site at http://www.ushmm.org/research/collections/. To access the regularly updated Archival Guide to the Collections of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, please visit http://www.ushmm.org/research/center/archguide/.

Archival collections are identified either by record group (RG) number or by accession number (Acc). RG and Acc numbers that include the letter “M” are available on microfilm or microfiche. The number of reels in each microfilm collection are indicated below.

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RG-10.003 --- Many Kisses

This scrapbook contains copies of correspondence between Andrew Engel and his family and friends, together with English translations, arranged in the format of a scrapbook. Included is information about the Engel family genealogy, the Righteous Among the Nations, the concentration camp at Nyirjes, and forced labor.

Provenance: Andrew Engel translated most of the material into English.
Languages: Hungarian, English, German
1942–1984 (esp. 1944)
1.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Andrew Engel

RG-11.001M.93 --- World Association of Jewish Students (Fond 1230)

This collection contains office records of this international student organization. Included are protocols of general meetings and executive board meetings; policy statements, proposals, and position papers to be presented at international conferences; press clippings; copies of a publication in English, The Monthly News Sheet, a number of English-language records from the International Student Service.

Languages: French, German, English
1924–1936
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding aid: Preliminary English-language descriptions
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution

RG-52.020 --- Miscellaneous Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

This collection contains miscellaneous English and German language documents that were collected from printed sources and that pertain to the Holocaust in Hungary and to the Nuremberg trials. The collection can be considered the English-language, abridged version of Randolph L. Braham’s 1963 publication, The Destruction of Hungarian Jewry.

Languages: English, German
1941–1947
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham

RG-68.049M --- Card Index of the AJJDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee)

This collection contains registration cards of the AJJDC emigration departments in Munich (in English) and Vienna (in English), and individual cards of refugees who reached Spain during World War II (in French).

Language: English, French
1943–1959
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: AJJDC Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: English-language reel list with name of office and alphabetical range of individuals’ last names.
Restrictions: On reproduction of microfilm for third parties. Researchers must credit the AJJDC in citations.

**RG-19.004 --- Records Relating to the Committee for Refugee Education**

This collection contains, in two subcollections, essays written by refugee students who were studying English in a program provided by the Committee for Refugee Education (CRE) after World War II. In the essays, the students describe their experiences of life in the United States, the memories of persecution and imprisonment in concentration camps, and their liberation. Also included are samples of teaching materials used in the English lessons, a December 18, 1949, letter written by one of the English-language instructors, and progress reports for 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1949. These reports include information about the CRE, statistics on students participating in English language training courses, teaching methods used by CRE instructors, and communications with other agencies that cooperated with the CRE, including the American Committee for Christian German Refugees and the Jewish Welfare Board.

Language: English

1940–1942, 1949

1 folder

Source of Acquisition: Rosalyn Malakoff

**Accession 1988.89 --- The Abraham Sosnowik Collection**

This memoir, both in the original Yiddish and in English translation, describes Abraham Sosnowik’s experiences during the Holocaust in Novy Pohost and Szarkowszczyana, Poland.

Languages: Yiddish and English

1945

3 items

Source of Acquisition: Abraham Sosnowik

**RG-02.012 --- “Recollections from my Life’s Experiences” by Sophie Machtinger**

In this memoir, Sophie Machtinger discusses her experiences in the Łódż ghetto, her observations of the actions of Chaim Rumkowski, the liquidation of the Łódż ghetto, her family’s deportation to Auschwitz, and her transport to Stutthof and Dresden.

Provenance: Douglas Kouril translated the original Polish-language testimony into English.

Languages: Polish, English

1987–1988

1 linear inch

Source of Acquisition: Morton Faller
RG-68.092M --- Personal Archive of Sigfried Jagendorf (Director of Turnatoria Plants in Mogilev Podolski), Transnistria

Jagendorf was a fifty-one-year-old Jewish engineer deported to Moghilev (Mogilev) in 1941, where he oversaw deportees repairing city infrastructure and later worked on other projects. The collection includes an English-language autobiography entitled "Jagendorf: My Story of World War II. The True Story of How 100,000 of My People Were Saved." It also includes wartime documents of the Mogilev Jewish Committee, prewar documents, and postwar correspondence.
Provenance: Collection P-9 at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Languages: English, German, and Romanian 1922–1967
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Preliminary descriptions in English
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

RG-19.008 --- “One Family’s Story”

This collection contains correspondence between Paul and Balbina Schifter and their son, Richard. In general, the letters concern the emigration of Richard Schifter to the United States and the attempts of Paul and Balbina Schifter to emigrate from Poland during the Holocaust. Each German letter is followed by an English translation.
Provenance: The correspondence of the Schifter family was compiled and translated by Deborah Esther Schifter. The German letters were transcribed and then followed by an English translation.
Languages: English and German 1932–1988 (esp. 1938–1941)
2 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Deborah Esther Schifter
Restrictions on use: 1989 copyright

RG-18.001 --- Condemnation of Genocide and Antisemitism

This is an English translation of a declaration by the Republic of Latvia’s “Highest Council” condemning genocidal acts by the Nazis. Included is an acknowledgement of the importance of Jews in past Latvian culture and Latvia’s intolerance of acts of antisemitism and racial discrimination in the future.
Language: English
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: George Schwab
RG-67.006M --- Records of the World Jewish Congress, Political Department (Series B)

This collection contains records of Series B, the Political Department of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), which dealt with governments and international organizations. The records relate primarily to emigration issues. The collection also contains papers of WJC leaders Maurice Perlzweig, Robert Marcus, and Oscar Karbach. Materials include correspondence, reports, memos, publications, press releases, and various mimeographed items.

Provenance: The WJC records were donated to the American Jewish Archives in 1982.
Languages: English and other languages
141 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On duplication and publication


This is an unpublished manuscript on the subject of the text’s title. Some photographs are included.
Language: English
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Agathe Szarvas

RG-11.001M.53 --- Records of the Zionist Palestine Bureau, Saloniki (Fond 1435)

The Bureau was founded in 1924 to assist Jews going to Palestine. This collection contains correspondence with Zionist organizations, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Department of Immigration and Labor, and other entities, regarding organizational matters. Also included are bulletins of Zionist organizations in English.
Languages: Greek, English, other languages
1919–1938
1 microfilm roll (16 mm), 1 folder
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution
See the finding aid for this collection: RG-11.001M.53

RG-68.067M --- Illegal Immigration to Palestine

This collection contains orders for the deportation of illegal immigrants, arranged by ship, 1938–1946. Records include “Memoranda of Personal Data (Political)” and questionnaires of the Palestine Police Force with photographs and biographical data.
Provenance: British Mandatory Government, Office of the Prime Minister of Israel
Languages: English and Hebrew
1938–1946
33 microfilm rolls (35 mm), 2 DVDs
Source of Acquisition: Israel State Archives
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English and Hebrew
Restrictions: On publication and reproduction

RG-19.062 --- Harold Fishbein Collection

This collection contains the personal correspondence of Harold Fishbein, Director from 1945 to 1948 of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration’s (UNRRA) Schlachtensee displaced persons camp near Berlin, Germany. It also contains a draft copy for a book Mr. Fishbein was writing about the DP camp and his experiences as its director. More than 400 photographs of Mr. Fishbein, the Schlachtensee camp, and displaced persons are included in the collection.
Languages: English; also German, Hebrew, and Yiddish 1941–1949
Original records, 4 boxes; now available in 40 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Rabbi Mayer Abramowitz
Finding aid: English-language finding aid available

RG-59.025M --- The National Archives, UK: Reconciliation, Displaced Persons, and Emigration

This collection contains records from the War Office, Foreign Office, and Home Office relating to Jewish immigration to Palestine, displaced persons, the postwar situation in Europe, and restitution matters.
Provenance: British War Office, Foreign Office, and Home Office papers
Language: English 1937–1951
58 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives, UK (formerly Public Record Office)
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On reproduction

RG-69.002M --- Boaz Bischopswerder Music and Manuscripts

The late Boaz Bischopswerder was chief cantor at the Brunenstrasse synagogue in Berlin. He left Germany in 1933 for London, but was interned by the British and sent to Australia, where he was held at the Hay and Tatura internment camps. His papers include his musical composition, Phantasia Judaica, which was composed on the way to Australia on board the Dunev; manuscripts of traditional Jewish liturgical music created in the camps in Australia (arrangements of the music of Levandowsky); a diary in Yiddish; and a collection of short stories, “Amol in Ger” [Once upon a Time in Ger], ca. 200 ms. pp, in Yiddish.
Languages: English, Yiddish 1933–1949
5 microfiche
Source of Acquisition: Archive of Australian Judaica
Finding Aid: Preliminary English-language descriptions
RG-02.007 --- “Shari: A True Story” by Shirley Lebovitz

This testimony describes the survival of Shirley Lebovitz and her daughter, Magda, and their return to a normal life after World War II. It includes information about the treatment of Czechoslovakian Jews during the Holocaust, their deportation to ghettos, the survival of Lebovitz and her daughter in Auschwitz and forced labor camps, their reunions with relatives and friends after liberation, and their emigration to the United States.


Language: English 1946–1947
1.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Shirley Lebovitz
Restrictions: Author is seeking publication; may be protected under copyright

RG-26.009 --- Jewish Pamphlets and Periodicals from the Library of Vilnius University, Lithuania

This collection contains pamphlets and rare periodicals, related to the culture, political life, and educational systems of Jewish communities of Lithuania before WWII.

Language: Yiddish, Hebrew, Lithuanian, English 1919–1938
1500 pages of photocopies and two small segments of 35 mm microfilm
Source of Acquisition: Collections of the Library of Vilnius University, Lithuania
Finding aid: English-language list of contents by item nos. 1–39

RG-10.036 --- Reports of Einsatzgruppen

This collection contains copies of reports concerning the activities of various Einsatzgruppen in several occupied European countries. Among the topics discussed in the reports are Einsatzgruppen activities against communists in occupied areas and specific actions against the Jews of Estonia.

Languages: German, English 1941–1944
1 linear inch

RG-68.065M --- Paris Office of the World Jewish Congress

This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and other records of the Paris office of the WJC. It includes general correspondence with organizations in many countries, international organizations, NGOs, and Jewish organizations. Report topics include missing Jews, liberated Jews, restitution and compensation claims, documentation from
other WJC offices, the situation of Jews during the war, and Jewish affairs in France and North Africa.

Languages: English and other languages 1934–1954 (bulk 1946–1952)
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, ca. 60 pages
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist

**RG-05.004 --- Carolina Taitz Papers Relating to the Riga Ghetto**

This collection contains letters exchanged between Carolina Taitz and her sister, Berta Knoch together with English translations prepared by Taitz. The letters discuss living conditions and forced labor in the Riga ghetto. Also included is Taitz’s survival testimony, which describes her escape from the Riga ghetto and her life in hiding.

Languages: English, German 1938–1945
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Carolina Taitz via Lisa Topelmann
Restrictions: Donor specifies source restrictions

**RG-20.019 --- Testimony of Sister Marie-Aurelie, Mother Superior of the Convent of the Sisters of the Very Holy Savior**

This is a translation of a memoir by Sister Marie-Aurelie, Mother Superior of the Convent of the Sisters of the Very Holy Savior, in Brussels, Belgium. Sister Marie-Aurelie describes how her convent cared for Jewish girls and hid them from the Gestapo during the German occupation in World War II.

Provenance: From the Archives of the Commune of Anderlecht, Belgium. Lorraine Lasko donated a copy of the English translation of Sr. Marie-Aurelie’s memoir.

Language: English 1945
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Rachelle Baske

**Accession 2000.220 --- Lili Wronker Papers**

This collection contains maps, slides, stamps, and newspaper articles pertaining to the Sosua Jewish community in the Dominican Republic.

Languages: English, Spanish 1984–1990
5 folders
Source of Acquisition: Lili Wronker
Accession 1999.A.0267 --- Ludwig Charatan Collection

This collection contains letters and clippings illustrating how a Polish Catholic woman saved Ludwig Charatan and three members of his family.

Languages: English, German 1940–1999
8 items
Source of Acquisition: Ludwig Charatan

RG-02.018 --- “The Crystal Night” by Lore Metzger

“The Crystal Night” contains information about Lore Metzger’s experiences during Kristallnacht and the persecution she endured as a young Jew in Nazi Germany.

Language: English 1969
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Lore Metzger

RG-02.062 --- “My Life During the War” by Bernadette Dukas, born Bronislawa Alland

This is a Polish-language copy of Bernadette Dukas’s memoir, which describes her life in Warsaw, Poland, at the beginning of World War II, her life in hiding under an assumed identity, her experiences as a forced laborer in an airplane engine factory at Braunschweig, her liberation in April 1945, and the antisemitism she experienced in Poland after the Holocaust. Also included is a translation into English made by her brother in 1989.

Languages: Polish and English 1945–1947, 1989
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: George Alland

Accession 2000.63 --- Arnold Hartmann Correspondence

This correspondence relates to Arnold Hartmann’s attempts to support his family’s emigration from Nazi Germany and incorporated Austria to the United States.

Languages: English, German 1936–1947
6 folders
Source of Acquisition: Joan Rosenfeldt
RG-02.021 --- Stanley Osinski Papers

These papers contain information about the experiences of Stanley Osinski (then known as Szaja Ofenhejm) during World War II and his involvement in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Language: English  N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Stanley Osinski

Accession 1999.A.0274 --- David Frankel Papers

This collection contains a memoir describing Frankel’s Holocaust experiences. Also included are two booklets.

2 folders
Source of Acquisition: David Frankel

RG-67.011M --- Records of the New York Office of the World Jewish Congress, Relief and Rescue Department (Series D)

This collection contains records relating to relief and rescue activities, the location of survivors, immigration, refugees, displaced persons, and relations with international relief organizations, including the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the Red Cross. Series D contains executive files and documents of the Immigration Division, the Location Service, the Child Care Division, the Committee for Overseas Relief Supplies, the Advisory Council on European Jewish Affairs, and the Rescue Department.


131 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On publication and duplication

RG-02.017 --- Survival Oral History, 1933–1945 (Martin Alexander)

Martin Alexander’s oral history describes his immediate family and other Berlin Jews before and during the Holocaust, and his experiences while imprisoned at Auschwitz, including Birkenau.
RG-68.059M --- London Office of the World Jewish Congress

This collection contains correspondence and other records of the London office of the WJC, including correspondence with organizations in over 130 countries and with international organizations including agencies of the UN, NGOs, and Jewish organizations including the Claims Conference. Also included are legal materials; press clipping and reports of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, arranged by country; anti-Jewish legislation; materials of WJC Plenary Assemblies; minutes of executive meetings; documentation relating to neo-Nazis; the Aryeh Kubowitzki papers, the Alex Easterman papers, and the Elan Steinberg papers.

Languages: English and other languages 1939–1975
571 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, over 1000 pages
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist

RG-02.048 --- Out of the Hell of Minsk into the “Paradise” of Theresienstadt by Dr. Karl Loewenstein

This memoir was originally published in German as Aus der Hölle Minsk in das “Paradies” Theresienstadt, and was translated into English by Bernard Ahrend. It describes Loewenstein’s imprisonment in Terezin, including the deportation of Jews from the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to the camp, the role of the SS in the camp, the “self administration” of the Jewish elders, the treatment of children and the elderly, and the liberation of Terezin by the Red Army.

Languages: German and English
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Hella Bailin
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-02.031 --- “Little Lily” by Lily Zelenka

In this memoir, Lily Zelenka describes life as a Jew in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, her deportation, and her experiences as a prisoner in several concentration camps.

Language: English 1981
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Claire Ramsay
RG-02.069 --- Bernard Rechnitz Diary

This diary begins with a general discussion of the Holocaust, then continues with a discussion of Bernard Rechnitz’s personal saga—which begins in August 1939 just before Germany’s invasion of Poland, when he and his wife moved from Katowice to Kraków. His diary describes the German invasion of Poland, the confiscation of Jewish property and other persecution by German occupiers, his family’s move from Kraków to “Wieliczke” (Wieliczka), and their eventual incarceration in the “Plashov” (Plaszów?) labor camp. The narrative ends on December 17, 1943.

Provenance: Bernard Rechnitz, father of the donor, wrote this handwritten diary after his liberation. An unidentified Harvard University scholar prepared the translation from Polish into English.

Languages: English, Polish   Ca. 1946
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Moses (Mike) Rechnitz

Accession 1995.A.0169 --- Robert Goss Collection

This collection contains materials relating to the activities of the Third U.S. Armored Division, including photographs of the Dora-Mittelbau camp, battle scenes, and a Task Force Lovelady battle map.

Language: English   1944–1945
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Robert Goss

Accession 2000.408 --- The Esther Liebersohn Collection

This collection contains correspondence between Myer Liebersohn, an American soldier stationed in Europe, and his wife in Baltimore.

Language: English   1944–1945
9 items
Source of Acquisition: Esther Liebersohn

Accession 1999.79 --- The Phyllis Prosaw Collection

This scrapbook was created by Peter Proszowski during his tenure as director of the children’s home of the Central Committee of the Liberated Jews in Berlin.
Languages: English, Hebrew, Yiddish 1947
1 item
Source of Acquisition: Phyllis Prosaw

RG-31.007 --- David Ulyanitsky papers

This memoir by David Ulyanitsky (with photographs) relates to anti-Jewish pogroms during first half of the twentieth century.

0.25 linear inches (photocopies)
Source of Acquisition: David Ulyanitsky


This autobiography contains information about Irene Katz’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

Language: English  1990
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Irene Katz
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-06.009.03 --- War Crimes Case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs

This collection contains copies of the indictment and verdict in the case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs. Among the documents are lists of witnesses, results of the investigation, and information concerning Arajs’s crimes against Jews in Latvia and the Soviet Union. An English translation is included for the indictment only.

Provenance: From the State Court of Hamburg, Germany
Languages: German, English  1975–1980
2.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations

RG-40.018M --- Records of the Allied Military Government of Trieste Related to Restitution Claims

This collection contains records related to restitution for personal property confiscated during the war. The records concern the Jewish Community of Trieste and their processing of claims through the Allied Military Government, Property and Claims Division of the Office of the Comptroller.
Languages: English, Italian and French  
1945–1962
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Archivio di Stato di Trieste (State Archive in Trieste)
Finding aid: Brief collection-level and/or reel-level descriptions in Italian, or sometimes in English

RG-04.019 --- Das Krematorium in Dachau, 1945

“Das Krematorium in Dachau” is an eyewitness report given by Willy Furlan-Horst, a film director from Vienna and a “protected prisoner” at Dachau, shortly after the liberation of Dachau. The report describes the interior of the crematoria, the gas chambers, the procedures for torture and execution of prisoners, the duties of the crematoria Kommandos, and the facilities for housing the SS attack dogs. Also included are copies of four photographs of death scenes in Dachau after liberation, and an English translation prepared by the USHMM Archives.

Languages: German, English  
1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Private donation
Restrictions: Translation rights are reserved

Accession 1988.20 --- The Margaret Shachter Collection

These diaries were kept by Frank J. Morris, a GI who served in England, France, and Germany during the war.

Language: English  
1944–1945
3 items
Source of Acquisition: Margaret Shachter

Accession 2000.119 --- Henri Wermus Memoir

This memoir describes Henri Wermus’s childhood in Poland, his experiences with antisemitism in the Polish army, and the fate of his family members.

Language: English  
1992
4 folders
Source of Acquisition: Henri Wermus

RG-10.191 --- William Hahn Collection

This collection contains photocopies of typescript and handwritten correspondence in English and French from and to the émigré Irish writer, James Joyce, author of Ulysses
(1922) and Finnegans Wake (1939). Included are letters, postcards, and news articles concerning Joyce’s efforts to assist Jewish refugees.

Biographical/historical note: The donor’s aunt and uncle were Italian Jews who were aided by Joyce during the Holocaust.

Languages: English, French 1938–1939
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: William Hahn

RG-69.005M --- Selected Pamphlets from the Australian Jewish Historical Society

This collection contains pamphlets and files of the United Jewish Overseas Relief Fund from 1943 to 1952, information from Jews in China, and information from the Bermuda Conference on Refugees. Other pamphlets are by the New South Wales Board of Deputies.

Language: English 1938–1947
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Australian Jewish Historical Society
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-20.020 --- Documents of Recognition for Dr. Jozsef Antall

This collection contains documents related to the deeds of Dr. Jozsef Antall, a Righteous Among the Nations who rescued Hungarian Jews.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Hungarian 1990–1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Jozsef Antall

Accession 1999.A.0276 --- The Edmund Schechter Papers

This collection contains correspondence, newspaper articles, curriculum vitae, and an oral history emphasizing Edmund Schechter’s post–World War II work as a radio correspondent broadcasting to displaced persons.

Languages: German, English, Polish 1945–1955
5 boxes
Source of Acquisition: Gerda Schechter
Accession 2000.51 --- Lieselotte Feinschil Family Papers

This collection contains documents, letters, and passenger lists pertaining to Lieselotte Feinschil’s emigration to the United States and events in Hamburg, Germany, from the mid-1930s into the early 1940s.

Languages: German, English 1923–1969
5 folders
Source of Acquisition: Genya Markon

Accession 1999.A.0273 --- Correspondence Pertaining to Herbert David

This collection contains letters relating to Samuel Tichnor’s attempts to help Herbert David emigrate from Germany to the United States.

Language: English 1939–1947
1 box
Source of Acquisition: A.E. Wolf

Accession 1997.A.0042 --- Eric Goldstaub Shanghai Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings from various publications (e.g., North China Daily News, China Press, etc.) relating to the Jewish Community in Shanghai, China.

Languages: English, German 1940–1948
1 microfilm roll (35mm)
Source of Acquisition: Eric Goldstaub

RG-46.001 --- Bulgarian Orthodox Church Newspaper Articles Relating to Antisemitism

This collection contains copies of articles from a Bulgarian newspaper concerning Bulgarian government and Bulgarian Orthodox Church policy on antisemitism, as well as English-language translations of each.

Languages: Bulgarian and English 1940–1943
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Photocopied from newspaper collections at the St. Clement of Ohrid Academy of Theology Library in Sofia, Bulgaria, by the Very Rev. Professor Archpriest Nikolay Shivarov
RG-20.011 --- Testimonies and Evocations Presented to the Leadership of the Yad Vashem Memorial

This collection contains information about Romanian Mircea Petru G. Sion’s efforts to assist Jews.

Language: English 1940–1942
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Harvey Sarner

Accession 2000.244 --- Nancy Ruhl Collection

This collection contains reports about typhus outbreaks in occupied Germany, specifically in Bergen-Belsen, as well as information about refugee transit centers.

Language: English Ca. 1945
3 folders
Source of Acquisition: Nancy Ruhl

Accession 1995.A.0965 --- Peter Feigl Diary

This is a typed 1982 English translation by Peter (Pierre) Feigl of his handwritten diary together with photostatic reproductions of the original diary. The main subjects of the diary are his escape to Marseilles, his life in hiding at Le Chambon, and his escape to Switzerland in 1945. Also included is a (PAL) videotape copy of the film Cite de la Muette.

Languages: English, French, German 1942–1945, 1982
Source of Acquisition: Peter Feigl
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accessions 1992.59 and 1992.175—Peter Feigl Collections

RG-67.008M --- American Friends Service Committee Records Relating to Humanitarian Work in North Africa

The bulk of the collection consists of the correspondence between representatives in North Africa, Europe, and America (primarily of the AFSC’s Refugee Service and its Displaced Persons Service) and other organizations. The collection includes reports on the Quakers’ projects in detention, labor, and refugee camps in French North Africa, and financial and administrative documents.

Provenance: Records were created by the American Friends Service Committee in Southern France and sent after World War II to headquarters in Philadelphia.
Languages: English and French 1933–1950
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On publication and duplication

Accession 2000.215 --- Dr. Abraham Blumowitsch-Atsmon Papers

This collection contains photographs, legal documents, and booklets pertaining to Dr. Abraham Blumowitsch-Atsmon’s family life in Poland and his work for the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the American occupied zone.

Languages: Hebrew, English 1907–1948
1 box
Source of Acquisition: Dina Cohen

RG-02.092 --- Victor Gans Memoir

In his memoir, Victor Gans describes his life before and after the Anschluss, including the antisemitism that he and his family experienced, Kristallnacht in 1938 and his arrest and imprisonment in Dachau, and his and his family’s eventual emigration to Shanghai.

Language: English N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Victor Gans

RG-69.003M --- Max Joseph Collection

This collection includes the personal papers of Max Joseph, who kept detailed records relating to his pre-World War II experiences in Berlin from 1935 to 1938, and documenting his immigration to Australia in 1939, his internment in the Tatura internment camp from 1940 to 1941, and his work with Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors through the 1960s.

Language: English 1921–1974
15 rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Archive of Australian Judaica, Fisher Library, University of Sydney
Finding aid: General English-language finding aid
Accession 1997.123 --- The Manfred Landecker Collection

This collection contains certificates, letters, and other records tracing the history of the Landecker family in Berlin from World War I through the emigration of Drs. Hildegard and Norbert Landecker to the United States in 1939.

Languages: German, English  1917–1942
57 items
Source of Acquisition: Manfred Landecker

RG-04.049 --- Confessions of an SS Killer

This is a copy, in English, of a confession made by Franz Ziereis, the last commandant of Mauthausen, after his arrest and shooting by American forces in May 1945. Ziereis describes the persecution of Jews in Mauthausen, atrocities committed by SS guards, the Nazi practice of “euthanasia,” the use of human skin to bind books and make satchels, executions in the camp, death marches, a camp brothel, and camp inmate markings.

Provenance: During the war, Sidney D. Gell was a member of the U.S. Army’s 131st Evacuation Hospital, to which Ziereis was taken after he was shot trying to escape. Gell was part of the team that translated Ziereis’s confession into English. The original is in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.

Language: English  1945
Source of Acquisition: Sidney D. Gell
NOTE: See also RG-04.018—Confession and Letter of Mauthausen Commandant

RG-02.212 --- “Toward the Abyss: Cards and Letters: Mindelheim-Lublin” by Werner Jacob Lipton

This collection contains photocopied letters and postcards, most of which are addressed to Werner Jacob Lipton (born Liebschütz) from his parents, Fanni and Jakob Liebschütz, his aunt and uncle, Max and Berta Bach, and his grandmother, Mina Liebschütz. The correspondence describes the family’s efforts to emigrate and other matters. In 1939, following increasing restrictions on German Jews, Lipton’s parents sent him to Switzerland where he lived in Kinderheime (children’s homes). His parents were deported from Mindelheim, Germany, to the Piaski ghetto in March 1942; by June 1942 they were in the Lublin, Poland, area. Their last letters are farewell notes to their son indicating they are leaving for an unspecified location. Lipton’s grandmother died in Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp and his aunt and uncle died in an unnamed concentration camp.

Provenance: English-language translations by Werner Jacob Lipton and his cousin, Walter Heilbronner, are available.
Languages: English, German  1941–1943
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Werner Jacob Lipton

RG-10.199 --- Jules Benjamin Grad Papers

This collection contains 14 black-and-white photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, a memoir, and biographical information about Jules Benjamin Grad’s experiences as a pool correspondent attached to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, SHAEF commander.

Languages: English, French  Ca. 1945–1990
5 folders
Source of Acquisition: Felice Grad

Accession 1998.A.0303 --- Selected Records on Slovakian Jewish Labor Camps from the Slovak National Archives

This collection contains photocopies of documents and photographs relating to the establishment of three labor camps in Slovakia—Sered, Novaky, and Vyhne, the incorporation of Jews into the camps, and the function and structure of the camps. Also included is an English-language essay on the camps.

Languages: Slovak, German, English  N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Richard Lankford (Embassy of the United States of America, Bratislava)

See also RG-48.003—Selected Records from the Slovak National Archives

Accession 2000.8 --- Isaiah Trunk Papers

This collection contains photocopies of materials written by or about Isaiah Trunk. Included are manuscripts, minor publications, bibliographies, correspondence, newspaper articles, book reviews, supplements, and various unpublished material by Trunk.

Languages: Yiddish, English  1953–1984
3 boxes
Source of Acquisition: Gabriel Trunk via Benton Arnovitz

RG-02.063 --- “Leonard T. Zawacki, Auschwitz Prisoner No. 13390”

This collection contains Leonard Zawacki’s description of his experiences during the German invasion and occupation of Poland, his incarceration at Pawiak prison and
Auschwitz killing center, his escape from Auschwitz, and his activities with a resistance movement.

Language: English  N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Leonard T. Zawacki

RG-02.027 --- “Harry Burger, a Holocaust Survivor: Memoir of the War—1938–1945”

Harry Burger’s memoir describes the persecution of Austrian Jews in 1933, his family’s flight from Austria to Italy and France after the Anschluss, his imprisonment at the Sospel camp, and his participation in an underground resistance movement.

Language: English  1986–1987
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Harry Burger

RG-06.019 --- Henry L. Cohen Collection Relating to American Military Government Case No. 11 (The Ministries Case)

This collection contains transcripts of interrogations of defendants and witnesses, the general administrative files from the case, and English translations of German documents gathered as background information and evidence. The bulk of the material relates to the activities of Richard Walter Darré as Reichsbauernführer and Reichsnährungsminister (June 1933–May 1942), who was charged with crimes against humanity.


Languages: German, English  1933–1948
25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Henry L. Cohen donation
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-06.019

RG-02.139 --- “Escape from Hitler’s Clutches” by Theodore Diesenhouse

“Escape from Hitler’s Clutches” is a diary that describes Theodore Diesenhouse’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland. Diesenhouse survived the Holocaust by passing as an “Aryan.”

Language: English  1939–1945
5 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Theodore Diesenhouse
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-68.045M --- Geneva Office of World Jewish Congress

This collection contains correspondence and other records of the Geneva office of the WJC, including correspondence and papers of the head of the Geneva Office, Gerhart Riegner. Record categories include: wartime reports; correspondence with organizations in Switzerland and various other countries, and with the International Red Cross and the U.N.; chronological files; accounts; restitution and rehabilitation; WJC meetings and documents; non-governmental organizations; students organizations; history of the WJC office in Geneva; speeches by Riegner; and printed materials (periodicals and multicopied materials).

Languages: English, French, Swedish, Hebrew, and others  1936–1986
249 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, plus directories of personal names, and of abbreviations. These aids are also in electronic form on 3 diskettes.

Accession 1989.203 --- The Paul Weiner Collection

This collection contains Paul Weiner’s diaries, which he kept as a child in Terezin. Included are English translations that Weiner made as an adult.

Languages: Czech and English  1944–1945
8 items
Source of Acquisition: Paul Weiner


This collection features correspondence to Sol Meyer in New York City concerning Julius Hermanns’ preparation for departure on the MS St. Louis and his internment in St. Cyprien, Gurs, and Les Milles.

Languages: French, German and English  1938–1945
101 items; 7 photographs
Source of Acquisition: Werner and Inge Katzenstein
Accession 1999.69 --- The Hans Cahnmann Collection

These letters, postcards, telegrams, and other documents relate to the efforts of Sigwart and Hedwig Cahnmann’s children to get their parents and aunt, Clementine Kraemer, out of Germany in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Languages: German, English 1939–1967
6 items
Source of Acquisition: Estate of Hans Cahnmann

Accession 1997.101 --- The Charles Lavering Collection

This is a scrapbook with 485 pictures, documents, maps, and publications that were compiled by Charles Lavering during his service in the U.S. 305th and 309th Ordnance Battalions in the European Theater.

Language: English 1944–1945
1 item
Source of Acquisition: Dan Lavering

RG-32.014 --- “Bible Students in the Third Reich” by S. J. Green

This essay discusses why and how the Nazi party persecuted Jehovah’s Witnesses, the activities and fates of other Christian denominations (i.e., Roman Catholics, Mormons, Seventh-day Adventists), and how individual Witnesses were able to survive. The essay also contains a summary of an interview between Green and H. Dickmann, a Witness survivor.

Language: English
47 pages
Source of Acquisition: Steven J. Green

RG-28.002 --- Eva Marbach Restitution File

This file contains information about Eva Marbach’s attempts to gain restitution for the property of her parents.

Language: English 1950–1986
1.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Eva Marbach via Dr. Roland Klemig

RG-10.201 --- Hana and Charles Bruml Family Papers
This collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, one blue pajama shirt, and a white lab coat pertaining to the Holocaust experiences of Hana and Charles Bruml in Terezin, Auschwitz, and various other camps.

Languages: Czech, German, English  Ca. 1885–1980
2 boxes
Source of Acquisition: Ruth Kramer

RG-02.093 --- “Memories of the Years 1939–1945” by David Gerst

This memoir describes the experiences of David Gerst, a Polish Jew, who was imprisoned in four ghettos (among them Warsaw and Terezin), a labor camp, and Buchenwald and Flossenbürg. Information about his liberation in May 1945 is also included.

Language: English  1950
1 bound volume
Source of Acquisition: David Gerst

RG-02.054 --- Mina Perlberger Papers

This collection contains a typescript of Buried Alive: A Diary by Mina Glücksmann Perlberger. In it Perlberger describes her experiences as a young Polish Jew during the Holocaust. She and her sister escaped from the Rzeszow ghetto, and spent almost two years hiding in a bunker near a Polish farmhouse. Also included is a compilation of eight poems by Perlberger relating to her Holocaust experiences and a list of family members deported and/or murdered during the Holocaust.

Provenance: The diary of Mina Perlberger was begun in Polish about March 1943, after she and her sister escaped from the Rzeszow ghetto. The English-language typescript of the diary was completed in 1984.

Language: English  1943–1984
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Mina Glücksmann Perlberger
Restrictions: Protected under 1984 copyright

RG-20.014 --- Miklos Szalay Papers

These papers contain information about Miklos Szalay and the role he and his family played in hiding and protecting a downed Jewish-American airman and a Jewish escapee from a labor camp in Hungary.
RG-02.096 --- “Christians Revenge on the Jews” by Michael Bernath

This testimony describes Michael Bernath’s family in Hungary, his participation in the resistance, his time in a labor camp, and his life after World War II. The testimony also contains Bernath’s opinions on Jewish-Christian relations and the role of Christians in the Holocaust.

Language: English  
1957–1986  
1 folder  
Source of Acquisition: Miklos Szalay

RG-02.039 --- “Death March: April 14, 1945–April 24, 1945” by Benno Fischer

This collection contains Benno Fischer’s descriptions of his imprisonment in Flossenbürg, his time as a forced laborer in an airplane factory, and his death march through Bavaria.

Language: English  
1945  
2 folders  
Source of Acquisition: Benno Fischer  
Restrictions: See reference archivist

RG-02.127 --- “And Where Was God?” by Alfred Dube

In his memoir, Alfred Dube describes his experiences in Prague, the Łódź ghetto, Buchenwald, and a sub-camp of Dora-Mittelbau (a.k.a. Nordhausen). He also discusses his liberation from Bergen-Belsen.

Language: English  
1960  
0.5 linear inches  
Source of Acquisition: Alfred Dube  
Restrictions: Fair use only

Accession 2000.407 --- The Barbara Cohen Collection

This collection contains correspondence, newspaper articles, and official documents concerning the wartime and immediate postwar experiences of Hedwig and Filip Schechter in Kraków, Stuttgart, and Pulsnitz, Germany.
Languages: Yiddish, Polish, English 1942–1947
11 items
Source of Acquisition: Barbara Cohen
Finding Aid: Item-level list

RG-02.138 --- “Childhood Memoirs of World War II” by Eva Rappart Edmands

Eva Rappart Edmands’ testimony describes her family’s emigration from Austria to France after the Anschluss. The family lived in hiding during the German occupation of France.

Language: English 1987
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Eva Rappart Edmands
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.079 --- “In Your Blood I Live” by Jan Rozanski

Jan Rozanski’s testimony describes his childhood in Poland, the German invasion and occupation of Poland, anti-Jewish measures enacted by the Germans, his life in the Kraków ghetto and Jerozolimska and Rogoznica concentration camps, and his liberation by Soviet troops.

Language: English N.d.
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Dan. A. Oren

RG-02.032 --- Alois Moser Papers

In these papers, Alois Moser describes persecution as a Jehovah’s Witness, imprisonment in several camps including Mauthausen, and the various types of inmate markings (triangles and badges) that he encountered in the camps. Also included is a timeline that traces Moser’s travels as a prisoner from April 1939 through May 1945.

Language: English N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Alois Moser

Accession 1995.49 --- The Lillian Weiss Collection

This collection contains the diaries of Peter Weiss. Weiss began writing the diaries in Vienna in 1938 and he continued to write while he was on his way to the United States via Brussels, England, and Canada. Also included are records of his efforts to emigrate.
RG-10.040 --- Rita G. Kaplan Papers

These documents contain information about Rita Kaplan’s grandparents in Nuremberg, Germany, and the Terezin concentration camp. Also included is a letter from Kaplan’s aunt, Anna Goldstein, describing her experiences as a Jew married to a non-Jew. Rita Kaplan provided translations of all of the documents.

Languages: German, English  1938–1939
8 items
Source of Acquisition: Lillian Weiss

RG-02.117 --- “Under the Rooftiles” by Wendy van Velzen

Wendy van Velzen’s journal contains information about the German invasion of the Netherlands, the persecution of Jews in the Netherlands, and Jews who were hidden.

Languages: English, Dutch  1940–1945
1.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Wilhelmina and Arthur Aandewiel via Mark Lauterbach

RG-02.050 --- “My Memories, 1939–1945” by Fay Walker

In this account, Fay Walker describes her memories of the German invasion of Poland, her experiences hiding in several homes, the murder of her family members, persecution by the Soviets, the reunion with her brother late in World War II, and her emigration to the United States.

Language: English  N.d.
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Fay Walker

RG-02.084 --- “Difficult Years” by Mieczylaw Cegielski (pen name, Mark Jakobson)

“Difficult Years” describes the German occupation of Warsaw and Poland and the affect this occupation had on Mieczylaw Cegielski’s family. One draft chapter of the memoir relates to Cegielski’s sister, Zosia, and includes authenticated photocopies of medical records relating to Zosia’s stay in a military hospital.
Language: English  1991–1993
4 folders
Source of Acquisition: Mieczylaw Cegielski

RG-67.009M --- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Records Foreign Address and Occupation Index

This collection contains index cards (Form G-153) completed by immigrants to the United States indicating dates and addresses of foreign residence between January 1940 and January 1968, including any time spent in ghettos or camps.

Provenance: Form G-153 was designed to provide INS users with information about previous addresses of aliens. The originals are held by the History Office and Library of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Language: English  1957–1968
540 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: Access restricted to staff of the Survivors Registry of the USHMM

Accession 2000.176 --- Aenne Hertz Papers

This collection contains legal documents and correspondence pertaining to Aenne Hertz, a social worker in Germany from 1933 to 1941. After being fired from her public job in 1933 by the Nazis she became a social worker for Jewish organizations and helped Jews to escape Nazi Germany.

Languages: German, English  Ca. 1910–1959
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Ilse Berg

RG-10.079 --- Malz, Finkelstein, Rosenthal, Schwarz, and Rimalower Family Papers

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, poems, and a variety of other documents relating to the persecution and incarceration of Jews, especially at Gurs concentration camp in France. Also included is information about emigration attempts by members of the Malz, Finkelstein, Rosenthal, Schwarz, and Rimalower families.

Languages: German, English  1937–1947
20 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Charles and Lois Apfelbaum
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory
See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-10.079

RG-02.113 --- “The Undying Spark From Generation to Generation” by Jacob Auerbach

Jacob Auerbach’s memoir describes the Jewish community of Shershev, Ukraine, how he and his family were deported to the Pruzhany ghetto and from there to Auschwitz, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English  N.d.
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Jacob Auerbach
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.034 --- Emil Jacoby

This collection contains descriptions of Emil Jacoby’s Holocaust recollections and his visits to various Eastern European concentration camps in 1987. Included is information about Jacoby’s imprisonment at Auschwitz, his survival of a death march in Austria, his liberation by the Soviet army, and his involvement in the Palestine Brigade (Jewish Brigade).

0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Emil Jacoby

RG-20.008 --- Presentation to Daniel Eric Burt on the Occasion of His Bar Mitzvah, June 20, 1987

This collection contains information about the Bar Mitzvah celebration of Davis Eric Burt, the journey of his father, Jeffrey Burt, to Auschwitz-Birkenau, and Bernard Conrad Swieczynski, a Righteous Gentile from Warsaw, Poland.

Language: English  1987
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Jeffrey Burt

Accession 1993.A.008 --- The Testimony of Bernard Rechnitz

This handwritten volume includes entries relating Bernard Rechnitz’s life in Poland before September 1939, his memories of the invasion, the confiscation of Jewish property, his family’s move from Katowice to Kraków to Wieliczka, and their incarceration in the Plaszów labor camp.
Language: Polish with English translation  1939–1943
Source of Acquisition: Moses Rechnitz
Finding aid: None

RG-02.128 --- “Return to Life” by Dina Davidovich de Unikel

“Return to Life” describes Dina Davidovich de Unikel’s life in Szecseny before the Nazi occupation of Hungary, her experiences in Auschwitz and in a camp in Kraków, Poland, and her liberation.

Language: English  1985
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Dina Davidovich De Unikel
Restrictions: Fair-use only

RG-02.037 --- “Hell and Rebirth: My Experiences During the Time of Persecution” by Dr. Edith Kramer

“Hell and Rebrith” describes Edith Kramer’s experiences as an Austrian Jewish physician who was forced to care for women in various camps near Poznań, Poland. Also included is information about the inferior medical conditions, inadequate sanitation, and treatment of women in the camps.

Language: English  N.d.
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Eleanor Genesson

RG-04.030M --- Natzwiller Concentration Camp Records, 1941–1945

This collection contains various documents relating to Natzwiller (a.k.a. Natzweiler) concentration camp. Among the documents are memoranda and reports relating to camp administration, statistical reports regarding inmate population, and a French-language report on the conditions at Natzwiller. The French report includes photographs and information on medical atrocities. Many of the materials (including the French report) are accompanied by English translations.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration RG-153, Series 136

Languages: German, French, English  1941–1945
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Summary description
Accession 1999.119 --- The Alfred Buechler Collection

This collection documents the wartime fate of the Buechler family from Gleiwitz, Germany. In addition to birth and death certificates, the collection includes the acquisitions report, which contains a biographical sketch of the family.

Languages: German, English, Hebrew 1937–1942
8 items
Source of Acquisition: Alfred Buechler
Finding Aid: Item-level list

Accession 1999.A.0251 --- Selected Records from the Legation of the Dominican Republic in Washington

This collection contains Dominican Republic legation documents relating to Jewish refugees, in various European countries, requesting permission to emigrate to the Dominican Republic.

Languages: English, Spanish 1940
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Archivo General de la Nacion, Santo Domingo

RG-20.010 --- “True Friends,” by Klaus Driessen

This is a copy of “True Friends” by Klaus Driessen. The manuscript describes how the writer’s mother, Mati Driessen, a German costume designer, rescued her Jewish friend and business partner, Lilli Wolff, from Nazi persecution.

Language: English 1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Klaus Driessen via Harvey Sarner

RG-10.106 --- Resolution of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Concerning Nazi Antisemitism, 1933

This is the resolution passed by both houses of the Massachusetts state legislature. It was resolved that the General Court of Massachusetts condemn Nazi violence against Jews. The resolution was introduced by Hyman Mann (or Manevitch) in 1933. The resolution passed the same year.

Language: English 1933
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Thelma M. Barkin
RG-10.080 --- William G. Frank Papers

These papers contain information about the prewar discrimination of German Jewish physicians, anti-Jewish laws, the deportation of German Jews to Terezin (Theresienstadt), the fate of William Frank’s relatives, and acknowledgement given to Jews for their help during a fire.

Languages: German, English, and Czech 1933–1985
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Ruth E. Frank

RG-02.111 --- “Prisoner 409” by Eva Gross

In “Prisoner 409,” Eva Gross describes life with her family in Mor, Hungary, before and during the Holocaust. She discusses antisemitism before the Nazi occupation of Hungary, her experiences at Auschwitz and during a death march, and her liberation by Americans.

Language: English 1993
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Eva Gross
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.076 --- Peter Gersh Testimony

In his testimony, Peter Gersh’s (Pinchas Gerszonowicz) describes his childhood in Poland, the antisemitism of the Poles, the German invasion and occupation of Poland, his work for the Luftwaffe at an airbase, his life in a concentration camp, his escape from a death march, his search for relatives after the war, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English 1985
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Peter Gersh

Accession 2000.404 --- The Ian Feldman Collection

This collection contains documents detailing the forced labor of Abraham Feldman in the Kaufering concentration camp, his activity with the Jewish community in postwar Augsburg, his eventual repatriation to Poland, and his application for restitution.

Languages: Polish, German, English 1945–1959
30 items
Source of Acquisition: Ian Feldman
Finding Aid: Item-level list
Accession 1989.115 --- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

This collection contains hundreds of passenger cards that were prepared for each family on board the MS St. Louis, including their final destinations in Europe after being refused safe haven in Cuba and the United States.

Language: English 1939
Ca. 900 items
Source of Acquisition: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

RG-02.174 --- Reminiscences of Albert Lapidus, from Baltimore, a Former Prisoner of the Minsk Ghetto

This memoir describes Albert Lapidus’s childhood in Belarus, his family’s experiences in the Minsk ghetto, and various “Aktionen.” Also included is a list of individuals involved in resistance activities in Minsk.

Languages: Russian, English 1994
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Albert Lapidus
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-20.007 --- Ella Barrey Identification Document

This collection contains an original document that served as identification for Ella Barrey, an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Budapest, Hungary. Also included is a letter from the donor, George Lorinczi. The letter provides biographical information on Ella Barrey and her heroic efforts to save Hungarian Jews and prisoners of war.

Languages: Hungarian, English 1944
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: George Lorinczi

Accession 2000.35 --- Lewin Family Restitution Papers

This collection contains documents and letters for claims of property restitution and compensation as well as newspaper clippings collected by Annie Olak, Elizabeth Richards, and Eva Lewin. Also included are letters and replies from international banks, German trustees, and other related organizations with regard to the Lewin family claims for restitution.
Languages: English, German  1950–1997
3 folders
Source of Acquisition: Ann Herrmann-Richards

**RG-02.013 --- Esther Bergman Memoir**

In this memoir, Esther Bergman pays homage to Madame Odette Hofbauer, a French Huguenot responsible for hiding Bergman for nearly two years. Bergman discusses her flight from Belgium to the south of France, the separation from her family while in a transit camp, the time she spent in hiding on Hofbauer’s farm, and her reunion with Hofbauer 43 years later.

Language: English  1988
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Esther Bergman

**Accession 1999.107 --- The Irene Borevitz Collection**

This collection contains papers of the Jewish community of Kobe, Japan, including financial records, reports on the status of refugees, photographs, and correspondence with Rabbi Poneweski in New York and various American-Jewish organizations.

Languages: English, Yiddish  1940–1941
99 items, 54 photographs
Source of Acquisition: Irene Borevitz
Finding Aid: Item-level list

**Accession 1991.158 --- and 1991.242 The International Rescue Committee Collection**

These documents relate to the International Rescue Committee’s efforts to rescue refugees during World War II. The collection includes files concerning Max Ernst’s departure from France as well as the dossiers of Wilhelm Herzog and Elena Frank.

Languages: French, German and English  1940–1945
333 items
Source of Acquisition: International Rescue Committee, New York

**RG-06.024 --- Joseph Stone Collection**

These materials relate to the war crimes trials held by the Office of Military Government for Germany (United States) following the proceedings of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Subjects include Joseph Stone’s work for the prosecution in the German Industrialists Case and the use of slave labor and prisoner of war labor.
See the finding aid for this collection:  **RG-06.024**

**RG-02.130 --- “The Beginning of the End” by Lilly Gassner and Chaviva Guttmann**

This collection contains three memoirs entitled “The Beginning of the End,” “The Great Forgiveness: Life’s Martyr,” and “The Twins.” The memoirs appear to be written by twin sisters about their experiences in Birkenau and with Dr. Josef Mengele.

Language: English  N.d.
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Lilly Gassner
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-44.001 --- Politiken, November 12, 1938**

This collection consists of two pages of a Danish newspaper, Politiken, with articles published about the events surrounding Kristallnacht.

Language: Danish  1938
Newspaper, pages 1 and 2
Source of Acquisition: Mr. Albert Katz
Finding aid: Translation of articles into English
Restrictions: Under copyright

**RG-23.006 --- Wenceslas J. Wagner Papers**

This collection contains photocopies of personal notes, essays, and newspaper articles written by Wenceslas J. Wagner concerning his experiences as a resistance fighter in underground movements in Poland, and as a political prisoner in several Nazi concentration camps.

Languages: English, Polish  1945–1989
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Wenceslas J.Wagner
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

This collection contains four series: sub-series 1, Alphabetical Files 1919–1981, comprises the bulk, primarily records from 1940–1960; sub-series 2, Monty Jacobs’ International Files 1949–1973, consisting of files of the Press Director and Executive Director in the 1950s and 1960s; sub-series 3, Publications 1930–1974, consists of two boxes of publications (WJC and non-WJC); and sub-series 4, International Alphabetical Files—Correspondence and Clippings 1949–1981 on countries and regions (eighteen boxes). Within sub-series material is arranged primarily alphabetically by country, region, or organization, and within categories chronologically.

Language: Mostly English 1919–1981
73 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English; at the beginning of each roll a “locator” listing files.

RG-02.164 --- “My Story” by Rita Kerner Hilton

This testimony relates to Rita Kerner Hilton’s childhood in Poland, her experiences in the Pabianice and Łódź ghettos, the death of her grandfather, her deportations to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, her experiences in the camps, her liberation, and her postwar family history.

Language: English N.d.
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Rita Kerner Hilton
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.045 --- “A Life of Survival” by John Kartal

This testimony describes John Kartal’s early life in a small town near Budapest, Hungary, his experiences as a forced laborer during the war, his life in hiding during the deportation of Hungarian Jews in 1944, his experiences living under Hungary’s postwar communist government, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English 1990
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Dr. John P. Kartal
RG-02.059 --- Coenraad Rood Papers

Coenraad Rood is a native of the Netherlands and a survivor of the Holocaust. This collection includes document copies he obtained from the Dutch Red Cross and the International Tracing Service relating to the fate of his relatives who were victims of the Holocaust. Also included is his “Report, 1942–1945” describing his experiences of persecution, imprisonment, and survival during the Holocaust.

Language: English  N.d.
1.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Coenraad Rood

Accession 2000.24 --- The Eric Bergtraun Collection

This collection contains papers, photographs, and artifacts relating to the Shanghai branch of the British Boy Scouts Association, as well as diaries and logs of the group’s activities compiled by a Jewish refugee in Shanghai.

Language: English  1945–1953
36 items
Source of Acquisition: Eric Bergtraun
Finding Aid: Item-level list


Knud Dyby, a native of Denmark, was responsible for the rescue of several Jews, for which he has been honored by various organizations including Yad Vashem. This essay contains information about the “Righteous Among the Nations,” the rescue of Jews, statistics relating to rescue, and honoring rescuers at Yad Vashem.

Language: English  1992
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Knud Dyby

RG-02.028 --- “Remember Not to Forget: Memoirs of a Survivor of the Holocaust” by Clara (Chaje) Horowitz

This memoir contains information about Clara Horowitz’s life in Czortkow, Poland, before, during, and after World War II. In the form of a poem, the memoir describes life in the ghetto, atrocities against Polish Jews, and Horowitz’s life in hiding. Specific dates are not mentioned in the poem.
Language: English  Ca. 1970
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Clara Horowitz

RG-59.023M --- Records from the Board of Deputies of British Jews

This collection contains documents relating to the response of the British Jewish community before, during, and after World War II. The documents address aid for refugees, immigration, and Palestine issues. Reports of persecution and of the conditions of Jews in Europe are mentioned, as is correspondence with Jewish communities and organizations in Europe and throughout the world. Records include Foreign Affairs Committee minutes, papers, and correspondence; President’s and Secretaries’ papers, and Aliens Committee minutes and papers.

Provenance: The Board of Deputies of British Jews, London

Language: English  1925–1964
95 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: London Metropolitan Archive, UK
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist
Finding aid: English-language folder-level descriptions

USHMM Library—The Henriques Archive from the Wiener Library, London

This collection contains the working papers of Rose Loewe Henriques (1889–1972) while she was the head of the Germany Section of the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad (JCRA) and a leader of a Jewish relief unit at the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons (DP) camp. The documents reflect the social, political, cultural, and religious life of that DP camp.

Provenance: The papers were in Lady Henriques’ possession until 1972, when they went to the Wiener Library.

Language: English plus other languages  1945–1950
64 microfilm reels (35 mm).
Source of Acquisition: The Wiener Library, London
Finding aid: Folder-level description
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NOTE: For additional material on the Bergen-Belsen DP camp from 1945 to 1950, see RG-08 the Hadassah Rosensaft Collection.
**RG-68.066M --- Selected Records from the AJJDC Archives, Jerusalem**

This collection contains records of the Geneva, Stockholm, and Istanbul offices of the AJJDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee) and some files of the AJJDC offices in Lisbon, Brussels, and Barcelona. Most of the records consist of correspondence between various JDC offices, with other international Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, and with local Jewish communities and organizations on postwar rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors, emigration from Europe, restitution, and heirless property. The collection also includes a large number of name lists of Holocaust survivors and emigrants.

135 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: AJJDC Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Folder-level English-language descriptions
Restrictions: USHMM may “provide copies of individual documents to researchers.” Researchers must credit the AJJDC Archives in Jerusalem. No duplication of microfilms for any third party

**Accession 2000.417 --- The Elisabeth Orsten Collection**

This collection contains a diary, correspondence, and other documents concerning the wartime experiences of Elisabeth Orsten and her brother, George, both of whom left Vienna for England in January 1939. The correspondence also reflects the efforts of their mother, Hildegard Orsten, to emigrate.

Languages: German, English 1938–1944
113 items
Source of Acquisition: Professor Elisabeth Orsten
Finding Aid: Item-level list

**RG-02.187 --- “Goodbye for Always” by Cecile Kaufer**

This testimony describes Cecile Kaufer’s childhood in Paris, the German occupation of France and the fates of her family members, her family’s stay in the Vélodrome d’Hiver and their life in hiding in Normandy, the liberation of France, and her family’s immigration to and life in the United States.

Language: English N.d.
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Cecile Kaufer
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.154 --- “The Jacob Family” by Herman Jacob

In this testimony, Herman Jacob’s describes his family’s experiences before, during, and after the Holocaust. He also provides information on the fates of 13 family members who were imprisoned by the Nazis in places such as Dachau, Buchenwald, and Terezin.

Language: English  1989
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Herman Jacob via Rose Jacob
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.123 --- “My Life Story” by Joseph Berger

In this memoir, Joseph Berger describes his life in the L’viv (a.k.a. L’wów, L’vov) ghetto, the separation from his family, his deportation to Buchenwald, his transfer to a work camp in L’viv and his subsequent escape, his liberation, and his reunion with one of his daughters after the war.

Language: English  N.d.
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Joseph Berger
Restrictions: Fair use only

Accession 2000.403 --- The Lisa Williams Collection

This collection includes records of Hedwig Goldmann’s internment in Theresienstadt (Terezin) and the Deggendorf DP camp, as well as a letter from the Austrian Red Cross regarding her postwar search for family members.

Languages: English, German  1939–1946
41 items, 25 pieces of monetary scrip
Source of Acquisition: Lisa Williams
Finding Aid: Item-level list

RG-26.001 --- Sender Wajsman Papers

This collection contains a copyprint of a photograph of a wedding in Vilna, Lithuania; a brief testimony by Sender Wajsman describing the massacre of Jews in Ponary at the hands of non-Jewish Lithuanians under the direction of the Gestapo; and a photocopy of a photograph depicting the memorial to the dead in Ponary.

Language: English  1936–1991
3 items (1 folder)
Source of Acquisition: Sender Wajsman via Jeshajahu Weinberg
Finding aid: Item-level description

**See the finding aid for this collection:** [RG-26.001](#)

**RG-24.019 --- “The Politics and Aesthetics of Memorialization: The Holocaust Memorial at Treblinka, Poland,” by Lauren Brownstein**

This thesis was written for the McIntire Department of Art, Art History Distinguished Majors Program, of the University of Virginia. It describes the purpose and aesthetics of the Holocaust memorial at Treblinka, Poland.

Language: English 1992
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Lauren Brownstein
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-20.015 --- Peter O. Vlcko Papers**

This collection contains a memoir that relates to Peter Vlcko’s experiences in Slovakia, including his marriage to a Jewish woman and his aid to her and other Jews threatened with persecution. Included are letters to Harvey Sarner and to the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith; these relate to the postwar Arab-Israeli conflict and antisemitism.

Language: English 1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Harvey Sarner

**RG-20.005 --- William and Mies Oudegeest Interview**

This collection contains transcripts of an audiotaped interview of William and Mies Oudegeest concerning their participation in underground resistance and their hiding of Dutch Jews. The audiotapes of the Oudegeest interview are also included.

Provenance: Joseph Rosenzweig interviewed William and Mies Oudegeest.

Languages: Dutch, English  N.d.
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Joseph L. Rosenzweig

**RG-19.027 --- Records Relating to Displaced Persons in Ebensee**

This collection contains nationally grouped lists of names of displaced persons who remained in Ebensee concentration camp after liberation. Lists of Polish displaced
persons make up the bulk of the collection. Also included are records relating to the Polish Committee in Ebensee, and a map of Austria showing Mauthausen and the Mauthausen subcamp network.

Languages: English and Polish 1945–1946
10 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Sidney Harcsztark

**RG-10.152 --- Frum Family Collection**

This collection contains legal documents, correspondence, a diary, and various other documents related to Bernhard and Lucy Frum’s escape to Shanghai. The materials include personal information about the Frum family, Bernhard Frum’s musical aspirations, changes in German society under the Nazi regime, Alexander Frum’s plans to bring Bernhard and Lucy Frum to the United States, and Bernhard and Lucy Frum’s later attempts to remain in the United States.

Languages: German, English, Chinese 1929–1960
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Lucy Frum
Finding aid: Item-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: [RG-10.152](#)

**RG-02.002 --- American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Collection**

This collection contains numerous testimonies and memoirs written at the behest of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council during the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors convention in April 1983.

Languages: English, Yiddish, Polish, Hebrew, Ukrainian, etc. 1940–1983 (bulk 1983)
32 folders
Source of Acquisition: American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors

**RG-02.118 --- “My Struggle for Survival” by Oscar Lichtenstern**

This journal explains Oscar Lichtenstern’s experiences after the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Although it describes his stay in the transit camp of Westerbork, most of the entries relate to his internment in Terezin.

Provenance: Oscar Lichtenstern began writing in his journal in 1944, after his arrival in Terezin. On December 24, 1944, he discovered that the journal had been lost. After a delay of unknown duration, Lichtenstern rewrote his journal and included some material
about his liberation and his experiences immediately after the war. His granddaughter, Ruth Lichtenstern Fishman, translated the text from German into English.

Languages: English, German  1940–1945  
1 microfiche card  
Source of Acquisition: Ruth R. Fishman  
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-06.014 --- Fredrick J. Bayer Papers**

These papers contain memorabilia collected by Fred Bayer, one of the military police guarding defendants during sessions of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. Included are a book entitled Nurnberg [sic] by Charles W. Alexander used by Bayer to collect the autographs of the war criminals, passes for Bayer’s passes for the Palace of Justice, photographs from the IMT, and Bayer’s handwritten notes describing the war criminals.

Language: English  1945–1946  
1 folder  
Source of Acquisition: Ingrid Bayer

**RG-03.009 --- “Recollections of One Participant in the Evacuation of the Jewish Community from the British Colony of Cyprus in 1941”**

This memoir concerns the experiences of Frederick Wohl and his family during the evacuation of Jews from Cyprus and the family’s travels to Israel and southern Africa. Also included is a list of names and addresses of those Jews evacuated from Cyprus to Tel Aviv in June 1941.

Language: English  Ca. 1989  
1 folder  
Source of Acquisition: Frederick R. Wohl

**RG-41.002 --- “Isabel: A Short Novel,” by Suzanne de Palma**

This work draws on the experiences of the author, and describes the protagonist Isabel’s involvement in the Dutch resistance to Nazi occupation, her imprisonment, her romance with a man named Alfred who died in Nazi hands, and the liberation of the Netherlands.

Language: English  1981  
Photocopy of a manuscript, 137 pages  
Source of Acquisition: Suzanne de Palma  
Restrictions: Under copyright
RG-24.015 --- Records Relating to Children’s Art from Terezin, at the University of Oregon Museum of Art

This collection contains information about Thomas Ballinger’s involvement in arranging, with the State Jewish Museum in Prague, an exhibition of children’s art from Terezin. These exhibitions took place at the University of Oregon and at various other institutions in the United States.

Language: English  1969–1970
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Thomas O. Ballinger

RG-02.089 --- “Before Memories Fade 1989” by Pearl Fichman

In this memoir, Pearl Fichman describes her prewar life in Romania; antisemitism in Romania; life in Cernovitz, Romania, from October 1941 to November 1941; the Russian occupation of Romania; her postwar life as a refugee in Bucharest, Romania; and her emigration from Romania to the United States in 1947.

Language: English  1989
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Pearl Fichman
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright.

RG-02.073 --- Katalin Karpati Testimony

In this testimony, Katalin Karpati (named Kato Nagy before and during the Holocaust) describes her childhood in Hungary; her marriage and family life; the German occupation of Hungary in 1944 and the subsequent hardships for Jews; her experiences in a number of camps, including Auschwitz, Ravensbrück, Nordhausen, and Mauthausen; her liberation and return to Hungary; and her escape from Hungary to the United States after the 1956 uprising.

Language: English  1978, 1992
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Katalin Karpati

RG-02.019 --- Survival in the Lion’s Den by Fred Angress

This testimony describes the experiences of Fred Angress’s family during their resettlement in Amsterdam and their life in hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands. The testimony draws from Angress’ personal diary and other sources, all of which are listed in a short bibliography.
RG-02.011 --- “Family Reunion” by Joseph Wachtel

Wachtel’s testimony describes a reunion of several members of his family at the Transnistria concentration camp in the Mogilev Podolski area, Ukraine. Wachtel also discusses resistance, disease in the Transnistria camp, and mass burials.

Language: English 1985–1986
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Joseph H. Wachtel
Restrictions: Author is seeking publication; may be protected under copyright

Accession 1990.107 --- The Eleanor Vendig Collection

This collection features the war diaries, daily reports, and photographs of Malcolm Vendig, the camp commandant of Dachau from liberation in April until August 1945.

Language: English 1944–1945
86 items, 57 photographs
Source of Acquisition: Eleanor Vendig
NOTE: See also RG-09.014—Malcolm Vendig Papers

RG-20.012 --- Pessel Piri Gans Memoir

This memoir contains information about Pessel (Piri) Gantz (Gans), a Slovakian Jew, and her family’s struggle to survive the Holocaust, doing so with assistance from gentile friends.

Provenance: Harvey Sarner translated the original memoir by Ms. Gans.

Language: English 1944–1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Harvey Sarner

RG-04.028 --- Records and Photographs Relating to American Jews Held in German POW Camps

This items in this collection relate to Winfield Rosenberg’s experience and the experiences of some of his American Jewish comrades at Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb, Germany, and at Berga am Elster, a Buchenwald subcamp. Also included is some
information about a death march involving Rosenberg and other American prisoners of war, and their subsequent liberation by the 90th Infantry Division.

Language: English 1945–1946
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Winfield Rosenberg

RG-20.018 --- “Heroic Action in the Holocaust is Recognized” by Erica Foldes

This essay describes how John Fulop helped hide and care for six Jews in Nazi-occupied Budapest, Hungary. This act led to his recognition as a Righteous Among the Nations.

Language: English 1991
6 pages
Source of Acquisition: Erica Foldes
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright; Fair use only

Accession 1999.A.0265 --- Kenneth X. Robbins Collection

This collection contains photocopies of telegrams, maps (the Polish Children’s Camp in India, Jamuagar-Balachadi, and the evacuation map from the Soviet Union to India), notes, clippings, and British Library records relating to Polish refugees in India. The collection illustrates that there were at least some Jews among the Polish camps at Valivade in Kohlapur state and Balachadi in Nawanagar state.

Languages: English, Polish 1942–1998
1 folder (photocopies)
Source of Acquisition: Kenneth X. Robbins

RG-02.030 --- “Holocaust Survivor: A Mother Writes to her Children” by Rose De Liema

This testimony contains information about Rose De Liema’s peaceful life in Holland before the Holocaust, the German invasion of the Netherlands, the deaths of many of her family members, her life in hiding, and her eventual capture and deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Also included is information about De Liema’s friendship with members of the Anne Frank family in Auschwitz.

Language: English 1975
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Rose De Liema
RG-14.009 --- Adolf Hitler’s Political and Private Testaments

This collection contains photographic copies of documents relating to Adolf Hitler’s final thoughts before his suicide. In the documents, Hitler denies guilt in causing World War II, ascribes the entire tragedy to international Jewry, describes removing Göring and Himmler from their offices for disloyalty, discusses choosing Admiral Dönitz and a slate of cabinet members to carry on the struggle, and describes his marriage to Eva Braun. Included is a note from Martin Bormann to Admiral Dönitz, which served as a cover letter to Hitler’s political testament.

Provenance: According to Walter Jessel, Henry Heckscher (a fellow U.S. Army interrogator at the Freising prisoner of war facility) obtained carbon copies of the originals from “one of his sources” shortly after the close of World War II. Heckscher made photographs of the carbons, and gave one set to Jessel.

Languages: German, English 1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Walter Jessel
Finding aid: English-language translations

Accession 1999.211 --- The Irene Kane Collection

This collection includes documentation of Maximilian Landau’s work as the manager of the sports department of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. Zone of Occupation. Also included are more than 200 photographs of life in the Föhrenwald displaced persons camp in Germany.

Languages: English, French, Yiddish 1945–1948
249 items, 232 photos
Source of Acquisition: Irene Kane
Finding Aid: Item-level list

Accession 1999.46 --- The Bella Zucker Collection

The items in this collection concern the internment of Hermann and Bella Zucker in the Warsaw and Lublin ghettos during the war, their experiences as displaced persons in Berlin and Vienna thereafter, and their subsequent move to Stuttgart, as well as their application for reparations.

Languages: German, English, Polish, Hebrew, Yiddish 1943–1962
53 items
Source of Acquisition: Bella Zucker
Finding Aid: Item-level list
RG-24.008 --- Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue, by Jacob Weinberger Hashisha

This collection contains two copies of Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue by Jacob Weinberger Hashisha. In the form of a drama, Hashisha describes the final judgment of the Nazi leaders in the presence of God, the prophets, and the matriarchs. The piece is intended for recitation or performance.

Languages: English, Hebrew 1989

1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Jacob Weinberger Hashisha
Restrictions: Protected under 1989 copyright

RG-10.137 --- The Lorenz C. Schmuhl Papers

This collection contains material collected by Lorenz Schmuhl after the war. It includes, but is not limited to, photos of Buchenwald at liberation; information on 1945 services for the dead; Allied reports on Buchenwald; correspondence of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force; material on Latvian displaced persons; and photos of other concentration camps.

Languages: English, German, French 1937–1985

2 boxes
1 photo album
Source of Acquisition: Robert A. Schmuhl

RG-52.017 --- Newspaper Clippings Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

These newspaper clippings relate to Adolf Eichmann’s trial in Jerusalem, as well as to the trials of Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche in Frankfurt.

Provenance: The donor collected the clippings in the pursuit of his scholarly work.

Languages: English, German 1958–1962

1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham

RG-08.003 --- Additional Records from the Hadassah Rosensaft Papers

This collection contains a list of participants and the agenda for the “Pädagogik nach Auschwitz” conference held in November 1992. Also included are photocopies of transcripts of Dr. Rosensaft’s speeches relating to her experiences in the Bergen-Belsen DP camp, her recollections of the origins of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and its early years, and congratulatory letters for her 80th birthday.
Languages: English, German  Ca. 1992
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft

RG-06.005.01 --- Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality—Interrogation of Hitler’s Secretaries

This collection contains copies of transcripts for the interrogations of Christa Schroeder and Johanna Wolf, two secretaries of Adolf Hitler. The interrogations contain information about the relationship between the secretaries and Hitler; Hitler’s bunker in Berlin; their experiences in the bunker during the last days of World War II; and the suicides of Hitler, Goebbels, and Eva Braun.

Language: English  Ca. 1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: William Mandel

RG-05.009 --- Gitya Glikman’s Memoir Relating to the Krasnoye and Zhmerinka Ghettos, N.d.

Gitya Glikman’s memoir describes the establishment of a ghetto in Krasnoye, Ukraine, and the deportation of Glikman and her family to the Zhmerinka ghetto.

Biographical/historical note: Gitya Glikman was liberated in March 1944.

Language: English  1941–1944
1 page
Source of Acquisition: Gitya Glikman
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.199 --- Memories of Anna Tempelsman

Anne Tempelsman’s memoir describes her childhood in Zolkiew, Poland, her separation from her family, her experiences in Soviet-occupied Poland, her father’s and brother’s escape to Argentina, a reunion with her mother, her experiences hiding from Aktionen, her deportation to Germany to work for a German couple, the deaths of her family members, and her liberation and emigration to Argentina.

Language: English  1992
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Anna Lichtmann
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.195 --- “Dear Kurt” by Ruth Ilan-Porath

This memoir details a German-Jewish family’s life before, during, and after the Holocaust. It describes Ruth Ilan-Porath’s childhood in Germany; anti-Jewish discrimination; her family’s relocation to France; their internment in the camps of Limoges, Nexon, Gurs, and Drancy; their life in hiding under assumed identities; and the fates of her family members.

Language: English 1974
4 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Ruth Ilan-Porath
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-43.101M --- Selected Records of the National Resistance Museum, Including the Leibovici Collection

This collection contains the personal archive of Raymond Leibovici, a French doctor of Romanian descent who was instrumental in creating a wartime resistance network, the Comité Medical de la Résistance (CMR), in the highly conservative medical milieu. Included are biographical information, publications from the Comité national des médecins (1944-1948), the Editions de minuit, clandestine publications produced by the national front from 1941-1944, and documents concerning the Services de Sante des FFI and the FTPF, the Military government of Paris and Military Region of Limoge. Besides the Leibovici archive, a set of records concerning anti-Semitism are also included.

Provenance: Musée de la Résistance Nationale à Champigny

Language: French, English 1887–1983
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Musée de la Résistance Nationale à Champigny
Finding aids: Inventory in French; notes (in English) on antisemitic documents

Accession 1990.244 --- The Julius Goldstein Collection

This collection contains correspondence, maps, and a scrapbook documenting Julius Goldstein’s experiences as an American GI in Dachau.

Language: English and German 1942–1945
28 items, 2 pictures, 1 scrapbook
Source of Acquisition: Col. and Mrs. Julius Goldstein
NOTE: See also RG-10.032—The Julius Goldstein Papers
RG-06.005.08M --- Records from U.S. War Department, Military Intelligence Division (MID)

These records from the 1930s and 1940s contain information about various topics, including concentration camps, antisemitism, deportation, racial laws, forced labor, and religious persecution.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, RG 165, Regional File 77

Languages: English, French  ca. 1918–1944
22 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Roll-level table of contents

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-06.005.08M

RG-02.080 --- Life Versus the Holocaust by Bernard S. Cytryn

Bernard Cytryn’s testimony contains information about his life in Kielce, Poland, before the Holocaust, his deportation to Auschwitz, his observations on the role of the Catholic church in the Holocaust, his relatives who were killed during the Holocaust, and his family in the United States.

Language: English  1983
2.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Bernard S. Cytryn
Restrictions: Published material protected under 1983 copyright

RG-06.005.03 --- Hadamar Photographs from the Case of U.S. vs. Alfons Klein, et al.

This collection contains copies of photographs from the war crimes case of the United States vs. Alfons Klein, et al. The ten copy prints depict scenes at the Hadamar sanitarium, cemeteries in the vicinity, and autopsies performed at Hadamar by Dr. Hermann Bolker. Each photograph has a caption on the reverse side in English. Item #7 (photo of an autopsy) is missing from the file.


Language: English  N.d.
10 photographic copies
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
In her memoir, Regina Godinger Hoffman describes her deportation from Czechoslovakia to Poland, the deaths of her family members, her psychological trauma, her internment in the Khust ghetto, her incarceration in Auschwitz, her transfer to camps in Nuremberg, Germany, and Holeshovitz, Czechoslovakia, her liberation, and her immigration to and life in the United States.

Language: English 1989
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Regina Godinger Hoffman
Restrictions: Fair use only

This collection contains the original manuscript (251 pages) and a revised first draft (139 pages) for Commitment to the Dead: One Woman’s Journey Towards Understanding (Frederick, CO: Renaissance House Publishers, 1987) by Helen Waterford. The manuscript is Waterford’s personal testimony of persecution and suffering during her imprisonment in Auschwitz and Kratzau (a.k.a. Chrustava).

Language: English 1987
3.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Renaissance House Publishers
Restrictions: Materials protected under 1987 copyright

This collection contains photocopies of six letters from Israel Fischer and Lajos Spitz to Magda Spitz Bergstein in the United States. The letters relate to their attempt to find refuge in America.

Provenance: Paper originals in the USHMM Photo Archives

Languages: Hungarian with some summaries in English 1938–1940
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Madeline M. Deutsch
RG-06.023 --- Juozas Kungys Case

This collection contains copies of depositions, transcripts of proceedings, and other documentation used in the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations’ prosecution of Juozas Kungys, who was accused of Nazi war crimes in Lithuania.

Provenance: Howard Rappaport, a court reporter in the United States District Court in New Jersey, acquired the copies after the Kungys trial.

Language: English   1982–1987
7.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Howard Rappaport
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-06.023

RG-02.201 --- “We Kept Our Heads: Personal Memories of Being Jewish in Nazi Germany and Making a New Home in England” by Dodo Liebmann

This memoir describes Dodo Liebmann’s life in Germany, her membership in the Communist party, her emigration to England, her classification as a wartime alien and internment on the Isle of Man, the war’s end, her work in physics, and the restitution she received from Germany.

Language: English   1993
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Dodo Liebmann
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.121 --- “Charlotte’s Memoirs” by Charlotte Arpadi

In this memoir, Charlotte Arpadi’s describes her experiences as a child, as an adolescent in Berlin, and as an inmate of the Riga ghetto. She also discusses her experiences in the Riga-Kaiserwald and Stutthof concentration camps, a death march, her liberation in Poland, and her emigration to the United States.

Language: English   1991
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Harry S. Arpadi (Charlotte’s brother)
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.057 --- “Children of the Holocaust”

Galina Raicin-Klebanow wrote “Children of the Holocaust,” when she was living in Prague. It is her account of the suffering of children she witnessed as a concentration camp inmate.

Language: English 1946
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Margaret Oppenheimer
Restrictions: See reference archivist
NOTE: See also different version of this memoir in RG-02.189.

RG-11.001M.42 --- Records of the Stock Company “Saloniki-Palestine,” Saloniki (Fond 1437)

This collection contains correspondence with banks and firms, including the Jewish Colonial Bank in London

Languages: Greek, German, English, French, Hebrew 1924–1941
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution
NOTE: See also RG-45.001M—Declaration of Finances and Property Records from the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki, and RG-45.002M—Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-11.001M.42

RG-19.029 --- Harry and Clare Lerner Correspondence Relating to Their Work with Displaced Persons and UNRRA

This collection contains information about Harry and Clare Lerner’s postwar experiences while working for UNRRA teams that were responsible for the care and welfare of Jewish displaced persons in some designated Jewish displaced persons centers in Germany and Czechoslovakia. The Lerners were assigned at various times to several of the facilities in Germany.

Language: English 1945–1961
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Clare Lerner

RG-02.181 --- “In the Safety of the Third Reich” by Charlotte Kahane

This memoir describes the escape of Charlotte Kahane and her mother from an Aktion and their attempts to hide from German authorities, their activities in the Luts’k ghetto,
Their separation, Kahane’s experiences in Dubno, her mother’s death, Kahane’s escape from and recapture by German authorities, her time as an Ostarbeiter in Germany, and the end of World War II.

Language: English N.d.
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Charlotte Kahane
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-06.007.01 --- Articles and Clippings Relating to the War Crimes Trial of Klaus Barbie**

These articles and clippings (copies and originals) from French- and English-language periodicals relate to Klaus Barbie and his trial in Lyon, France. Among the topics discussed are the allegations against Barbie; the testimony of Barbie’s victims; the children of Izieu, France; and the lawyers and judges involved in the case. Also included are materials relating to the courtroom art that David Rose created during the trial.

Provenance: David Rose was the courtroom artist during the Klaus Barbie trial in Lyon, France, in July 1987. The majority of these materials were collected by Rose during the trial and were later donated to the Museum.

Language: English 1987 bulk
3.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: David Rose via Jacek Nowakowski
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
NOTE: See also RG-43.031—Klaus Barbie Trial

**RG-67.015M --- Series E (the Culture Department) of the Records of the World Jewish Congress, New York Office**

This collection contains correspondence, reports, publications, and materials on such matters as the “school adoption” plan, cultural delegations to Europe and South America, essay contests, relations with UNESCO, and conferences on Yiddish- and Hebrew-language culture. Sub-series 1, Executive Files, 1944–1959; sub-series 2, Miscellaneous, 1943–1966, 1971; and sub-series 3, Publications, 1945–1965, 1973–1974 (many in Yiddish). Provenance: The Culture Department in New York was established in March 1945 to assist with reconstructing the spiritual and cultural life of Holocaust survivors; recovering cultural treasures and communal archives; and strengthening the intellectual aspect of Jewish life in the Western hemisphere and of Sephardic life in the Mediterranean area. Variations of the name appear: Education Department, Cultural Department, and Department of Culture and Education.

Languages: English and Yiddish 1943–1974
13 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-02.112 --- “Between Life and Death—My Memoirs” by Sonja Haid Greene

In her memoir, Sonja Haid Greene describes her pre-Holocaust life with her family in Siauliai, Lithuania, her stay in the Traku ghetto, her time spent in the Linkaicia concentration camp, her life as an inmate at the Stutthof concentration camps and a subcamp of Dachau, her suffering on a death march, and her liberation by American troops.

Language: English N.d.
.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Sonja Haid Greene
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.008 --- Narrative and Diary of Mr. Gabriel Mermall

This diary recounts the experiences of Gabriel Mermall and his son, Tommy, during six months of hiding in a forest near the Carpathian Mountains. It also contains information about Christians who aided Mermall and his son, the activities of partisans in Hungary, and the advance of the Soviet army at the end of World War II. Portions of the testimony are written in narrative form and are intermingled with the diary entries.

Language: English N.d.
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Dr. Max Rothchild

Accession 1999.141 --- The Simona G. Frajndlich Collection

These papers document the experiences of Simona Witorz in the Landsberg DP camp and at Heidelberg University after her liberation from Terezin. Also included is a plan of the courtroom of the facilities of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, the proceedings of which Witorz attended as a member of the press.

Languages: English, Czech, Russian, German 1945–1947
13 items
Source of Acquisition: Simona G. Frajndlich
Finding Aid: Item-level list
RG-28.011 --- Erwin Marx Papers This collection contains portions of a diary and correspondence between Erwin Marx and various reparation agencies in Germany. Also included are newspaper clippings relating to reparations after World War II.

Biography: Erwin Marx (b. 1895, Freiburg, Germany) was a prisoner in Dachau concentration camp from November to December 1938. He later lived as a political refugee in Shanghai, China, from 1939 to 1946. He emigrated to the United States in 1946 and resided in San Francisco, California, until his death in 1988.

Languages: German, English 1937–1970
2 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Ruth Kraemer
Finding aid: Folder title list

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-28.011

RG-02.023 --- Alice and Gerhard Zadek Papers

This collection contains, in scrapbook form, photographs and text excerpts from Ein Judenjunge vom Alex by Alice and Gerhard Zadek. Included is information about a resistance group headed by Herbert Baum and details about Zadek family members killed during the Holocaust. The years covered in the text are 1939 to 1948.

Language: English 1990
1.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Alice and Gerhard Zadek
Restrictions: Published in 1991; protected under copyright

RG-02.005 --- “My Deportation” by Bernard Nissenbaum

This testimony describes Nissenbaum’s deportation from France and his imprisonment in several concentration and labor camps. Included in the text are detailed descriptions of conditions in the Trzebinia camp, the status and treatment of wealthy Jews as compared to that of other inmates, the separation of various nationalities of prisoners in the Birkenau camp, the situation of the “Muselmänner” in various camps, the relationships between Kapos and inmates, and conditions in the Warsaw ghetto prior to the uprising.

Language: English N.d.
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Ida Stern
RG-59.027M --- Records of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain: Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens (FCRA)

This collection contains minutes of meetings of the Germany Emergency Committee (later FCRA, Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens). Other documents discuss the situation of the Jews in Germany, support for refugees, internment, political prisoners, and visits to concentration camps. The collection also includes the pamphlet “An Account of the Work of the Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens, first known as the Germany Emergency Committee of the Society of Friends 1933-1950,” by Lawrence Dalton, issued in 1954, as well as various other pamphlets relating to the work of the Committee.

Provenance: Library of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain

Language: English

1933–1954

3 microfilm rolls (35mm)


Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-02.206 --- “Safe Conduct” by Dolf Ringel

In his memoir, Dolf Ringel describes his life in Amsterdam, his escape from a roundup, his escape to Spain through German-occupied Belgium and France, his arrest by Spanish police and internment in a Spanish prison, his transfer to a camp in Miranda de Ebro, his release and work in the Dutch embassy in Madrid, the deaths of family members, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English

1986

5 microfiche cards

Source of Acquisition: Dolf Ringel

Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-32.016 --- Anton Wohlfahrt and Ernst Reiter Photograph

This is a black-and-white copyprint of a photograph of Anton Wohlfahrt (d. 1974) and Ernst Reiter (b. 1915), both of whom are Jehovah’s Witnesses. The photograph was taken in June 1945 shortly after their time in Flossenbürg concentration camp and their liberation from a death march by American troops. Ernst Reiter, on the right, wears his prisoner number badge (1935) on the pocket of his jacket.

Language: Caption information in English

June 1945

1 b&w photoprint

Source of Acquisition: Ernst Reiter
See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-32.016

RG-02.179 --- Memoirs of Liselotte Kahn

This collection contains information about Liselotte Kahn’s childhood in Germany, her marriage to Dr. Ernst Müller and the birth of their sons, Nazi antisemitism, her family’s emigration to Greece, her husband’s medical practice in Athens, the Italian and German invasion of Greece, her family’s escape to Palestine, and their emigration to and experiences in the United States.

Language: English     1970
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Liselotte Kahn via Ely Jacques Kahn
Restrictions: Fair use only

Accession 1996.23 --- The Hannah Kastan Weiss Collection

This collection features letters to Kastan’s family written by Günther Kastan, a Jewish prisoner in the Monowitz sub-camp of Auschwitz. The letters are addressed to his daughter, Hannah, who was hidden by her non-Jewish maternal grandparents during the Holocaust. A Polish woman smuggled the letters to Kastan’s family. Also included are identification cards, documents regarding registration of employment, and other papers concerning the resettlement of the family in the United States.

Languages: German and English     1939–1950
109 items
Source of Acquisition: Hannah Kastan Weiss

RG-02.106 --- “The Worm in the Apple” by Sigurd Askevold

This testimony contains Sigurd Askevold’s descriptions of Nazi persecution of German Jews and political opponents; his father’s emigration to Norway; Askevold’s service in the Reichsarbeitsdienst (national labor service); his activities in the German military during the German incorporation of Austria and the Sudetenland, and the German invasions and occupations of Poland, France, and the Soviet Union; and the time he served as a prisoner of war.

Language: English     N.d.
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Sigurd Askevold
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.043 --- Dancing Through the Minefields by Fred Schiller

Fred Schiller’s memoir (written with Janice Blumberg) describes his early life in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, his career as a jazz musician, his flight from Yugoslavia after the establishment of the pro-Nazi Ustasha government, his experiences as a refugee on various Yugoslav islands in the Adriatic Sea, his emigration to the United States in 1948, and his service with the U.S. Army.

Language: English    1991
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Fred Schiller
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-27.001 --- Julius Kühl Collection

Folders: General Correspondence

This correspondence relates principally to Julius Kühl’s wartime service at the Polish embassy in Bern, and his efforts in cooperation with Jewish and other refugee organizations on behalf of refugees and internees in wartime Europe. A small amount of correspondence is from the postwar era. The material includes, but is not limited to, information about efforts to rescue Jews from Poland, Hungary, and Romania; attempts to send medical equipment and clothing to occupied Poland; work aimed at locating the whereabouts of refugee relatives in occupied France; and assistance to Jewish internees in Switzerland. The collection contains correspondence with or about prominent rescuers such as Saly Mayer, the Sternbuch family, and Raoul Wallenberg.

Languages: German, French, English, Dutch, Polish    1937–1982
11 folders
Finding Aid: English-language description

Folders: Telegrams

This collection contains telegrams from Kühl’s work at the Polish embassy in Bern and relates to his role in assisting refugees and internees. The wartime cables document his work with Jewish and other organizations concerned with refugee affairs. The subjects of the cables include, but are not limited to, urgent pleas for immigration permits and passports, decisions of governments on entry permits for Jews, information about the deportation of notable citizens, attempts to finance the education of refugee children, and the hiding of children in gentile homes. Most of the postwar cables concern the whereabouts of Jews who were released from liberated camps.
Languages: German, French, English, Spanish  1941–1962
12 folders
Finding Aid: English-language description

Folders: Articles and Clippings

This collection contains Swiss, Jewish, and international newspaper and magazine articles relating to Jewish affairs in Europe and Palestine (later Israel). The topics of the articles include, but are not limited to, living conditions of Jewry before and during World War II, the history of the Jews in France, the treatment of Jews in Germany and Poland, wartime antisemitism in Switzerland, the Nuremberg trials, and Kühl’s embassy work in Bern.

Languages: German, French, English, Polish, Hebrew  1933–1982
24 folders
Finding Aid: English-language description

Box: Reports and Pamphlets

This collection contains printed and typed reports and pamphlets collected by Kühl about refugee organizations, Jewish issues, the Holocaust, and emigration to Palestine. The prewar material pertains to the persecution of Jews in the USSR, Jewish emigration to Palestine, and a legal case concerning the forgery of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in Bern, Switzerland. Reports and pamphlets from the war include detailed descriptions of Jewish life in Poland, Romania, and Hungary; the Jewish resistance in France; the life of internees in camps; the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; Auschwitz; and Jewish rescue efforts. The postwar documents contain information about refugee aid and displaced persons.

Languages: German, French, English, Hebrew  1931–1979
1 box
Finding Aid: English-language description

Boxes: Miscellaneous Records

This collection contains miscellaneous material that primarily relate to the fate of Polish Jews. The collection includes information about the judgment on the regulation of private property in Poland, Jewish property in Poland, the General Government, diplomatic passports, Nazi arrest-warrants, visitor permits for the camps, relief organizations, Jewish transports, child refugees, Hungarian Jews in Auschwitz, the fate of Dutch and French Jews, Jewish publications from Palestine, restitution, and the Swiss-Israelite Association.

Languages: German, English, Polish, French, Yiddish, Italian, Dutch, Danish  1929–1946
Folder: Interview of Dr. Reuben Hecht by Professor Penkower

This interview by Prof. Monty Penkower relates to Reuben Hecht’s work for the New Zionist Organization, Vaad Hatzalah, and Irgun Berit Zion to rescue Jews and assist them with emigration to Palestine. The interview provides details on talks with Vaad Halzalah, the Catholic church, and Sam Woodson, a U.S. intelligence agent.

Language: English 1982
1 folder
Finding Aid: Item-level description

Folder: Treblinka Report

This is a report by Jankiel Wiernitz, a former prisoner who worked as a craftsman in Treblinka. In the report, Wiernitz describes living conditions and the murder of Jews and Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), the treatment of inmates by Germans and Ukrainians, everyday life, John Demjanjuk, the rape of Jewish women, and the preparations of the camp uprising that led to Wiernitz’s escape.

Language: German N.d.
1 folder
Finding Aid: English-language description

Folder: Dr. Kühl’s Autobiographical Report

This report contains Julius Kühl’s description of his life, including details about his birth, his family in Galicia, his years of studies in Switzerland, his service with the Polish legation in Bern, his mother’s deportation to and rescue from Siberia, the rescue efforts of prominent individuals including the Sternbuchs and Papal Nuncio Berndini, and his emigration to Canada after the war.

Language: English N.d.
1 folder
Finding Aid: Item-level description

Accession 1989.6 --- The Lili Reisz Collection

This collection features the wartime correspondence of Franz Reisz in Paris and his wife, Lili, who had emigrated to New York. Also included are Franz Reisz’s political sketches and drawings of concentration camp scenes.
Languages: German and English 1938–1949
145 items
Source of Acquisition: Lili Reisz
NOTE: See also: RG-10 Accession 1995.A.0307—The Franz and Lili Reisz and Family Collection

RG-59.001M --- Selected Records from the Colonial Office Files on Cyprus, Original Correspondence

This correspondence relates to the settlement of Jewish immigrants and other refugees in Cyprus.

Provenance: Colonial Office, series 67 (CO 67)

Language: English 1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-02.046 --- “From ‘Jerushalayim D’Litva’ and Back (Wilno, ‘Jerusalem of Lithuania’)” by William Good, formerly Vovka Gdud

William Good’s testimony describes his childhood in Niemenczyn, Soviet Union, his persecution by Poles, his narrow escape from execution in Ponary, his experiences hiding in the forest and in the homes of Poles, and his return to Vilnius and Niemenczyn after 43 years. Also included are several photocopies of Gdud family photographs and an article from a Vilnius newspaper concerning his return to Vilnius.

Languages: English, Russian 1987–1988
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: William Z. Good

Accession 2000.32 --- Harriet Postman Letters

These letters to and from Harriet Postman discuss obtaining an affidavit for a Jewish woman named Dr. Flora Hochsinger so she could leave German-incorporated Austria for the United States.

Provenance: Evelyn P. Crane, Harriet Postman’s daughter, donated the letters to the Museum.

Language: English 1939–1941
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Evelyn P. Crane
RG-02.133 --- “From the Lida Ghetto to the Bielski Partisans” by Liza Ettinger

In this memoir, Liza Ettinger’s describes her life in Lida, Poland, before the outbreak of the war; the Soviet occupation of Poland; the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union; the death of her husband at Ponar (a.k.a. Ponary and Paneriai); her internment in the Vilnius (a.k.a. Vilna, Wilna, Wilno) and Lida ghettos; her survival of a Selektion; her experiences as a partisan; and the end of the war.

Language: English 1989
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Liza Ettinger
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-10.172 --- Linden Family Papers

This collection contains biographical sketches, photonegatives, photographs, school report cards, newsletters, identification documents, certificates, clippings, affidavits, a Jewish flag, and various other documents relating to the experiences of Fred Linden (né Fritz Isaac Lindenstrauss), his wife Ruth Betty Salomon Linden, and their son, Kurt Joseph Linden, during their time living as German Jewish refugees in Shanghai, China. Several documents relate to the Linden family’s business, “Ladies Secondhand Store,” where they provided clothing goods and tailoring services to the community.

4 folders
Source of Acquisition: Kurt J. Linden
Finding aid: Item-level inventory

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-10.172

RG-10.159 --- Blumenthal Family Papers

This collection contains certificates, letters, affidavits, postcards, travel permits, photographs, and various other documents relating to the experiences of the Albert Blumenthal family before their emigration to the United States from Germany prior to World War II. Included is information about the experiences and fate of Bernhard Blumenthal, Albert Blumenthal’s father, who was unable to emigrate from Germany before the war and who was eventually deported to Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp; and the fate of other Blumenthal family members.

Languages: German, English, French, Portuguese 1901–1956 (bulk 1938–1941)
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Ellen B. Sehgal
Finding aid: Item-level inventory
See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-10.159

RG-10.083 --- Before the Holocaust: Three Jewish Lives

These memoirs describe the experiences and lives of three German Jews, Käte Frankenthal, Max Moses Polke, and Joseph Benjamin Levy. Frankenthal’s memoir describes the hardship of being a Jewish socialist. Polke’s memoir discusses his life before the Nazis came to power, the effects of the Nuremberg Laws, and conditions in the Buchenwald concentration camp. Levy’s memoir describes historic events such as the Nazi bookburning, the Jewish boycott, and Kristallnacht.

Language: English  1870–1939
7 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Thomas Dunlap
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-06.017 --- Selected Records from the Delegation of Israeli Associations in Argentina

This collection contains copied, translated documents about Nazi war criminals and sympathizers who were believed to have or who had relocated to Argentina after World War II and whose extradition was sought by the governments of Yugoslavia, West Germany, the United States, and France.

Languages: Spanish, English  1947–1985
5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Delegation of Israeli Associations in Argentina
Finding aid: List of individual suspects

RG-10.129 --- Simon Klein Letters

These are typed, transcribed, and translated letters (dated January 23, 1945 and March 12, 1946) that describe the German occupation of Hungary, Simon Klein’s confiscation, his deportation to and experiences in Auschwitz, the deaths of his family members, his transport to Gross-Rosen, and his liberation by the Soviet military. The original letters in Hungarian are not included.

Language: English  1945–1946
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Jerome S. Klein
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.202 --- “From Bialystok to Brooklyn” by Sara Lew

In her memoir, Sara Lew describes her childhood in Poland; her internment in the Bialystok ghetto and many concentration camps, including Majdanek, Blizyn, and Auschwitz; the deaths of her family members; her post-Holocaust experiences as a displaced person in Europe; and her emigration to the United States. Included are poems and vignettes about Auschwitz, her parents and their values, liberation, and people she knew during the war.

Languages: English, Hebrew  N.d.
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Sara Lew
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.091 --- “Natek, Child of the Holocaust”

This testimony describes Natek Friedman’s experiences before, during, and after the Holocaust; the German invasion of Poland; conditions inside the Warsaw ghetto; his experiences hiding with an Aryan family during the liquidation of the ghetto; and his attempts to seek refuge in a monastery.

Provenance: Anna Rosa Friedman composed this text relating to her husband’s experiences.

Language: English  Ca. 1986
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Anna Rosa Friedman


This collection contains location lists of refugees and displaced persons.

Provenance: World Jewish Congress Collection 1918–1982, series D. Relief and Rescue Departments, sub-series 3, Relief – Location Service, held by the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio

Languages: English, German  1938–1947
6 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio
Finding aid: On roll 1
Note: See also RG-67.004M
RG-59.007M --- Selected Records from the Foreign Office, Consular (War) Department, Later Prisoners of War Department: Registered Files (KW & RD Series)

These records relate to the treatment of Jews in France. The collection also includes reports on Bergen-Belsen.

Provenance: Foreign Office: Consular (War) Department, later Prisoners of War Department: Registered Files (KW & RD Series) series 916 (FO 916)

Language: English 1942–1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-59.007M

RG-19.056 --- The Morris Kopels Papers

This collection contains two copies of a songbook from the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp. The songbooks were part of the publication, Zamlung fun katset un geto lider, which was issued in 1946 by the Central Jewish Committee in Bergen Belsen. The same collection also appeared as an edition of the DP periodical Undzer Sztyme. The papers also include a photocopy of a note to Morris Kopels’ aunt, Sonya Kusevitsky.

Languages: Yiddish, English 1945–1946
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Morris Kopels
Finding aid: Item-level description

Accession 2000.248 --- Henry Alter Papers

This collection contains originals and photocopies of Alter family documents; correspondence; photo prints; newspaper clippings; Austro-Hungarian, German, and Austrian bank notes; personal files of Henry C. Alter and Martin F. Herz; reports of the Film, Theatre, and Music Section of the U.S. Military Government in Berlin; and material about the United States Forces in Austria, Information Service Branch, 1945–1946, in which Mr. Alter served.

Languages: English, German, Italian 1862–1994
1 box
Source of Acquisition: Andrew C. Alter
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication
RG-19.057 --- Eugenia Hochberg Lanceter Collection

This collection contains postcards, letters, and various other documents relating to Eugenia (Gina) Hochberg’s experiences in the Brody ghetto and labor camps near the Brody ghetto, her life in hiding in both Brody and Lublin, and Eugenia’s (Gina) marriage to Henryk Lanceter in July 1945. Included are 50 black-and-white photographs relating to her time in the Finkenschlag displaced persons camp in Fürth, Germany.

Languages: English, German, Polish 1920–1949
3 folders
Source of Acquisition: Eugenia Hochberg Lanceter
Finding aid: Item-level description

Accession 1995.A.0601 --- Eleanor Oppenheimer Morris Memoir

This typescript memoir by Eleanor Oppenheimer Morris, discusses her life in prewar Frankfurt, Germany, Kristallnacht and her father’s and uncle’s resultant incarceration in Buchenwald, her and her family’s emigration to the United States, and their subsequent lives in New York and Baltimore. The format of the memoir is actually a response to an unknown questionnaire.

Language: English 1994
5 pages
Source of Acquisition: Eleanor O. Morris
Restrictions: Fair use only. Donor retains copyright.

RG-02.192 --- “Not a Moment Too Soon” by Kurt Ladner

This testimony relates to Kurt Ladner’s childhood in Vienna, Austria; the Anschluss; Kristallnacht; Ladner’s emigration to Belgium and his subsequent escape to France; his return to Austria in hopes of getting a transport to Sweden; his arrest and experiences in Terezin, Auschwitz, Dachau, Erpfing, and Kaufering; his liberation; the death of his family members; his attempts to rebuild his life in Vienna; and his emigration to and experiences in the United States.

Language: English 1993
5 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Kurt Ladner
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.183 --- Journey through the Valley of Perdition Traveled by Gary A. Keins

Gary Keins’s memoir describes his life in German Silesia, his life in Poland after World War I, the German invasion of Poland, his life while assuming a false identity, conditions
in Warsaw during the occupation, his experiences in Zamość and L’viv (a.k.a. L’wów, L’vov, and Lemberg), the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, his experiences with the Soviet military, the deaths of his family members, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English  1984
5 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Gary Keins
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.029 --- Nina Kaleska Papers

Nina Kaleska is a survivor of the Grodno ghetto, Ravensbrück, and Auschwitz. These papers contain information about her experiences in Auschwitz and her thoughts on Jewish-Christian relations in the years since the Holocaust. Also included is a copy of a love poem.

Provenance: Transcript of speech, “Subjective Reflections on the Post Holocaust Years,” at Cornell University, 1978

Language: English  1978
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Nina Kaleska

RG-78.001M --- Records of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies

This collection contains records of efforts to restrict immigration, correspondence, lists of the Jewish Immigration Officer at Cape Town, naturalization applications, anti-Jewish agitation in South Africa, postwar Holocaust commemoration, photographs of Jewish immigrants arriving in South Africa, and photographs of the South African Jewish community assisting refugees.

Provenance: The South African Jewish Board of Deputies is the central representative institution of the Jewish community in South Africa (its early predecessors were founded in 1903 and 1904 and merged in 1912).

Language: English  1900–1986
29 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: South African Jewish Board of Deputies
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-43.019M --- Seconde Guerre Mondiale (Second World War)

This collection contains documents extracted from official records found in Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Sachsenhausen, and Dachau. The records include lists of political prisoners,
lists of prisoners used in medical experiments, correspondence, requests, statistics, medical statements, discipline statements, and administrative documents. Interrogations of ex-concentration camp guards, liberation photographs, published testimonies, essays, and clippings related to antisemitism and Vichy politics are also included.

Provenance: Archives Nationales, fond 72 AJ

Languages: English, French, Polish  1939–1950
15 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Archives de France, Paris
Restrictions: On reproduction

**RG-20.002 --- The Story of Dr. Josef Jaksy**

This speech by Amira Trattner entitled “The Story of Dr. Josef Jaksy,” includes testimony by several of Jaksy’s acquaintances including former governor of New York, Mario Cuomo. The testimonies describe Jaksy’s activities as a Righteous Gentile in Czechoslovakia, where he was responsible for the rescue and successful escape of many Jews and political dissidents.

Language: English   N.d.
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Michael Berenbaum
Restrictions: Information may be cited, but not quoted

**RG-02.190 --- “Road to Exile” by Alfred Mayer**

In his memoir, Alfred Mayer writes about incidents relating to his life in Germany, his emigration to the United States and subsequent life there, his aid to other German Jews, the death of Mayer’s relatives in Auschwitz, and the end of the war and a visit to his former home in Germany. Included are photocopies of documents relating to the Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland and the author’s family history.

Languages: English, German   1932–1953
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Alfred Mayer
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.114 --- A Memoir for Paul, David and Adam, by Paulette Singer Barrett**

This memoir describes the life of Paulette Singer Barrett from 1939 to 1953, including her prewar emigration with her parents from Poland and Romania to Paris, France; their journey to southern France after the Nazis seized Paris; the fate of her relatives who
stayed in Poland; the resistance activities of French citizens; and her eventual emigration along with her family to the United States after the war.

Language: English  1994
.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Paulette Singer Barrett
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.072 --- Memories of a Vanished World by Joseph Soski

In this memoir, Joseph Soski describes his childhood in Busko and Kraków, Poland, the German occupation of Kraków, restrictions against Jews, his escape to the Soviet-occupied zone of Poland, his life in the Częstochowa ghetto, his experiences as a forced laborer, his deportation to Buchenwald and Dora-Mittelbau, his evacuation from Dora-Mittelbau, his liberation, his life in a displaced persons camp, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English  1991
0.75 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Joseph Soski
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright

RG-02.035 --- “Once Upon Four Decades”

“Once Upon Four Decades” includes testimonies of several Holocaust survivors as recorded by Margaret Collin. The survivors describe their experiences in concentration camps, as well as escape from the Nazis, life in hiding, incidents of attempted suicide, and great mental anguish suffered since the end of the Holocaust. Also included are Collin’s recollections about her own escape from Germany in 1939 and the loss of her family, as well as documents, photographs, poems, and songs.

Language: English  1939–1979
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Margaret Collin
Restrictions: See reference archivist

Accession 2000.26 --- Muller Family Papers

This collection contains a memoir by Marianne Muller Vitez about her wartime experiences; two identification cards issued to Vitez’s parents, Hans Muller and Alice Leven, in Morocco; Alice Muller’s German passport; John Muller’s German passport; Carte d’identité d’étranger de la Republique Francaise au Maroc for Marianne Muller; a list of clothes and household goods Alice Muller submitted to the Nazis before leaving
occupied Belgium with the items on the list; and a Certificat d’identité des refugies provenant d’allemande for Hans Muller issued by the Belgian government.

Languages: English, French 1938–1941
2 Folders
Source of Acquisition: Marianne Muller Vitez

RG-02.213 --- Klara Ostfeld Collection

This is a typewritten translation of Klara Ostfeld’s memoir relating her life in Cernăuți, Romania (now Chernovtsy, Ukraine) under the Ion Antonescu regime; her deportation to Transnistria in 1941; conditions in the “Mogilev Podolsk” (Mogilev-Podolski) and Scazenets forced labor camps; and her postwar life in Romania, Israel, and Venezuela. Carlos Rangel wrote a prologue to the memoir. Ostfeld’s resumé of her memoir and photocopies of press releases and articles are included.

Languages: English, Spanish, German, Hebrew 1986–1990
9 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Klara Ostfeld via Michael Berenbaum

RG-02.056 --- “The Remembrance, 1990 (Stephen Feld, his uncle, Mel Feld, and his aunt, Estelle F. Nadel)”

This transcript of an oral history interview describes the experiences of the Feld family in Poland as they attempted to escape Nazi persecution during the Holocaust.

Language: English 1990
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Norman Feld
Finding aid: An index was completed by Norman Feld and is included at the beginning of the transcript.

Accession 1999.A.0154 --- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

This collection contains information about the committee’s administration, budgets and finance, problems in Warsaw, emigration, activities in Romania, Polish Jews with relatives in the United States, and banking matters.

Provenance: Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, fond 210

Languages: Polish, English 1939–1941
21 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, Warsaw
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication
RG-59.005M --- Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence before 1906 relating to the Ottoman Empire

This collection contains general correspondence relating to the protection of Jews in Syria, the condition and treatment of Jews in Serbia and Romania, and the immigration of Jews to Palestine.

Provenance: Foreign Office and Predecessors: Political and other Departments: General Correspondence before 1906, Ottoman Empire series 78 (FO 78)

Language: English 1867–1905
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-59.005M

RG-02.157 --- “The Three Lives of Gizel Berman”

“The Three Lives of Gizel Berman” describes Berman’s childhood in Uzhgorod and Sobrance (then both in Czechoslovakia), her schooling in Brussels, Belgium, the imprisonment and torture of her boyfriend, Nick, her reunion with Nick and their marriage, their deportation to Auschwitz, her transfer to and life in Stutthof, where she was separated from her husband, her liberation and return to Uzhgorod, her reunion with her husband, their emigration and assimilation into American culture, and their daughter’s experiences with antisemitism.

Language: English  N.d.
6 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Gizel Berman
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.156 --- “A Survivor’s Story” by Simon Sterling

“A Survivor’s Story” relates Simon Sterling’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland and the Brody ghetto. It also deals with his separation from his wife, Sophie, his deportation to a concentration camp, his escape, his reunion with his wife and their experiences hiding in a forest, their liberation by the Soviet military and eventual escape to the American Zone of Occupation in Germany, the displaced persons camp at Föhrenwald, Germany, and their immigration to the United States.

Language: English  1988
3 microfiche cards
RG-02.074 --- “A Hungarian Jew Looks Back: A Personal Account of the Pre–World War II Times and the War Years” by Robert Winkler

In his memoir, Robert Winkler discusses his childhood and family experiences, national events in Hungary during the war years, the German occupation of 1944, his experiences as a forced laborer, his escape and capture, his forced service with a Gestapo unit, his re-escape and experiences posing as a Hungarian gentile with false identification papers, his service as a “gentile” in the Hungarian army, and his liberation by the Red Army. Also included is a postscript with information about the subsequent fate of some of the people mentioned in the memoir.

Language: English
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Robert Winkler

RG-52.010 --- Official Publications Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

This collection includes the texts of anti-Jewish laws and decrees, papers of the gendarmerie, the appointments of individuals who were to become war criminals, and the like.

Provenance: The donor collected the material in various libraries in Hungary.

Language: Hungarian (with some English translations) 1938–1944
11 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Item-level description

RG-24.020 --- Carolyn Councell’s Drawings of Concentration Camp Inmates to Accompany Poems by Robert Doherty

This collection contains drawings by Carolyn Councell. The two images, intended to complement Robert Doherty’s collection of poetry, When Grandpa Flew in World War II (1992), depict Nazi concentration camp inmates. Also included are six drawings, three of each image. One image is of a group of women inmates stretching their hands out beyond a barbed wire fence, and the other shows a male inmate grasping a barbed wire fence.

Language: English  N.d.
6 drawings
4 plaques
Source of Acquisition: Carolyn Councell
RG-10.121 --- Jack Grootkerk Memoir

Jack Grootkerk’s memoir describes the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, his escape to France via Belgium, his unsuccessful attempt to enter Switzerland, entering Spain and his internment in a prison, his journey to Great Britain via Gibraltar, his wife’s escape from the Netherlands to Switzerland, his service in the Princess Irene Brigade of the Dutch Free Forces, his reunion with his wife in France, and his return to Holland.

Language: English 1940–1946
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Jack Grootkerk
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-04.018 --- Confession and Letter of Mauthausen Commandant

This collection contains a copy in English of a confession made by Franz Ziereis, the commandant of Mauthausen concentration camp (identified in the documents as “Franz”) after his arrest by American forces in May 1945. In the confession, the commandant describes conditions in Mauthausen and other camps as well as the various methods of torture and execution practiced by the Nazis. Ziereis also gives detailed information about the activities of his fellow commanders and physicians employed in the camps. Also included are two poems in German concerning suffering in the camps and a letter from Ziereis to his wife.

Provenance: The memoir was found with a group of papers that lack donor and/or provenance information, but were given to the USHMC early in its history.

Languages: English, German 1945
1 folder
NOTE: See also RG-04.049—Confessions of an SS Killer

Accession 2000.355 --- The Abraham Slowes Collection

This collection contains photocopies of correspondence relating to Abraham Slowes’ efforts to save his parents, Moshe Dow and Malka Slowes, as well as other members of his family, by bringing them out of Nazi-occupied Vilna. The originals are housed at the Beit Lohamei HaGhetaot (Ghetto Fighters’ House), Israel. Also included is a photocopy of the Slowes and Weil family history, which was created by Mrs. Simone Weil Slowes.

Languages: English, Hebrew, Yiddish 1940–1991
80 items, 29 photographs
Source of Acquisition: Abraham Slowes
Finding Aid: Item-level list
RG-19.031 --- Hedy Langfelder Letters Relating to Jewish Refugees in Shanghai

This collection contains information about Jewish refugees in Shanghai, China, in 1948. Hedy Langfelder, the author of the letters, and the late M. Peter Victor, the recipient and donor, were Jewish refugees in Shanghai.

Language: English 1948
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: M. Peter Victor

RG-14.046M --- Selected Records from the Politische Archiv des Auswärtiges Amts—Olympic Games 1936

This collection contains material from the foreign office on the international issues surrounding the Olympic Games of 1936. Included are documents on potential boycotts (United States and Norway), policy related to the Jews, racial policy, logistical issues, certain events, and propaganda.

Provenance: The material originated in the Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts.

Languages: German, English, French, Norwegian 1935–1938
77 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Sybil Milton

RG-04.043 --- Kay Foldvary Papers Relating to Post-Liberation Dachau

This collection contains “Recollections of Dachau, May 1945” and “Memories of Life in U.S. Army, 1942 and 116th Evacuation Hosp. in Europe 1944–1945,” both written by Kay Foldvary. The dates of the memoirs are unknown. Both memoirs relate to Foldvary’s experiences as a U.S. Army nurse at Dachau after the liberation. Also included are 52 photographs of original photographs from a photo album compiled by Foldvary. The photos depict images of post-liberation Dachau and are accompanied by handwritten captions by Kay Foldvary.

Language: English Ca. 1945
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Kay Foldvary via Howard Cylinder

Accession 1996.A.0430 --- Nazi Infiltration of the International Committee of the Red Cross

These records relate to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) research into allegations concerning Nazi infiltration of the ICRC; the documents also deal with allegations of espionage. The collection includes lists of people suspected of espionage, reports about Giuseppe Berretta, and reports about the actions of ICRC delegates based in North
Africa, Naples, and Marseille. Significant attention is devoted to the actions of Jean-
Robert (Jean-Roger) Pagan in North Africa.

Languages: English, French, German 1943–1996
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva


This collection contains the prosecution files, trial transcripts, and other materials related
to the U.S. government case against Josef Altstoetter, et alia.

Provenance: From National Archives and Records Administration, RG-238

Languages: English, German 1947
53 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: NARA pamphlet M889

**RG-02.025 --- Excerpts from the Shidlovtsa (Poland) Yiskor Book**

The excerpts from this yiskor book contain information about Holocaust survival from
former residents of Shidlovtsa, Poland.

Language: Translated from Yiddish into English N.d.
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Freda Stone
Restrictions: Translation is under copyright
Finding aid: A list of excerpt titles and testator names is at the beginning of the collection.

**RG-02.014 --- Linda and Friedrich Breder Testimony**

This brief testimony describes Linda Breder’s deportation to Auschwitz, her participation
in the “Kanada” kommando, her witness to the sabotage of the Birkenau crematoria, and
her subsequent incarceration in Rechlin, a subcamp of Ravensbrück.

Provenance: The testimony was written in April 1983 during the American Gathering of
Jewish Holocaust Survivors convention in Washington, D. C.

Languages: Czech, English 1983
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Linda Breder
RG-25.001 --- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Case Files of Romanian Orphans

This collection contains 15 case histories relating to Romanian orphan children. The histories were compiled by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee office in Bucharest, Romania. They containing information on deportations to Transnistria, the treatment of Jewish children in ghettos, and the care of orphans after the war. Included are photographs of the children.

Language: English 1947
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Archives, New York City
Restrictions: On use

RG-06.002.04 --- Office of the U.S. Chief for Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality (OUSCCPAC)—Records Relating to Defendant Artur Seyss-Inquart

These records contain information about the life and the indictment of Artur Seyss-Inquart.

Provenance: Joseph Michel, who served with OUSCCPAC during the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, obtained these documents as part of his work.

Language: English 1946
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Joseph Michel

RG-02.142 --- “Strangers in the Heartland” by Donald M. Douglas

This essay is composed of three parts. Included are the accounts of those who escaped from Europe, those who survived in Polish forests, and one man who survived Auschwitz. The narratives include subjects such as emigrating to the United States, Kristallnacht, resistance movements and partisans, male rape, and the conditions inside concentration camps.


Language: English 1989
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Donald M. Douglas
Restrictions: Fair use only
Accession 1999.A.0027 --- UNRRA List of Concentration Camp Victims

This is an alphabetical list of camp victims who were missing or deported. It consists of all inquiries of this type processed by UNRRA’s Tracing Bureau for Austria, up to March 31, 1947.

Provenance: Created by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Tracing Bureau for Austria

Language: English 1947
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Jewish Museum in Sydney

RG-10.135 --- The Weinmann Family Papers

This collection contains various documents relating to the experiences of the Weinmann family in Austria and the United States. The papers include information about the family’s emigration from Austria to the United States, Gustav Weinmann’s arrest during Kristallnacht, the family’s attempts to secure finances in German banks after reaching the United States, and their attempts to receive restitution through the United Restitution Organization for property lost after their departure from Austria. Also included are a letter dated December 4, 1938, and a postcard (not dated), both of which were written by Gustav Weinmann while he was imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp.

Languages: German, English 1920–1965
24 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Hans R. Weinmann
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-10.135

RG-52.016 --- Records Relating to the Trials of Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche in Frankfurt

This collection contains correspondence between Randolph Braham, Frederic (Frigyes) Görög, Henry Sachs, J. Kermisz, J. Robinson, and Danial Schiller; court depositions by Imre Reiner in Frankfurt; research material about the war crimes of Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche; and typewritten quotes from various books published between 1945 and 1956.

Provenance: The donor collected the materials in pursuit of his scholarly work.
Languages: English, German, Hungarian  1945–1959
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham

**RG-52.007 --- Records Related to the Destruction of Jews in Szeged and in Csongrád County II**

This collection includes statistics, decisions regarding ghettoization, requests for exempted status, instructions about the disposal of Jewish property, restrictive decrees, conversions, and the like.

Provenance: The donor collected the records in the Csongrád County Archives, Szeged, Hungary.

Language: Hungarian (with some English translations)  1944
6 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description

**RG-06.013 --- Report of a War Crimes Trial in Dachau**

This report, written by Capt. Dorothy Marble and dated August 1947, describes Marble’s impressions during the sentencing of Nazi war criminals who were tried for crimes committed at Buchenwald. Also included is an undated newspaper article about Captain Marble.

Provenance: Robert L. Halterman found the report, written by his aunt, Dorothy Marble, while going through his mother’s papers.

Language: English  1947
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Robert L. Halterman

**RG-02.147 --- Simon Fuks Collection**

This collection contains legal documents, letters, newspaper articles, and a memoir describing the experiences of Simon Fuks, a rabbi of Agen, France. Fuks’ memoir, “Souvenir de Guerre,” describes the German occupation of France, his service in the French military, his capture and subsequent release by the Germans, how he and other rabbis resisted the Nazis and gave assistance to some Jews, activities undertaken by the Union Générale des Israélites de France, conditions inside the Drancy and Rivesaltes camps, and his escape to Switzerland.
Nadia Gould Collection

This collection contains information about Nadia Gould’s life. It describes her parents’ families, her childhood in the French countryside, the German occupation of France, her escape with her mother to unoccupied France, where they joined her father, the family’s escape from Marseille to Portugal via Spain, her emigration to the United States and reunion with her parents, her assimilation into American culture and her activities while in high school and college, and some of her experiences afterward. Included are picture postcards illustrated with Gould’s artwork, which depicts geometric and human forms.

Language: English  
N.d.  
4 microfiche cards  
Source of Acquisition: Nadia Gould  
Restrictions: Fair use only

Selected Records from the War Office: Registered Files (General Series)

These records relate to operations in Palestine, disturbances, and the formation of the Jewish Brigade.

Provenance: War Office and Successors: Registered Files (General series), series 32 (WO 32)

Language: English  
1936–1944  
6 microfilm rolls (35 mm)  
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew  
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

War Crimes Files Decoding Book

This is a reference work created by the 7707th War Crimes Group, Judge Advocate General, European Theater of Operations, to locate the geographic area and disposition of war crimes case files compiled by the units of the Judge Advocate General.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338

Language: English  
1941–1945  
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.


This collection is organized into the following four sub-series:
1. Executive Files and Correspondence: files of the first three directors of the Institute: J. Robinson, N. Robinson, and O. Karbach;
2. Research Materials, Reports and Publications. The focus is mainly on Germany, World War II, the Holocaust, and postwar issues such as DPs, restitution, and refugees;
3. War Crimes and Retribution. Which includes files on searches for Holocaust witnesses, war crimes trial correspondence, crimes in individual Polish communities, and the Nuremberg proceedings;
4. Indemnification, which relates to restitution legislation and claims, including property claims. This subseries is organized by country, and also by restitution organizations, including the Claims Conference.

Provenance: The World Jewish Congress collection was donated to the American Jewish Archives by the World Jewish Congress in 1982. All materials donated prior to 2002 have been arranged and described in the American Jewish Archives inventory.

333 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: English-language, folder-level descriptions

RG-02.169 --- “Hidden in Broad Daylight” by Sarah Getzler

This memoir relates Sara Getzler’s life in Kraków, the Tarnow ghetto, her separation from family members, how she passed as a gentile and found employment, her attempts to communicate with her sisters who were concentration camp inmates, her wartime employment in Austria, the end of the war, her meeting with members of the Jewish Brigade, and her illegal emigration to Palestine. The memoir also includes a poem about a young Jewish boy whose fate is unknown and another describing Getzler’s feelings for the Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Language: English  N.d.
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Sara Getzler
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-10.045 --- Charles Kotkowsky Papers

This collection includes articles, essays, and publications concerning the Piotrkow Trybunalski Jewish community in Canada, the Jewish Fighting Organization, and the plight of children in the ghettos and camps. Also included is “Remnants: Memoirs of a Survivor,” a testimony of Holocaust survival by Charles Kotkowsky. The testimony describes Kotkowsky’s life in the Piotrków ghetto, his participation in an underground resistance movement, his imprisonment in two concentration camps, and his escape from a railroad transport.

Languages: English, Hebrew, Polish 1940–1985
1 inch
Source of Acquisition: Charles Kotkowsky via Coralie Farlee
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-02.064 --- “The Bleeding Sky—My Mother’s Journey Through the Fire” by Mala Brandsdorfer

“The Bleeding Sky” describes the early life of Mala Brandsdorfer (whose maiden name was Liss and whose married name during the Holocaust was Goldrat) in Poland; life for Jews under German occupation; her experiences and observations in the Warsaw ghetto, Majdanek, and Auschwitz-Birkenau; her evacuation from Auschwitz; her incarceration at Neustadt-Glewe; and her liberation.

Provenance: The donor wrote down the memoir as related to him by his mother.

Language: English 1987
6 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Louis Brandsdorfer

RG-02.024 --- Ayduth Lachayim: Witness to Life: Holocaust Survivors in the Cleveland Jewish Community: Testimonies

This collection contains information about the 1981 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel, as well as testimonies by 287 Jewish Holocaust survivors from Cleveland, Ohio. Also included is information about the Cleveland survivors’ family members who perished in the Holocaust.

Language: English 1981
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland
Finding aid: An alphabetical list of survivor names is in the front of the volume.

This collection contains the prosecution files, trial transcripts, and other materials related to the U.S. government case against Karl Brandt, et alia, also known as the Medical Trial.

Provenance: From National Archives and Records Administration, RG-238

Languages: English, German 1946–1947
46 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: NARA pamphlet M887

RG-10.120 --- “Memories of a Generation,” by Michael Goldberg

In his memoir, Michael Goldberg describes his childhood in Poland, Polish and Soviet antisemitism before the Holocaust, his interest in Zionism, the German occupation of western Poland and the Soviet occupation of eastern Poland, his marriage, the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union, his activities while serving in the Soviet military, the end of World War II, his return to Poland, the death of his first wife, his second marriage, and his emigration to the United States.

Language: English 1915–1988
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Eugenia Goldberg
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-28.006 --- US Justice Department Restitution Files for the Netherlands

This collection contains claims forms for looted securities that were filed by the government of the Netherlands on behalf of Dutch citizens whose property was seized by the Germans 1940 to 1942.

Provenance: The records were originally included in RG 131 of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Language: English 1948–1959
17 cubic feet
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration

RG-59.024M --- Selected Records from the India Office

This collection contains records relating to immigration and internment policy, individual case files of Jewish refugees to India, and lists of names of internees.

Provenance: For a history of these records, please see the web site of the British Library, http://www.bl.uk/collections/iorgenrl.html.
RG-59.008M --- Selected Records from the Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office, German Section: General Department Public Records

This collection contains records relating to Jewish displaced persons, and includes statistics, information on conditions in the Höhne camp in Germany, and on the joint British-American committee designated to consider the problem.

Provenance: Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office, German section: General Department Public Records series 945, Displaced Persons Section (FO 945)

Language: English 1945–1947
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-59.008M

RG-32.012 --- Printed Matter Relating to the Jehovah’s Witnesses during the Third Reich

This collection contains copies of articles from The Golden Age, the Yearbook of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and other publications concerning the persecution of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Protestants, and Jews from the beginning of Nazi rule through the years of the Holocaust. Some of the articles focus on the cooperation of the Catholic church in the persecution of other Christian groups in Europe. Also included is a copy of a letter from a young Jehovah’s Witness to his parents shortly before his execution.

Languages: English, German 1942–1990
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Robert Buckley
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
RG-28.003 --- Records Relating to Restitution of Austrian Property Looted during World War II.

This collection contains photocopies of documents from the National Archives and Records Administration relating to the restitution of looted property, gold, and foreign currencies in Austria from 1945 to 1950. Also included are files on the so-called Hungarian gold train (a.k.a. the Werfen train).

Provenance: In the early 1980s a researcher made copies of the documents in the records of the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington and donated them to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Researchers should keep in mind that these records are fragments and are no longer in their original archival context.

Languages: English, German 1940–1950
10 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: See provenance statement above.
Finding aid: Folder title list

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-28.003

RG-24.006 --- Buchenwald, Near Weimar, by Joseph Langland and Patricia King

This collection contains a copy of Buchenwald, Near Weimar, a music score by Patricia King, with words by Joseph Langland. The song text contains Joseph Langland’s reflections on his participation in the liberation of Buchenwald. The cassette recording features the piece performed by John Lemly, bass, and Sheila Jillson, soprano, accompanied by Joseph Rogers on cello and Patricia King on piano.

Language: English 1965, 1984
1 folder and 1 audio cassette
Source of Acquisition: Patricia King
Restrictions: Published material protected under copyright

RG-06.018 --- Tom Teicholz Collection Relating to the Trial of John Demjanjuk

This collection contains research materials, articles and newspaper clippings, and trial transcripts collected by Tom Teicholz while doing research for his book, The Trial of Ivan the Terrible: State of Israel vs. John Demjanjuk. Also included are drafts for several chapters of Teicholz’s book.

NOTE: The Demjanjuk trial transcripts, February 16, 1987, through April 25, 1988, are incomplete. Researchers should consult the finding aid for details on dates and page numbers of the transcripts.
Kay Gundel’s testimony describes in great detail the persecution of Jews living in Berlin, Germany, just prior to World War II, but the greater portion of the text is devoted to the graphic description of Gundel’s imprisonment at Terezin, Auschwitz, and Merzdorf. The last part of the testimony relates to Gundel’s return to life in Germany and her eventual emigration to the United States. Also included with the testimony are several letters written to the Berthold family of Wilmersdorf, Germany. The letters describe Gundel’s voyage from Germany to the United States and her adjustment to life in New York City.

Language: English 1947
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Dr. Max Rothchild

Accession 1999.9 --- The Werner and Trudy Coppel Collection

This collection contains identity cards and other documents relating to the years Werner and Trudy Coppel spent in Berlin as displaced persons and their attempts to immigrate to the United States. Also included is correspondence regarding the Blockade’s Berlin impact on their efforts to leave Germany.

Languages: English, German, French 1946–1949
17 items
Source of Acquisition: Werner and Trudy Coppel
Finding Aid: Item-level list
NOTE: See also RG-50.231*0019—Oral history interview with Werner Coppel.

RG-59.002M --- Selected Records from the Colonial Office: Confidential General and Confidential Original Correspondence Files on Palestine

These confidential records relate to the distribution of immigration certificates to Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany, the rate of immigration, illegal immigration, and the formation of a Jewish fighting force in Palestine.

Provenance: Colonial Office, series 537 (CO 537)
RG-20.016 --- Soldiers Without Weapons (excerpt)

This is an excerpt from the book by Sophia Binkiene. The excerpt contains testimony by Dr. F. Gurviciene concerning the rescue of her daughter by Dr. Ona Landsbergiene, the mother of the future democratically elected president of Lithuania, Vytautas Landsbergis.


Language: English 1967
9 pages
Source of Acquisition: Miles Lerman
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright

RG-03.010 --- “The Tragedy of World War Two”

This collection contains two typescripts written by Stanley Kowalski concerning the town of Jazlowiec, Poland. The first typescript (in English) is a copy of pages 158 through 180 of a larger manuscript entitled “Jazlowiec, the Town Lost in History.” The second typescript (35 pages) is in Polish. Both typescripts describe events in the vicinity of Jazlowiec, Poland, during World War II.

Biographical/historical note: Stanley Kowalski is a native of Jazlowiec, Poland. He was imprisoned by the Soviets and taken to the East where he was kept in Soviet prisons. Eventually he was a member of the First Polish Armoured Division, which fought on the Western front.

Languages: Polish, English
.25 inches
Source of Acquisition: Stanley Kowalski
Restrictions: Materials may have been published. If so, they are protected under copyright.

RG-59.012M --- Selected Records from the Prime Minister’s Office: Confidential Correspondence and Papers

This collection contains records relating to immigration to Palestine, policy on Palestine, the situation of Hungarian Jews, and the Anglo-American conference on refugees.
Provenance: Prime Minister’s Office: Confidential Correspondence and Papers, series 4 (PREM 4)

Language: English 1939–1945
7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-52.012 --- German Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

This collection contains documents about the Jewish question in Hungary, and the implementation of the “Final Solution” there. It includes cables, correspondence, and reports exchanged between the German Foreign Ministry and the German embassy.

Provenance: The donor collected the material in various German archives (e.g., in Bonn, Koblenz, and Freiburg).

Languages: German, English, and Hungarian 1920–1944
24 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-10.061 --- Rose Galek Brunswic Papers

These papers contain information about the persecution of Polish Jewry in Nazi-occupied Poland, assistance rendered to Rose Brunswic by a member of the Polish resistance, Brunswic’s deportation as a forced laborer to Germany and her life working in Germany under an assumed identity as a Polish Christian, her life as a displaced person in the American Zone of occupied Germany, her emigration to the United States, and her subsequent efforts to gain restitution on the grounds of health and loss of freedom.

Languages: English, German 1914–1989
5 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Rose Galek Brunswic
Restrictions: On use of restitution claims documents

RG-02.175 --- “I Remember: Odyssey of a Jewish Teenager in Eastern Europe, 1939–1946” by Markus Lecker

In this memoir, Markus Lecker describes his childhood in Romania, the Soviet occupation of northern Bucovina, the German invasion and occupation of the Soviet Union, his attempt to escape and his capture, his survival of “Aktionen” undertaken by Germans and their Ukrainian collaborators, his internment in the Borshchuv (a.k.a. Borshov, Borszow) ghetto, his escape from that ghetto’s liquidation and survival by
hiding in a forest, his bout with typhus, his liberation and reunion with his parents, and his experiences in the Soviet army. Included are photocopies of photographs of Lecker and his family.

Language: English  N.d.
1 microfiche
Source of Acquisition: Markus Lecker
Restrictions: See reference archivist

RG-67.004M --- Series A (Central Files) of the New York Office of the World Jewish Congress

This collection contains materials on the history of the World Jewish Congress organization (especially prior to 1940); files the bulk of which is mostly correspondence of important leaders of the WJC or the New York office (Stephen S. Wise, Nahum Goldman, Israel Goldstein, and administrative/executive directors); and files on plenary assemblies, conferences, and committee meetings.

Provenance: With the outbreak of war in September 1939, the WJC office in Paris was moved to Geneva to facilitate communications with Jewish communities in Europe. Then, in the summer of 1940, with most of Europe overrun by the Nazis, the main headquarters of the World Jewish Congress was moved to New York.

Languages: English, Spanish, Yiddish, German, and twenty-two other languages.
1919–1971
103 microfilm rolls (16 mm), also available as 10 CD-Roms.
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Restrictions: None
Finding aids: (1) English-language folder-level descriptions (500 pp.) covering series A-J. The identical finding aid is available in word-searchable form on the American Jewish Archives website, http://americanjewisharchives.org/wjc/wjc-main.htm (click on “Box/folder listings”; (2) a names authority list; (3) an abbreviations authority list; and (4) a geographical cross-references list.
NOTE: See also Accession 1997.A.0325 at the end of the RG-67 section.

RG-02.095 --- “Night Train to Siberia” by Jack and Bernice Bekier

NOTE: This is a fictionalized account, based on the survival stories of Jack and Bernice Bekier and ghostwritten by Kathryn Clausen.

“Night Train to Siberia describes Jack and Bernice Bekier’s experiences in Russian-occupied Poland, their deportation by train to Siberia, and their time in the Toro Ozero labor camp.
Language: English 1968
4 folders
Source of Acquisition: Berniece Bekier

RG-59.017M --- Selected Records from the War Office: Sixth Airborne Division, Palestine:
Papers and Reports

This collection includes daily logs of events pertaining to miscellaneous intelligence
reviews, division intelligence summaries, and illegal immigration, trans-shipment reports.

Provenance: War Office: Sixth Airborne Division, Palestine: Papers and Reports, series
275 (WO 275)

Language: English 1945–1948
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-19.036 --- Judah Nadich Collection

This collection contains a diary kept by Judah Nadich from August to November 1945; a
yellow star patch with the word “Juif” in the center; and miscellaneous handwritten and
carbon copy correspondence, reports, and statistical charts relating to Jewish displaced
persons in postwar Germany and Austria.

Provenance: Rabbi Judah Nadich compiled the diary and collected the other materials
while serving as the Senior Jewish Chaplain at Supreme Headquarters, Allied
Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), where he reported to General Eisenhower on the
conditions in the concentration camps and displaced persons camps.

Languages: English, French 1945
0.5 linear in. (1 folder), 1 diary (ca. 55 leaves)
Source of Acquisition: Rabbi Judah Nadich

RG-02.194 --- “A Return Home: The Henry Landman Story”

“A Return Home” describes Henry Landman’s childhood in Germany; the Nazi seizure
of power and the attendant rise in antisemitism; Kristallnacht; Landman’s experiences in
Dachau; his family’s emigration to the United States; Landman’s induction into the U.S.
Army; his experiences in North Africa, Italy, southern France, and Germany; the death of
his aunt in Terezin; and his return to the United States. Also included are a list of
members of Landman’s family who died in the Holocaust, photocopies of documents and
photographs relating to his life, and transcribed letters he sent to his parents while a
soldier.
Language: English  1992
8 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Richard M. Landman
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-10.055 --- Marie Koreffova Papers**

These papers contain information about Marie Koreffova’s restitution claims, and the persecution and murder of Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union, including Radin (Poland), Babi Yar (Kiev, the Ukraine), Lithuania, and Birkenau.

Provenance: Marie Koreffova, the stepmother of the donor’s wife, collected the documents over a period of years.

Languages: English, Czech  1881–1983 (bulk 1945–1950)
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Herman Taube
Restrictions: Published materials are protected under copyright

**RG-59.015M --- Selected Records from the War Office: Middle East Forces; Military Headquarters Papers, Second World War**

This collection contains worldwide intelligence summaries, as well as intelligence records relating to Jewish political activities in Palestine.

Provenance: War Office Middle East Forces; Military Headquarters Papers, Second World War, series 201 (WO 201)

Language: English  1944
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

**Accession 1997.A.0316 --- Joseph Shadur, “A Drive to Survival: Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, 1940”**

Joseph Shadur’s memoir describes his childhood in prewar Berlin and Antwerp, Belgium; his family’s escape from Nazi-occupied Europe in their 1938 Oldsmobile, first to Bruges (near Bordeaux), France, in May 1940 and then to Spain and Portugal in December 1940; their voyage to the United States aboard the American Export Lines “S.S. Exeter”; their life in St. Paul, Minnesota; Shadur’s trip to France in March 1995 to revisit his former home in Bruges as well as several boyhood friends; and his trip in March 1996 to the Hendaye bridge on the French-Spanish border where he and his family crossed into Spain in 1940.
The Malsch Family Letters

These letters were written by Paul and Amalia Malsch, the parents of William Malsh (note that in the collection, both spellings are used for the name of William Malsh), from Nazi-occupied Europe to members of their family, primarily their son William, living in the United States. The letters date from 1915 to 1941 and describe the Holocaust-related experiences of members of the Malsh family in Düsseldorf, Germany, and Shanghai, China. After their last letter was written in 1941, the donor’s parents presumably died in Terezin concentration camp or shortly after they left the camp. The collection also includes a one-page biographical sketch written by William Malsh in which he describes his parents.

Languages: German, English  1915–1986 (bulk 1915–1941)
13 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: William Malsh
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-10.086

Blueprints and Reports Relating to Buchenwald, 1944

This collection includes three copies of blueprints for Buchenwald concentration camp. Also included is a report by the Sixth Service Command describing conditions in Buchenwald in 1944. The report describes the physical layout of the camp, its administration, methods of torture practiced in the camp, and the colored markings used to identify the prisoners. The report also contains testimony by Henry Glass, a prisoner of Buchenwald for approximately four months, from September 1938 to January 1939.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD., Record Group 319

Languages: German, English  1944
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Martin Smith
RG-52.023 --- Selected Records from the Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

This collection includes summaries and translations of documents created in 1944 by Hungarian and German agencies that were involved in the deportation of Jews from Hungary. Also included are testimonies and affidavits from Nuremberg war crimes trials.

Provenance: The donor collected the records in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.

Languages: English, German 1944–1948
5 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-02.134 --- “Escape from Yugoslavia” by Silvio Finci

In his memoir, Silvio Finci describes his family’s experiences in Yugoslavia. In particular, he discusses the family’s flight from a small village near Sarajevo to the city of Mostar, how they survived during the Nazi occupation, their escape to Italy, and how they immigrated to a refugee camp in Fort Ontario, New York, and rebuilt their lives in the United States.

Provenance: The author’s granddaughter, Marilyn Ferguson, rewrote and retyped the memoir before its donation.

Language: English 1981
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Marilyn Ferguson
Restrictions: Fair use only

Accession 1998.81 --- The Shari and George Fine Collection

The items in this collection document Georg Fingerhut’s internment in Dachau, Sari Marmor’s time in the Feldafing DP camp, the return of Fingerhut and his father to Munich after the war, and the emigration of Marmor and Fingerhut to Canada. Also included are pictures of Jewish life in prewar Lithuania.

Languages: German, English 1905–1949
36 items, 11 photographs
Source of Acquisition: Shari and George Fine
Finding Aid: Item-level list
NOTE: See also RG-02.210 - The Family of Aryeh-Leyb Fingerhut (Leo Gerut)
Accession 2000.103 --- Liebermann Family Collection

This collection contains documents pertaining to the Liebermann family’s pursuit of restitution (1957–1997). The donor’s father, Hans Liebermann, escaped with his family to the United States in 1938, and corresponded extensively with lawyers, the German authorities, the URO, U.S. consulates, surviving members of the family living in Israel, friends, possible witnesses, and a former bookkeeper of the family firm. He also obtained statements; bank documents; affidavits regarding members of the family who were killed in the Holocaust, as well as affidavits regarding real estate, jewelry, silverware, and the expenses of the family’s emigration. Among the pre-1945 documents supporting the claims is significant material on the persecution and emigration of many family members.

Languages: German, English, Polish, Hebrew 1927–1997
1 box
Source of Acquisition: Frank Liebermann

RG-19.044M --- Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Hostages and Political Prisoners (Otages et détenus politiques)

This collection contains records from the ICRC Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Specifically, ICRC Archives series G44 relating to aid for hostages and political prisoners in German prisons and concentration camps; hostages, political prisoners and resistance fighters imprisoned during and after the war by Nazi satellite regimes or imprisoned by Germany throughout Europe; German nationals interned or detained in countries of the Allied coalition during and after the war; the ICRC aid policy for political prisoners and hostages; the repatriation of deportees; aid to individuals; and the civil war in Greece.

Provenance: ICRC created the records during its operations, after which they entered the ICRC Archives. Copies are also available at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, English, etc. 1939–1952
16 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
Finding aid: Folder-level, French and English language descriptions
NOTE: See also the collections in RG-64—International Committee of the Red Cross; RG-04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin; and RG-04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-19.044M

RG-59.013M --- Selected Records from the Prime Minister’s Office: Correspondence and Papers 1945–1951
This collection contains records relating to Palestine policy, including correspondence with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President Harry S Truman, the President of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and the Prime Minister of Transjordan.

Provenance: Prime Minister’s Office: Correspondence and Papers 1945–1951, series 8 (PREM 8)

Language: English 1945–1951
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-59.004M --- Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence before 1906 Relating to the Russian Empire

This correspondence relates to the case of Mr. L. Lewisohn.

Provenance: Foreign Office and Predecessors: Political and other Departments: General Correspondence before 1906, Russian Empire series 65 (FO 65)

Language: English 1847–1883
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-19.014 --- Records Relating to the Work of William Ramkey with Displaced Persons in Allied-occupied Austria

These collections contain additional documents relating to William Ramkey’s work with displaced persons in Austria after World War II. Among the topics addressed in the documents are displaced persons, the situation of Jews in Austria, rationing programs for displaced persons, the activities of the U.S. Army in the occupied areas of Austria, and information concerning the UNRRA.

Language: English Ca. 1945–1947
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: William Ramkey
NOTE: For additional records relating to William Ramkey, see also RG-19.009.
RG-02.146 --- “If My Heart Didn’t Break Then” by Jean Beller

This memoir describes Jean Beller’s childhood and adolescence in Poland, her experiences as a student of elementary education in Tel Aviv, her return to Poland before the outbreak of World War II, conditions inside the Łódź ghetto, her experiences with Chaim Rumkowski, her work as a kindergarten teacher and as the head of an orphanage in the ghetto, her attempts to hide when the ghetto was evacuated, the death of her parents and a brother, her deportation to Auschwitz and other concentration camps, and her life in the United States after the war.

Language: English  1993
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Sheila Beller (Jean Beller’s daughter)
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-19.046M --- Selected Records from the American Relief for Poland Organizations

This collection contains reports, bulletins, general correspondence, name lists, “welfare messages,” financial records, newspaper clippings, photographs, and various other records relating to the work of American Relief for Poland from 1939 to 1952. The files of the American Relief for Poland Lisbon office, contain the reports and general correspondence of Florian Piskorski, the American Relief for Poland delegate for Europe; general financial records of the Lisbon office; name lists of Polish and Jewish refugees, Polish prisoners of war, and Roman Catholic priests in concentration camps who were receiving aid; and general records relating to American Relief for Poland’s work with various branches of the Red Cross throughout Europe.

Languages: Polish, English  1939–1952
5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Polish Museum Archives, Chicago, Illinois
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-19.046M

RG-19.002 --- Helen Waren Letter

This is a copy of an undated letter by Helen Waren, an actress in Europe at the close of World War II. In her letter she describes her experiences with Allied troops in Europe, in displaced persons camps, and displaced Jews suffering persecution after the war. Also included is a November 21, 1945, letter by Maj. Charles Heitzberg of the War Department, Office of the Chief of Staff, describing the origins of the letter to Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor of the U.S. Zone of Occupation.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration record group 260 (OMGUS)
RG-10.146 --- Henry Holland Collection

This collection contains United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) child welfare reports from January to June 1946. The reports contain information about psychological evaluations of children and youths at Föhrenwald displaced persons camp. Also included is a 1988 memoir by Henry Holland entitled “Second Chance.” The memoir contains information about Holland’s childhood in Kusnica (Kushnitsa, Ukraine) and Bergszasz, Hungary, his experiences in a Hungarian labor battalion during World War II, his escape from the labor battalion and return to Hungary after the war, the Jewish ghettos he witnessed while working in Hungary, his time in Föhrenwald displaced persons camp in Germany, and his emigration to the United States in 1947.

Language: English 1946–1988
7 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Henry Holland

RG-06.002.07 --- Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality (OUSCCPAC)—Final Argument for the United States of America on the Indicted Organizations

This is a transcript of the “Final Argument for the United States of America on the Indicted Organizations.” The transcript contains information on the Reich cabinet; the political leadership of the SS, Gestapo, and SA; and their criminal activities during World War II.

Provenance: The original transcript is stored with the Murray C. Bernay Collection at the Library of the University of Wyoming.

Language: English 1946
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: William Mandel

RG-02.170 --- “The Story of the Jews of Vilkomir” by the Kronik Family

This collection contains testimony by three Kronik family members for the “Jewish Committee.” At the time, they were in a displaced persons camp in Kassel, Germany, awaiting emigration to Israel. The testimony describes the history of the Kronik family; the Lithuanian Jewish communities of Musnik (a.k.a. Musninkai), Sirvintas (a.k.a. Sirvintos, Sirvintai), and Vilkomir (a.k.a. Ukmerge, Wilkomir, Vilkomierz); the
communities’ responses to the Soviet and Nazi occupations; and the fate of the communities’ members. Also included is a list of Lithuanian partisans and police who participated in the mass execution of Jews.

Languages: English, Yiddish 1948
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Micki Lavine (Reuben Kronik’s granddaughter)
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-09.005 --- 1981 International Liberators Conference Collection**

This collection contains testimonies written by concentration camp liberators during the International Liberators Conference organized by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and held in Washington, D.C., in October 1981. The testimonies describe liberation experiences at various Nazi concentration camps throughout Europe. Also included is material describing the International Liberators Conference.

Organization and arrangement: The files are arranged alphabetically by camp name. Testimonies within the files are also arranged alphabetically by name.

Provenance: Participants of the October 1981 International Liberators Conference wrote the testimonies in response to a request from the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

3 boxes
Source of Acquisition: United States Holocaust Memorial Council
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: **RG-09.005**

**Accession 1996.A.0339 --- U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee to Conduct an Investigation of the Facts, Evidence and Circumstances of the Katyn Forest Massacre, 82nd Congress, 1st Session**

This collection includes reports, evidence documents, investigation results, and the like, relating to the committee’s investigation.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, RG 233

Languages: English, Polish 1951–1952
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm), 44 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, Center for
RG-06.005.07M --- U.S. Army Case Files—Auschwitz Concentration Camp

These case files relate to an investigation concerning the Auschwitz camp; they include witness and survivor testimony, records of interrogation of alleged war criminals, and lists of alleged war criminals. Subjects include crimes committed by camp personnel, medical experiments (e.g., by Josef Mengele, Friedrich Entress), collaboration (Konrad Reinhard alleged Gypsy collaborator), and the like.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338

Languages: German, English 1943–1947
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Folder-level description

Accession 1992.45 --- The Manfred Lovin Collection

This collection includes photographs, postcards, correspondence, official papers, and artifacts relating to Manfred Lovin (born Manfred Loewin); his life in Germany; his family in Germany and their deportation, incarceration, and murder; his arrest and jailing for “racial pollution”; his divorce from his first wife; and his emigration to and subsequent life in the United States.

Languages: German, English 1893–1979
Source of Acquisition: Rabbi and Mrs. Eugene Lipman
NOTE: See also RG-19.040—The Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection, and RG-28.007—Manfred Lovin United Restitution Organization Case File.

RG-02.153 --- Joe Gelber Collection

This collection contains descriptions of the German occupation of Poland, conditions in the Częstochowa ghetto, Joe Gelber’s separation from his wife and other family members, the HASAG forced labor camp at Częstochowa, conditions in Buchenwald and Nordhausen (a.k.a. Dora-Mittelbau), Gelber’s liberation by Seymour Zipper, his reunion with his wife and other surviving family members, their experiences at the Feldafing displaced persons camp, and Gelber’s emigration to the United States. Also included are an original letter and copy of a photograph, both by Seymour Zipper, relating to Joe Gelber’s condition when he was found at Nordhausen.
RG-02.119 --- Victor Adler: Some Notes about My Life, with Adler-Stössler Family Genealogy and History

This memoir relates to the experiences of Victor Adler and members of his family after the German occupation of the Sudetenland. In particular, it describes how he escaped Czechoslovakia, fled to Hungary and then to Palestine, enlisted in the Czechoslovak Armored Brigade under British command, fought in the European theater during World War II, and rebuilt his life in the United States. Adler’s parents were sent to Terezin and were subsequently transported to Auschwitz, where they died. His brother and cousins escaped Czechoslovakia and served in the Allied armed forces.

Provenance: Sally Gagne transcribed and edited a 1989 oral history by Adler.

RG-67.003M --- Holocaust-Era Records of the Jewish Labor Committee. Displaced and Refugee Card Files

This collection contains displaced persons and refugee card files. The thousands of cards provide biographical information on refugees, most of whom lived in displaced persons camps in Germany. The files are divided into several series, each of which is arranged alphabetically.

Languages: English, Yiddish, German 1945–1952
7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library
Finding aid: Roll-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction and use

RG-04.038 --- Selected Records from the American Field Service Archives and Museum Relating to Bergen-Belsen

These records relate to the work of the American Field Service (C and D Platoons) at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp after liberation. Contains information about the starvation of prisoners, sanitation and disease in the camp, forms of execution used in the
camp, mass burials of Bergen-Belsen victims, medical care for survivors, and the activities of specific AFS personnel during the post-liberation clean up of the camp

Provenance: From the holdings in the American Field Service Archives and Museum

Languages: English, German  1945
2 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: American Field Service Archives and Museum

**RG-59.011M --- Internees Index from the Home Office Aliens Department**

This collection contains an alphabetical list of records of German, Austrian, and Italian nationals and their spouses who were interned or considered for internment in the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia during World War II. Each record contains personal details of the individual and some information about his/her case.

Provenance: Home Office Aliens Department: Internees Index, series 396 (HO 396)

Language: English  1939–1947
245 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

**RG-52.011 --- Records Related to Alleged Hungarian War Criminals Living Abroad**

This collection contains correspondence, name lists, and card files of suspected war criminals who left Hungary during and after the war. Hungarian authorities prepared these materials in formulating requests for extradition of those suspects. Included are verdicts and sentences, as well as correspondence between the prosecutor and the minister of justice.

Provenance: The donor collected the material in a branch of the National Archives of Hungary.

Language: Hungarian (with some English translations)  1946–1947
33 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description


This collection contains information about relations between the United States and the Polish government in exile in London. Subjects include underground activities in Poland,
relations between Poland and the Soviet Union, and relations between the London and Moscow Polish leadership.

Provenance: National Archives and Records Administration, RG 84

Language: English 1940–1945
20 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Preliminary folder-level description

RG-05.010 --- Short Stories about the Łódź Ghetto

These short stories by Salomea Kape relate to the Łódź ghetto and its inhabitants. Also included is a photocopy of a worker identification card from the ghetto.

Languages: English, German 1992
53 pages
Source of Acquisition: Salomea Kape
Restrictions: Fair use only

SEE ALSO:

RG-15—Poland, RG-26—Lithuania (Vilnius and Kovno ghettos), and RG-68—Israel, all of which contain records relating to ghettos; for example RG-15.083M—Przełożony Starszeństwa Żydów w Getcie Łódżkim (Der Älteste der Juden vom Litzmannstadt-Getto) and RG-26—Accession 1999.A.0105: Records of the Vilnius Ghetto.

RG-31.070M --- Association for the Assistance to Jewish Students in Poland (Auxilium Academicum Judaicum), Lvow Regional Branch

This collection contains documents about financial aid to Polish-Jewish students studying abroad. The Association maintained reading rooms and offered a wide range of informational services; the bulk of these documents consists of applications for financial aid, organized alphabetically by name.

Provenance: Central State Historical Archives in Lviv (Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Archiv u Lvovi), fond 499, opis 1, folders 1–5

Language: Polish, German, French, Italian, English 1931–1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central State Historical Archives in Lviv
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
Restrictions: On duplication and publication
RG-52.006 --- Records Related to the Destruction of Jews in Szeged and in Csongrád County I

This collection contains photocopies of archival documents, decrees, notes, correspondence, reports, testimony, newspaper clippings, and other publications from various archives and libraries in Hungary. The subjects include ghettos, exemptions, the “Jewish Question,” the Jewish councils, war criminals, Christian priests, and university professors.

Provenance: The donor collected the material from various Hungarian archives and libraries in pursuit of his scholarly work.

Language: Hungarian (with English translations) 1944–1949
398 documents
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Item-level description

RG-24.018 --- Nazi [sic] War Criminals on Trial, November 1945–October 1946, Court of History, the Last Fashist [sic] Defense Line

This scrapbook, which was compiled by Avraham Tory, contains caricature sketches (with captions) of the defendants before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. According to Tory, the sketches were drawn by “a famous Russian cartoonist.”

Biographical/historical note: Avraham Tory is a Lithuanian Jew and former manager of “Hamosad” (Office of the Illegal Jewish Emigration to Palestine from Italy).

Languages: English, Russian 1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Avraham Tory via Jeshajahu Weinberg

RG-19.003 --- Vincent La Vista Report on Illegal Immigration in and through Italy

This is a copy of a declassified memorandum written on May 15, 1947, by Vincent La Vista to Herbert J. Cummings. The memorandum describes the illegal immigration of Jews, Hungarians, displaced persons in general, and other groups into and through Italy after World War II. La Vista also reports on the alleged illegal activities of institutions and groups including the Vatican, the International Red Cross, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in connection with illegal immigration.

Language: English 1947
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Unknown
Restrictions on use: Legal ownership is unclear. Use materials only for background information.

**RG-15.120M --- American Joint Distribution Committee in Poland**

This collection contains 2,445 files of the AJDC in Warsaw, including those of the Secretary's Office and the Emigration, Individual Relief and Welfare, Tracing, Warehouses, Bookkeeping, Administration, and other departments or units. All AJDC documents are included in both English and Polish languages. Contents reflect the AJDC’s main activities: rendering material assistance (food, medicine, clothing, tools) and funding organizations (Central Committee of Jews in Poland, the Bund, Zionist movements, youth associations, religious societies, Hebrew schools).

Provenance: Jewish Historical Institute of Poland (JHI), Warsaw. The archives of Joint in Poland, transferred to the Jewish Historical Institute in 1949, are far from complete. No significant documentation of the Legal or Supply Departments survives. The present reorganization of the files was completed in 2005.

Languages: Polish, English, Czech, French, Hebrew, Dutch, German, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Hungarian, and Yiddish 1945–1949

267 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw

Finding aids: File-level descriptions, introduction, subject and other indexes, all in Polish

Restrictions: Publication or copying of more than several documents for a third party requires permission of the source archive.

**RG-19.040 --- Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection**

This collection includes extensive correspondence relating to the emigration of Manfred Löwin to the United States in 1939 and his unsuccessful attempts, with the help of his friends the Koenigsbergers, to save his family. Manfred Löwin changed his name to Manfred Lovin after his emigration to the United States.

Languages: English, German 1933–1944

Ca. 100 items

Source of Acquisition: Dr. Lorraine Beitler

NOTE: See also RG-28.007—Manfred Lovin Case File from the United Restitution Organization, and Art and Artifacts Branch—Accession 1992.45—The Manfred Lovin Collection

**RG-19.041 --- Shoshannah Gallowski Fine Collection**

This collection contains registration records, photographs, letters, pamphlets, and various other documents relating to Shoshannah G. Fine’s work with orphaned Jewish children
and displaced persons at Kloster-Indersdorf (Kibbutz Dror) and in Great Britain. Included are speeches given by Leonard G. Montefiore relating to Jewish orphans, a book of drawings by Moshe Barash (in Hebrew), and a book of songs.

3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Shoshannah G. Fine
Finding aid: Folder-level description
NOTE: See also RG-19.034—Greta Fisher Papers, for additional information on Kloster-Indersdorf

RG-04.075 --- David H. Pollock papers, 1945–1964

This collection contains 18 letters and one newspaper clipping related to David Pollock’s work to reunite Holocaust survivors from Buchenwald with their families after liberation. Biographical/historical note: David H. Pollock, a Canadian Jewish officer at Buchenwald soon after liberation, collected the names and addresses of relatives of liberated prisoners and wrote to them that their family members were still alive and needed their assistance. Due to his efforts, many Holocaust survivors were reunited with their families.

Languages: In English with some Hebrew 1945–1964
22 items (1 folder)
Source of Acquisition: David H. Pollock
Finding aid: Item level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-04.075

RG-52.005 --- Records of the Imre Finta Case

This collection contains documents relating to naturalized Canadian citizen Imre Finta, who served in the Hungarian gendarmerie in 1944, and was the subject of an investigation and trial as a suspected war criminal. A Canadian court acquitted him in the early 1990s.

Provenance: Randolph Braham collected the material while serving as a prosecution expert historian in the 1980s during the Crown v Finta trial in Ottawa, Canada.

Languages: English, Hungarian 1945–1994
6 boxes
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description
RG-02.053 --- Janina Spinner Mehlberg Testimony

This collection contains Janina Spinner Mehlberg’s descriptions of her experiences in Galicia, Poland. As the Germans invaded Poland, she and her husband fled eastward from Lwów (Lvi’v) to Lublin where they hid in the home of a Christian woman. The Mehlbergs became involved in an underground movement to supply the prisoners of Majdanek with extra food and medicine.

Language: English   N.d.
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Anonymous
Restrictions: Ownership of the testimony is still in question; researchers are limited strictly to use as background information and should refrain from quoting any part of the text.

RG-10.026 --- Booth Family Papers

This collection contains correspondence between the Philip Booth family and Leon Kubowitzki, correspondence that was exchanged while attempting to aid several Jews from German-occupied Belgium.

Biographical/historical note: Mary M. Booth is the widow of Philip Booth. She was born March 8, 1909, in Piotrków, Poland. She emigrated to the United States in 1911 and became a naturalized citizen in 1922.

Language: English   1940–1948
1.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Mary M. Booth

RG-06.005.06M --- U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General (Army), Evidence of German War Crimes in France

This collection contains depositions, photographs, and descriptions of incidents relating to alleged war crimes committed against French civilians by German troops, SS units, and the Gestapo in France.

Provenance: Records created by elements of the U.S. Army in Europe including the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, and Counterintelligence Corps. The collection is from the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 331, Series 97.

Language: English   1940–1947
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Summary collection description
NOTE: See also war crimes related collections in RG-43—France.

**RG-25.020 --- Selected Records from Romanian Diplomatic Missions**

This collection contains reports, correspondence, and reportage sent before and during World War II to Bucharest, Romania, from the Romanian diplomatic missions in Rome, Moscow, Washington, Berlin, Brussels, Istanbul, Prague, Belgrade, Madrid, Warsaw, Budapest, Sofia, The Hague, Bern, the Vatican, Cairo, Lisbon, London, and Paris. The Washington records show the concern of American Jews about the treatment of Jews in Romania in the 1920s and 1930s, as well as documents from 1938 when Romania denaturalized more than 100,000 Jews.

Language: Romanian, French, English, and German 1920–1950 (bulk 1935–1945)
95 boxes (85,600 pages)
Source of Acquisition: Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest
Finding aid: Preliminary Romanian-language folder-level descriptions

**RG-52.002 --- Records Relating to the Bela Berend (Albert Bruce Belton) Cases against Randolph L. Braham and Others**

These materials relate to the trial of Rabbi Bela Berend in Budapest from 1945 to 1946, and the subsequent lawsuits for libel filed by Berend against Randolph L. Braham and others in the 1970s and 1980s. Included are investigation reports and trial transcripts from 1945 to 1946, witness statements, affidavits, hearing transcripts, appeals, and correspondence between lawyers and clients.

Provenance: Files collected by R. L. Braham in the course of the litigation against him

Languages: English, Hungarian 1945–1987
57 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph Braham, New York City
Finding aid: Folder title list

**RG-49.004M --- Government in Exile Records**

This collection contains documents of the Royalist Yugoslav Government-in-Exile in London and Cairo, including: situation reports on places such as Ljubljana and Stari Trg; translations of newspaper clippings; reports; correspondence; plans to set up a postwar war crimes commission; reports on killings of Serbs in Croatia; zones of occupation (by village) after the surrender of Italy in 1944; UN documents about war crimes; and information about Albanian, Italian, and Hungarian war crimes and criminals.

Provenance: Fond 103
Languages: Serbo-Croatian, English 1941–1945
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: The Archives of Yugoslavia, Belgrade
Finding aid: Partial finding aid in Serbo-Croatian on Roll 1

RG-59.003M --- Selected Records from the Colonial Office: Original Correspondence on Palestine

This correspondence relates to British policy in Palestine, including discussions with the Jewish Agency, other Jewish organizations, and individuals. It also deals with world reaction to policy; petitions; Arab opposition and disturbances; Jewish immigration issues, including granting visas, settlements, and illegal immigration; logistical/administrative concerns relating to public works, police, railways, and financial issues in Palestine; and the Royal Commission on Palestine, the Partition Commission, and the implementation of the United Nations Organizations Decision.

Provenance: Colonial Office, series 733 (CO 733)

Language: English 1930–1948
200 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisitions: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-34.002 --- Tad Szulc Research Papers

This collection contains sound recordings of oral history interviews, transcripts of oral history interviews, correspondence, reports, and photographs compiled by Tad Szulc while he was conducting research on the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the history of the rescue of Jews from various dangerous places. Among the materials is information concerning Jewish emigration, displaced persons, Holocaust survivors, and Jews in predominantly Arab countries from the 1960s through the 1990s. Also included are research notes written by Tad Szulc while he was writing the book The Secret Alliance (1991), in which Gaynor Jacobson plays a major role.

Languages: English, French, Hebrew, Polish 1950–1989
38 linear inches, 71 sound cassette tapes
Source of Acquisition: Tad Szulc
Finding aid: Folder and cassette tape title list

RG-67.002M --- Holocaust-Era Records of the Jewish Labor Committee. Child Adoption Case Files

This collection contains 13 linear feet of child adoption case files arranged alphabetically by name. The size and contents of individual files vary greatly, and contain brief
biographies and photos of the children, as well as correspondence, memos, and other
documentation relating to the support of each child. Some of the children lived in the
Jewish Labor Committee-supported children’s homes in France, Belgium,
Palestine/Israel, and Poland.

Languages: English, Yiddish 1948–1956
24 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library
Finding aid: Alphabetical name list by roll
Restrictions: On reproduction and use

RG-45.003M --- New Archives of the History of Jews in Greece Records, 1940–1951

This collection contains documents organized into eleven categories as follows: visas for
Jews from Romania, 1940; camp survivors’ statements and temporary identifications,
1945–1946; the search for missing deportees by relatives and others, 1945–1946; Isaak
Kambelis and his “International Organization of Survivors from the Camps,” 1945–1946;
repatriations, mainly 1945–1947; community losses, relief, and reestablishment of the
Jewish communities, 1944–1947; international press on Jews, 1945–1949 (bulk: 1946);
immigration to Palestine, passports and visas, 1946–1949; Jewish property, 1941–1951
(bulk: 1946–1949); passport visas (1948–1951) for Jews from Israel to visit Greece; and
last, miscellaneous documents.

Provenance: Selected from uncataloged collections in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
archive

Languages: Greek, French, Romanian 1940–1951
Ca. 1,000 pages (photocopies)
Source of Acquisition: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication
Finding aid: Document-level English-language description

RG-59.006M --- Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence after
1906

This correspondence relates to the persecution of and atrocities against Jews; refugees
from Germany and Austria; disturbances in Palestine; the formation of a Jewish fighting
force; immigration issues; German war criminals; and the conditions for Jews in occupied
Europe including, Germany, Slovakia, Italy, Hungary, Iraq, and Poland.

Provenance: Foreign Office and Predecessors: Political and other Departments: General
Correspondence from 1906 series 371 (FO 371)
RG-36.001M --- Selected Records from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

This collection contains correspondence, reports, notices, diplomatic memoranda, personal indexes, and other documents relating to the situation of the Jewish population in Europe and pertaining to the activities of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Holocaust and after World War II. The collection has information about Jewish emigration matters; the political and economic situation of Jewish war refugees; and International Red Cross, World Jewish Congress, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration activities regarding Jewish refugees from Spain and other countries. Some documents relate to the transportation of Sephardic Jews from their countries of origin to concentration camps.

Languages: Spanish, English, French, German 1936–1946
3 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid
Restrictions: On publication

RG-22.004 --- Soviet War News

This collection contains photocopies of the Soviet War News from 1944. Included is information about the German invasion of the USSR, the “sacking” of Kiev, mass killings, the Babi Yar massacre, killings in Rovno (Rowne) and Odessa, Soviet prisoners of war, the Majdanek concentration camp, the German invasion of Estonia, and the deportation and killing of citizens of L’viv (Lvov).

Provenance: Soviet War News was published by the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy in London during World War II.

Language: English 1944
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Sybil Milton
Restrictions: Published material is protected by copyright.

RG-28.004 --- Case files of the United Restitution Organization—Los Angeles Office

This collection contains inactive case files of Jewish Holocaust survivors who claimed restitution for suffering and damage resulting from persecution by the Nazis. The cases contain information on life in Nazi-occupied areas, conditions in concentration camps, and the experiences of displaced persons and survivors. Among the documents are sworn
affidavits of witnesses, testimonies of the survivors (claimants), and indemnity claims against the German government.

Provenance: The files originated in the United Restitution Organization (URO), which is an American organization functioning as a liaison between Holocaust survivors and German reparations agencies.

Language: English  Ca. 1933–Ca. 1989
58.5 cubic feet
Source of Acquisition: URO Office of Los Angeles, California
Finding aid: Partial alphabetical name list
Restrictions: On access and use

RG-02.107 --- “As I Remember: Memoirs from the War and Concentration Camps” by Pauline Buchenholz

In this memoir, Pauline Buchenholz describes her internment with members of her family in the Kraków ghetto; her separation from her parents during an Aktion; her incarceration in the concentration camps of Kraków-Plaszów, Skarzysko-Kamienna, and Leipzig-Schönfeld; her survival of a death march; and her liberation. Her memoir is continued in the sequel, “The Postwar Years,” which includes descriptions of the Deggendorf displaced persons camp.

Language: English  1983, 1989
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Pauline Buchenholz
Restrictions: Fair use only
NOTE: See also RG-02.143—”The Postwar Years: a Sequel to ‘As I Remember’” by Pauline Buchenholz

RG-06.015 --- Interrogation Statement of Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski with Photograph and Tribunal Pass

This collection contains a photocopy of the interrogation statement made by Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski during proceedings of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. Also included is a copy of a photograph of von dem Bach-Zelewski’s appearance during the trial and a tribunal pass issued to George Sakheim as a translator at the trial.

Provenance: During the IMT proceedings, a colleague passed the original interrogation statement on to George Sakheim. It is now in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
RG-19.012 --- Diary of Fannie Stern Selig, November 3, 1947 through December 8, 1947

This travel log was kept by Fannie Stern during her 1947 visit to several displaced persons camps throughout Europe and Palestine. The diary focuses on topics such as the emigration of Jews to Palestine, the care of children, the conditions at abandoned concentration camps, and the reentry of Jews into normal life after the Holocaust.

Biographical/historical note: Fannie Stern Selig was, at one time, president of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Jewish Federation and her 1947 trip was on behalf of the Federation.

Provenance: Peggy Selig Gordon, daughter of Fannie Stern Selig, donated the diary to the Archives.

Language: English      1947
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Peggy Selig Gordon
Restrictions: Protected by copyright

RG-06.002.01 --- Report of Henry S. Otto

This is a copy of a report given by Col. Henry S. Otto, concerning his involvement with the SHAEF Intelligence and the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Also included are descriptions of the Allied inspection of Dachau, details of Hermann Göring’s surrender to the Seventh U.S. Army, and the sentences given to the Nuremberg defendants.

Language: English      Ca. 1945–1946
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: From the Deceased Alumni Records, #41/2/877, collection at the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Libraries in Ithaca, New York.
Restrictions: Cite Cornell University Libraries as holder of the original.

RG-19.061 --- Records of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars

This collection contains documentation on the individuals who successfully or unsuccessfully sought aid. In all, some 6,000 displaced scholars and professional persons from Europe appealed to the Committee. Of that number, 335 were granted assistance through the Committee. Of particular importance is series 3, which contains biographical
information concerning Emergency Committee grantees, and account ledgers detailing payments to the grantees’ employers.

Provenance: The Emergency Committee, located in New York City, in the Institute of International Education, was organized in May 1933 to serve the needs of university professors who had been dismissed from German universities because of political opinions or antisemitic legislation. With the outbreak of Nazi aggression, the Committee revised its mission to include refugee professors from all countries in Western Europe overrun by the Nazi armies. Dr. Betty Drury assembled the collection while she was serving as executive secretary for the Emergency Committee during World War II. Dr. Drury’s husband, Mr. Marvin H. Clapp, donated the collection to USHMM.

Language: English 1922–1967 (bulk 1944–1945)
Original records, 21 boxes; now available in 253 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Mr. Marvin H. Clapp

RG-32.015 --- Walter Hamann Collection

This collection contains photocopies of documents, copyprint photographs, and a memoir documenting the Nazi persecution of members of the Walter Hamann family who were Jehovah’s Witnesses. Hamann’s memoir, “Extract of Memories,” describes the conditions of his seven-plus years imprisonment in Moor-Straflager Neu-Susstrum, in a Düsseldorf police prison, and in Sachsenhausen, where one of his brothers-in-law died from mistreatment. A photograph of Hamann and some of his male relatives is accompanied by information about their imprisonment. The collection also contains a description of Hamann’s education and employment history before 1933 and a photocopy of a letter from Sachsenhausen with a censor’s stamp describing the confiscation of the letter because the writer was an “obstinate” Jehovah’s Witness.

Biographical/historical note: Walter Hamann was born in Greiz, Germany, in 1904.

Languages: English, German 1938–1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Walter Hamann

RG-24.016 --- We Will Never Die, by Ben Hecht

This play was written during World War II and was performed in various locations in the United States. It relates to the persecution of European Jewry in Nazi-dominated Europe.

Provenance: Billy Rose Theatre Collection in the New York Public Library
Biographical/historical note: The late Ben Hecht, a well-known screenwriter, was also a Zionist activist known for his support of the creation of a Jewish army in Europe.

Language: English  Ca. 1943
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Bret Werb
Restrictions: Research use only. Refer all questions relating to the use of quotations, performance rights, etc., to the Billy Rose Theatre Collection, New York Public Library.

RG-19.038 --- Irving Heymont Papers Relating to Displaced Persons in Landsberg and Other Camps

This collection contains letters relating to conditions for displaced persons (DPs) at the Landsberg and Leipheim DP camps. Also included is information about Irving Heymont’s work with members of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, a report concerning the liberation of Hurlach concentration camp, a booklet entitled “The Seventy-First Came . . . to Gunskirchen Lager,” and two pages of copyprints of post-liberation scenes at an unidentified camp.

Biographical/historical note: Col. Irving Heymont served as the first U.S. Army commandant of the Landsberg displaced persons camp in Germany.

Provenance: Irving Heymont exchanged the letters with his wife during his time in Germany after World War II.

Language: English  1945–1946
4 folders
Source of Acquisition: Irving Heymont
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-06.020 --- Isaac Stone Collection

This collection contains two copies of the International Military Tribunal indictment, in 1945, of the major war criminals. Included are a list of errata, a summary of the indictment, and brief biographies of the major war criminals, the “Guide to Captured German Documents” prepared by Gerhard L. Weinberg in 1952, and the “Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany: Annual Report 1965.”

Provenance: Isaac Stone collected the materials during and after his service at the International Military Tribunal. He later gave them to Lawrence Marwick, a long-time friend.

Language: English  1945–1965
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Claire Marwick
Finding aid: Folder-level description


These files date to the 1940s and 1950s. The Organization Department’s activities included fundraising (until May, 1946), producing reports on WJC activities and the situation of Jewish communities, commemorations and celebrations, preparing assemblies and conferences, and maintaining relations with other Jewish organizations. Documents include correspondence, mimeographed reports, form letters, and memos of the Organization Department and the Executive Committee: sub-series 1, “Executive Files, 1942–1976,” correspondence and reports for Issac Schwartzbart, Robert S. Serebrenick, and Saul Sokal; sub-series 2, “Office Files, 1944–1973,” general correspondence arranged chronologically, followed by files on individuals, organizations, and departments, countries, and various other topics; and sub-series 3, “General Files, 1946–1960,” arranged chronologically, through the department’s transfer to Geneva.

Provenance: Originally established in Paris around 1936, the Organization Department moved to New York with the rest of WJC headquarters. When rescue activities diminished in the late 1940s, it inherited responsibility for the European Advisory Council. In 1960 the department moved to Geneva under Gerhart M. Riegner; some files, especially correspondence from 1958 to 1960, were sent to Switzerland and as a result are not included in this series.

Language: Mostly English
34 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-19.007 --- M. Peter Victor Papers

This collection contains letters and other documents about members of the M. Peter Victor family and Max Peter Victor’s emigration from Germany and Italy to China and the United States.

Biographical note: Victor was born in Munich, Germany, on April 19, 1920. He fled first to Italy, then to Shanghai, China, in 1939, and immigrated to the United States in 1948.

Provenance: Victor collected the materials during and after his emigration to Shanghai, China. A ticket to the 1936 Olympic ceremonies (item 1990.277.01) is held in the Art and Artifacts Branch of the USHMM Collections Division.
RG-59.016M --- Selected Records from the Judge Advocate General’s Office: War Crimes Case Files, Second World War

These case files relate to individuals who were tried in British military courts for war crimes committed in Europe during World War II. Included are cases about crimes in Bergen-Belsen, Auschwitz, Neuengamme, Hadamar, and Ravensbrück. The files contain daily transcripts of court proceedings, court exhibits, and prosecution and defense summations.


Language: English 1945–1951
20 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-59.021M --- Control Office for Germany and Austria, and Foreign Office: Legal Division. Trial of Fritz Erich Lewinski von Manstein, 1949

This collection contains court files and case registers for the war crimes trial of Wehrmacht World War II general Fritz Erich Lewinski genannt von Manstein, accused of crimes against humanity. Von Manstein was charged specifically with crimes committed against Jews, and including his and the army’s role in their extermination. Documents include shorthand notes of trial proceedings, witness accounts of atrocities, references to supporting documentation, and the sentence of the court.

Provenance: From the British Public Record Office fonds FO 1060/1291–1345

Language: English 1949
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions
RG-02.006 --- Isaac Frankel Testimony

This collection contains two testimonies (one original and one photocopy) by Isaac Frankel. Both testimonies are attached to letters that summarize Frankel’s deportation, the loss of his family, his imprisonment in ghettos and forced labor camps, his survival of several selections and Buchenwald, and his life as a Holocaust survivor. Language: English 1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Isaac Frankel

Accession 1997.A.0210 --- Records Relating to the International Settlement in Shanghai, China

These records relate to the German foreign office and the Shanghai settlement, with specific attention given to the actions of the Japanese. Also included are documents on a weapons embargo during the Spanish Civil War and a large folder on the immigration policies of other countries vis-à-vis Jewish refugees. The latter contains significant material on George Rublee, the Evian Committee, and the aftermath of the Evian conference.

Provenance: Possibly from German consulate in Shanghai, filmed by Foreign Office/State Department German War Documents Project 1952

Languages: German, English, French 1936–1939
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Sybil Milton
Finding aid: German-language table of contents

RG-08.002 --- Hadassah Rosensaft Papers

This collection contains materials relating to the history of the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons (DP) camp, where from 1945 to 1950, Dr. Rosensaft and her husband Josef were political and medical leaders. Subjects include the trials of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp guards and other personnel, testimony by Dr. Rosensaft about medical experiments and gas chambers at Auschwitz, the behavior of the Belsen camp guards, the emigration of Jewish orphans to Palestine, the activities of the Central Jewish Committee of the British Zone, the seizure of the Dromit in 1949, the evacuation of the Jewish displaced persons (DP) camp Hohne, the Glyn Hughes DP hospital, the growth of antisemitism in the British Zone, closure of the Belsen DP camp 1950–1951, planning for the Belsen DP camp memorial, and the like.

Languages: Yiddish, German, English, Hebrew, Polish 1945–1992
Ca. 4 linear inches

This manuscript contains information about citizens of Prélénfrey-du-Gua, France, who hid Jews during World War II. Specifically mentioned are the actions of the Guidi family, proprietors of the Les Tilleuls preventorium for tuberculosis patients. Also included are several articles relating to the Jews saved at Prélénfrey-du-Gua, and recent photographs of the Les Tilleuls preventorium. Serge Klarsfeld provided a preface to the manuscript.

Provenance: In 1994 Editions C. Lacour published the original French manuscript by David Klugman, who also translated the work.

Languages: English, French 1994
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: David Klugman
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright; fair use only

RG-59.018M --- Selected Records from the Judge Advocate General’s Office, Military Deputy’s Department and War Office, Directorates of Army Legal Services and Personal Services, War Crimes Files

This collection contains war crimes files relating to the Children’s Hostel in Lefitz, Germany and the death of Allied children.

Provenance: Judge Advocate General’s Office, Military Deputy’s Department, and War Office, Directorates of Army Legal Services and Personal Services, War Crimes Files series 311 (WO 311)

Language: English 1947–1948
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

RG-20.017 --- Fight for Thirteen

This memoir contains information about Stefania Burzminski Podgorska, who hid and aided 13 Jews in the attic of her parents’ home.

Biographical/historical note: Stefania Podgorska (nee Burzminski) was born to Catholic parents in 1926 in Przemyśl, Poland. After the war, she married Josef Podgorska, one of the Jews whom she hid in her attic, and immigrated to the United States.
This collection contains letters written by Joseph Dainow from September to December 1945 describing his experiences working in the Office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality during the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, Germany, as well as his visits to Fürth, Germany and his encounters with the remaining members of the Jewish community there. Also included are “Joe Dainow: Letters from Nuremberg 1945,” which contains photocopies of a 1973 article from the Louisiana Law Review describing Dainow’s career at Louisiana State University; photocopies of Dainow’s Nuremberg correspondence with highlighted statements and annotations added by his son, J. David Dainow; a photograph of the International Military Tribunal courtroom in Nuremberg with the caption, “Greetings from Nürnberg”; and a map of the city of Fürth.

Languages: English 1945–1973
9 folders
Source of Acquisition: J. David Dainow and Keren Dainow-Rotberg
Restrictions: See reference archivist

Accession 1994.A.0342 --- Selected Records Relating to Holocaust and World War II Victims

This collection contains files from a variety of record groups relating to individual victims of the Holocaust and the war.

Provenance: Various National Archives and Records Administration record groups filmed by the American Red Cross Holocaust Victims Tracing Service in Baltimore for the International Tracing Service in Arolsen, Germany

Languages: English, German, etc. 1941–1945
49 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Genealogical Center of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
RG-52.013 --- British Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary

This collection contains, but is not limited to, the documents of the Joel Brand mission, in which the Germans offered the British and United States governments Jews in exchange for 10,000 trucks and other materials. Also included are notes by Anthony Eden, G.H. Hall, Winston Churchill, and others; the minutes of the War Cabinet’s Refugee Committee meeting on May 4 and August 4, 1944; Raoul Wallenberg’s report about the July 1944 coup attempt by László Baky; the June 26, 1944, cable from the World Jewish Congress to Pope Pius XII; and a letter that was exchanged between Vyacheslav Molotov and Eden.


Languages: English, French 1944–1945
2 folders (355 pages)
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description

Accession 1989.A.131 --- Henry Einstein Papers

These papers include depositions, interrogations, and judgments of the U.S.-administered Nuremberg trials and various other war crimes trials. The documents relate to alleged war criminals; information on atrocities and crimes; and the persecution of Poles, Jews, and foreign nationals by the Nazis.

Provenance: World War II veteran Henry Einstein worked as a clerk, investigator, and interpreter at the war crimes trials in Nuremberg. Michael Klopfer, executor of the Henry Einstein estate, donated the papers to the Museum.

Languages: English, German Ca. 1940–1950
36 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Michael Klopfer
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-02.077 --- Hannah Metzger Speech Relating to Holocaust Survival

This speech contains information about Hannah Metzger’s life while hiding in the home of a Dutch farmer. Also included are descriptions of her near capture by the Germans.

Provenance: The donor delivered this speech at a reunion of the Jewish School of Fürth/Nuremberg. In August 1984, Hannah Metzger sent a photocopy of the transcript to Dr. Max Rothschild in preparation for the “Faith in Humankind” conference, sponsored by USHMC in September 1984.
RG-14.008 --- Ingeborg B. Weinberger Papers

These papers include correspondence, posters, photographs, identification cards, passports, postcards, and various other documents relating to the Weinberger, Landsberger, and Cohn families in Leipzig, Germany, and Baltimore, Maryland. The documents contain information about the persecution, emigration, and incarceration of family members. The publication Meine Erlebnisse als Jude in Deutschland unter dem Nazi Regime written by Edgar Landsberger contains information about the Riga, Łódź, and Minsk ghettos; deportations; and the Birkenau, Sachsenhausen, and Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camps. Also included is information on family registers, racial hygiene, and “acceptable” German names.

Biographical/historical note: Ingeborg B. Weinberger, a Jewish refugee from Germany, is the former executive director of HIAS of Baltimore, Maryland.

Languages: German, English  1933–1959
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: Ingeborg B. Weinberger
Restrictions: Some materials protected under copyright

RG-12 --- Benjamin B. Ferencz Collection

This record group contains materials relating to all phases of Benjamin Ferencz’s academic and professional life, including his student days through his military service as a war crimes investigator and prosecutor at the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg (1945–1946) and the American Military Government war crimes trials (particularly the Einsatzgruppen trial that Ferencz prosecuted); his involvement with B’nai B’rith lodges, the International Council Executive Committee (1937–1994), and B’nai B’rith war damages and restitution of property claims (1959–1962); his activities relating to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (1961–1980); his legal activities relating to claims against German industrial firms for slave labor restitution and compensation, e.g., I.G. Farbenindustrie, AEG, Braunkohle-Benzin Aktiengesellschaft, Daimler-Benz, Dynamit-Nobel, Rheinmetal-Borsig AG, Krupp International, Siemens AG, Telefunken AG, Compensation Treuhand G.m.b.H., etc. (1952–1994); and his publications relating to many of the above subjects. Also included is some information relating to the education and career of his wife, Gertrude Fried Ferencz, Ferencz’s diaries from 1943 to 1945, his letters to his wife (April 1944–August 1945), and some personal papers.

Languages: English, German  1918–1994
Ca. 150 boxes
RG-34.001 --- Records Relating to the Life and Career of Gaynor I. Jacobson

This collection contains various materials relating to the life and career of Gaynor I. Jacobson. Among the materials are letters concerning Jacobson’s work in Hungary after World War II, magazine articles concerning refugees and emigration to Palestine, photographs documenting Jacobson’s career with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), and a biographical sketch of Jacobson.

Biography: Gaynor I. Jacobson was born in Buffalo, New York, on May 17, 1912. He studied at the University of Buffalo. During his professional career, he held positions with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and was the director of the European and North African operations for HIAS after the Holocaust.

Languages: English with some Italian and Spanish  1941–1980
5 linear inches (26 folders)

Source of Acquisition: Gaynor I. Jacobson
Finding aid: Folder title list

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-34.001

RG-19.018 --- William Perl Papers

This collection contains letters, lists, several reports, and photographs concerning William Perl’s involvement in illegal emigration efforts during the Holocaust; and Nazi atrocities in the Soviet Union, including a report by the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission for Ascertaining and Investigating the Crimes Committed by the German-fascist Invaders and Their Accomplices. The July 4, 1944, report includes information about the execution of Soviet citizens in rural areas, the execution of Soviet Jews, and Jewish population statistics for several Soviet cities as well as information about episodes of clandestine Jewish emigration by sea to Palestine. Another report was issued by the Office of Strategic Services, Research Analysis Branch, on June 27, 1944. Included is information about specific crimes charged to the Germans, persons accused of being war criminals, and Russian attitudes toward the legal problems involved in war crimes prosecution.

Provenance: Collected by William Perl from various sources

Languages: English, German, Russian  1944
2 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Elizabeth Koenig
Finding aid: Folder-level description
NOTE: See also RG-50.393*0041—William Perl Oral History Interview

RG-10.017 --- Henry Lasker Papers

This collection contains a variety of materials concerning Jewish life in central and eastern Europe before the Holocaust, the suffering of Jews throughout history, and atrocities toward Jews in the Soviet Union and Poland. Also included is the November 1928 report of the Constituent Convention of the Federation of American Jews of Lithuanian Descent.

Biographical/historical note: Henry Lasker was born in Lithuania on July 15, 1878. He immigrated to the United States in 1886. He became the first Jewish lawyer in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was seriously involved in city politics and Jewish affairs.

Language: English 1920–1939
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Louise Nathan

RG-06.009.01 --- Records Relating to the Statute of Limitations on Nazi War Crimes

This collection contains copies of letters and legal documents relating to the attempts of Judge Jess Nathan to win the extension of the statute of limitations against Nazi war criminals in March 1965. Also included is information concerning the efforts of Christian religious leaders in Southern California to have the statute of limitations changed.

Provenance: Judge Jess Nathan collected the letters and other documents during 1964 and 1965 while serving as chairman of the National Committee Against Nazi Criminals and Nazism in America. The copies were donated to the Museum in 1986.

Language: English 1964–65
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Jess Nathan

RG-68.088M --- The Nazi Party in Palestine

This collection includes records from the Nationalist Socialist Party Palestine Headquarters, 1932–1939; files and registers of the Temple Society, 1878–1948; and documentation on German-owned businesses.

Provenance: Israeli State Archives collection RG 90, obtained from the Spanish Consulate and the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel
RG-31.049 --- Letters, Testimonies, and Documents Related to Righteous Gentiles in the Former USSR

This collection contains letters, questionnaires, testimonies, and supporting documents on Jewish Holocaust survivors and non-Jewish witnesses and rescuers in the former USSR. The documents are addressed to the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers and its representatives in Ukraine, the Israeli Embassy in Kyiv, and the Department of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem.

Provenance: Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv

Languages: Russian, English 1989–1997
Ca. 440 pages of photocopies
Source of Acquisition: Judaica Institute, Kyiv
Restrictions: On publication

RG-19.033 --- Records Relating to Seminary Student Committee to Save European Jewry

These records contain information about the Jewish Theological Seminary of America Seminary Student Committee to Save European Jewry, and its attempts, along with other religious organizations (e.g., those of the Synagogue Council of America and the Federal Council of Churches), to help the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust.

Biographical note: The donor, a rabbi and former activist on behalf of threatened European Jewry while a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America during World War II, collected the material as part of his work.

Language: English 1942–1986
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Noah Golinkin

RG-02.136 --- William Eisen Testimony

This testimony describes the Holocaust experiences of William Eisen and members of his family, and relates the attempts of surviving family members to rebuild their lives after the war. The first part of the memoir portrays the persecution and killing of Polish Jews,
including members of Eisen’s family. Eisen experienced the Miechów ghetto; the Julag I and II, Kraków-Plaszów, Skarżysko-Kamienna, and Rakow (a.k.a. Rakov) concentration camps; and an unnamed subcamp of Buchenwald. The latter part of the memoir depicts Eisen’s life inside the British displaced persons camp at Judenburg, Austria, and his immigration to the United States.

Provenance: At William Eisen’s request, a copy of the original memoir was forwarded from the Holocaust Resource Center in Buffalo, New York.

Language: English 1956
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: William Eisen
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-20.013 --- Records and Photographs Relating to the Bata Shoe Company in Zlin, Czechoslovakia

This collection contains information about the history of the Bata shoe company in Zlin, Czechoslovakia, and its successful program to send Jewish employees and their families abroad to protect them from the Nazis. Also included is information about Zlin, Czechoslovakia, where Bata had its main factory.

Provenance: In 1972 Otto Heilig sent the article and related materials to the Jewish Monthly, a magazine published by B’nai B’rith. The magazine never published the article, but donated it to the USHMM later that year.

Biographical/historical note: Before September 30, 1938, Otto Heilig, a Czech Jew, was an employee of the shoe manufacturing firm owned by Thomas Bata in Zlin, Czechoslovakia.

Languages: English, Czech, German 1972
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Jewish Monthly
Restrictions: For background information only

RG-10.092 --- Abraham Zemach Papers

This collection includes 36 photographs (some with captions) taken by unknown parties and the U.S. Signal Corps ca. 1942–1945. The photographs depict the consequences of Nazi atrocities as witnessed by Abraham Zemach while he served as a Jewish chaplain in the 76th U.S. Infantry Division during World War II and after the war while he was ministering to Jewish displaced persons. The collection also contains an occupational forces travel permit with handwritten annotations; two pieces of Terezin currency; a memoir relating to Zemach’s experiences during the war; a facsimile of a birthday letter
from Gen. Mark Clark dated January 5, 1946; a memorandum dated June 22, 1945, from Zemach to the 76th Infantry Division G-1 regarding the commendation of enlisted men for their role in the reburial of victims found in a mass grave; an undated memoir written by an unidentified female Hungarian Jewish survivor; and photocopies of miscellaneous news articles relating to Zemach’s aid to Jewish displaced persons after the war.

Language: English 1945–1994
1 microfiche card
Source of Acquisition: Abraham Zemach
Finding aid: Item-level description

RG-02.003 --- Transcript of Richard Glazar Interview

This collection contains a transcribed copy of oral testimony given by Richard Glazar. He devotes a major part of the testimony to his experiences in the Treblinka concentration camp and describes the administration of the camp, the various nationalities of the prisoners, the method of gassing prisoners and incineration of corpses, the formation of the orchestra, and the burning of the camp after the uprising.

Provenance: The transcript of the Glazar interview was compiled from two audiotapes in the Yaffa Eliach Collection (OH 81-21-SU, RG 758) at the Center for Holocaust Studies in Brooklyn, New York.

Language: English 1981
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Center for Holocaust Studies, Brooklyn, New York

RG-58.002M --- Comite International de la Croix-Rouge (International Committee of the Red Cross): Division d’assistance Speciale (Special Relief Division), 1940–1963

This collection contains records relating to the institutional and administrative history of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It concerns relief provided to civilians of all nationalities imprisoned or deported by the Nazi regime during World War II, and includes general files, accounting and administrative records, receipt acknowledgements from civilians who received packages from the CIRC, as well as files relating to the sending of individual and collective relief to civilians of all the nationalities detained in Germany and territories occupied by German forces.

Provenance: From Archives du Comite International de la Croix-Rouge, series B SEC DAS

Languages: French, German, English 1940–1963
91 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Comite International de la Croix-Rouge (International Committee
of the Red Cross), Switzerland
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist
Finding aid: (On roll no. 91) French-language folder-level descriptions for all rolls

RG-04.059 --- Charles Rosenbloom Dachau Collection

This collection contains photocopies of camp prisoners’ newsletters, proceedings and minutes of meetings, communiqués, memoranda, correspondence, reports, and a scrapbook relating to Charles Rosenbloom’s work with United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Team 115 at Dachau in the summer of 1945 and his involvement with the International Prisoners’ Committee in Dachau.

Provenance: Charles Rosenbloom collected the documents during his service in Dachau. The originals are in the Holocaust Museum Houston Education Center and Memorial, Houston, Texas.

Biographical/historical note: Charles Rosenbloom, a member of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Team 115, served as liaison between military personnel and the International Prisoner’s Committee in Dachau.

Languages: English, German, Czech, French, Dutch, Belgian, Greek, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Slovenian 1945–1947
4 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: David P. Bell
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-31.066M --- Regional Palestine Bureau, Lwow Branch

This collection contains records of the Regional Palestine Bureau, established in 1924 and active in Eastern Galicia until Soviet annexation in 1939. The main purpose of the organization were preparing documents enabling Jews to emigrate to Palestine and acting as an agent for the purchase of land there. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with potential emigrants and is organized alphabetically and chronologically. The collection also contains correspondence with the Central Palestine Bureau in Warsaw and various Jewish and Zionist organizations in other countries regarding visas, immigration law, information about the political situation in Europe and Palestine, and other material.

Provenance: State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, fond 332 opis 1

Language: Polish, Hebrew, English, German 1924–1939
27 microform rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central State Historical Archives in Lviv
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

RG-28.008 --- Stern Family Papers Relating to Restitution

These papers relate to the fate of Ilse Stern Salinger, who was incarcerated in Westerbork and who later perished at Auschwitz together with her husband and child. Also included is information about the cooperative efforts of Mrs. Salinger’s father, Robert Stern, and her mother-in-law, Clara Alice Steinhaus, to obtain restitution from the West German government for damages (e.g. loss of freedom, loss of property) to Ilse Salinger.

Provenance: The papers in this collection were received or created by Robert Stern and apparently passed down through the family to the donor, who is the son of Robert Stern’s brother.

Language: English Ca. 1945–Ca. 1980
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Eric Stern

RG-20.022 --- Mania Birnberg Collection about Mary Barys

This collection contains photocopies of clippings and other documents relating to the actions of Mary Barys Szul (b. 1928) who was recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in 1982 (Case Number 3233).

Biographical/historical note: Mania Birnberg was a survivor of the Zborow ghetto. She escaped to a nearby village and Mary Barys provided a hiding place and protection for her. Birnberg immigrated to the United States after World War II.

Language: English Ca.1982–1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Mania Birnberg
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-19.051 --- The Goldfarb Family Collection

This collection contains one song booklet and eight postage stamps given to students in the Kassel displaced persons camp, 66 black-and-white photographs of the Goldfarb family in the Kassel and Ziegenhain displaced persons camps, and 22 documents pertaining to the experiences of Roza, Elimelech, and William Goldfarb in those camps.

Biographical/historical note: Elimelech, Roza, and William Goldfarb lived as refugees in the Ziegenhain and Kassel displaced persons camps after World War II. Elimelech Goldfarb, father of William Goldfarb, served as the leader of the Kassel camp.
RG-10.089 --- William Ornstein Papers

This collection contains a wide range of information about war crimes trials, war criminals, and prisoners of Mauthausen concentration camp.

Provenance: William Ornstein found most of the materials on the premises of Mauthausen concentration camp. Biographical/historical note: William Ornstein was imprisoned in the Dachau and Mauthausen concentration camps. Following World War II, Ornstein appeared as a witness in various German courts and testified against several war criminals.

Languages: German, English, Polish 1944–1970
23 folders
Source of Acquisition: Felicja Olszewska
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-10.089

RG-52.009 --- Records related to the Holocaust in Hungary

These documents relate to various aspects of the Holocaust in Hungary, and include correspondence and documents regarding ghettoization, minutes of meetings about deportations, and the like. The collection includes the letters of Jusztinián Cardinal Serédi and Prime Minister Döme Sztógay, reports to the Ministry of Interior Affairs, and the papers of German Ambassador Dietrich von Jagow.

Provenance: The donor collected the material from a variety of Hungarian sources (e.g., Esztergom Archives of Jusztinián Cardinal Serédi, Archives of Bács-Kiskun County, and the Archives of War History).

Language: Hungarian (with many English translations) 1939–1944
8 folders
Source of Acquisition: Randolph L. Braham
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-59.019M --- War Cabinet and Cabinet. The Situation in Palestine, 1938–1945

This collection contains correspondence and other documents relating to the War Cabinet and regarding Arab-Jewish unrest in Palestine arising out of the influx of new Jewish
immigrants, and to Jewish Agency requests for increases in immigration limits. It also contains policy-oriented documents relating to the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine.


Language: English 1938–1945
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions

RG-10.088 --- Earl G. Harrison Papers

This collection contains a journal, clippings, and various other documents relating to the conditions of displaced persons in the American Zone of Germany. Included are a journal kept by Earl G. Harrison during his trip to Europe in 1945 (folder 1), an article by Harrison entitled “The Last Hundred Thousand” (folder 2), excerpts from addresses delivered by Harrison in October and December of 1945 (folder 3), a broadcast transcript of a radio program from July 10, 1946, featuring Harrison (folder 4), and articles and clippings relating to displaced persons and the activities of Earl G. Harrison in Europe.

Biographical/historical note: After World War II, on behalf of President Harry Truman, Earl G. Harrison toured the displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany.

Language: English 1945–1946
3 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Earl G. Harrison Jr.

RG-10.063 --- Robert Weil Papers

This collection includes a transcript of a speech given by Robert Weil to students in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about his Holocaust experiences. Weil, born in Metz, France, in 1913, is a Holocaust survivor and participated in the liberation as a member of the 8th U.S. Infantry Division. In addition to the speech, the collection includes letters of response and thanks collected from hundreds of students who heard Weil’s speech, as well as copies of military documents concerning Weil’s discharge from the U.S. Army.

Language: English 1976
11 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Robert Weil via Sybil Milton
Restrictions: The rights to the letters that Mr. Weil received from other individuals have
not been determined. Researchers should use them for informational purposes only, refraining from direct quotations in published works.

**RG-59.020M --- War Office Directories of Military Operations and Intelligence & Directorate of Military Intelligence, Ministry of Defence, 1945–1946**

This collection contains military intelligence documents from the War Office relating to the final days and death of Adolf Hitler, together with documents relating to allegations that Hitler was still alive. It also contains documents from the War Office relating to war crimes committed by German officers.


Language: English 1945–1946
One microfilm roll (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding aid: Folder-level description

**RG-09.014 --- Malcolm Vendig Papers Relating to Post-liberation Dachau**

This collection contains daily reports, war diaries, and memoranda produced by Capt. Malcolm A. Vendig while serving in World War II and later as military governor of the Landkreis Dachau. Subjects covered include the activities of the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division before liberation, operations of the Dachau concentration camp after liberation, the administration of public safety, the distribution of food in the area, and the restart of industry in the area. Also included are typescripts of discussions held between Vendig and Dr. Heinrich Kneuer, the Landrat of Dachau.

Provenance: Eleanor Vendig obtained her husband’s papers after his death and donated them to the Museum.
NOTE: A small amount of this collection is in the USHMM Art and Artifacts Branch.

Languages: English, German 1944–1945
46 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Eleanor Vendig
Finding aid: Folder title list
Restrictions: Published materials protected by copyright.

See the finding aid for this collection: **RG-09.014**
RG-06.002.02 --- Seymour Krieger Papers

These papers contain information about Seymour Krieger’s involvement during 1945–1946 with the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel during the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg; Adolf Hitler’s life; Krieger’s military career; and the IMT in general. Also included are papers, a diary, correspondence, reports, articles, photographs, and postcards.

Provenance: The papers of Seymour Krieger became the possessions of Krieger’s wife, Rita Krieger, after his death. The papers later came into the care of Susan Becker, the executrix of Rita Krieger’s estate.

Language: English 1945–1946
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Susan Becker
Restrictions: Researchers must obtain donor’s permission for access to the diary.

RG-21 --- Joseph and Sheila Tenenbaum Collection

This record group contains various materials relating to the life and activities of Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum (1887–1961). Tenenbaum was active in the organization of the Anti-Nazi Joint Boycott Council of the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee in 1933, as well as several anti-Nazi and Jewish relief and rescue organizations. He also wrote books (e.g., Race and Reich), pamphlets (e.g., “Can Hitler Be Stopped” [1938] and “The Einsatzgruppen” [1955]), and magazine and newspaper articles. Subjects in the collection include American reaction to the persecution of the Jews in Europe before and during World War II; the activities of several Jewish organizations involved with relief and rescue (e.g., American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, YIVO, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Zionist Federation, Federation of Polish Jews in America, Zionist Organization of America, World Jewish Congress, Workman’s Circle, World Federation of Polish Jews, etc.); Holocaust commemorations; Jewish and Holocaust studies in schools; and the like.

Languages: English, Polish, Yiddish, Hebrew 1927–1986
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Sheila Tenenbaum
Finding aid: Sub-collection level description

RG-28.009 --- Richard Straus Papers Relating to Restitution

This collection contains correspondence concerning Richard Straus’ assistance to relatives in their attempts to receive restitution from the German government for property lost before their emigration to the United States. Also included are term papers written by Straus while he was enrolled at Georgetown University and several income tax forms.
Biography: Richard Straus (b. December 28, 1925, Karlsruhe, Germany) entered the United States in June 1940 and became a naturalized citizen in October 1944. He joined the United States Army in July 1944 and served in the Signal Corps of the 87th Infantry Division. He began work with the U.S. State Department in November 1948, serving in the office of German Public Affairs. From 1961 to 1963, he served as president of the board of the American International School in Vienna, Austria. He died on October 4, 1986.

Provenance: Alan G. Straus, Richard Straus’ son, obtained the papers after his father’s death in 1986. He donated the collection to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives in October 1989.

Languages: German, English 1945–1974
10 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Alan G. Straus

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-28.009

RG-06.002.05 --- An Approach to the Preparation of the Prosecution Against Axis Criminality (Telford Taylor Memorandum)

This memorandum contains Telford Taylor’s description of the basic parts of a war crimes case, the expected accomplishments of the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality, an explanation of the “illegal launching” of aggressive war acts, and descriptions of the various types of evidence to be sought during investigation.

Provenance: Written in July 1945 by Col. Telford Taylor of the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality. The original memo is found in the Murray C. Bernay Collection at the Library of the University of Wyoming.

Language: English 1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: William Mandel

RG-06.005.02 --- Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes—Preliminary Briefs of Economics Division, Vol. 1

This collection contains copies of ten legal briefs compiled by the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes (OCCWC) from 1946–1947. The briefs contain a timeline of important dates in modern German history, a glossary of German economic terms, a report on the “Führerprinzip,” and a brief concerning the “Aryanization” of Jewish property.
Provenance: During his service with the OCCWC, Drexel Sprecher collected the briefs as part of his duties. In 1986 he allowed the USHMM Archives to copy the material, after which the Museum returned it to him.

Language: English 1946–1947
2.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Drexel Sprecher
Finding aid: Table of contents

**RG-10.038 --- Shlomo Goldberg Papers**

This collection contains the diary of Shlomo Goldberg and other documents relating to his life in Europe and the United States. Goldberg was a native of Luck, Poland, but in the wake of the Nazi conquest of western Poland he fled to Byelorussia in the Soviet Union where he worked as an engineer. Due to his location and occupation during the war, his life was spared.

Provenance: Shlomo Goldberg started the diary after the end of World War II. The photographs of his family in Poland were brought to the United States at the time of his emigration. Other materials were collected up until the time of his death.

Language: English 1945–1991
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Brenda Senders

**RG-10.025 --- Emil Singer Papers**

This collection contains correspondence between Emil Singer and Philip Ellovich concerning the emigration of the Singer family from Austria. The letters written by Philip Ellovich in the 1940s and 1950s concern his search for Emil and Grete Singer after World War II. Also included is an article written by Ed Leffingwell concerning an exhibition of Singer’s artwork at the Insignia Gallery in Youngstown, Ohio.

Provenance: Philip Ellovich collected the correspondence during and after World War II.

Biographical/historical note: Emil Singer, a Jew of Austrian citizenship and an etcher, was born on August 17, 1881, in Gaya, Moravia. He resided with his wife, Grete, in Vienna until their deportation to Poland on May 12, 1942. Documents in the collection suggest that the Singers were killed in the Izbica camp in Poland.

Languages: German, English 1939–1955
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Joseph Ellovich
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
RG-04.025 --- Institute for the Jewish Blind (Berlin) and the Home for the Blind in Terezin

This collection contains original letters (accompanied by English translations) concerning Betty Falk Katz and the home for blind persons in Terezin. The letters describe the conditions for Jews in Berlin during the Holocaust, the deportation of Katz and patients of the Institute for the Jewish Blind to Terezin, and the death of Katz in Terezin. Also included are photographs of Katz’s grave in Terezin and a sketch of Katz by her son, Lothar Katz.

Biographical/historical note: Betty Katz was the director of the Institute for the Jewish Blind in Berlin-Steglitz before the Holocaust. She was deported to the Terezin concentration camp on September 14, 1942, along with many blind persons from the institute in Berlin. Katz died in Terezin on June 3, 1944. Miss Sommerfeld was Katz’s assistant at the institute. She volunteered to be deported with Katz and the institute patients and was with Katz at the time of her death in Terezin. Sommerfeld escaped to Switzerland in February 1945.

Languages: German, English 1943–1991
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Peter Katz

RG-59.010M --- Selected Records from the Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office: Control Commission for Germany (British Element), Prisoners of War/Displaced Persons Division: Registered Files (PWDP and other series)

These documents relate to postwar policy toward Jews, including files on the treatment of German Jews, the Neustadt training school, World ORT Union training schools, and the emigration of Jewish displaced persons to Palestine (Operation “Journeys End”).

Provenance: Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office: Control Commission for Germany (British Element), Prisoners of War/Displaced Persons Division: Registered Files (PWDP and other series) series 1052. (FO 1052)

Language: English 1944–1949
4 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description

This collection contains the office files of Hans Bachmann, personal secretary to Carl J. Burckhardt. The files contain information about assistance to Jews in various countries, and to civilian detainees in concentration camps in Germany from 1939 to 1945; administrative records of the Department of Special Assistance (DAS) relating to actions in favor of Jews; records relating to material and morale assistance from the ICRC to European Jews; general records for ghettos, the internment of Jews, and concentration camps for Jews; ICRC appeals to various governments requesting respect for the Geneva Convention and the rules of war; appeals from governments, NGOs, individuals, and national Red Cross organizations for intervention by the ICRC in cases of violations of laws and conventions; the emigration of Jews to Palestine and elsewhere; ICRC relations with the League of Nations on the question of refugees in Europe, especially Jews fleeing persecution in Germany; ICRC work with Jewish and other organizations; deportations of Jews from European countries, including individual cases and testimonies about Nazi atrocities; proposals and projects to improve the conditions of Jews in Europe; inquiries and requests for assistance on behalf of Jews imprisoned or deported by Germany including negotiations between the ICRC and German authorities regarding racial persecution; ICRC visits to concentration camps, prisons, and ghettos; an ICRC diplomatic mission to Iraq regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict from 1949 to 1950; and requests from individuals for assistance to persecuted Jews.

Provenance: Records created by the ICRC during the course of its operations as noted above; now maintained in the ICRC Archives. Copies of these microfilms are also available at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, English 1939–1961 (bulk 1940–1950)
14 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
Finding aid: Folder-level, French and English language descriptions
NOTE: See also the collections in RG-64—International Committee of the Red Cross; RG-04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin; and RG-04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy.

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-19.045M

RG-15.144M --- Centralny Komitet Żydów w Polsce. Wydział Emigracji (CKZP, Central Committee of the Jews in Poland, Department of Emigration)

The CKZP was responsible for certifying the “Jewish nationality” of persons wishing to emigrate and assisting the Polish government in the issuance of passports and visas. The first twenty-two of the 645 files contain such administration materials as: announcements, minutes of meetings, reports, and correspondence. Remaining files consist of registration forms and copies of documents issued by the Department for emigration purposes.
Provenance: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny (Jewish Historical Institute), collection 303/XIV

Language: Mostly in Polish, but also English, Yiddish, German, French, Russian 1946–1948
118 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Jewish Historical Institute
Finding aids: Inventory and index in Polish
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication. See Reference Archivist for details.

RG-28.012 --- Baltimore Emergency Committee Records

This collection contains information about the Baltimore Emergency Committee, specifically the postwar claims of Baltimore-area former European Jews who sought restitution from the West German government and from some of its courts for losses suffered during Nazi rule. The claimants served as court witnesses to Nazi atrocities, especially in Poland. Also included is information about war crimes, war criminals, concentration camps, survivors, the expropriation of Jewish property, the persecution of Jews, and Auschwitz.

Provenance: The Baltimore Emergency Committee (set up under HIAS of Baltimore) collected the originals and copies from the collections of the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, some West German Courts, and Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

Languages: German, English 1961–1982
2 folders
Source of Acquisition: HIAS of Baltimore, Inc., via Ingeborg B. Weinberger

RG-19.006 --- Katz Family Papers

This collection contains three folders of correspondence between Max Katz of Chicago, Illinois, and his cousin, Max Katz of Hoboken, New Jersey, and several photographs. The letters relate to the attempts of Max Katz (Hoboken, N.J.) to collect funds to finance the emigration of Nathan, Selma, and Pauline Katz from Germany to the United States. In some cases, the letters contain detailed genealogical information about the Katz family in Germany and the United States. The letters in German are usually followed by an English translation.

Biographical note: Max Katz, a native of Schotten, Germany, emigrated prior to World War II to Hoboken, New Jersey. After his arrival in the United States, he sought help from American relatives in order to finance the passage of his parents and sister from Germany. Because the correspondence in the Katz papers terminates in 1942, there is no indication as to the fate of the Katz family members in Germany.
Provenance: The papers were acquired by the daughter of Max Katz (Chicago, Ill.) after his death and were later given to the donor, Robert Weiner.

Languages: German, English  1938–1942
3 folders
Source of Acquisition: Robert Weiner

Accession 1997.A.0173 --- Max Amichai Heppner Memoir

Max B. (a.k.a. Amichai) Heppner’s memoir describes his family’s experiences in the Netherlands during the Holocaust. His parents fled Germany in 1933 and went to Amsterdam (Netherlands), where Max was born shortly thereafter. In 1942, he and his parents fled to the Dutch countryside. A plan to smuggle them to Free France in exchange for a fee of 5,000 guilders went awry when they learned their would-be rescuers planned to murder them and keep the money. Members of the Dutch resistance found shelter for them on a farm in the southern part of the country, where they were liberated by Allied forces. Max’s father died shortly after liberation. Max and his mother emigrated to the United States.

Language: English  1996
1 item (2 pages)
Source of Acquisition: Max Amichai Heppner
NOTE: See also RG-50.030*0094—Oral History Interview with Max Amichai Heppner
and Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1991.226—The Max (Amichai) Heppner Collection

RG-10.050 --- Leopold Levy Family Papers

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, lists, and a variety of other documents relating to the Leopold Levy family in the 1930s and 1940s. Included are letters to the American Consulate General in London relating to employment for refugees and the immigration of Erica Levy as a child, as well as personal letters describing the fate of other Levy family members who were unable to escape Germany before the Holocaust.

Provenance: The Leopold Levy family accumulated the materials during the process of their immigration to the United Kingdom and the United States.

Biographical/historical note: Erica Levy (b.1931) grew up in Viersen, Germany. In 1938, she moved to Brussels, Belgium, with her sister, Karola, where she attended a convent school. She eventually reunited with her parents in London, England, in May 1940. The entire family immigrated to the United States in September 1940.
RG-02.210 --- The Family of Aryeh-Leyb Fingerhut (Leo Gerut)

This memoir, compiled by Rosalie Gerut, describes the experiences of her father, Aryeh-Leyb (Leybl) Fingerhut, in Lithuania and the Ukraine; his interest in music and the Yiddish language; his work as a researcher for YIVO (Institute for Jewish Research) in Vilnius, Lithuania; his memories of the German invasion of Lithuania in 1941; his life in the Shavil (Siauliai) ghetto; his experiences as a forced laborer; his transfer to Stutthof concentration camp in 1944 and then to “Lager 10” of Utting, a sub-camp of Dachau concentration camp, where he was elected head of his barracks; his experiences during a death march from Dachau into the Tyrol Mountains from April 24 to May 2, 1945; his transfer after liberation to Feldafing displaced persons camp where he organized a choir and a Yiddish theater group and met his future wife, Hanka Warszawska, a fellow concentration camp survivor; and his emigration to the United States in 1949 where he lived until his death in September 1989.

Language: English 1993
.15 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Rosalie Gerut
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1998.81—The Shari and George Fine Collection

RG-20.006 --- Case of Guy von Dardel and Sven Hagstromer vs. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

This collection contains copies of the proceedings of a 1984 lawsuit filed by Guy von Dardel and Sven Hagstromer against the Soviet Union for the unlawful seizure and imprisonment of Raoul Wallenberg.

Biographical/historical note: Agnes Adachi assisted Raoul Wallenberg at the Swedish Embassy in 1943 by distributing passports. She is responsible for saving several Jews from death during an escape effort on the Danube River.

Languages: Russian, English 1945–1984
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Agnes Adachi via Linda Kuzmack
NOTE: For additional material relating to Wallenberg, see also RG-66—Accession 1999.A.0237—Selected Records from the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
RG-06.005.05M --- United States Army Commands, Concentration Camp Cases Not Tried

This collection contains 189 case files of investigations into alleged war crimes committed during World War II in various European countries. The files primarily relate to concentration camps, but also contain information about prisoners of war and prisoner of war camps.

Provenance: Records created by elements of the U.S. Army in Europe including those of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, Counterintelligence Corps, and so on. The collection is from the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338 (Records of the 7708 War Crimes Group).

Languages: English, German 1933–1949
12 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-28.007 --- Manfred Lovin Case File from the United Restitution Organization

These documents relate to the restitution efforts of Manfred Lovin (Loewin), who filed on behalf of deceased family members. Included are decisions in the case, statements for monetary awards, and documents for the transfer of funds.

Provenance: The case file became the property of Rabbi Eugene Lipman and his wife, Esther, as personal representatives of Lovin’s estate.

Biographical/historical note: Manfred Lovin was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1892. He served in the German cavalry during World War I and later became a successful manufacturer of radio components. In 1938, Lovin was arrested and sent to Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Shortly thereafter, he escaped from the camp and fled to the United States.

Language: English 1958–1972
0.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Eugene Lipman
NOTE: See also RG-19.040 The Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection, and Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1992.45.

RG-69.004M --- Jewish Care, Inc. Archival Files from the Australian Jewish Welfare and Relief Society

This collection includes ca. 12,000 personal case files containing information on Jews trying to immigrate to Australia as well as family search files from the Archives of the
Australian Jewish Welfare and Relief Society (now Jewish Care) between 1946 and 1954. Also included is correspondence with Jewish organizations, such as HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and the Joint (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), as well as with the Federal Immigration Department.

Language: English 1946–1954
18 microfilm rolls (35 mm), 3 CD-ROMS of material, 1 CD-ROM index Source of Acquisition: Jewish Care, Inc., Victoria, Australia
Finding aid: Index on CD-ROM

RG-03.011 --- Records Relating to the Shanghai Jewish Community

This collection contains testimony and newsletters relating to the life of John and Harriet Isaack, who were members of the Jewish refugee community in Shanghai, China. Included are descriptions of a reunion of the Shanghai Jewish community in San Francisco, California, in 1980 and information about John Isaack’s career with the Kulturbund of Berlin before his emigration in 1939.

Biographical/historical note: John Isaack was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1912. He studied art and later began working for the Jewish Kulturbund. He escaped to Shanghai, China, with his wife and several other family members in 1939. He and his family lived in the Shanghai Jewish community until their emigration to the United States in 1947.

Languages: English, German
.25 inches
Source of Acquisition: John Isaack
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-22.009M --- Selected Records from the Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow

This collection contains records from the Molotov Secretariat showing early Soviet knowledge of the Holocaust and interactions with the Allies about a joint policy declaration; miscellaneous reports of the SovInformBuro including articles prepared for the Soviet press; materials relating to the creation of the Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory; and materials about Rudolf Höss and other Nazi leaders, Polish forces in the USSR, the situation of Soviet prisoners of war in Poland, and war crimes in Hungary.

Provenance: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives, fond 06 1942 (Molotov Secretariat), fond 013 (SovInformBuro)

Languages: Russian, English, Hungarian, German, others 1941–1944
3 linear inches, photocopies
Source of Acquisition: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives
Finding aids: Item-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction

SEE ALSO:

RG-04.050—Records Relating to Various Camps from the Central Archive of the Ministry of Defense, Podolsk, Russia

RG-06.025—Selected Central Records of the Federal Security Service (FSB, formerly KGB) of the Russian Federation Relating to War Crimes Investigations and Trials in the Soviet Union


These records include Yiddish newspapers, booklets, and other documents relating to Joseph Levine and his involvement with displaced persons at Regensburg after World War II. Also included are materials relating to the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, to the UNRRA, and to Jews in Indiana.

Biographical/historical note: Joseph Levine was born in 1907 in Malodezna, Russia. He fled to the United States with his mother after the 1917 revolution. He worked with the U.S. Army and the UNRRA in Schwandorf, Bavaria, after World War II and served as the Regional Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee from 1945 to 1946 in northern Bavaria.

Languages: English, Yiddish 1945–1989

1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Joseph Levine

RG-10.142 --- Seymour Z. Mann Collection

This collection contains sermons and other writings by Dr. Philip Dörrfu concerning the Evangelical Church in Ludwigsburg, Germany; essays concerning Wilhelm Keil and his involvement in the Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands in Ludwigsburg; and letters, speeches, and the diary of Heinrich Grobe, which include information about his involvement in the NSDAP in the same city. Also included are two copies of blank Nazi forms entitled “Ortsgruppen—Fragebogen.”

Provenance: Seymour Mann collected the materials while working with the Public Safety Division of OMGUS in Ludwigsburg, Germany. He received the diary from the daughter of Heinrich Grobe and the sermons and other writings about the Evangelical Church from Dr. Philip Dörrfu, a church official.
Languages: German, English  1901–1946
28 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Seymour Z. Mann
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

See the finding aid for this collection:  RG-10.142

Accession 2000.6 --- Edmund F. Franz Papers

This collection contains copies of statements and interrogation interviews with German war criminals. Also included are 52 black-and-white official U.S. Army photographs taken by the rehabilitation officers of the U.S. Army’s Chief Surgeon’s Office or Third U.S. Army photographers. The photographs depict scenes of atrocities at Buchenwald and Nordhausen concentration camps, and at Gardelegen, Penig, and Gotha in Germany.

Provenance: Edmund F. Franz acquired the materials while serving as the chief administrator of the U.S. Army’s War Crimes Branch in Wiesbaden, Germany, after World War II. Before his death, Franz instructed that the collection be given to David M. Berke, who donated the materials to the Jewish Studies Program at Kent State University.

Language: English  1945
1 box (49 folders; 52 photo prints)
Source of Acquisition: Nancy Birk (Kent State University)


This collection contains materials, in six subsections, concerning the situation of Portuguese Jews during and after the Holocaust. Among the topics covered are Jewish refugees in Lisbon (photographs of arrivals and departures); Libyan and Tunisian Jews exchanged for German prisoners of war; emigration to Palestine (photographs of Jews in Lisbon, October 1944); the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes as a Righteous Among the Nations; the memorial at Nahariya on the site of the wreck of the ship Aliyah and to the Jewish refugees on board; the Jewish community in Lisbon; and the ship Nyassa, and the unsuccessful attempt to emigrate to the United States by a Portuguese Jewish family in Germany, the members of which perished in the camps.

Provenance: Isaac Bitton, a Portuguese Jewish refugee, collected the documents after 1945.

Note: Some of the photographs are copies from the holdings of the Diario de Noticias newspaper archives in Lisbon.
Languages: English, Portuguese, German 1939–1944
6 folders
Source of Acquisition: Anita Kassof
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions
Restrictions: Some materials protected under copyright

RG-68.098M --- Survey of Children

This collection contains information gathered by the Central Historical Commission of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. Zone, Munich, about the children among Holocaust survivors in Displaced Persons camps. There are approximately 325 questionnaires, some with photos, along with other materials such as biographies of wards of the Children’s Home at Ulm.

Provenance: Yad Vashem collection M.1.PC. The microfilming took place in 1955.

Language: English 1945–1948
Rolls of 35 mm
Source of Acquisition: Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
Restrictions: No duplication of rolls for third parties or publication in print or on the Internet without permission of the source archive

RG-71 --- Robert M.W. Kempner Collection

This record group consists of the personal archive of Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, who was Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Subsequent Tribunals and Chief Prosecutor of the Ministries Case (Case No. XI); was a consultant to the United States Government on German Police organization; had a private legal practice in Germany and in the United States, specializing in restitution claims and adoption cases; and wrote and lectured extensively on War Crimes Trials, the Third Reich, and on German politics. It contains correspondence, memoranda, research materials, interrogation and other reports, sound recordings, photographs, and other materials relating to the career and life of Robert M. W. Kempner and to his preparation and research in connection with the Ministries Case. As of the publication of this edition of the Guide, processing of the collection has not been completed.

Provenance: Consists of the written estate of Robert M. W. Kempner, for the most part, from his Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, home and office, but also from his German law office.

Languages: German, English, French ca. 1913–1995
Ca. 250 linear ft.
Source of Acquisition: Estate of Robert M. W. Kempner
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory in progress
Restrictions: Restrictions on use of restitution client case files: Access for statistical or summary purposes only. No identification of individuals is permitted.

RG-19.021 --- Sadja Grand Letters and Other Materials Relating to Jewish Displaced Persons in Austria

This collection contains letters, articles, and photographs concerning Sadja Grand’s work with the American Red Cross in North Africa, Italy, and Austria during and after World War II. Topics discussed include the care of refugee children, living conditions and food rationing in the displaced persons camps, and the response of Jews in America to the situation of Jews in Europe after World War II.

Biographical/historical note: Sadja Grand served with the American Red Cross in North Africa, Italy, and Austria during and after World War II. She was directly involved with the feeding and clothing of Jews who arrived at displaced person camps in the area of Vienna at the end of the war.

Language: English 1945–1948
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Belle Beck
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-19.005 --- Alice Stern Papers

This collection contains the personal papers of Alice Stern. The papers relate to her emigration from Frankfurt-am-Main through Lisbon to the United States. Among the documents are affidavits from family members, correspondence with the American Consulate in Stuttgart, and documents concerning Alice Stern’s finances at the time of her emigration.

Biographical note: Harold Stern is a native of Germany who took refuge in England during the Holocaust. While his mother, Alice Stern, emigrated to the United States, Stern attempted to enter Canada, but was rerouted to Australia, where he was interned for 20 months before being allowed to enter the United States in 1947.

Provenance: Harold Stern acquired the papers after his mother’s death in 1978.

Languages: English, German 1938–1947
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Harold Stern

This collection contains a copy of “An Unpublished Chapter in the History of the Deportation of Foreign Jews From France in 1942,” written by Roswell McClelland in 1942. “An Unpublished Chapter . . .” is McClelland’s personal account of the roundup of foreign Jews in France during 1941 and 1942 under the direction of the Germans. Included in the piece are descriptions of various French concentration camps, the treatment of Jewish children, the division of age groups for deportation to the East, and rescue efforts by the American Friends Service Committee.

Provenance: “An Unpublished Chapter . . .” was written in 1942 by Roswell McClelland, a delegate for the American Friends Service Committee in France during 1941 and 1942. The original was given to Hyman Bookbinder by an unknown source at the Washington Post. Mr. Bookbinder donated this copy to the Museum.

Language: English 1942
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Hyman Bookbinder

RG-02.143 --- “The Postwar Years: A Sequel to ‘As I Remember’” by Pauline Buchenholz

This testimony contains Pauline Buchenholz’s memoir, which describes her experiences after she was liberated. Included are descriptions of her stay in an American displaced persons camp in Deggendorf, Germany, and her immigration to the United States in June 1946.


Biographical/historical note: Pauline Buchenholz (Kraków, Poland, 1913– ) was born to a Jewish family and was interned in the Kraków ghetto and in the camps of Kraków-Plaszów, Skarzysko-Kamienna, and Leipzig-Schöinfeld.

Language: English 1991
2 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Pauline Buchenholz
Restrictions: Fair use only
NOTE: See also RG-02.107—”As I Remember: Memoirs from the War and Concentration Camps” by Pauline Buchenholz

RG-19.016 --- Mann and Mandelbaum Family Correspondence

This collection contains letters exchanged primarily between the Jacob Mann family and the Sidney Mandelbaum family. The letters concern the attempts of Jacob Mann to
emigrate, along with his wife and daughter, to the United States just prior to the beginning of World War II with sponsorship and financial assistance from the Mandelbaum family. Several letters relate to the work done by the Council for German Jewry and the German Jewish Aid Committee during the emigration process of the Mann family.

Provenance: The letters were written between the Mann family of Nuremberg, Germany, and the Mandelbaum family of Des Moines, Iowa, beginning in November 1938 and ending in March 1949. Barbara Arum, the granddaughter of Morris Mandelbaum, reproduced and provided copies of the original letters for donation to the USHMM. The originals are in the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Languages: German and English 1938–1949
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Barbara Arum

RG-20.003 --- Oskar Schindler Papers

This collection contains letters, photographs, and articles relating to the life of Oskar Schindler and his efforts to save his Jewish factory workers from deportation and death. Included in the materials is a copy of a list, dated April 18, 1945, of Jewish inmates of Brünnlitz, a subcamp of Gross-Rosen in Czechoslovakia, that was associated with Oskar Schindler’s munitions factory. Using an early list the previous year, Schindler had moved workers from his factory in Poland, as well as other Jews, to relative safety in the Brünnlitz camp.

Biographical/historical note: Oskar Schindler was a native of Czechoslovakia and a Catholic. He operated a factory near Kraków, Poland, where he managed to save some 1,200 Jews from death during the Holocaust. After World War II, Schindler went to Argentina with the aid of Jews he saved. He returned to Germany after several years and worked for the German Friends of Hebrew University. He was named a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem and was buried in Jerusalem after his death on October 9, 1974.

Languages: English, German 1945–1987
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Murray Pantirer
Finding aid: Item list
Restrictions: Published articles are protected under copyright

RG-10.056 --- Joseph H. Smart Collection

This collection contains information about the management of the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter and the campaign by shelter residents to gain permission to remain in the United States permanently.
Biographical/historical note: Joseph H. Smart served as the director of the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, which was set up by the Roosevelt administration in 1944 to house refugees of various nationalities (mainly Jewish) who were brought to the United States from Italy. In 1945, Smart resigned his position to head the Friends of Fort Ontario Guest Refugees, an organization that mounted a successful campaign by shelter residents to gain permission to remain permanently in the United States.

Language: English 1944–1992
10 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Joseph H. Smart

RG-19.059 --- The Greenfield Family Papers

This collection contains 118 black-and-white photographs, certificates, identification documents, and camp passes relating to the experiences of Joseph Greenfield (b. Josef Grünfeld) after his liberation in 1945, and the experiences with his wife, Rachele Bunis, and his son, David S. Greenfield, in several displaced persons (DP) camps in Austria from 1945 to 1949, including Braunau, Ebelsberg, Ranshofen, Bindermichl, and Münichholtz. Among the photographs are scenes of Joseph Greenfield and his friends from the 331st and 222nd Infantry Regiments, and the 42nd Tank Battalion of the United States Army working in Steyr, Austria, and in the vicinity after liberation: the wedding of Josef and Rachele Grünfeld; the wedding of Mendush (Martin) Grünfeld (Josef Grünfeld’s brother) and Helen Grünfeld; the exhumation and reburial of Mauthausen concentration camp victims in a cemetery at Münichholtz near Linz, Austria; sporting events and childrens’ groups in the DP camps; parties; DP meetings to discuss Aliyah (immigration) to the land of Israel; Israel Independence Day celebrations in 1948; rededication of the synagogue in Steyr, Austria, during Pesach (Passover) in 1946; the staff of ORT Magazin; and ORT training classes in Ebelsberg DP camp.

Provenance: Joseph Greenfield took the photographs during the time that he worked with several regiments of the United States Army after liberation in 1945, and during his time in several DP camps in Austria after World War II.

Languages: English, German, Yiddish, Hebrew 1945–1949
118 b&w photo prints and 12 documents
Source of Acquisition: Joseph and Rachel Greenfield
Finding aid: Item-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-19.059

This is a 68-page report that was issued in 1946 and was written by Major Leo Alexander, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, European Theater of Operations, on his 1945 field investigation. The report has eight appendices that contain other reports/materials, some of which are in German. Topics include the research done by Dr. O.A. Weitz of the Institut für Luftfahrtmedizin on the ability of animals and humans to tolerate cold water; Alexander’s summary of German conferences, letters, and reports on the problem; a final report on experiments on humans, including 1943 experiments at Dachau, which included an investigation of the results of various patterns of the re-warming of chilled human subjects; the role of Dr. Racher and his wife Nini; and the role of Heinrich Himmler.

Also related is a copy of an article by Leo Alexander (New England Journal of Medicine, 14 July 1949), which is stored in the USHMM Archive’s subject files under “Medical Experiments.”

Provenance: Dr. Carlo Foa obtained this copy at the International Congress of Physiology in 1946.

Languages: English, German 1941–1946
4 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Piero Foa

RG-05.003 --- Edith Jacoby Letter Regarding the Warsaw Ghetto

This collection contains a letter written by Edith Aron Jacoby from the Warsaw ghetto, during the period January 25 through March 18, 1943. Jacoby’s letter describes the severe anxiety and grief she experienced after spending three years in the ghetto. Also included is a second letter (January 21, 1946) from Maria-Ruth Kadlubowska, an acquaintance of the Jacoby family. In the letter, Kadlubowska informs Jacoby’s sister, Frau Josephson, of the conditions in Poland and the Trawniki concentration camp near the time of Jacoby’s death. The two letters are preceded by a commentary by Inge Worth.

Biographical/historical note: Edith Jacoby was born in Germany and married Kurt Jacoby in the 1920s. The couple fled to Poland to avoid Nazi persecution. The two Jacoby children, Klaus and Irene, were sent by children’s transport to live in England. Kurt Jacoby died shortly thereafter and Edith Jacoby was deported to the Warsaw ghetto. She was later killed at Treblinka.

Languages: German, English 1943–1946
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Inge Worth
RG-10.154 --- Emanuel E. and Dorothea G. Minskoff Collection

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, memoranda, articles, and various other documents relating to the involvement of Emanuel E. “Duke” Minskoff and Dorothea G. Minskoff in the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, Germany. Also included is information about Emanuel E. Minskoff’s work for the United States Department of the Treasury’s International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for the International Monetary Fund projects ca. 1946.

Provenance: Elizabeth M. Dalton, personal friend and guardian of Dorothea Minskoff’s estate, obtained the collection at the time of Dorothea Minskoff’s death in 1986.

Biographical/historical note: Emanuel E. Minskoff (b. 1909, New York City, d. 1965, New York City) and Dorothea Grater Minskoff (1910–1986) served with the American prosecution team at the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, Germany.

Language: English 1944–1985
5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Elizabeth M. Dalton
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-10.154

RG-28.010 --- Rundschreiben from the Frankfurt am Main office of the United Restitution Organization

This collection contains copies of United Restitution Organization (URO) Rundschreiben from the Frankfurt am Main office; miscellaneous printed and mimeograph memoranda and statistical reports, some of which originated in the URO Berlin office; and a Baltimore Emergency Committee file entitled “Witnesses—War Criminals.”

Languages: German, English, Hebrew 1961–1970
3 linear feet
Source of Acquisition: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Baltimore Office
NOTE: For additional materials from the Baltimore Emergency Committee, see RG-28.12 below.

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-28.010
RG-04.014 --- Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin

This collection contains photocopies relating to the work of the International Red Cross in the ghetto at Terezin. Among the materials are “white papers” produced by the Red Cross in defense of its activities at Terezin. In addition, there are several photocopies of photographs depicting Jews and others incarcerated at Terezin.

Languages: French, English 1939–1990
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Mary-Lou McCutcheon of the International Social Services Department of the ICRC
NOTE: For additional materials relating to the ICRC, see RG-64—International Committee of the Red Cross; RG-19.044M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Hostages and Political Prisoners (Otages et détenus politiques); and RG-19.045M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Jews (Israélites).

Accession 1999.A.0167 --- Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross. Division Assistance Spéciale

This collection contains documentation relating to the ICRC efforts to supply concentration and other camps with medications, food, clothing, and other necessaries. Subjects include negotiations with governments in whose countries the camps existed, relations with Jewish and other relief organizations, and the logistics of transporting the material to the camps.

Provenance: Records created by ICRC DAS (Department of Special Assistance) in the course of its operations as noted above. Files are currently in the ICRC Archives in Geneva. Copies of the microfilms are available also at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, English 1940–1963
90 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
Finding aid: Folder-level, French-language description

SEE ALSO:

RG-04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin

RG-04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy
RG-19.044M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross
Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Hostages and Political Prisoners
(Otages et détenus politiques)

RG-19.045M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross
Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Jews (Israélites)

**RG-10.125 --- The Ernst Heumann Collection**

This collection contains correspondence and financial reports concerning the publication
of the newspaper Aufbau by the New World Club (also known as the German-Jewish
Club), an organization of German Jewish emigrants in New York. Also included is a file
concerning Aufbau advertising manager Hans Schleger. A May 1941 issue of
International Science is included as well.

Provenance: Ernst Heumann collected the papers of the New World Club while he was
managing the finances of the organization.

Biographical/historical note: Ernst Heumann helped found the New World Club in the
1920s and served as its third president. The New World Club had interests in publishing
and provided aid to German Jewish immigrants fleeing Germany. The New World Club
published Aufbau and International Science.

Languages: German and English 1941–1944
7 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Elaine Heumann Gurian
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory
Restrictions: Some materials protected under copyright

**See the finding aid for this collection:** [RG-10.125](#)

**RG-68.087M --- Nathan Schwalb Papers/Hechalutz Office Geneva**

This collection contains records pertaining to Jewish aid and rescue activities during
World War II. Nathan Schwalb-Dror (1908–2004) was a Labor Zionist and leader of the
Hechalutz in wartime Geneva. Records feature correspondence with Hechalutz members
in the Nazi-occupied territories and with the Joint Distribution Committee, reports about
the situation of Jews in various countries, reports about Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka,
and Westerbork, and miscellaneous internal records of Hechalutz headquarters. Holdings
also include correspondence with individuals and aid organizations in the DP camps after
the Holocaust; such as the “Lloyd Auswanderungsbureau” in Poland, the Hashomer Hazair
in Switzerland, the “Gordonia group” in Bucharest, 1940–1945, the Kibbutz movement in
Romania in 1940, and a spectrum of Jewish agencies in Switzerland. Other documents
include photographs of Hechalutz members and their families in DP camps, and instructions on encoding correspondence from occupied Europe.

Provenance: Mr. Schwalb kept these records for many years in his private apartment in Tel Aviv before they were transferred to The Lavon Institute for Labour Research under court order.

Languages: German, Hebrew, and English 1921–1989 (bulk 1939–1945)
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm) and 15 CD-ROMs containing the same information
Source of Acquisition: The Lavon Institute for Labour Research, Tel Aviv
Finding aids: An index and corresponding inventory, both in Hebrew
Restrictions: Publication of documents or duplication of microfilm rolls or copies of DVDs for third parties require written permission of the Lavon Institute.

RG-59.009M --- Selected Records from Foreign Office, Control Commission for Germany (British Element), T Force and Field Information Agency Technical: Papers and from the Economic and Planning Staff and Control Office for Germany and Austria and Successors: Control Commission for Germany (British Element) Military Sections and Headquarters Secretariat: Registered Files

This collection contains Field Information Agency Technical (FIAT) files of captured enemy documents relating to Montan-Anlage Auschwitz and Montan-Auschwitz Vertragsfragen. Also included are files relating to Jewish affairs and the treatment of Jewish displaced persons (Operation “Oasis”).

Provenance: Foreign Office, Control Commission for Germany (British Element), T Force series 1031. Field Information Agency Technical: Papers and from the Economic and Planning Staff and Control Office for Germany and Austria and Successors: Control Commission for Germany (British Element) Military Sections and Headquarters Secretariat: Registered Files (Headquarters and other series) series 1032. (FO 1031 and FO 1032)

Language: English 1941–1948
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding Aid: Folder-level description.

RG-19.042 --- Association of Teheran Children and Their Instructors Collection

This collection contains copies of various documents from an exhibition produced for the 50th anniversary reunion of the Association of Teheran Children and Their Instructors in 1993. The exhibition recounts the history of the children’s rescue from the Nazis and their relocation to Palestine via Teheran, Iran, in 1943. Also included is information about the lives of the Teheran Children after their arrival and the work of Henrietta Szold.
Biographical note: David Laor, an agent of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, served as the Director of the Jewish Children’s Home in a camp for Polish refugees in Teheran beginning in 1942. He organized instructors to help locate Jewish children in the refugee camp and to help escort them to Palestine.


0.25 linear inches, photocopies; 2 books; 3 videocassettes

Source of Acquisition: David Laor

Finding aid: Detailed table of contents located at the beginning of each exhibition scrapbook

RG-59.022M --- Foreign Office; Confidential Correspondence, 1933–1945

This collection contains correspondence and reports of the British Foreign Office concerning the situation for Jews in the Balkans. It also contains a file concerning the investigation of Nazi medical experiments on human beings.

Fond 421, “southeast Europe”: includes activities of the Iron Guard and of anti-Semitic activity in Romania.
Fond 425: includes reports on the emigration of Jews from Romania to Palestine and the relief of Polish refugees.
Fond 434, “south Europe”: includes brief confidential reports on anti-Semitism in Hungary, Romania, Austria, and Italy and on activities and the position of Jews in these countries.
Fond 438: includes reports on illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine.
Fond 937: includes correspondence relating to Nazi medical experiments on human beings and on the investigation of five doctors at the clinic in Oranienburg.

Provenance: From the British Public Record Office fonds FO 421 (files 324–325), FO 425 (file 416), FO 434 (file 5), FO 438 (files 13–14), and FO 937 (file 165)

Language: English  1933–1945

4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)

Source of Acquisition: Public Record Office, Kew
Finding aid: Folder-level description

RG-04.020 --- The Relief of Belsen Concentration Camp: Recollections and Reflections of a British Army Doctor

This is a typescript of “The Relief of Belsen Concentration Camp: Recollections & Reflections of a British Army Doctor” written by Major-General James Alexander Deans Johnston ca. 1970. The typescript includes information about conditions at Bergen-Belsen while the camp was under Nazi control and during liberation, as well as description of medical measures taken by the British for the benefit
of former inmates of the camp. Also included is a photocopy of a photograph of James Johnston and a retype of his obituary from The Daily Telegraph.

Biographical/historical note: James A. D. Johnston was born in 1911 and was educated at Glasgow University. He was a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps during World War II and served as a senior medical officer at the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Provenance: General Johnston wrote the memoir shortly after his retirement in 1970 and his widow, Enid Johnston, donated the manuscript to the USHMM via Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft.

Language: English
1970
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft


This collection contains documents relating to William Ramkey’s involvement with displaced persons in Allied-occupied Austria. Among the papers are reports written by Ramkey while he was a member of the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division, and materials relating to the Displaced Persons Advisory Board and the UNRRA.

Biographical/historical note: William H. Ramkey served with the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. During his service he became involved with programs for displaced persons in Austria. Ramkey was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1953.

Provenance: William Ramkey collected the documents during his service with the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Language: English
1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: William Ramkey
Finding aid: Item-level description
NOTE: For additional records relating to William Ramkey, see also RG-19.013-014.

RG-10.031 --- Barbara Sadagopan Papers

This collection includes letters from relatives to the Sadagopan family as well as articles concerning Helmut Krommer and Arnolda Weisz-Kubicana, both of whom were artists and relatives of the donor.
Biographical/historical note: Barbara Sadagopan was born in Berlin in 1923. She is the
daughter of the graphic artist Helmut Krommer, who was a Catholic. Because her mother
was a Jew, the family suffered persecution and was forced to flee the Künstlerkolonie in
Berlin and find refuge in Czechoslovakia. She later fled to Yugoslavia when the Germans
invaded Prague. Sadagopan and her sisters and mother obtained visas and fled to
England. She spent the war years in England and immigrated to the United States in
1948.

Languages: German, Czech, English 1942–1989
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Lisa Topelmann
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-67.001M --- Jewish Labor Committee Records

This collection contains correspondence, office files, press releases, minutes, convention
reports, and printed material relating to the efforts of the Jewish Labor Committee to
mobilize opposition to Nazism and to offer relief and assistance to its victims. Included
are 18 volumes of clippings that document the work of the committee from 1936 to 1947.
Among the persons represented are Baruch C. Vladeck, founder and first chairman of the
committee; Adolph Held, chairman after Vladek’s death in 1938; Jacob Pat, executive
secretary; and David Dubinski, treasurer. Among the prominent correspondents
mentioned are many U.S. government officials and legislators, American and foreign
labor leaders and intellectuals, and officers of Jewish political and philanthropic
organizations.

Provenance: The four series of records selected for microfilming represent only the
earliest portion of the Jewish Labor Committee collection at the Robert F. Wagner Labor
Archives, New York University Library. The full collection, totaling some 800 linear
feet, covers the activities of the committee from its founding to the late 1970s. It includes,
in addition to the Holocaust-period material, records of the campaigns for trade union
rights in America and abroad, and campaigns against antisemitism and other forms of
racial and religious discrimination.

Languages: English, Yiddish 1934–1947
166 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library
Finding aid: Folder-level description of microfilm rolls 1–102
Restrictions: On reproduction and use

RG-06.002.06 --- Fred Reitler Papers

This collection contains the press pass card used by Fred Reitler during the sessions of
the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg; the “Last Words of the Ten Nazi Main
War Criminals, executed on 16 Oct 1946 . . .” recorded by Reitler; and the personal
notebook (some segments in shorthand) kept by Reitler during the sessions of the IMT and subsequent US-administered war crimes trials. The notebook contains the “Last Words . . .” written in German shorthand.

Provenance/Note: Fred Reitler was born in Vienna, Austria, and emigrated to the United States, where he became an American citizen in 1944. Because of his knowledge of German shorthand, he became a court reporter at the Nuremberg trials and was chosen to record the last words of the defendants who received death sentences. After the death of Fred Reitler in 1978, the notebook and other materials became the property of his wife, Cilla Reitler.

Languages: German and English 1946
0.5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Dr. John Caruso of Western Connecticut State University

RG-10.041 --- Alfred H. Elbau Papers

This collection contains originals and copies of Holocaust-related pieces written by Alfred Elbau. Among them are a speech transcript entitled “Berlin’s Jews—Past and Present,” an autobiography by Elbau describing his life in Berlin before the Holocaust as well as his family’s emigration to the United States, and a translation of Erich Frey’s diary. The Frey diary describes a Jewish family’s life in Berlin at the beginning of the Holocaust and their experiences of persecution.

Provenance: Alfred Elbau completed the translation of the autobiography and of the Frey diary in 1988. From internal evidence, the speech was written ca. 1988 or after.

Biographical/historical note: Alfred Elbau was born in Frankfurt/Main in 1911. He lived in Berlin, Germany, and in Italy at various times in his youth. His family immigrated to the United States in May 1938. Elbau immigrated to the United States in 1940.

Languages: English and German 1939–1942
1 linear inch
Source of Acquisition: Alfred Elbau
Finding aid: Summary inventory
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-19.047 --- Samuel B. Zisman Papers

This collection contains reports relating to Samuel B. Zisman’s service as director of displaced persons camps and centers. Included are correspondence, maps, organizational flow charts, photographs, architectural drawings, cartoons, newspaper clippings, and various other documents related to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration’s District 5 in Bavaria. The papers date from 1944 to 1950 and chiefly
concern the work of various UNRRA teams and the operation of various displaced persons camps and centers from 1945 to 1947. Also included is a biography for Samuel Zisman and a statement of provenance written by the donor, Paul D. Spreiregen, in 1966.

Biographical/historical note: Samuel B. Zisman (b. 1908, Boston, Massachusetts; d. 1970, San Antonio, Texas) was director of the Bavarian District (District 5) of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration from August 1945 to July 1947. After his service in Europe he worked as a city planner and as a planning consultant and architect until his death.

Provenance: Provenance history is included with the collection.

Languages: English, French, German, Hebrew 1944–1996 (bulk 1946–1947)
14 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Paul D. Spreiregen
Finding aid: Folder-level description

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-19.047

RG-04.004 --- Documents and Photographs Relating to Buchenwald Camp and the Regensburg cemetery

This collection contains 13 photographs of the burial ceremony of camp victims near Regensburg, Germany, several documents relating to labor and food conditions at Regensburg during World War II, and a report of the atrocities at the Buchenwald camp.

Provenance: Walter Fried collected the material and took the photographs of the Regensburg burial site while serving in the U. S. Army in Europe during World War II. The collection also contains a set of tefillin (phylacteries), which is held in the USHMM Art and Artifact Branch.

Biographical/historical note: Walter Fried emigrated to the United States from Austria in 1938 at the age of 25. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943, he served with the 243d Combat Engineer Battalion in Europe and as an interpreter for Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment #208 and the War Crimes Investigation Team.

Languages: English, German 1945
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Walter Fried

RG-04.036 --- Treatment of American Servicemen in Various Camps

This collection contains information about American prisoners of war (POW) and their experiences at the hands of the Nazis during marches and in POW and concentration
camps. Some materials also relate to American Jewish POWs imprisoned in Berga/Elster, a Buchenwald subcamp.

Provenance: The donor collected correspondence, news clippings, and other materials from a variety of sources. In 1992, he compiled the materials, adding page numbers, a foreword, annotations, and an index, to yield a volume of approximately 160 pages with the title “World War II: American Servicemen (POWs) in Stalags, forced marches, death marches and separated because of religion, color or nationality and forced to go to special concentration camps instead of Stalags.”

Restrictions on use: Legal ownership has yet to be determined by USHMM. Researchers are limited to use for background information only, and cannot use direct quotations in any publications.

Language: English
1942–1944
3 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Curtis Whiteway

**RG-10.175 --- Gerald Kaiser Collection**

This collection contains photocopies of miscellaneous documents, memoirs (witness testimonies), the talk given at the Warsaw Conference entitled “Can Indifference Kill?” by Gerald Kaiser, and the Yad Vashem Righteous Among the Nations certifications for the Wlodek and Kowalik families relating to the saving of Gerald (Jurek) Kaiser during the Nazi occupation in Poland.

Biographical/historical note: Gerald Kaiser was born on January 1, 1940, in Kielce, Poland. In 1941 the Gestapo took his family to a labor camp. After he was smuggled out of the camp, the Wlodek and Kowalik Roman Catholic families took Gerald in and saved his life. In 1942, the Gestapo killed Gerald’s father, Bernard, in the labor camp. Jadwiga Wlodek died in Auschwitz in 1943. Sylvia Kaiser, Gerald’s mother, survived. Her later married name was Hirschler. After liberation in 1945, she found Gerald at the Kowalik family house. Mother and son lived for a few years in the displaced persons camp at Bergen-Belsen before emigrating to the United States. At Gerald Kaiser’s urging in 1986 Yad Vashem honored these families with the recognition of “Righteous Among the Nations.”

Languages: Polish, English and Hebrew
1986–1993
7 items (39 pages)
Source of Acquisition: Gerard Kaiser
Finding aid: Inventory filed with the collection
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 2001.59
RG-28.005 --- Case files of the United Restitution Organization - Toronto Office

This collection contains more than 100 boxes with inactive case files of Jewish Holocaust survivors who claimed restitution for suffering and damage resulting from persecution by the Nazis. The records are divided into six major groups.

1. Records entitled “BEG” (Bundesentschädigungsgesetz or Federal Compensation/Restitution Law). The BEG files contain one-time-only claims.
2. Records entitled “URO.” These files contain general claims for restitution.
3. Cases entitled “Jewelry,” which concern claims of restitution relating to stolen jewelry.
5. Records entitled “Austria,” [which deal only with Jews born in Austria?].

In general, the Toronto URO files concern life in Nazi-occupied Europe, life in concentration camps, and the experiences of survivors. Among the documents are sworn testimonies of witnesses, indemnity claims, correspondence with doctors and lawyers, medical reports, and memoirs. The sixth series includes restitution case files, arranged alphabetically by the surname of the claimant, which were received as an accretion to the original accession in 1999. Provenance: The United Restitution Organization (URO) is an American organization functioning as a liaison between Holocaust survivors and German reparations agencies.

Languages: English, German  Ca. 1933–Ca. 1989
275.8 cubic feet
Source of Acquisition: Toronto, Canada, URO office
Restrictions: On access and use

Accession 1996.A.0431 --- Janet Rogowsky Memoirs

This collection includes a three-part memoir, Part I of which is a history of Janet Rogowsky’s birthplace, Ostrog (Ukraine) and of its Jewish community. Part II is a description of her family’s experiences during the Soviet occupation of Ostrog in 1939; her family’s flight to Lvov, Poland (now L’viv, Ukraine), while she remained in Ostorg with her married sister so she could continue her education; her reunion with her family in Lvov in 1941; the pogroms against Lvov Jews following the Nazi capture of the city in 1941 when her father and brother, Grisha, were killed; her mother’s temporary success at obtaining working papers for herself, Janet, and Janet’s sister, Anya, thus avoiding deportation to the ghetto; her mother’s arrest and transport to Treblinka early in 1942; her and Anya’s decision to go to Germany where they separated, and each of them posed as Christians working as domestics on various farms and estates; her return to Lvov after the defeat of Germany where she attended school under her assumed Christian name; and her move to Warsaw where she worked with war orphans and met her future husband, Feliks Puterman, a Polish painter and fellow survivor. Part III concerns Rogowsky’s postwar experiences in Warsaw where she contacted the American Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee, which put her in touch with relatives in New York City; her reunion with Anya in a displaced persons camp near Frankfurt; her move, with Feliks, to Paris where Feliks painted and exhibited his work; her trip to New York City in 1947 to visit her relatives; Feliks’ move to New York; their marriage and move to Montreal shortly thereafter; and their return to the United States a few years later. Also included are a one-page biographical sketch of her late husband and photocopies of photographs of him, his parents, and his two sisters.

Language: English
Ca. 1996
.25 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Janet Rogowsky
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1992.213

RG-11.001M.36 --- Records of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, Paris (Fond 1190)

This collection contains diverse reports and articles on the economic and political situation of Jews in almost all the countries of Europe by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and many other organizations; a 1937 report of the American Jewish Congress to Secretary of State Cordell Hull; meeting minutes of a 1938 meeting of the London Committee of Jewish Refugees and the HICEM about the possibility of immigration for Jews; summaries of the immigration of Jews to various countries from 1936 to 1937; WJC materials from and about the 1938 Evian conference; reports on the creation of a bank to finance Jewish exports from Poland, an initiative to create an international Jewish colonial society “Eva-Knol,” an economic boycott or blockade of Germany, Kristallnacht, the conditions of refugees at the borders of Poland and Bucovina, the defense of Jewish rights in Danzig, the situation of refugees in Spain, Jewish immigration to French colonial territories, a proposal to create a Jewish foreign legion, Jews in the French Foreign Legion, Romanian and Jewish lawyers in Romania, an appeal of Sudeten Jews about damage caused by the German occupation, ghettos set up in various Polish cities from 1938 to 1940, the situation of Jews in towns of Soviet-occupied Galicia from 1939 to 1940, and economic contributions made by Jewish emigrants in the countries of their asylum including France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Baltic states, Scandinavia, the United States, Central American states, New Zealand, South Africa, Belgium, and Great Britain; internal WJC correspondence; a 1936 document compilation about the deprivation of rights of Jews in Germany; edited proofs of chapters of the book The Economic Situation of Jews in Different Regions of the World, published by WJC in 1937, which includes articles on Yugoslavia, Germany, Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, France, Danzig, Iraq, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, and so on, as well as press reviews of the book; materials from other organizations including the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Amsterdam Central Jewish Information Office, the International Legal Conference of July 1937 in Paris, the Committee for the Defense of Jewish Rights in Antwerp; samples of antisemitic publications; and newspaper clippings.
Languages: English, French, German, Dutch, and others 1932–1940
6 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding aid: Folder-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-11.001M.36

RG-43.093M --- Fonds David Diamant/Union des Juifs pour la Résistance et l’entraide
(Jewish Union for Resistance and Mutual Aid)

This collection contains information about David Diamant, the pseudonym of David Erlich, a communist who lived in France from the late 1920s, remained in Paris during World War II, took part in the Resistance, and after the war worked with the UJRE helping Jewish refugees from Poland. It includes documents concerning Jewish immigrants in the Communist Party, documents of Jewish volunteers in the Spanish Civil War, last letters of Jewish resistance fighters before their execution, postwar personal files on Polish Jews requesting aid, files on children in Communist-sponsored orphanages (Comité central de l’enfance), books from lending libraries at internment camps for Jews, minutes of the UJRE, collections of the periodical Naïe Presse and its French-language successor, La Presse Nouvelle; and typed manuscripts of various versions of Diamant’s books in Yiddish and French.

Provenance: The Musée de la Résistance Nationale, UJRE headquarters, and Diamant’s personal archive

Languages: English, French, German, Polish, Spanish, and Yiddish, 1918–1996
13 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Musée de la Résistance Nationale, Champigny-sur-Marne
Finding aid: Folder-level descriptions in French
Restrictions: On reproduction

RG-11.001M.25 --- Records of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (J.T.A.), Paris (Fond 674)

The contents of this collection include a review of activities of the Zionist organization “Haavara” by which Jewish money was transferred from Germany to Palestine; reports of the Committee of Jewish Delegations, Bucharest, about the legal situation of Jews in Rumania; Yiddish, Hebrew, French, and German press clippings about Zionism and antisemitism; memoranda from the Palestine Association of Polish Jews to the League of Nations; correspondence of the Jewish Central Informational Bureau, Amsterdam, about the situation of Jews in various countries; an appeal from the Jewish communities of Romania regarding antisemitism; reviews of persecution in various countries; a report for a trip through Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria, from July to August 1938; and samples of JTA daily information bulletins in English, French, and German.
RG-20.004 --- Records Relating to the Investigation of Giorgio Perlasca by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council

This collection contains four folders of files concerning Giorgio Perlasca and his work to assist and rescue Hungarian Jews. Among the copied materials are letters, newspaper and magazine articles, testimonies, and interviews concerning Perlasca’s activities in Hungary in 1944.

Provenance: The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council collected the materials during an evaluation of Giorgio Perlasca’s assistance to Hungarian Jews prior to awarding him the USHMC Medal of Remembrance in September 1990. The information was received from Yad Vashem and various sources in Hungary and Italy. A file concerning the controversy of Lazlo Szamosi was added to the collection.

Biographical/historical note: Giorgio Perlasca was born in Como, Italy, on January 31, 1910. During World War II, Perlasca worked for an Italian livestock firm and was stationed in Hungary. Connections with the Spanish embassy in Budapest gave him an opportunity to pose as an embassy official and provided him an opportunity to rescue thousands of Hungarian Jews from deportation.

Languages: English, Hungarian, Hebrew, German, Italian 1945–1990
2.5 linear inches

RG-10.204 --- Caroline Ferriday Collection

This material relates to women in the Polish resistance who were subjected to medical experiments by the Nazis at Ravensbrück concentration camp and the Auschwitz killing center. The Polish “kroliki” or “lapins” [rabbits], as they came to be known, underwent tortures including the removal of bone mass from the lower legs and insertion of septic materials including glass, dirt, and infected rags into muscle mass in order to test the efficacy of sulfonamide drugs. Most of the women suffered long and excruciating deaths.

Provenance: The collection was assembled by Caroline Wolsey Ferriday and donated to the National Archives and Records Administration, which transferred it to the Museum as a more appropriate repository.
Biographical/historical note: Caroline Wolsey Ferriday was an executive with L’Association Nationale des Anciennes Déportées et Internées de la Résistance (ADIR), headquartered in Paris. Many Polish survivors of the Nazi medical experiments at Ravensbrück received monetary compensation from the German government as the result of Ferriday’s efforts to obtain restitution for the so-called “lapins.” Ferriday also encouraged friends in the British medical establishment to pressure German medical authorities for the revocation of Dr. Herta Oberheuser’s license to practice. Oberheuser was a Ravensbrück physician responsible for many of the experiments on the “lapins.” Oberheuser resumed her medical practice as a pediatrician after her release from imprisonment for crimes against humanity. Her medical license was finally revoked in 1960.

2 linear feet
Source of Acquisition: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.
Finding aid: Partial box list

**RG-28.014 --- Sidney Stecher Collection of Restitution Claim Files**

This collection contains restitution case files for Sidney Stecher’s clients. The case files contain personal information about Holocaust survivors, and include place of birth, occupation, ghetto and concentration camp experiences, place of liberation, medical information, and attempts to receive restitution from the West German government. The files also contain various 1930s and 1940s documents that were used as evidence in the claims process.

Provenance: Upon Sidney Stecher’s death, the case files became the property of his stepmother, Sara Stecher. Upon the death of Mrs. Stecher, the files became the property of Sara Jacobson, Sidney Stecher’s sister. Upon the death of Sara Jacobson, the files became the property of her son, Allan Jacobson.

Language: English Ca. 1933–1970
55 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Allan Jacobson
Finding aid: List of claims files arranged alphabetically by the claimant name is filed in Box 1 of the collection; file level control
Restrictions: Due to the private nature of the claims files, access is restricted for 75 years from the date of their donation; access before the year 2071 will be granted to researchers presenting a death certificate for a claimant.

See the finding aid for this collection: **RG-28.014**
RG-10.024 --- Armand Eisler Papers

These letters, essays, and articles contain information about the Eisler genealogy, postwar Austria, international politics, and the Middle East. Included with the papers is a copy of “The Terror as a System: The Concentration Camp” by Ernst Federn. Letters signed by Eleanor Roosevelt and Albert Einstein can be found among the correspondence.

Provenance: Herman Spitz inherited Armand Eisler’s papers shortly before his emigration to the United States. The collection became the property of Spitz’s stepdaughter, Jill Grossvogel at the time of Spitz’s death.

Biography: Armand Eisler (b. May 6, 1880, Paris, France; d. September 16, 1957, Miami, Florida) graduated from the University of Vienna with degrees in law and political science. In 1938, Eisler was a prisoner in Dachau concentration camp and was subsequently imprisoned in Buchenwald concentration camp. The Nazis released him from Buchenwald in 1939 and he immediately immigrated to the United States. Eisler served as chairman of many committees, including the K.Z. American Association of Former Inmates of Concentration Camps.

Languages: German, English 1939–1957
2 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Jill Grossvogel
Finding aid: Folder-level file title list
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

See the finding aid for this collection: RG-10.024

RG-15.081 --- Stanislaw Maciejewski Collection

The bulk of this collection includes documents from the years 1946 to 1949 regarding the activities of the Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps in Germany. The material includes prisoner questionnaires that contain comprehensive bibliographical information about prisoners and prospective Association members, as well as photographs, fingerprints, and Verification Commission notes. Also included are correspondence, medical and compensation records, Maciejewski family documents, newspapers, newspaper clippings, and a book collection.

The Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps was founded in 1946 in a Polish displaced persons camp in the British Zone of Occupation of Germany. On February 24, 1947, German authorities issued an order dissolving the Association; however, after numerous appeals, in December 1947 at a convention in Göttingen, Germany, the Association continued to maintain branches in Meppen-Rose, Osnabrück-Eversburg, Braunschweig, Göttingen, and Clausthal, Germany, until its demise in 1949. Its official publication was Szlak (The Trail).
Provenance: In 1949, the administration of the Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps in Germany authorized Stanislaw Maciejewski to take all the correspondence and verification documents out of Europe. After his death, Mr. Maciejewski’s family donated the collection to the USHMM Archives.

14 boxes, ca. 2000 items
Source of Acquisition: Michael Maciejewski
Finding aid: Series-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

RG-19.034 --- Greta Fischer Papers

These papers include letters, reports, name lists, photographs, a map, and memoranda relating to the postwar experiences and observations of Greta (Fischerova) Fischer at the Kloster-Indersdorf displaced children’s center, a facility in the suburbs of Munich, Germany, run by United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation (UNRRA) Team 182. Other materials relate more generally to the work of the UNRRA and the plight of refugees and displaced persons. The collection also contains a hand-drawn map of concentration camps in Europe, and name lists of children.

Biography: Greta Fischer (formerly Grete Fischerova) was a refugee from Czechoslovakia who spent the years of World War II in London. In June 1945, she went to Germany as a member of UNRRA’s Team 182 to study and work with lost, unaccompanied, and orphaned children. She established the First International Children’s Center at the former orphan asylum Kloster-Indersdorf in the suburbs of Munich. In 1948 she escorted a group of children from Marseille, France, to Toronto, Canada, and subsequently worked in Montreal as a social worker. Fischer died in Israel.

Provenance: Greta Fischer collected the materials during her service as an UNRRA worker at Kloster-Indersdorf near Munich, Germany. A few items (e.g., a 1985 speech by Ms. Fischer) were among Ms. Fischer’s papers, which the Museum received from the donor.

Languages: English, Estonian  1945–1985
5 linear inches
Source of Acquisition: Lilo Plaschkes
NOTE: See also RG-19.041—Shoshannah Gallowski Fine Collection, for additional records relating to Kloster-Indersdorf camp.

This collection contains numerous testimonies and memoirs written at the behest of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council during the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors convention in April 1983.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

Languages: English, Yiddish, Polish, Hebrew, and Ukrainian
32 folders

RG-02.003  Transcript of Richard Glazar Interview, 1981

This collection contains a transcribed copy of oral testimony given by Richard Glazar. He devotes a major part of the testimony to his experiences in the Treblinka concentration camp and describes the administration of the camp, the various nationalities of the prisoners, the method of gassing prisoners and incineration of corpses, the formation of the orchestra, and the burning of the camp after the uprising.

Provenance: The transcript of the Glazar interview was compiled from two audiotapes in the Yaffa Eliach Collection (OH 81-21-SU, RG 758) at the Center for Holocaust Studies in Brooklyn, New York.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches

RG-02.004  “Reborn: Memoirs of a Camp Survivor” by Kay Gundel, 1947

Kay Gundel’s testimony describes in great detail the persecution of Jews living in Berlin, Germany, just prior to World War II, but the greater portion of the text is devoted to the graphic description of Gundel’s imprisonment at Terezin, Auschwitz, and Merzdorf. The last part of the testimony relates to Gundel’s return to life in Germany and her eventual emigration to the United States. Also included with the testimony are several letters written to the Berthold family of Wilmersdorf, Germany. The letters describe Gundel’s voyage from Germany to the United States and her adjustment to life in New York City.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dr. Max Rothchild.

Languages: English
1 linear inch
RG-02.005  “My Deportation” by Bernard Nissenbaum, N.d.

This testimony describes Bernard Nissenbaum’s deportation from France and his imprisonment in several concentration and labor camps. Included in the text are detailed descriptions of conditions in the Trzebinia camp, the status and treatment of wealthy Jews as compared to that of other inmates, the separation of various nationalities of prisoners in the Birkenau camp, the situation of the “Muselmänner” in various camps, the relationships between Kapos and inmates, and conditions in the Warsaw ghetto prior to the uprising.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ida Stern.

Languages: English

.25 linear inches

RG-02.006  Isaac Frankel Testimony, 1991

This collection contains two testimonies (one original and one photocopy) by Isaac Frankel. Both testimonies are attached to letters that summarize Frankel’s deportation, the loss of his family, his imprisonment in ghettos and forced labor camps, his survival of several selections and Buchenwald, and his life as a Holocaust survivor.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Isaac Frankel.

Languages: English

1 folder

RG-02.007  “Shari: A True Story” by Shirley Lebovitz, 1946–1947

This testimony describes the survival of Shirley Lebovitz and her daughter, Magda, and their return to a normal life after World War II. It includes information about the treatment of Czechoslovakian Jews during the Holocaust, their deportation to ghettos, the survival of Lebovitz and her daughter in Auschwitz and forced labor camps, their reunions with relatives and friends after liberation, and their emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Magda W. Willinger, Lebovitz’s daughter, translated the text into English in 1981. Shirley Lebovitz is the source of acquisition.

Languages: English

1.5 linear inches

Restrictions: Author is seeking publication; may be protected under copyright
RG-02.008  Narrative and Diary of Mr. Gabriel Mermall, N.d.

This diary recounts the experiences of Gabriel Mermall and his son, Tommy, during six months of hiding in a forest near the Carpathian Mountains. It also contains information about Christians who aided Mermall and his son, the activities of partisans in Hungary, and the advance of the Soviet army at the end of World War II. Portions of the testimony are written in narrative form and are intermingled with the diary entries.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dr. Max Rothchild.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches


Wachtel’s testimony describes a reunion of several members of his family at the Transnistria concentration camp in the Mogilev Podolski area of Ukraine. Wachtel also discusses resistance, disease in the Transnistria camp, and mass burials.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph H. Wachtel.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Author is seeking publication; may be protected under copyright

RG-02.012  “Recollections from My Life’s Experiences” by Sophie Machtinger, 1987–1988

In this memoir, Sophie Machtinger discusses her experiences in the Łódź ghetto, her observations of the actions of Chaim Rumkowski, the liquidation of the Łódź ghetto, her family’s deportation to Auschwitz, and her transport to Stutthof and Dresden.

Provenance: Douglas Kouril translated the original Polish-language testimony into English. Source of acquisition is Morton Faller.

Languages: Polish and English
1 linear inch

RG-02.013  Esther Bergman Memoir, 1988

In this memoir, Esther Bergman pays homage to Madame Odette Hofbauer, a French Huguenot responsible for hiding Bergman for nearly two years. Bergman discusses her flight from Belgium to the south of France, her separation from her family while in a
transit camp, the time she spent in hiding on Hofbauer’s farm, and her reunion with Hofbauer 43 years later.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Esther Bergman.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-02.014 Linda and Friedrich Breder Testimony, 1983**

This brief testimony describes Linda Breder’s deportation to Auschwitz, her participation in the “Kanada” kommando, her witness to the sabotage of the Birkenau crematoria, and her subsequent incarceration in Rechlin, a subcamp of Ravensbrück.

Provenance: The testimony was written in April 1983 during the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors convention in Washington, D. C. Source of acquisition is Linda Breder.

Languages: Czech and English
1 folder

**RG-02.015 Helen H. Waterford Manuscripts, 1987**

This collection contains the original manuscript (251 pages) and a revised first draft (139 pages) for *Commitment to the Dead: One Woman’s Journey Towards Understanding* (Frederick, CO: Renaissance House Publishers, 1987) by Helen Waterford. The manuscript is Waterford’s personal testimony of persecution and suffering during her imprisonment in Auschwitz and Kratzau (a.k.a. Chrastava).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Renaissance House Publishers.

Languages: English
3.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Materials protected under 1987 copyright

**RG-02.017 Survival Oral History, 1933–1945 (Martin Alexander), 1989**

Martin Alexander’s oral history describes his immediate family and other Berlin Jews before and during the Holocaust, as well as his experiences while imprisoned at Auschwitz, including Birkenau.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Martin Alexander.

Languages: English
1 folder
RG-02.018  “The Crystal Night” by Lore Metzger, 1969

“The Crystal Night” contains information about Lore Metzger’s experiences during Kristallnacht and the persecution she endured as a young Jew in Nazi Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lore Metzger.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.019  Survival in the Lion’s Den by Fred Angress, 1989

This testimony describes the experiences of Fred Angress’s family during their resettlement in Amsterdam and their life in hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands. The testimony draws from Angress’s personal diary and other sources, all of which are listed in a short bibliography.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Fred Angress.

Languages: English
0.25 linear linear inches
Restrictions: Protected under 1989 copyright

RG-02.021  Stanley Osinski Papers, N.d.

These papers contain information about the experiences of Stanley Osinski (then known as Szaja Ofenhejm) during World War II and his involvement in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Stanley Osinski.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.023  Alice and Gerhard Zadek Papers, 1990

This collection contains, in scrapbook form, photographs and text excerpts from Ein Judenjunge vom Alex by Alice and Gerhard Zadek. Included is information about a resistance group headed by Herbert Baum and details about Zadek family members killed during the Holocaust. The years covered in the text are 1939 to 1948.

Provenance: Sources of acquisition are Alice and Gerhard Zadek.

Languages: English
1.75 linear inches
Restrictions: Published in 1991; protected under copyright

**RG-02.024  Ayduth Lachayim: Witness to Life: Holocaust Survivors in the Cleveland Jewish Community: Testimonies, 1981**

This collection contains information about the 1981 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel, as well as testimonies by 287 Jewish Holocaust survivors from Cleveland, Ohio. Also included is information about the Cleveland survivors’ family members who perished in the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

Languages: English
3 linear inches
Finding Aids: An alphabetical list of survivor names is in the front of the volume.

**RG-02.025  Excerpts from the Shidlovtsa (Poland) Yiskor Book, N.d.**

The excerpts from this yiskor book contain information about Holocaust survival from former residents of Shidlovtsa, Poland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Freda Stone.

Languages: Translated from Yiddish into English
1 linear inch
Restrictions: Translation is under copyright
Finding Aids: A list of excerpt titles and testator names is at the beginning of the collection.


Harry Burger’s memoir describes the persecution of Austrian Jews in 1933, his family’s flight from Austria to Italy and France after the Anschluss, his imprisonment at the Sospel camp, and his participation in an underground resistance movement.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harry Burger.

Languages: English
1 folder

This memoir contains information about Clara Horowitz’s life in Czortkow, Poland, before, during, and after World War II. In the form of a poem, the memoir describes life in the ghetto, atrocities against Polish Jews, and Horowitz’s life in hiding. Specific dates are not mentioned in the poem.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Clara Horowitz.

Languages: English
.25 linear inches

RG-02.029  Nina Kaleska Papers, 1978

Nina Kaleska is a survivor of the Grodno ghetto, Ravensbrück, and Auschwitz. These papers contain information about her experiences in Auschwitz and her thoughts on Jewish-Christian relations in the years since the Holocaust. Also included is a copy of a love poem.


Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.030  “Holocaust Survivor: A Mother Writes to her Children” by Rose De Liema, 1975

This testimony contains information about Rose De Liema’s peaceful life in Holland before the Holocaust, the German invasion of the Netherlands, the deaths of many of her family members, her life in hiding, and her eventual capture and deportation to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Also included is information about De Liema’s friendship with members of the Anne Frank family in Auschwitz.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rose De Liema.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches

RG-02.031  “Little Lily” by Lily Zelenka, 1981

In this memoir, Lily Zelenka describes life as a Jew in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, her deportation, and her experiences as a prisoner in several concentration camps.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Claire Ramsay.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches

**RG-02.032  Alois Moser Papers, N.d.**

In these papers, Alois Moser describes persecution as a Jehovah’s Witness, imprisonment in several camps including Mauthausen, and the various types of inmate markings (triangles and badges) that he encountered in the camps. Also included is a timeline that traces Moser’s travels as a prisoner from April 1939 through May 1945.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Alois Moser.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-02.034  Emil Jacoby, 1988–1989**

This collection contains descriptions of Emil Jacoby’s Holocaust recollections and his visits to various Eastern European concentration camps in 1987. Included is information about Jacoby’s imprisonment at Auschwitz, his survival of a death march in Austria, his liberation by the Soviet army, and his involvement in the Palestine Brigade (Jewish Brigade).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Emil Jacoby.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches

**RG-02.035  “Once Upon Four Decades,” 1939–1979**

“Once Upon Four Decades” includes testimonies of several Holocaust survivors as recorded by Margaret Collin. The survivors describe their experiences in concentration camps, as well as escape from the Nazis, life in hiding, incidents of attempted suicide, and great mental anguish suffered since the Holocaust’s end. Also included are Collin’s recollections about her own escape from Germany in 1939 and the loss of her family, as well as documents, photographs, poems, and songs.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Margaret Collin.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: See reference archivist.
RG-02.037  “Hell and Rebirth: My Experiences During the Time of Persecution” by Dr. Edith Kramer, N.d.

“Hell and Rebirth” describes Edith Kramer’s experiences as an Austrian Jewish physician who was forced to care for women in various camps near Poznań, Poland. Also included is information about the inferior medical conditions, inadequate sanitation, and treatment of women in the camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eleanor Genesson.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card

RG-02.039  “Death March: April 14, 1945–April 24, 1945” by Benno Fischer, 1945

This collection contains Benno Fischer’s descriptions of his imprisonment in Flossenbürg, his time as a forced laborer in an airplane factory, and his death march through Bavaria.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Benno Fischer.

Languages: English
0.25 linear inches
Restrictions: See reference archivist.

RG-02.043  Dancing Through the Minefields by Fred Schiller, 1991

Fred Schiller’s memoir (written with Janice Blumberg) describes his early life in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, his career as a jazz musician, his flight from Yugoslavia after the establishment of the pro-Nazi Ustasha government, his experiences as a refugee on various Yugoslav islands in the Adriatic Sea, his emigration to the United States in 1948, and his service with the U.S. Army.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Fred Schiller.

Languages: English
1 linear inch
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-02.045  “A Life of Survival” by John Kartal, 1990

This testimony describes John Kartal’s early life in a small town near Budapest, Hungary, his experiences as a forced laborer during the war, his life in hiding during the deportation of Hungarian Jews in 1944, his experiences living under Hungary’s postwar communist government, and his emigration to the United States.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dr. John P. Kartal.

Languages: English

**RG-02.046  “From ‘Jerushalayim D’Litva’ and Back (Wilno, ‘Jerusalem of Lithuania’)”**


William Good’s testimony describes his childhood in Niemenczyn, Soviet Union, his persecution by Poles, his narrow escape from execution in Ponary, his experiences hiding in the forest and in the homes of Poles, and his return to Vilnius and Niemenczyn after 43 years. Also included are several photocopies of Gdud family photographs and an article from a Vilnius newspaper concerning his return to Vilnius.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is William Z. Good.
Languages: English and Russian
0.25 linear inches

**RG-02.048  *Out of the Hell of Minsk into the “Paradise” of Theresienstadt* by Dr. Karl Loewenstein,**

This memoir was originally published in German as *Aus der Hölle Minsk in das “Paradies” Theresienstadt,* and was translated into English by Bernard Ahrend. It describes Loewenstein’s imprisonment in Terezin, including the deportation of Jews from the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to the camp, the role of the SS in the camp, the “self administration” of the Jewish elders, the treatment of children and the elderly, and the liberation of Terezin by the Red Army.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Hella Bailin.
Languages: German and English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

**RG-02.050  “My Memories, 1939–1945” by Fay Walker, N.d.**

In this account, Fay Walker describes her memories of the German invasion of Poland, her experiences hiding in several homes, the murder of her family members, persecution by the Soviets, her reunion with her brother late in World War II, and her emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Fay Walker.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
RG-02.053  Janina Spinner Mehlberg Testimony, N.d.

This collection contains Janina Spinner Mehlberg’s descriptions of her experiences in Galicia, Poland. As the Germans invaded Poland, she and her husband fled eastward from Lwów (Lviv) to Lublin, where they hid in the home of a Christian woman. The Mehlbergs became involved in an underground movement to supply the prisoners of Majdanek with extra food and medicine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is anonymous.

Languages: English
1 linear inch
Restrictions: Ownership of the testimony is still in question; researchers are limited strictly to use as background information and should refrain from quoting any part of the text.

RG-02.054  Mina Perlberger Papers, 1943–1984

This collection contains a typescript of *Buried Alive: A Diary* by Mina Glücksmann Perlberger. In it Perlberger describes her experiences as a young Polish Jew during the Holocaust. She and her sister escaped from the Rzeszow ghetto, and spent almost two years hiding in a bunker near a Polish farmhouse. Also included is a compilation of eight poems by Perlberger relating to her Holocaust experiences and a list of family members deported and/or murdered during the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Mina Glücksmann Perlberger, who began writing her diary in Polish around March 1943, after she and her sister escaped from the Rzeszow ghetto. The English-language typescript of the diary was completed in 1984.

Languages: English
3 linear inches
Restrictions: Protected under 1984 copyright

RG-02.056  “The Remembrance, 1990 (Stephen Feld, His Uncle, Mel Feld, and His Aunt, Estelle F. Nadel),” 1990

This transcript of an oral history interview describes the experiences of the Feld family in Poland as they attempted to escape Nazi persecution during the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Norman Feld.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
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**RG-02.057  “Children of the Holocaust,” 1946**

Galina Raicin-Klebanow wrote “Children of the Holocaust” when she was living in Prague. It is her account of the suffering of children she witnessed as a concentration camp inmate.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Margaret Oppenheimer.

Languages: English
0.25 linear inches
Restrictions: See reference archivist.
NOTE: See also different version of this memoir in RG-02.189.

**RG-02.059  Coenraad Rood Papers, N.d.**

Coenraad Rood is a native of the Netherlands and a Holocaust survivor. This collection includes document copies he obtained from the Dutch Red Cross and the International Tracing Service relating to the fate of his relatives who were victims of the Holocaust. Also included is his “Report, 1942–1945” describing his experiences of persecution, imprisonment, and survival.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Coenraad Rood.

Languages: English
1.75 linear inches

**RG-02.062  “My Life During the War” by Bernadette Dukas, born Bronislawa Alland, 1945–1947, 1989**

This collection contains a Polish-language copy of Bernadette Dukas’s memoir, which describes her life in Warsaw, Poland, at the beginning of World War II, her life in hiding under an assumed identity, her experiences as a forced laborer in an airplane engine factory at Braunschweig, her liberation in April 1945, and the antisemitism she experienced in Poland after the Holocaust. Also included is an English translation made by her brother in 1989.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is George Alland.

Languages: Polish and English
0.25 linear inches

This collection contains Leonard Zawacki’s description of his experiences during the German invasion and occupation of Poland, his incarceration at Pawiak prison and Auschwitz killing center, his escape from Auschwitz, and his activities with a resistance movement.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Leonard T. Zawacki.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.064  “The Bleeding Sky—My Mother’s Journey Through the Fire” by Mala Brandsdorfer, 1987

“The Bleeding Sky” describes the early life of Mala Brandsdorfer (whose maiden name was Liss and whose married name during the Holocaust was Goldrat) in Poland; life for Jews under German occupation; her experiences and observations in the Warsaw ghetto, Majdanek, and Auschwitz-Birkenau; her evacuation from Auschwitz; her incarceration at Neustadt-Glewe; and her liberation.

Provenance: The donor, Louis Brandsdorfer, wrote down the memoir as related to him by his mother.

Languages: English
6 linear inches

RG-02.069  Bernard Rechnitz Diary, Ca. 1946

This diary begins with a general discussion of the Holocaust, then continues with a discussion of Bernard Rechnitz’s personal saga—which begins in August 1939 just before Germany’s invasion of Poland, when he and his wife moved from Katowice to Kraków. His diary describes the German invasion of Poland, the confiscation of Jewish property and persecution by German occupiers, his family’s move from Kraków to “Wieliczke” (Wieliczka), and their eventual incarceration in the “Plashov” (Plaszów?) labor camp. The narrative ends on December 17, 1943.

Provenance: Bernard Rechnitz wrote this handwritten diary after his liberation. His son, Moses (Mike) Rechnitz, is the donor. An unidentified Harvard University scholar prepared the translation from Polish into English.

Languages: English and Polish
1 linear inch
RG-02.072  *Memories of a Vanished World* by Joseph Soski, 1991

In this memoir, Joseph Soski describes his childhood in Busko and Kraków, Poland, the German occupation of Kraków, restrictions against Jews, his escape to the Soviet-occupied zone of Poland, his life in the Częstochowa ghetto, his experiences as a forced laborer, his deportation to Buchenwald and Dora-Mittelbau, his evacuation from Dora-Mittelbau, his liberation, his life in a displaced persons camp, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph Soski.

Languages: English
0.75 linear inches
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright

RG-02.073  *Katalin Karpati Testimony*, 1978, 1992

In this testimony, Katalin Karpati (named Kato Nagy before and during the Holocaust) describes her childhood in Hungary; her marriage and family life; the German occupation of Hungary in 1944 and the subsequent hardships for Jews; her experiences in a number of camps, including Auschwitz, Ravensbrück, Nordhausen, and Mauthausen; her liberation and return to Hungary; and her escape from Hungary to the United States after the 1956 uprising.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Katalin Karpati.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.074  *“A Hungarian Jew Looks Back: A Personal Account of the Pre–World War II Times and the War Years”* by Robert Winkler, unknown date

In his memoir, Robert Winkler discusses his childhood and family experiences, national events in Hungary during the war years, the German occupation of 1944, his experiences as a forced laborer, his escape and capture, his forced service with a Gestapo unit, his re-escape and experiences posing as a Hungarian gentile with false identification papers, his service as a “gentile” in the Hungarian army, and his liberation by the Red Army. Also included is a postscript with information about the subsequent fate of some of the people mentioned in the memoir.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Robert Winkler.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
RG-02.076  Peter Gersh Testimony, 1985

In his testimony, Peter Gersh’s (Pinchas Gerszonowicz) describes his childhood in Poland, the Poles’ antisemitism, the German invasion and occupation of Poland, his work for the Luftwaffe at an airbase, his life in a concentration camp, his escape from a death march, his search for relatives after the war, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Peter Gersh.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.077  Hannah Metzger Speech Relating to Holocaust Survival, Ca. 1980

This speech contains information about Hannah Metzger’s life while hiding in the home of a Dutch farmer. Also included are descriptions of her near capture by the Germans.

Provenance: Hannah Metzger, the donor, delivered this speech at a reunion of the Jewish School of Fürth/Nuremberg. In August 1984, she sent a photocopy of the transcript to Dr. Max Rothschild in preparation for the “Faith in Humankind” conference, sponsored by USHMC in September 1984.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.079  “In Your Blood I Live” by Jan Rozanski, N.d.

Jan Rozanski’s testimony describes his childhood in Poland, the German invasion and occupation of Poland, anti-Jewish measures enacted by the Germans, his life in the Kraków ghetto and Jerozolimska and Rogoznica concentration camps, and his liberation by Soviet troops.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dan A. Oren.

Languages: English
1 linear inch

RG-02.080  Life Versus the Holocaust by Bernard S. Cytryn, 1983

Bernard Cytryn’s testimony contains information about his life in Kielce, Poland, before the Holocaust, his deportation to Auschwitz, his observations on the role of the Catholic Church in the Holocaust, his relatives killed during the Holocaust, and his family in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Bernard S. Cytrtyn.
Languages: English
2.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Published material protected under 1983 copyright

RG-02.084  “Difficult Years” by Mieczylaw Cegielski (pen name, Mark Jakobson), 1991–1993

“Difficult Years” describes the German occupation of Warsaw and Poland and the affect this occupation had on Mieczylaw Cegielski’s family. One draft chapter of the memoir relates to Cegielski’s sister, Zosia, and includes authenticated photocopies of medical records relating to her stay in a military hospital.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Mieczylaw Cegielski.

Languages: English
4 folders

RG-02.089  “Before Memories Fade 1989” by Pearl Fichman, 1989

In this memoir, Pearl Fichman describes her prewar life in Romania; antisemitism in Romania; life in Cernovitz, Romania, from October to November 1941; the Russian occupation of Romania; her postwar life as a refugee in Bucharest, Romania; and her emigration from Romania to the United States in 1947.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Pearl Fichman.

Languages: English
2 folders
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright.

RG-02.091  “Natek, Child of the Holocaust,” Ca. 1986

This testimony describes Natek Friedman’s experiences before, during, and after the Holocaust; the German invasion of Poland; conditions inside the Warsaw ghetto; his experiences hiding with an Aryan family during the liquidation of the ghetto; and his attempts to seek refuge in a monastery.

Provenance: Anna Rosa Friedman, the donor, composed this text relating to her husband’s experiences.

Languages: English
2 folders
RG-02.092  Victor Gans Memoir, N.d.

In his memoir, Victor Gans describes his life before and after the Anschluss, including the antisemitism that he and his family experienced; Kristallnacht in 1938 and his arrest and imprisonment in Dachau; and his and his family’s eventual emigration to Shanghai.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Victor Gans.
Languages: English
1 folder

RG-02.093  “Memories of the Years 1939–1945” by David Gerst, 1950

This memoir describes the experiences of David Gerst, a Polish Jew imprisoned in four ghettos (among them Warsaw and Terezin), a labor camp, and Buchenwald and Flossenbürg. Information about his liberation in May 1945 is also included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is David Gerst.
Languages: English
1 bound volume

RG-02.095  “Night Train to Siberia” by Jack and Bernice Bekier, 1968

NOTE: This is a fictionalized account, based on the survival stories of Jack and Bernice Bekier and ghostwritten by Kathryn Clausen.

“Night Train to Siberia” describes Jack and Bernice Bekier’s experiences in Russian-occupied Poland, their deportation by train to Siberia, and their time in the Toro Ozero labor camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Bernice Bekier.
Languages: English
4 folders

RG-02.096  “Christians Revenge on the Jews” by Michael Bernath, N.d.

This testimony describes Michael Bernath’s family in Hungary, his participation in the resistance, his time in a labor camp, and his life after World War II. The testimony also contains Bernath’s opinions on Jewish-Christian relations and the role of Christians in the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Michael Bernath.
Languages: English
2 folders

RG-02.106  “The Worm in the Apple” by Sigurd Askevold, N.d.

This testimony contains Sigurd Askevold’s descriptions of Nazi persecution of German Jews and political opponents; his father’s emigration to Norway; Askevold’s service in the Reichsarbeitsdienst (national labor service); his activities in the German military during the German incorporation of Austria and the Sudetenland, and the German invasions and occupations of Poland, France, and the Soviet Union; and the time he served as a prisoner of war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sigurd Askevold.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only


In this memoir, Pauline Buchenholz describes her internment with members of her family in the Kraków ghetto; her separation from her parents during an Aktion; her incarceration in the concentration camps of Kraków-Plaszów, Skarzysko-Kamienna, and Leipzig-Schöpfeld; her survival of a death march; and her liberation. Her memoir is continued in the sequel, “The Postwar Years,” which includes descriptions of the Deggendorf displaced persons camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Pauline Buchenholz.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only
NOTE: See also RG-02.143—“The Postwar Years: A Sequel to ‘As I Remember’” by Pauline Buchenholz

RG-02.111  “Prisoner 409” by Eva Gross, 1993

In “Prisoner 409,” Eva Gross describes life with her family in Mor, Hungary, before and during the Holocaust. She discusses antisemitism before the Nazi occupation of Hungary, her experiences at Auschwitz and during a death march, and her liberation by Americans.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eva Gross.

Languages: English
RG-02.112  “Between Life and Death—My Memoirs” by Sonja Haid Greene, N.d.

In her memoir, Sonja Haid Greene describes her pre-Holocaust life with her family in Siauliai, Lithuania, her stay in the Traku ghetto, her time spent in the Linkaicia concentration camp, her life as an inmate at the Stutthof concentration camps and a subcamp of Dachau, her suffering on a death march, and her liberation by American troops.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sonja Haid Greene.

Languages: English
.75 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.113  “The Undying Spark From Generation to Generation” by Jacob Auerbach, N.d.

Jacob Auerbach’s memoir describes the Jewish community of Shershev, Ukraine, how he and his family were deported to the Pruzhany ghetto and from there to Auschwitz, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jacob Auerbach.

Languages: English
1 linear inch
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.114  A Memoir for Paul, David and Adam by Paulette Singer Barrett, 1994

This memoir describes the life of Paulette Singer Barrett from 1939 to 1953, including her prewar emigration with her parents from Poland and Romania to Paris, France; their journey to southern France after the Nazis seized Paris; the fate of her relatives who stayed in Poland; the resistance activities of French citizens; and her eventual emigration along with her family to the United States after the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Paulette Singer Barrett.

Languages: English
.75 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.117  “Under the Rooftiles” by Wendy van Velzen, 1940–1945

Wendy van Velzen’s journal contains information about the German invasion of the Netherlands, the persecution of Jews in the Netherlands, and Jews who were hidden.

Provenance: Sources of acquisition are Wilhelmina and Arthur Aandewiel via Mark Lauterbach.

Languages: English and Dutch
1.5 linear inches

RG-02.118  “My Struggle for Survival” by Oscar Lichtenstern, 1940–1945

This journal explains Oscar Lichtenstern’s experiences after the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Although it describes his stay in the transit camp of Westerbork, most of the entries relate to his internment in Terezin.

Provenance: Oscar Lichtenstern began writing in his journal in 1944, after his arrival in Terezin. On December 24, 1944, he discovered that the journal had been lost. After a delay of unknown duration, Lichtenstern rewrote his journal and included some material about his liberation and his immediate postwar experience. His granddaughter, Ruth Lichtenstern Fishman, translated the text into English and donated it to USHMM.

Languages: English and German
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.119  Victor Adler: Some Notes about My Life, with Adler-Stössler Family Genealogy and History, 1992

This memoir relates to the experiences of Victor Adler and members of his family after the German occupation of the Sudetenland. In particular, it describes how he escaped Czechoslovakia, fled to Hungary and then to Palestine, enlisted in the Czechoslovak Armored Brigade under British command, fought in the European theater during World War II, and rebuilt his life in the United States. Adler’s parents were sent to Terezin and were subsequently transported to Auschwitz, where they died. His brother and cousins escaped Czechoslovakia and served in the Allied armed forces.


Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
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RG-02.121  “Charlotte’s Memoirs” by Charlotte Arpadi, 1991

In this memoir, Charlotte Arpadi describes her experiences as a child, as an adolescent in Berlin, and as an inmate of the Riga ghetto. She also discusses her experiences in the Riga-Kaiserwald and Stutthof concentration camps, a death march, her liberation in Poland, and her emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harry S. Arpadi, Charlotte’s brother.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.123  “My Life Story” by Joseph Berger, N.d.

In this memoir, Joseph Berger describes his life in the L’viv (a.k.a. L’wów, L’vov) ghetto, the separation from his family, his deportation to Buchenwald, his transfer to a work camp in L’viv and his subsequent escape, his liberation, and his reunion with of one of his daughters after the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph Berger.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.127  “And Where Was God?” by Alfred Dube, 1960

In his memoir, Alfred Dube describes his experiences in Prague, the Łódź ghetto, Buchenwald, and a sub-camp of Dora-Mittelbau (a.k.a. Nordhausen). He also discusses his liberation from Bergen-Belsen.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Alfred Dube.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.128  “Return to Life” by Dina Davidovich de Unikel, 1985

“Return to Life” describes Dina Davidovich de Unikel’s life in Szecseny before the Nazi occupation of Hungary, her experiences in Auschwitz and in a camp in Kraków, Poland, and her liberation.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dina Davidovich De Unikel.
RG-02.130  “The Beginning of the End” by Lilly Gassner and Chaviva Guttmann, N.d.

This collection contains three memoirs entitled “The Beginning of the End,” “The Great Forgiveness: Life’s Martyr,” and “The Twins.” The memoirs appear to be written by twin sisters about their experiences in Birkenau and with Dr. Josef Mengele.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lilly Gassner.

Languages: English
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.133  “From the Lida Ghetto to the Bielski Partisans” by Liza Ettinger, 1989

In this memoir, Liza Ettinger describes her life in Lida, Poland, before the outbreak of the war; the Soviet occupation of Poland; the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union; the death of her husband at Ponar (a.k.a. Ponary and Paneriai); her internment in the Vilnius (a.k.a. Vilna, Wilna, Wilno) and Lida ghettos; her survival of a Selektion; her experiences as a partisan; and the end of the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Liza Ettinger.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.134  “Escape from Yugoslavia” by Silvio Finci, 1981

In his memoir, Silvio Finci describes his family’s experiences in Yugoslavia. In particular, he discusses the family’s flight from a small village near Sarajevo to the city of Mostar, how they survived during the Nazi occupation, their escape to Italy, and how they immigrated to a refugee camp in Fort Ontario, New York, and rebuilt their lives in the United States.

Provenance: The author’s granddaughter, Marilyn Ferguson, rewrote and retyped the memoir before donating it.

Languages: English
.25 linear inches
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.136  William Eisen Testimony, 1956

This testimony describes the Holocaust experiences of William Eisen and members of his family, and relates the attempts of surviving family members to rebuild their lives after the war. The first part of the memoir portrays the persecution and killing of Polish Jews, including members of Eisen’s family. Eisen experienced the Miechów ghetto; the Julag I and II, Kraków-Plaszów, Skarzysko-Kamienna, and Rakow (a.k.a. Rakov) concentration camps; and an unnamed subcamp of Buchenwald. The latter part of the memoir depicts Eisen’s life inside the British displaced persons camp at Judenburg, Austria, and his immigration to the United States.

Provenance: At William Eisen’s request, a copy of the original memoir was forwarded from the Holocaust Resource Center in Buffalo, New York.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.138  “Childhood Memoirs of World War II” by Eva Rappart Edmands, 1987

Eva Rappart Edmands’ testimony describes her family’s emigration from Austria to France after the Anschluss. The family lived in hiding during the German occupation of France.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eva Rappart Edmands.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.139  “Escape from Hitler’s Clutches” by Theodore Diesenhouse, 1939–1945

“Escape from Hitler’s Clutches” is a diary that describes Theodore Diesenhouse’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland. Diesenhouse survived the Holocaust by passing as an “Aryan.”

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Theodore Diesenhouse.

Languages: English
5 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-02.141 Nadia Gould Collection, N.d.

This collection contains information about Nadia Gould’s life. It describes her parents’ families; her childhood in the French countryside; the German occupation of France; her escape with her mother to unoccupied France, where they joined her father; the family’s escape from Marseille to Portugal via Spain; her emigration to the United States and reunion with her parents; her assimilation into American culture and her activities while in high school and college; and some of her experiences afterward. Included are picture postcards illustrated with Gould’s artwork, which depicts geometric and human forms.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Nadia Gould.

Languages: English
4 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.142 “Strangers in the Heartland” by Donald M. Douglas, 1989

This essay is composed of three parts. Included are the accounts of those who escaped from Europe, those who survived in Polish forests, and one man who survived Auschwitz. The narratives include subjects such as emigrating to the United States, Kristallnacht, resistance movements and partisans, male rape, and the conditions inside concentration camps.


Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.143 “The Postwar Years: A Sequel to ‘As I Remember’” by Pauline Buchenholz, 1991

This testimony contains Pauline Buchenholz’s memoir, which describes her experiences after she was liberated. Included are descriptions of her stay in an American displaced persons camp in Deggendorf, Germany, and her immigration to the United States in June 1946.


Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only
NOTE: See also RG-02.107—“As I Remember: Memoirs from the War and Concentration Camps” by Pauline Buchenholz
RG-02.146 “If My Heart Didn’t Break Then” by Jean Beller, 1993

This memoir describes Jean Beller’s childhood and adolescence in Poland, her experiences as an elementary school student in Tel Aviv, her return to Poland before the outbreak of World War II, conditions inside the Łódź ghetto, her experiences with Chaim Rumkowski, her work as a kindergarten teacher and as the head of an orphanage in the ghetto, her attempts to hide when the ghetto was evacuated, the death of her parents and a brother, her deportation to Auschwitz and other concentration camps, and her life in the United States after the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sheila Beller, Jean Beller’s daughter.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.147 Simon Fuks Collection, 1941–1993

This collection contains legal documents, letters, newspaper articles, and a memoir describing the experiences of Simon Fuks, a rabbi of Agen, France. Fuks’ memoir, “Souvenir de Guerre,” describes the German occupation of France, his service in the French military, his capture and subsequent release by the Germans, how he and other rabbis resisted the Nazis and assisted some Jews, activities undertaken by the Union Générale des Israélites de France, conditions inside the Drancy and Rivesaltes camps, and his escape to Switzerland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Simon Fuks.

Languages: French, English, and German
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.152 “A Void in My Heart” by Regina Godinger Hoffman, 1989

In her memoir, Regina Godinger Hoffman describes her deportation from Czechoslovakia to Poland; the deaths of her family members; her psychological trauma; her internment in the Khust ghetto; her incarceration in Auschwitz; her transfer to camps in Nuremberg, Germany, and Holeshovitz, Czechoslovakia; her liberation; and her immigration to and life in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Regina Godinger Hoffman.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.153  **Joe Gelber Collection, 1945–1980**

This collection contains descriptions of the German occupation of Poland, conditions in the Częstochowa ghetto, Joe Gelber’s separation from his wife and other family members, the HASAG forced labor camp at Częstochowa, conditions in Buchenwald and Nordhausen (a.k.a. Dora-Mittelbau), Gelber’s liberation by Seymour Zipper, his reunion with his wife and other surviving family members, their experiences at the Feldafing displaced persons camp, and Gelber’s emigration to the United States. Also included are an original letter and copy of a photograph, both by Seymour Zipper, relating to Joe Gelber’s condition when he was found at Nordhausen.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rose Gelber via Dorothy Sandberg.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only for the memoir

RG-02.154  **“The Jacob Family” by Herman Jacob, 1989**

In this testimony, Herman Jacob describes his family’s experiences before, during, and after the Holocaust. He also provides information on the fates of 13 family members imprisoned by the Nazis in places such as Dachau, Buchenwald, and Terezin.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Herman Jacob via Rose Jacob.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.156  **“A Survivor’s Story” by Simon Sterling, 1988**

“A Survivor’s Story” relates Simon Sterling’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Poland and the Brody ghetto. It also deals with his separation from his wife, Sophie, his deportation to a concentration camp, his escape, his reunion with his wife and their experiences hiding in a forest, their liberation by the Soviet military and eventual escape to the American Zone of Occupation in Germany, the displaced persons camp at Föhrenwald, Germany, and their immigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Phyllis Sterling Jacobs.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only


“The Three Lives of Gizel Berman” describes Berman’s childhood in Uzhgorod and Sobrance (then both in Czechoslovakia); her schooling in Brussels, Belgium; the imprisonment and torture of her boyfriend, Nick; her reunion with and marriage to Nick; their deportation to Auschwitz; her transfer to and life in Stutthof, where she was separated from her husband; her liberation and return to Uzhgorod; her reunion with her husband; their emigration and assimilation into American culture; and their daughter’s experiences with antisemitism.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gizel Berman.

Languages: English
6 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.164  “My Story” by Rita Kerner Hilton, N.d.

This testimony relates to Rita Kerner Hilton’s childhood in Poland, her experiences in the Pabianice and Łódź ghettos, the death of her grandfather, her deportations to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, her experiences in the camps, her liberation, and her postwar family history.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rita Kerner Hilton.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.169  “Hidden in Broad Daylight” by Sarah Getzler, N.d.

This memoir relates Sara Getzler’s life in Kraków, the Tarnow ghetto, her separation from family members, how she passed as a gentile and found employment, her attempts to communicate with her sisters who were concentration camp inmates, her wartime employment in Austria, the end of the war, her meeting with members of the Jewish Brigade, and her illegal emigration to Palestine. The memoir also includes a poem about a young Jewish boy whose fate is unknown and another describing Getzler’s feelings for the Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sarah Getzler.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.170  “The Story of the Jews of Vilkomir” by the Kronik Family, 1948**

This collection contains testimony by three Kronik family members for the “Jewish Committee.” At the time, they were in a displaced persons camp in Kassel, Germany, awaiting emigration to Israel. The testimony describes the history of the Kronik family; the Lithuanian Jewish communities of Musnik (a.k.a. Musninkai), Sirvintas (a.k.a. Sirvintos, Sirvintai), and Vilkomir (a.k.a. Ukmerge, Wilkomir, Vilkomierz); the communities’ responses to the Soviet and Nazi occupations; and the fate of the communities’ members. Also included is a list of Lithuanian partisans and police who participated in the mass execution of Jews.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Micki Lavine, Reuben Kronik’s granddaughter.

Languages: English and Yiddish
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.174  Reminiscences of Albert Lapidus, from Baltimore, a Former Prisoner of the Minsk Ghetto, 1994**

This memoir describes Albert Lapidus’s childhood in Belarus, his family’s experiences in the Minsk ghetto, and various “Aktionen.” Also included is a list of individuals involved in resistance activities in Minsk.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Albert Lapidus.

Languages: Russian and English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.175  “I Remember: Odyssey of a Jewish Teenager in Eastern Europe, 1939–1946” by Markus Lecker, N.d.**

In this memoir, Markus Lecker describes his childhood in Romania, the Soviet occupation of northern Bucovina, the German invasion and occupation of the Soviet Union, his attempt to escape and his capture, his survival of “Aktionen” undertaken by Germans and their Ukrainian collaborators, his internment in the Borshchuv (a.k.a. Borshov, Borszow) ghetto, his escape from that ghetto’s liquidation and survival by hiding in a forest, his bout with typhus, his liberation and reunion with his parents, and his experiences in the Soviet army. Included are photocopies of photographs of Lecker and his family.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Markus Lecker.
Languages: English
1 microfiche
Restrictions: See reference archivist.

RG-02.179  Memoirs of Liselotte Kahn, 1970

This collection contains information about Liselotte Kahn’s childhood in Germany, her marriage to Dr. Ernst Müller and the birth of their sons, Nazi antisemitism, her family’s emigration to Greece, her husband’s medical practice in Athens, the Italian and German invasion of Greece, her family’s escape to Palestine, and their emigration to and experiences in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Liselotte Kahn via Ely Jacques Kahn.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.181  “In the Safety of the Third Reich” by Charlotte Kahane, N.d.

This memoir describes the escape of Charlotte Kahane and her mother from an Aktion and their attempts to hide from German authorities, their activities in the Luts’k ghetto, their separation, Kahane’s experiences in Dubno, her mother’s death, Kahane’s escape from and recapture by German authorities, her time as an Ostarbeiter in Germany, and the end of World War II.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Charlotte Kahane.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.183  Journey through the Valley of Perdition Traveled by Gary A. Keins, 1984

Gary Keins’s memoir describes his life in German Silesia, his life in Poland after World War I, the German invasion of Poland, his life while assuming a false identity, conditions in Warsaw during the occupation, his experiences in Zamość and L’viv (a.k.a. L’wów, L’vov, and Lemberg), the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, his experiences with the Soviet military, the deaths of his family members, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gary A. Keins.

Languages: English
5 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only


This autobiography contains information about Irene Katz’s experiences in Nazi-occupied Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Irene Katz.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.187  “Goodbye for Always” by Cecile Kaufer, N.d.

This testimony describes Cecile Kaufer’s childhood in Paris, the German occupation of France and the fates of her family members, her family’s stay in the Vélodrome d’Hiver and their life in hiding in Normandy, the liberation of France, and her family’s immigration to and life in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Cecile Kaufer.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.190  “Road to Exile” by Alfred Mayer, 1932–1953

In his memoir, Alfred Mayer writes about incidents relating to his life in Germany, his emigration to the United States and subsequent life there, his aid to other German Jews, the death of Mayer’s relatives in Auschwitz, the end of the war, and a visit to his former home in Germany. Included are photocopies of documents relating to the Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland and the author’s family history.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Alfred Mayer.

Languages: English and German
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.192  “Not a Moment Too Soon” by Kurt Ladner, 1993

This testimony relates to Kurt Ladner’s childhood in Vienna, Austria; the Anschluss; Kristallnacht; Ladner’s emigration to Belgium and his subsequent escape to France; his return to Austria in hopes of getting a transport to Sweden; his arrest and experiences in
Terezin, Auschwitz, Dachau, Erpfting, and Kaufering; his liberation; the deaths of his family members; his attempts to rebuild his life in Vienna; and his emigration to and experiences in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Kurt Ladner.

Languages: English
5 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only


“A Return Home” describes Henry Landman’s childhood in Germany; the Nazi seizure of power and the attendant rise in antisemitism; Kristallnacht; Landman’s experiences in Dachau; his family’s emigration to the United States; Landman’s induction into the U.S. Army; his experiences in North Africa, Italy, southern France, and Germany; the death of his aunt in Terezin; and his return to the United States. Also included are a list of members of Landman’s family who died in the Holocaust, photocopies of documents and photographs relating to his life, and transcribed letters he sent to his parents while a soldier.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Richard M. Landman.

Languages: English
8 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.195  “Dear Kurt” by Ruth Ilan-Porath, 1974

This memoir details a German-Jewish family’s life before, during, and after the Holocaust. It describes Ruth Ilan-Porath’s childhood in Germany; anti-Jewish discrimination; her family’s relocation to France; their internment in the camps of Limoges, Nexon, Gurs, and Drancy; their life in hiding under assumed identities; and the fates of her family members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ruth Ilan-Porath.

Languages: English
4 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.199  Memories of Anna Tempelsman, 1992

Anne Tempelsman’s memoir describes her childhood in Zolkiew, Poland, her separation from her family, her experiences in Soviet-occupied Poland, her father’s and brother’s
escape to Argentina, a reunion with her mother, her experiences hiding from *Aktionen*, her deportation to Germany to work for a German couple, the deaths of her family members, and her liberation and emigration to Argentina.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Anna Lichtmann.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.201  “We Kept Our Heads: Personal Memories of Being Jewish in Nazi Germany and Making a New Home in England” by Dodo Liebmann, 1993**

This memoir describes Dodo Liebmann’s life in Germany, her membership in the Communist Party, her emigration to England, her classification as a wartime alien and internment on the Isle of Man, the war’s end, her work in physics, and the restitution she received from Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dodo Liebmann.

Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.202  “From Bialystok to Brooklyn” by Sara Lew, N.d.**

In her memoir, Sara Lew describes her childhood in Poland; her internment in the Bialystok ghetto and many concentration camps, including Majdanek, Blizyn, and Auschwitz; the deaths of her family members; her post-Holocaust experiences as a displaced person in Europe; and her emigration to the United States. Included are poems and vignettes about Auschwitz, her parents and their values, liberation, and people she knew during the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sara Lew.

Languages: English and Hebrew
3 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

**RG-02.206  “Safe Conduct” by Dolf Ringel, 1986**

In his memoir, Dolf Ringel describes his life in Amsterdam, his escape from a roundup, his escape to Spain through German-occupied Belgium and France, his arrest by Spanish police and internment in a Spanish prison, his transfer to a camp in Miranda de Ebro, his
release and work in the Dutch embassy in Madrid, the deaths of family members, and his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dolf Ringel.

Languages: English
5 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-02.210  The Family of Aryeh-Leyb Fingerhut (Leo Gerut), 1993

This memoir, compiled by Rosalie Gerut, describes the experiences of her father, Aryeh-Leyb (Leybl) Fingerhut, in Lithuania and Ukraine; his interest in music and the Yiddish language; his work as a researcher for YIVO (Institute for Jewish Research) in Vilnius, Lithuania; his memories of the German invasion of Lithuania in 1941; his life in the Shavl (Siauliai) ghetto; his experiences as a forced laborer; his transfer to Stutthof concentration camp in 1944 and then to “Lager 10” of Utting, a sub-camp of Dachau concentration camp, where he was elected head of his barracks; his experiences during a death march from Dachau into the Tyrol Mountains from April 24 to May 2, 1945; his transfer after liberation to Feldafing displaced persons camp where he organized a choir and a Yiddish theater group and met his future wife, Hanka Warszawska, a fellow concentration camp survivor; and his emigration to the United States in 1949, where he lived until his death in September 1989.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rosalie Gerut.

Languages: English
.15 linear inches
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1998.81—The Shari and George Fine Collection

RG-02.212  “Toward the Abyss: Cards and Letters: Mindelheim-Lublin” by Werner Jacob Lipton, 1941–1943

This collection contains photocopied letters and postcards, most of which are addressed to Werner Jacob Lipton (born Liebschütz) from his parents, Fanni and Jakob Liebschütz, his aunt and uncle, Max and Berta Bach, and his grandmother, Mina Liebschütz. The correspondence describes the family’s efforts to emigrate and other matters. In 1939, following increasing restrictions on German Jews, Lipton’s parents sent him to Switzerland, where he lived in Kinderheime (children’s homes). His parents were deported from Mindelheim, Germany, to the Piaski ghetto in March 1942; by June 1942 they were near Lublin, Poland. Their last letters are farewell notes to their son indicating they are leaving for an unspecified location. Lipton’s grandmother died in Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp, and his aunt and uncle died in an unnamed concentration camp.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Werner Jacob Lipton.

Languages: English, German
2 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: English-language translations available

RG-02.213 Klara Ostfeld Collection, 1986–1990

This collection consists of a typewritten translation of Klara Ostfeld’s memoir relating her life in Cernăuți, Romania (now Chernovtsy, Ukraine) under the Ion Antonescu regime; her deportation to Transnistria in 1941; conditions in the “Mogilev Podolsk” (Mogilev-Podolski) and Scazenets forced labor camps; and her postwar life in Romania, Israel, and Venezuela. Carlos Rangel wrote a prologue to the memoir. Ostfeld’s résumé of her memoire and photocopies of press releases and articles are included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Klara Ostfeld via Michael Berenbaum.

Languages: English, Spanish, German, and Hebrew
9 microfiche cards

RG-03.009 “Recollections of One Participant in the Evacuation of the Jewish Community from the British Colony of Cyprus in 1941,” Ca. 1989

This memoir concerns the experiences of Frederick Wohl and his family during the evacuation of Jews from Cyprus and the family’s travels to Israel and southern Africa. Also included is a list of names and addresses of those Jews evacuated from Cyprus to Tel Aviv in June 1941.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Frederick R. Wohl.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-03.010 “The Tragedy of World War Two,” [NO DATE!!]

This collection contains two typescripts written by Stanley Kowalski concerning his native town of Jazlowiec, Poland. The first typescript (in English) is a copy of pages 158 through 180 of a larger manuscript entitled “Jazlowiec, the Town Lost in History.” The second typescript (35 pages) is in Polish. Kowalski was imprisoned by the Soviets and taken to Soviet prisons in the East. Eventually he was a member of the First Polish Armoured Division, which fought on the Western front.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Stanley Kowalski.
Languages: Polish and English
.25 inches
Restrictions: Materials may have been published. If so, they are protected under copyright.

RG-03.011  Records Relating to the Shanghai Jewish Community, N.D.

This collection contains testimony and newsletters relating to the life of John and Harriet Isaack, members of the Jewish refugee community in Shanghai, China. Included are descriptions of a reunion of the Shanghai Jewish community in San Francisco, California, in 1980 and information about John Isaack’s career with the Kulturbund of Berlin before his emigration in 1939.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is John Isaack.

Languages: English and German
.25 inches
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-04.004  Documents and Photographs Relating to Buchenwald Camp and the Regensburg cemetery, 1945

This collection contains 13 photographs of the burial ceremony of camp victims near Regensburg, Germany; several documents relating to labor and food conditions at Regensburg during World War II; and a report of the atrocities at the Buchenwald camp. The collection also contains a set of tefillin (phylacteries), which is held in the USHMM Art and Artifact Branch.

Provenance: Walter Fried, the donor, collected the material and took the photographs of the Regensburg burial site while serving in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

Languages: English and German
1 folder

RG-04.014  Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin, 1939–1990

This collection contains photocopies relating to the work of the International Red Cross in the ghetto at Terezin. Among the materials are “white papers” produced by the Red Cross in defense of its activities at Terezin and several photocopies of photographs depicting Jews and others incarcerated at Terezin.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Mary-Lou McCutcheon of the International Social Services Department of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Languages: French and English
1 linear inch
NOTE: For additional materials relating to the ICRC, see RG-64—International Committee of the Red Cross; RG–19.044M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Hostages and Political Prisoners (Otages et détenus politiques); and RG–19.045M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Jews (Israélites).

RG-04.018  Confession and Letter of Mauthausen Commandant, 1945

This collection contains an English-language version of a confession made by Franz Ziereis, the commandant of Mauthausen concentration camp (identified in the documents as “Franz”) after his arrest by American forces in May 1945. In the confession, the commandant describes conditions in Mauthausen and other camps as well as the various methods of torture and execution practiced by the Nazis. Ziereis also gives detailed information about the activities of his fellow commanders and physicians employed in the camps. Also included are two poems in German concerning suffering in the camps and a letter from Ziereis to his wife.

Provenance: The memoir was found with a group of papers that lack donor and/or provenance information, but were given to the USHMC early in its history.

Languages: English and German
1 folder
NOTE: See also RG-04.049—Confessions of an SS Killer

RG-04.019  Das Krematorium in Dachau, 1945

“Das Krematorium in Dachau” is an eyewitness report given by Willy Furlan-Horst, a film director from Vienna and a “protected prisoner” at Dachau, shortly after the liberation of Dachau. The report describes the interior of the crematoria, the gas chambers, the procedures for torture and execution of prisoners, the duties of the crematoria Kommandos, and the facilities for housing the SS attack dogs. Also included are copies of four photographs of death scenes in Dachau after liberation, and an English translation prepared by the USHMM Archives.

Provenance: Private donation

Languages: German and English
1 folder
Restrictions: Translation rights reserved
RG-04.020  The Relief of Belsen Concentration Camp: Recollections and Reflections of a British Army Doctor, 1970

This collection contains a typescript of “The Relief of Belsen Concentration Camp: Recollections & Reflections of a British Army Doctor” written ca. 1970 by Major-General James Alexander Deans Johnston, a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps during World War II who served as a senior medical officer at the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. The typescript includes information about conditions at Bergen-Belsen during both Nazi control and liberation, as well as a description of medical measures taken by the British for the benefit of the camp’s former inmates. Included is a photocopy of a photograph of James Johnston and a retype of his obituary from The Daily Telegraph.

Provenance: James A. D. Johnston wrote the memoir shortly after his retirement in 1970 and his widow, Enid Johnston, donated the manuscript to the USHMM via Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-04.025  Institute for the Jewish Blind (Berlin) and the Home for the Blind in Terezin, 1943–1991

This collection contains original letters (accompanied by English translations) concerning Betty Falk Katz and the home for blind persons in Terezin. The letters describe the conditions for Jews in Berlin during the Holocaust, the deportation of Katz and patients of the Institute for the Jewish Blind to Terezin, and the death of Katz in Terezin. Also included are photographs of Katz’s grave in Terezin and a sketch of Katz by her son, Lothar Katz.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Peter Katz.

Languages: German and English
1 folder

RG-04.028  Records and Photographs Relating to American Jews Held in German POW Camps, 1945–1946

The items in this collection relate to the experiences of Winfeld Rosenberg and some of his American Jewish comrades at Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb, Germany, and at Berga am Elster, a Buchenwald subcamp. Also included is some information about a death march involving Rosenberg and other American prisoners of war, and their subsequent liberation by the 90th Infantry Division.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Winfeld Rosenberg.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-04.029  Blueprints and Reports Relating to Buchenwald, 1944**

This collection includes three copies of blueprints for Buchenwald concentration camp. Also included is a report by the Sixth Service Command describing conditions in Buchenwald in 1944. The report describes the physical layout of the camp, its administration, methods of torture practiced in the camp, and the colored markings used to identify the prisoners. The report also contains testimony by Henry Glass, a prisoner of Buchenwald from September 1938 to January 1939.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD., Record Group 319 via Martin Smith.

Languages: German and English
0.25 linear inches

**RG-04.030M  Natzwiller Concentration Camp Records, 1941–1945**

This collection contains various documents relating to Natzwiller (a.k.a. Natzweiler) concentration camp. Among the documents are memoranda and reports relating to camp administration; statistical reports regarding inmate population; and a French-language report on the camp’s conditions, including photographs and information on medical atrocities. Many of the materials are accompanied by English translations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration RG-153, Series 136.

Languages: German, French, and English
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Summary description

**RG-04.036  Treatment of American Servicemen in Various Camps, 1942–1944**

This collection contains information about American prisoners of war (POWs) and their experiences at the hands of the Nazis during marches and in POW and concentration camps. Some materials also relate to American Jewish POWs imprisoned in Berga/Elster, a Buchenwald subcamp.

Provenance: Curtis Whiteway, the donor, collected correspondence, news clippings, and other materials from a variety of sources. In 1992, he compiled the materials, adding page numbers, a foreword, annotations, and an index, to yield a volume of approximately 160
pages with the title “World War II: American Servicemen (POWs) in Stalags, forced marches, death marches and separated because of religion, color or nationality and forced to go to special concentration camps instead of Stalags.”

Languages: English
3 linear inches
Restrictions: On use. Legal ownership has yet to be determined by USHMM. Researchers are limited to use for background information only, and cannot use direct quotations in any publications.

RG-04.038 Selected Records from the American Field Service Archives and Museum Relating to Bergen-Belsen, 1945

This collection relates to the work of the American Field Service (C and D Platoons) at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp after liberation. It contains information about the starvation of prisoners, sanitation and disease in the camp, forms of execution used in the camp, mass burials of Bergen-Belsen victims, medical care for survivors, and the activities of specific AFS personnel during the post-liberation clean up of the camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Field Service Archives and Museum.

Languages: English and German
2 linear inches

RG-04.043 Kay Foldvary Papers Relating to Post-Liberation Dachau, Ca. 1945

This collection contains “Recollections of Dachau, May 1945” and “Memories of Life in U.S. Army, 1942 and 116th Evacuation Hosp. in Europe 1944–1945,” both written by Kay Foldvary. The dates of the memoirs are unknown. Both memoirs relate to Foldvary’s experiences as a U.S. Army nurse at Dachau after the liberation. Also included are 52 photographs of original photographs from a photo album compiled by Foldvary. The photos depict images of post-liberation Dachau and are accompanied by handwritten captions by Foldvary.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Kay Foldvary via Howard Cylinder.

Languages: English
2 folders

RG-04.049 Confessions of an SS Killer, 1945

This is a copy, in English, of a confession made by Franz Ziereis, the last commandant of Mauthausen, after his arrest and shooting by American forces in May 1945. Ziereis describes the persecution of Jews in Mauthausen, atrocities committed by SS guards, the
Nazi practice of “euthanasia,” the use of human skin to bind books and make satchels, executions in the camp, death marches, a camp brothel, and camp inmate markings.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sidney D. Gell, a former member of the U.S. Army’s 131st Evacuation Hospital, to which Ziereis was taken after he was shot trying to escape. Gell was part of the team that translated Ziereis’s confession into English. The original is in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.

Languages: English
NOTE: See also RG-04.018—Confession and Letter of Mauthausen Commandant

**RG-04.059 Charles Rosenbloom Dachau Collection, 1945–1947**

This collection contains photocopies of camp prisoners’ newsletters, proceedings and meeting minutes, communiqués, memoranda, correspondence, reports, and a scrapbook relating to Charles Rosenbloom’s work with United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Team 115 at Dachau in the summer of 1945 and his involvement with the International Prisoners’ Committee in Dachau.

Provenance: Charles Rosenbloom collected the documents during his service in Dachau. The originals are in the Holocaust Museum Houston Education Center and Memorial, Houston, Texas. Source of acquisition is David P. Bell.

Languages: English, German, Czech, French, Dutch, Belgian, Greek, Italian, Polish, Russian, and Slovenian
4 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-04.075 David H. Pollock papers, 1945–1964**

This collection contains 18 letters and one newspaper clipping related to David Pollock’s work to reunite Holocaust survivors from Buchenwald with their families after liberation.

Provenance: The donor is David H. Pollock, a Canadian Jewish officer at Buchenwald soon after liberation, who collected the names and addresses of relatives of liberated prisoners and informed them that their family members were still alive and needed their assistance.

Languages: English with some Hebrew
22 items (1 folder)
Finding Aids: Item level description
RG-05.003  Edith Jacoby Letter Regarding the Warsaw Ghetto, 1943–1946

This collection contains a letter written by Edith Aron Jacoby from the Warsaw ghetto, during the period from January 25 through March 18, 1943. Jacoby’s letter describes the severe anxiety and grief she experienced after spending three years in the ghetto. Also included is a second letter (January 21, 1946) from Maria-Ruth Kadlubowska, an acquaintance of the Jacoby family. In the letter, Kadlubowska informs Jacoby’s sister, Frau Josephson, of the conditions in Poland and the Trawniki concentration camp near the time of Jacoby’s death. The two letters are preceded by a commentary by Inge Worth.

Biographical/historical note: Edith Jacoby was born in Germany and married Kurt Jacoby in the 1920s. The couple fled to Poland to avoid Nazi persecution. The two Jacoby children, Klaus and Irene, were sent by children’s transport to live in England. Kurt Jacoby died shortly thereafter and Edith Jacoby was deported to the Warsaw ghetto. She was later killed at Treblinka.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Inge Worth.

Languages: German and English
1 folder

RG-05.004  Carolina Taitz Papers Relating to the Riga Ghetto, 1938–1945

This collection contains letters exchanged between Carolina Taitz and her sister, Berta Knoch, together with English translations prepared by Taitz. The letters discuss living conditions and forced labor in the Riga ghetto. Also included is Taitz’s survival testimony, which describes her escape from the Riga ghetto and her life in hiding.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Carolina Taitz via Lisa Topelmann.

Languages: English and German
0.5 linear inches
Restrictions: Donor specifies source restrictions.

RG-05.009  Gitya Glikman’s Memoir Relating to the Krasnoye and Zhmerinka Ghettos, 1941–1944

Gitya Glikman’s memoir describes the establishment of a ghetto in Krasnoye, Ukraine, and the deportation of Glikman and her family to the Zhmerinka ghetto.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gitya Glikman, who was liberated in March 1944.

Languages: English
1 page
Restrictions: Fair use only
RG-05.010  **Short Stories about the Łódź Ghetto, 1992**

These short stories by Salomea Kape relate to the Łódź ghetto and its inhabitants. Also included is a photocopy of a worker identification card from the ghetto.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Salomea Kape.

Languages: English and German
53 pages
Restrictions: Fair use only


This is a copy of a report given by Col. Henry S. Otto, concerning his involvement with the SHAEF Intelligence and the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Also included are descriptions of the Allied inspection of Dachau, details of Hermann Göring’s surrender to the Seventh U.S. Army, and the sentences given to the Nuremberg defendants.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Deceased Alumni Records, #41/2/877, collection at the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Libraries in Ithaca, New York.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Cite Cornell University Libraries as holder of the original.

RG-06.002.02  **Seymour Krieger Papers, 1945–1946**

These papers contain information about Seymour Krieger’s 1945–1946 involvement with the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel during the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg; Adolf Hitler’s life; Krieger’s military career; and the IMT in general. Also included are papers, a diary, correspondence, reports, articles, photographs, and postcards.

Provenance: The papers of Seymour Krieger became the possessions of Krieger’s wife, Rita Krieger, after his death. The papers later came into the care of Susan Becker, the donor and executrix of Rita Krieger’s estate.

Languages: English
3 linear inches
Restrictions: Researchers must obtain donor’s permission for access to the diary.
RG-06.002.04  Office of the U.S. Chief for Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality (OUSCCPAC)—Records Relating to Defendant Artur Seyss-Inquart, 1946

These records contain information about the life and indictment of Artur Seyss-Inquart.

Provenance: The donor, Joseph Michel, who served with OUSCCPAC during the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, obtained these documents as part of his work.

Languages: English
3 linear inches

RG-06.002.05  An Approach to the Preparation of the Prosecution Against Axis Criminality (Telford Taylor Memorandum), 1945

This memorandum contains Telford Taylor’s description of the basic parts of a war crimes case, the expected accomplishments of the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality, an explanation of the “illegal launching” of aggressive war acts, and descriptions of the various types of evidence to be sought during investigation.

Provenance: The memo was written in July 1945 by Col. Telford Taylor of the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality. The original memo is found in the Murray C. Bernay Collection at the Library of the University of Wyoming. Source of acquisition is William Mandel.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-06.002.06  Fred Reitler Papers, 1946

This collection contains the press pass card used by Fred Reitler during the sessions of the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg; the “Last Words of the Ten Nazi Main War Criminals, executed on 16 Oct 1946…” recorded by Reitler; and the personal notebook kept by Reitler during the sessions of the IMT and subsequent U.S.-administered war crimes trials. The notebook contains the “Last Words…” written in German shorthand.

Provenance/Note: Fred Reitler was born in Vienna, Austria, and emigrated to the United States, where he became an American citizen in 1944. Because of his knowledge of German shorthand, he became a court reporter at the Nuremberg trials and was chosen to record the last words of the defendants who received death sentences. After the death of Fred Reitler in 1978, the notebook and other materials became the property of his wife,
Cilla Reitler. Source of acquisition is Dr. John Caruso of Western Connecticut State University.

Languages: German and English
0.5 linear inches

**RG-06.002.07  Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality (OUSCCPAC)—Final Argument for the United States of America on the Indicted Organizations, 1946**

This is a transcript of the “Final Argument for the United States of America on the Indicted Organizations.” The transcript contains information on the Reich cabinet; the political leadership of the SS, Gestapo, and SA; and their criminal activities during World War II.

Provenance: The original transcript is stored with the Murray C. Bernay Collection at the Library of the University of Wyoming. Source of acquisition is William Mandel.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-06.005.01  Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality—Interrogation of Hitler’s Secretaries, Ca. 1945**

This collection contains copies of transcripts for the interrogations of Christa Schroeder and Johanna Wolf, two of Adolf Hitler’s secretaries. The interrogations contain information about their relationships with Hitler; Hitler’s bunker in Berlin; their experiences in the bunker during the last days of World War II; and the suicides of Hitler, Goebbels, and Eva Braun.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is William Mandel.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-06.005.02  Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes—Preliminary Briefs of Economics Division, Vol. 1, 1946–1947**

This collection contains copies of ten legal briefs compiled by the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes (OCCWC) from 1946–1947. The briefs contain a timeline of important dates in modern German history, a glossary of German economic terms, a report on the “Führerprinzip,” and a brief concerning the “Aryanization” of Jewish property.
Provenance: During his service with the OCCWC, Drexel Sprecher collected the briefs as part of his duties. In 1986 he allowed the USHMM Archives to copy the material, after which the Museum returned it to him.

Languages: English
2.5 linear inches
Finding Aids: Table of contents

**RG-06.005.03 Hadamar Photographs from the Case of U.S. vs. Alfons Klein, et al., N.d.**

This collection contains copies of photographs from the war crimes case of the United States vs. Alfons Klein, et al. The ten copy prints depict scenes at the Hadamar sanitarium, cemeteries in the vicinity, and autopsies performed at Hadamar by Dr. Hermann Bolker. Each photograph has a caption on the reverse side in English. Item #7 (photo of an autopsy) is missing from the file.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338 War Crimes Cases Tried, U.S. vs. Alfons Klein, et al., box 94, folder “Book I.”

Languages: English
10 photographic copies

**RG-06.005.05M United States Army Commands, Concentration Camp Cases Not Tried, 1933–1949**

This collection contains 189 case files of investigations into alleged war crimes committed during World War II in various European countries. The files primarily relate to concentration camps, but also contain information about prisoners of war and prisoner of war camps.

Provenance: The records were created by elements of the U.S. Army in Europe including those of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps and Counterintelligence Corps. Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338 (Records of the 7708 War Crimes Group).

Languages: English and German
12 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-06.005.06M  U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General (Army), Evidence of German War Crimes in France, 1940–1947

This collection contains depositions, photographs, and descriptions of incidents relating to alleged war crimes committed against French civilians by German troops, SS units, and the Gestapo in France.

Provenance: These records were created by elements of the U.S. Army in Europe including the Judge Advocate General’s Corps and Counterintelligence Corps. Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 331, Series 97.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Summary collection description
NOTE: See also war crimes related collections in RG-43—France.

RG-06.005.07M  U.S. Army Case Files—Auschwitz Concentration Camp, 1943–1947

These case files relate to an investigation concerning the Auschwitz camp. Included are witness and survivor testimony, and lists and records of interrogation of alleged war criminals. Subjects include crimes committed by camp personnel, medical experiments, and collaboration.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 338.

Languages: German and English
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-06.005.08M  Records from U.S. War Department, Military Intelligence Division (MID), ca. 1918–1944

These records from the 1930s and 1940s contain information about various topics, including concentration camps, antisemitism, deportation, racial laws, forced labor, and religious persecution.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, RG 165, Regional File 77.

Languages: English and French
22 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Roll-level table of contents
RG-06.007.01  Articles and Clippings Relating to the War Crimes Trial of Klaus Barbie, 1987 bulk

These articles and clippings from French- and English-language periodicals relate to Klaus Barbie’s trial in Lyon, France. Among the topics discussed are the allegations against Barbie; the testimony of Barbie’s victims; the children of Izieu, France; and the lawyers and judges involved in the case. Also included are materials relating to the courtroom art that David Rose created during the trial.

Provenance: The majority of these materials were collected by Rose, the courtroom artist, during the trial and were later donated to the Museum.

Languages: English
3.25 linear inches
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
NOTE: See also RG-43.031—Klaus Barbie Trial

RG-06.009.01  Records Relating to the Statute of Limitations on Nazi War Crimes, 1964–1965

This collection contains copies of letters and legal documents relating to the attempts of Judge Jess Nathan to win the extension of the statute of limitations against Nazi war criminals in March 1965. Also included is information concerning the efforts of Christian religious leaders in Southern California to change the statute of limitations.

Provenance: Judge Jess Nathan collected the letters and other documents in 1964 and 1965 while serving as chairman of the National Committee Against Nazi Criminals and Nazism in America. The copies were donated to the Museum in 1986.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-06.009.03  War Crimes Case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs, 1975–1980

This collection contains copies of the indictment and verdict in the case of Viktor Bernhard Arajs. Among the documents are lists of witnesses, results of the investigation, and information concerning Arajs’s crimes against Jews in Latvia and the Soviet Union. An English translation is included for the indictment only.

Provenance: These records are from the State Court of Hamburg, Germany. Source of acquisition is the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations.

Languages: German and English
2.5 linear inches
RG-06.013  Report of a War Crimes Trial in Dachau, 1947

This report, written by Capt. Dorothy Marble and dated August 1947, describes Marble’s impressions during the sentencing of Nazi war criminals tried for crimes committed at Buchenwald. Also included is an undated newspaper article about Captain Marble.

Provenance: The donor, Robert L. Halterman, found the report, written by his aunt, Dorothy Marble, while going through his mother’s papers.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-06.014  Fredrick J. Bayer Papers, 1945–1946

These papers contain memorabilia collected by Fred Bayer, one of the military police guarding defendants during sessions of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. Included are a book entitled Nurnberg [sic] by Charles W. Alexander used by Bayer to collect the autographs of the war criminals, passes for Bayer’s passes for the Palace of Justice, photographs from the IMT, and Bayer’s handwritten notes describing the war criminals.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ingrid Bayer.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-06.015  Interrogation Statement of Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski with Photograph and Tribunal Pass, 1945–1946

This collection contains a photocopy of the interrogation statement made by Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski during proceedings of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. Also included is a copy of a photograph of von dem Bach-Zelewski’s appearance during the trial and a tribunal pass issued to George Sakheim as a translator at the trial.

Provenance: During the IMT proceedings, a colleague passed the original interrogation statement on to George Sakheim, the donor. It is now in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.

Languages: English and German
1 folder
RG-06.017  Selected Records from the Delegation of Israeli Associations in Argentina, 1947–1985

This collection contains copied, translated documents about Nazi war criminals and sympathizers who were believed to have or who had relocated to Argentina after World War II and whose extradition was sought by the governments of Yugoslavia, West Germany, the United States, and France.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Delegation of Israeli Associations in Argentina.

Languages: Spanish and English
5 linear inches
Finding Aids: List of individual suspects

RG-06.018  Tom Teicholz Collection Relating to the Trial of John Demjanjuk, 1943–1988

This collection contains research materials, articles and newspaper clippings, and trial transcripts collected by Tom Teicholz while researching his book, The Trial of Ivan the Terrible: State of Israel vs. John Demjanjuk. Also included are drafts for several chapters of Teicholz’s book.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Tom Teicholz.

Languages: English and German
542 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Document-level description
NOTE: The Demjanjuk trial transcripts, February 16, 1987, through April 25, 1988, are incomplete. Researchers should consult the finding aid for details on dates and page numbers of the transcripts.

RG-06.019  Henry L. Cohen Collection Relating to American Military Government Case No. 11 (The Ministries Case), 1933–1948

This collection contains transcripts of interrogations of defendants and witnesses, the general administrative files from the case, and English translations of German documents gathered as background information and evidence. The bulk of the material relates to the activities of Richard Walter Darré as Reichsbauernführer and Reichsnährungsminister (June 1933–May 1942), who was charged with crimes against humanity.

Provenance: Henry L. Cohen, the donor, collected the materials while working as an interrogator at the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel for War Crimes, 1946–1947.

Languages: German and English
25 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-06.020  Isaac Stone Collection, 1945–1965

This collection contains two copies of the 1945 International Military Tribunal indictment of the major war criminals. Included are a list of errata; a summary of the indictment; brief biographies of the major war criminals; the “Guide to Captured German Documents” prepared by Gerhard L. Weinberg in 1952; and the “Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany: Annual Report 1965.”

Provenance: Isaac Stone collected the materials during and after his service at the International Military Tribunal. He later gave them to Lawrence Marwick, a long-time friend. Source of acquisition is Claire Marwick.

Languages: English
1 linear inch
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-06.023  Juozas Kungys Case, 1982–1987

This collection contains copies of depositions, transcripts of proceedings, and other documentation used in the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations’ prosecution of Juozas Kungys, who was accused of Nazi war crimes in Lithuania.

Provenance: Howard Rappaport, the donor and a court reporter in the United States District Court in New Jersey, acquired the copies after the Kungys trial.

Languages: English
7.5 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-06.024  Joseph Stone Collection, 1941–1948 (bulk 1946–1948)

These materials relate to the war crimes trials held by the Office of Military Government for Germany (United States) following the proceedings of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Subjects include Joseph Stone’s work for the prosecution in the German Industrialists Case and the use of slave labor and prisoner of war labor.

Provenance: Joseph Stone is the donor.

Languages: English and German
8.5 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-08.002  Hadassah Rosensaft Papers, 1945–1992

This collection contains materials relating to the history of the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons (DP) camp, where from 1945 to 1950, Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft and her husband Josef were political and medical leaders. Subjects include the trials of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp guards and other personnel, testimony by Dr. Rosensaft about medical experiments and gas chambers at Auschwitz, the behavior of the Belsen camp guards, the emigration of Jewish orphans to Palestine, the activities of the Central Jewish Committee of the British Zone, the seizure of the Dromit in 1949, the evacuation of the Jewish DP camp Hohne, the Glyn Hughes DP hospital, the growth of antisemitism in the British Zone, closure of the Belsen DP camp 1950–1951, and planning for the Belsen DP camp memorial.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Hadassah Rosensaft.

Languages: Yiddish, German, English, Hebrew, and Polish
Ca. 4 linear inches
Finding Aids: Collection-level summary
NOTE: This collection spans RG-08.002*1 to RG-08.002*13.

RG-08.003  Additional Records from the Hadassah Rosensaft Papers, Ca. 1992

This collection contains a list of participants in and the agenda for the “Pädagogik nach Auschwitz” conference held in November 1992. Also included are photocopies of transcripts of Dr. Rosensaft’s speeches relating to her experiences in the Bergen-Belsen DP camp, her recollections of the origins of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and its early years, and congratulatory letters for her 80th birthday.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Hadassah Rosensaft.

Languages: English and German
1 folder


This collection contains testimonies written by concentration camp liberators during the International Liberators Conference organized by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council and held in Washington, D.C., in October 1981. The testimonies describe liberation experiences at various Nazi concentration camps throughout Europe. Also included is material describing the International Liberators Conference.

Organization and arrangement: The files are arranged alphabetically by camp name. Testimonies within the files are also arranged alphabetically by name.
Provenance: Participants of the October 1981 International Liberators Conference wrote the testimonies in response to a request from the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Languages: English
3 boxes
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-09.014  Malcolm Vendig Papers Relating to Post-liberation Dachau, 1944–1945

This collection contains daily reports, war diaries, and memoranda produced by Capt. Malcolm A. Vendig while serving in World War II and later as military governor of the Landkreis Dachau. Subjects covered include the activities of the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division before liberation, operations of the Dachau concentration camp after liberation, the administration of public safety, the distribution of food in the area, and the restarting of local industry. Also included are typescripts of discussions between Vendig and Dr. Heinrich Kneuer, the Landrat of Dachau.

Provenance: Eleanor Vendig obtained her husband’s papers after his death and donated them to the Museum.

Languages: English and German
46 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder title list
Restrictions: Published materials protected by copyright
NOTE: A small amount of this collection is in the USHMM Art and Artifacts Branch.

RG-10.003  Many Kisses, 1942–1984 (bulk 1944)

This scrapbook contains copies of correspondence between Andrew Engel and his family and friends, together with English translations, arranged in the format of a scrapbook. Included is information about the Engel family genealogy, the Righteous Among the Nations, the concentration camp at Nyirjes, and forced labor.

Provenance: Andrew Engel, the donor, translated most of the material into English.

Languages: Hungarian, English, and German
1.75 linear inches

RG-10.017  Henry Lasker Papers, 1920–1939

This collection contains a variety of materials concerning Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe before the Holocaust, the suffering of Jews throughout history, and atrocities toward Jews in the Soviet Union and Poland. Also included is the November

Provenance: These materials were collected by Henry Lasker, who became the first Jewish lawyer in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was seriously involved in city politics and Jewish affairs. Source of acquisition is Louise Nathan.

Languages: English
3 linear inches

RG-10.024 Armand Eisler Papers, 1939–1957

These letters, essays, and articles contain information about the Eisler genealogy, postwar Austria, international politics, and the Middle East. Included with the papers is a copy of “The Terror as a System: The Concentration Camp” by Ernst Federn. Letters signed by Eleanor Roosevelt and Albert Einstein can be found among the correspondence.

Provenance: These materials were collected by Armand Eisler, who was imprisoned in Dachau and released from Buchenwald in 1939. After immigrating to the United States, he served as chairman of many committees, including the K.Z. American Association of Former Inmates of Concentration Camps. Herman Spitz inherited Armand Eisler’s papers shortly before his emigration to the United States. At the time of Spitz’s death, the collection became the property of the donor, Spitz’s stepdaughter Jill Grossvogel.

Languages: German and English
2 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level file title list
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-10.025 Emil Singer Papers, 1939–1955

This collection contains correspondence between Emil Singer and Philip Ellovich concerning the emigration of the Singer family from Austria. The letters, written by Philip Ellovich in the 1940s and 1950s, concern his search for Emil and Grete Singer after World War II; documents in the collection suggest that the Singers were killed in the Izbica camp in Poland. Also included is an article written by Ed Leffingwell concerning an exhibition of Singer’s artwork at the Insignia Gallery in Youngstown, Ohio.

Provenance: Philip Ellovich collected the correspondence during and after World War II. Joseph Ellovich is the donor.

Languages: German and English
.25 linear inches
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
**RG-10.026  Booth Family Papers, 1940–1948**

This collection contains correspondence exchanged between the Philip Booth family and Leon Kubowitzki, while attempting to aid several Jews from German-occupied Belgium.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Mary M. Booth, Philip Booth’s widow, who immigrated to the United States in 1922.

Languages: English
1.25 linear inches

**RG-10.031  Barbara Sadagopan Papers, 1942–1989**

This collection includes letters from relatives to the Sadagopan family as well as articles concerning Helmut Krommer and Arnolda Weisz-Kubicana, both of whom were artists and relatives of the donor, Lisa Topelmann.

Biographical/historical note: Barbara Sadagopan was born in Berlin in 1923. She is the daughter of the graphic artist Helmut Krommer, who was a Catholic. Because her mother was a Jew, the family suffered persecution and was forced to flee the Künstlerkolonie in Berlin and find refuge in Czechoslovakia. She later fled to Yugoslavia when the Germans invaded Prague. Sadagopan and her sisters and mother obtained visas and fled to England. She spent the war years in England and immigrated to the United States in 1948.

Languages: German, Czech, and English
1 folder
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

**RG-10.036  Reports of Einsatzgruppen, 1941–1944**

This collection contains copies of reports concerning the activities of various Einsatzgruppen in several occupied European countries. Among the topics discussed in the reports are Einsatzgruppen activities against Communists in occupied areas and specific actions against the Jews of Estonia.

Provenance: No donor information available

Languages: German and English
1 linear inch
RG-10.038  Shlomo Goldberg Papers, 1945–1991

This collection contains the diary of Shlomo Goldberg and other documents relating to his life in Europe and the United States. Goldberg was a native of Luck, Poland, but in the wake of the Nazi conquest of western Poland he fled to Byelorussia in the Soviet Union, where he worked as an engineer. Due to his location and occupation during the war, his life was spared.

Provenance: Shlomo Goldberg started the diary after the end of World War II. The photographs of his family in Poland were brought to the United States at the time of his emigration. Other materials were collected up until the time of his death. Source of acquisition is Brenda Senders.

Languages: English
1 linear inch

RG-10.040  Rita G. Kaplan Papers, 1942–1957

These documents contain information about Rita Kaplan’s grandparents in Nuremberg, Germany, and the Terezin concentration camp. Also included is a letter from Kaplan’s aunt, Anna Goldstein, describing her experiences as a Jew married to a non-Jew. Rita Kaplan provided translations of all of the documents.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rita Kaplan.

Languages: German and English
1 folder

RG-10.041  Alfred H. Elbau Papers, 1939–1942

This collection contains Holocaust-related pieces written by Alfred Elbau. Among them are a speech transcript entitled “Berlin’s Jews—Past and Present,” an autobiography by Elbau describing his life in Berlin before the Holocaust as well as his family’s emigration to the United States, and a translation of Erich Frey’s diary. The Frey diary describes a Jewish family’s life in Berlin at the beginning of the Holocaust and their experiences of persecution.

Provenance: Alfred Elbau, the donor, completed translating both the autobiography and the Frey diary in 1988. From internal evidence, the speech was written ca. 1988 or after.

Languages: English and German
1 linear inch
Finding Aids: Summary inventory
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
RG-10.045  Charles Kotkowsky Papers, 1940–1985

This collection includes articles, essays, and publications concerning the Piotrków Trybunalski Jewish community in Canada, the Jewish Fighting Organization, and the plight of children in the ghettos and camps. Also included is “Remnants: Memoirs of a Survivor,” a testimony of Holocaust survival by Charles Kotkowsky. The testimony describes Kotkowsky’s life in the Piotrków ghetto, his participation in an underground resistance movement, his imprisonment in two concentration camps, and his escape from a railroad transport.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Charles Kotkowsky via Coralie Farlee.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Polish
1 inch
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-10.050  Leopold Levy Family Papers, 1936–1941

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, lists, and a variety of other documents relating to the Leopold Levy family in the 1930s and 1940s. Included are letters to the American Consulate General in London relating to employment for refugees and the immigration of Erica Levy as a child, as well as personal letters describing the fate of other Levy family members unable to escape Germany before the Holocaust.

Provenance: The Leopold Levy family accumulated the materials during the process of their immigration to the United Kingdom and the United States. Erica Levy is the donor.

Languages: English and German
3 linear inches
Finding Aids: Summary inventory

RG-10.055  Marie Koreffova Papers, 1881–1983 (bulk 1945–1950)

These papers contain information about Marie Koreffova’s restitution claims, as well as the persecution and murder of Jews in Poland and the Soviet Union, including in Radin (Poland), Babi Yar (Kiev, the Ukraine), Lithuania, and Birkenau.

Provenance: Herman Taube is the donor. Marie Koreffova, the stepmother of the donor’s wife, collected the documents over a period of years.

Languages: English and Czech
2 folders
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright
RG-10.056  **Joseph H. Smart Collection, 1944–1992**

This collection contains information about the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter, which was directed by Joseph H. Smart and established by the Roosevelt administration in 1944 to house refugees of various nationalities (mainly Jewish) who were brought to the U.S. from Italy. Of interest is information about the campaign by shelter residents to gain permanent residency in the U.S., which Smart assisted.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph H. Smart.

Languages: English
10 linear inches

RG-10.061  **Rose Galek Brunswic Papers, 1914–1989**

These papers contain information about the persecution of Polish Jewry in Nazi-occupied Poland, assistance rendered to Rose Brunswic by a member of the Polish resistance, Brunswic’s deportation as a forced laborer to Germany and her life working in Germany under an assumed identity as a Polish Christian, her life as a displaced person in the American Zone of occupied Germany, her emigration to the United States, and her subsequent efforts to gain restitution on the grounds of health and loss of freedom.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rose Galek Brunswic.

Languages: English and German
5 microfiche cards
Restrictions: On use of restitution claims documents

RG-10.063  **Robert Weil Papers, 1976**

This collection includes a transcript of a speech given by Robert Weil to students in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about his Holocaust experiences. Weil, born in Metz, France, in 1913, is a Holocaust survivor and participated in the liberation as a member of the 8th U.S. Infantry Division. The collection includes letters of response and thanks collected from hundreds of students who heard Weil’s speech, as well as copies of military documents concerning Weil’s discharge from the U.S. Army.


Languages: English
11 microfiche cards
Restrictions: The rights to the letters that Mr. Weil received from other individuals have not been determined. Researchers should use them for informational purposes only, refraining from direct quotations in published works.

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, poems, and a variety of other documents relating to the persecution and incarceration of Jews, especially at Gurs concentration camp in France. Also included is information about emigration attempts by members of the Malz, Finkelstein, Rosenthal, Schwarz, and Rimalower families.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Charles and Lois Apfelbaum.

Languages: German and English
20 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder-level inventory

RG-10.080 William G. Frank Papers, 1933–1985

These papers contain information about the prewar discrimination of German Jewish physicians, anti-Jewish laws, the deportation of German Jews to Terezin (Theresienstadt), the fate of William Frank’s relatives, and acknowledgement given to Jews for their help during a fire.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ruth E. Frank.

Languages: German, English, and Czech
1 microfiche card

RG-10.083 Before the Holocaust: Three Jewish Lives, 1870–1939

These memoirs describe the experiences and lives of three German Jews: Käte Frankenthal, Max Moses Polke, and Joseph Benjamin Levy. Frankenthal’s memoir describes the hardship of being a Jewish socialist. Polke’s memoir discusses his life before the Nazis came to power, the effects of the Nuremberg Laws, and conditions in the Buchenwald concentration camp. Levy’s memoir describes historic events such as the Nazi bookburning, the Jewish boycott, and Kristallnacht.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Thomas Dunlap.

Languages: English
7 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

These letters were written by Paul and Amalia Malsch, the parents of William Malsh (note that in the collection, both spellings are used for the name of William Malsh), from Nazi-occupied Europe to members of their family, primarily their son William, living in the United States. The letters date from 1915 to 1941 and describe the Holocaust-related experiences of members of the Malsh family in Düsseldorf, Germany, and Shanghai, China. After their last letter was written in 1941, the donor’s parents presumably died in Terezin concentration camp or shortly after they left the camp. The collection also includes a one-page biographical sketch written by William Malsh in which he describes his parents.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is William Malsh.

Languages: German and English
13 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-10.088 Earl G. Harrison Papers, 1945–1946

This collection contains a journal, clippings, and various other documents relating to the conditions of displaced persons in the American Zone of Germany. Included are a journal kept by Earl G. Harrison during his trip to Europe in 1945 (folder 1); an article by Harrison entitled “The Last Hundred Thousand” (folder 2); excerpts from addresses delivered by Harrison in October and December 1945 (folder 3); a broadcast transcript of a radio program from July 10, 1946, featuring Harrison (folder 4); and articles and clippings relating to displaced persons and the activities of Earl G. Harrison in Europe.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Earl G. Harrison, who toured the displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany on behalf of President Harry Truman after World War II.

Languages: English
3 microfiche cards

RG-10.089 William Ornstein Papers, 1944–1970

This collection contains a wide range of information about war crimes trials, war criminals, and prisoners of the Mauthausen concentration camp.

Provenance: William Ornstein, who was imprisoned in Dachau and Mauthausen and later testified against several German war criminals, found most of the materials on the premises of Mauthausen. Source of acquisition is Felicja Olszewska.

Languages: German, English, and Polish
23 folders
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-10.092 Abraham Zemach Papers, 1945–1994

This collection includes 36 photographs (some with captions) taken by unknown parties and the U.S. Signal Corps ca. 1942–1945. The photographs depict the consequences of Nazi atrocities as witnessed by Abraham Zemach while he served as a Jewish chaplain in the 76th U.S. Infantry Division during World War II and after the war while he was ministering to Jewish displaced persons. The collection also contains an occupational forces travel permit with handwritten annotations; two pieces of Terezin currency; a memoir relating to Zemach’s experiences during the war; a facsimile of a birthday letter from Gen. Mark Clark dated January 5, 1946; a memorandum dated June 22, 1945, from Zemach to the 76th Infantry Division G-1 regarding the commendation of enlisted men for their role in the reburial of victims found in a mass grave; an undated memoir written by an unidentified female Hungarian Jewish survivor; and photocopies of miscellaneous news articles relating to Zemach’s aid to Jewish displaced persons after the war.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Abraham Zemach.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-10.106 Resolution of the Massachusetts House of Representatives Concerning Nazi Antisemitism, 1933

This is the resolution passed by both houses of the Massachusetts state legislature. It was resolved that the General Court of Massachusetts condemn Nazi violence against Jews. The resolution was introduced by Hyman Mann (or Manevitch) in 1933. The resolution passed the same year.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Thelma M. Barkin.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card

RG-10.120 “Memories of a Generation,” by Michael Goldberg, 1915–1988

In his memoir, Michael Goldberg describes his childhood in Poland; Polish and Soviet antisemitism before the Holocaust; his interest in Zionism; the German occupation of western Poland and the Soviet occupation of eastern Poland; his marriage; the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union; his activities while serving in the Soviet military; the end of World War II; his return to Poland; the death of his first wife; his second marriage; and his emigration to the United States.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eugenia Goldberg.
Languages: English
2 microfiche cards
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-10.121  Jack Grootkerk Memoir, 1940–1946

Jack Grootkerk’s memoir describes the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, his escape to France via Belgium, his unsuccessful attempt to enter Switzerland, entering Spain and his internment in a prison, his journey to Great Britain via Gibraltar, his wife’s escape from the Netherlands to Switzerland, his service in the Princess Irene Brigade of the Dutch Free Forces, his reunion with his wife in France, and his return to Holland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jack Grootkerk.
Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-10.125  The Ernst Heumann Collection, 1941–1944

This collection contains correspondence and financial reports concerning the publication of the newspaper Aufbau by the New World Club (a.k.a. German-Jewish Club), an organization of German Jewish emigrants in New York. Also included is a file concerning Aufbau advertising manager Hans Schleger. A May 1941 issue of International Science is included as well.

Provenance: Ernst Heumann collected the papers of the New World Club while he was managing the finances of the organization. Source of acquisition is Elaine Heumann Gurian.

Biographical/historical note: Ernst Heumann helped found the New World Club in the 1920s and served as its third president. The New World Club had interests in publishing and provided aid to German Jewish immigrants fleeing Germany. The New World Club published Aufbau and International Science.

Languages: German and English
7 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder-level inventory
Restrictions: Some materials protected under copyright
RG-10.129  Simon Klein Letters, 1945–1946

This collection consists of typed, transcribed, and translated letters (dated January 23, 1945 and March 12, 1946) describing the German occupation of Hungary, Simon Klein’s deportation to and experiences in Auschwitz, the deaths of his family members, his transport to Gross-Rosen, and his liberation by the Soviet military. The original letters in Hungarian are not included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jerome S. Klein.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-10.135  The Weinmann Family Papers, 1920–1965

This collection contains various documents relating to the experiences of the Weinmann family in Austria and the United States. The papers include information about the family’s emigration from Austria to the United States, Gustav Weinmann’s arrest during Kristallnacht, the family’s attempts to secure finances in German banks after reaching the United States, and their attempts to receive restitution through the United Restitution Organization for property lost after their departure from Austria. Also included are a letter dated December 4, 1938, and an undated postcard, both of which Gustav Weinmann wrote while imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Hans R. Weinmann.

Languages: German and English
24 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder-level inventory

RG-10.137  The Lorenz C. Schmuhl Papers, 1937–1985

This collection contains material collected by Lorenz Schmuhl after the war. It includes photos of Buchenwald at liberation; information on 1945 services for the dead; Allied reports on Buchenwald; correspondence of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force; material on Latvian displaced persons; and photos of other concentration camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Robert A. Schmuhl.

Languages: English, German, and French
2 boxes
1 photo album
RG-10.142  Seymour Z. Mann Collection, 1901–1946

This collection contains sermons and other writings by Dr. Philip Dörrfu concerning the Evangelical Church in Ludwigsburg, Germany; essays concerning Wilhelm Keil and his involvement in the Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands in Ludwigsburg; and letters, speeches, and the diary of Heinrich Grobe, which include information about his involvement in the NSDAP in the same city. Also included are two copies of blank Nazi forms entitled “Ortsgruppen—Fragebogen.”

Provenance: Seymour Z. Mann, the donor, collected the materials while working with the Public Safety Division of OMGUS in Ludwigsburg, Germany. He received the diary from the daughter of Heinrich Grobe and the sermons and other writings about the Evangelical Church from Dr. Philip Dörrfu, a church official.

Languages: German and English
28 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Folder-level inventory
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-10.146  Henry Holland Collection, 1946–1988

This collection contains United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) child welfare reports from January to June 1946. The reports contain information about psychological evaluations of children and youths at Föhrenwald displaced persons camp. Also included is a 1988 memoir by Henry Holland entitled “Second Chance.” The memoir contains information about Holland’s childhood in Kusnica (Kushnitsa, Ukraine) and Bergszasz, Hungary, his experiences in a Hungarian labor battalion during World War II, his escape from the labor battalion and return to Hungary after the war, the Jewish ghettos he witnessed while working in Hungary, his time in Föhrenwald displaced persons camp in Germany, and his emigration to the United States in 1947.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Henry Holland.

Languages: English
7 microfiche cards

RG-10.151  Joseph Dainow Collection, 1945–1973

This collection contains letters written by Joseph Dainow from September to December 1945 describing his experiences working in the Office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality during the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, Germany, as well as his visits to Fürth, Germany and his encounters with the remaining members of the Jewish community there. Also included
are “Joe Dainow: Letters from Nuremberg 1945,” which contains photocopies of a 1973 article from the Louisiana Law Review describing Dainow’s career at Louisiana State University; photocopies of Dainow’s Nuremberg correspondence, with highlighted statements and annotations added by his son, J. David Dainow; a photograph of the International Military Tribunal courtroom in Nuremberg with the caption, “Greetings from Nürnberg”; and a map of the city of Fürth.

Provenance: Sources of acquisition are J. David Dainow and Keren Dainow-Rotberg.

Languages: English
9 folders
Restrictions: See reference archivist.

RG-10.152 Frum Family Collection, 1929–1960

This collection contains legal documents, correspondence, a diary, and various other documents related to Bernhard and Lucy Frum’s escape to Shanghai. The materials include personal information about the Frum family, Bernhard Frum’s musical aspirations, changes in German society under the Nazi regime, Alexander Frum’s plans to bring Bernhard and Lucy Frum to the United States, and Bernhard and Lucy Frum’s later attempts to remain in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lucy Frum.

Languages: German, English, and Chinese
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-10.154 Emanuel E. and Dorothea G. Minskoff Collection, 1944–1985

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, memoranda, articles, and various other documents relating to the involvement of Emanuel E. “Duke” Minskoff and Dorothea G. Minskoff with the American prosecution team in the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, Germany. Also included is information about Emanuel E. Minskoff’s work for the United States Department of the Treasury’s International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and for the International Monetary Fund projects ca. 1946.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Elizabeth M. Dalton, a personal friend and guardian of Dorothea Minskoff’s estate, who obtained the collection after Miskoff’s death.

Languages: English
5 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level inventory
RG-10.159  Blumenthal Family Papers, 1901–1956 (bulk 1938–1941)

This collection contains certificates, letters, affidavits, postcards, travel permits, photographs, and various other documents relating to the experiences of the Albert Blumenthal family before their emigration to the United States from Germany prior to World War II. Included is information about the experiences and fate of Bernhard Blumenthal, Albert’s father, who was eventually deported to Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camp; and the fate of other Blumenthal family members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ellen B. Sehgal.

Languages: German, English, French, and Portuguese
2 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level inventory


This collection contains biographical sketches, photonegatives, photographs, school report cards, newsletters, identification documents, certificates, clippings, affidavits, a Jewish flag, and various other documents relating to the experiences of Fred Linden (né Fritz Isaac Lindenstrauss); his wife, Ruth Betty Salomon Linden; and their son, Kurt Joseph Linden, during their time living as German Jewish refugees in Shanghai, China. Several documents relate to the Linden family’s business, “Ladies Secondhand Store,” where they provided clothing goods and tailoring services to the community.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Kurt J. Linden.

Languages: English, German, Japanese, and Chinese
4 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level inventory

RG-10.175  Gerald Kaiser Collection, 1986–1993

This collection contains photocopies of miscellaneous documents, memoirs (witness testimonies), the talk given at the Warsaw Conference entitled “Can Indifference Kill?” by Gerald Kaiser, and the Yad Vashem Righteous Among the Nations certifications for the Wlodek and Kowalik families relating to the saving of Gerald (Jurek) Kaiser during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

Biographical/historical note: Gerald Kaiser, the donor, was born on January 1, 1940, in Kielce, Poland. In 1941 the Gestapo took his family to a labor camp. After he was smuggled out of the camp, the Wlodek and Kowalik Roman Catholic families took Gerald in and saved his life. In 1942, the Gestapo killed Gerald’s father, Bernard, in the labor camp. Jadwiga Wlodek died in Auschwitz in 1943. Sylvia Kaiser, Gerald’s mother,
survived. Her later married name was Hirschler. After liberation in 1945, she found Gerald at the Kowalik family house. Mother and son lived for a few years in the displaced persons camp at Bergen-Belsen before immigrating to the United States. At Gerald Kaiser’s urging in 1986 Yad Vashem honored these families with the recognition of “Righteous Among the Nations.”

Languages: Polish, English, and Hebrew
7 items (39 pages)
Finding Aids: Inventory filed with the collection
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 2001.59—The Professor Gerald Kaiser Collection

RG-10.191 William Hahn Collection, 1938–1939

This collection contains photocopies of typescript and handwritten correspondence in English and French from and to the émigré Irish writer, James Joyce, author of *Ulysses* (1922) and *Finnegans Wake* (1939). Included are letters, postcards, and news articles concerning Joyce’s efforts to assist Jewish refugees.

Provenance: The donor is William Hahn, whose aunt and uncle were Italian Jews aided by Joyce during the Holocaust.

Languages: English and French
1 folder

RG-10.199 Jules Benjamin Grad Papers, Ca. 1945–1990

This collection contains 14 black-and-white photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, a memoir, and biographical information about Jules Benjamin Grad’s experiences as a pool correspondent attached to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, SHAEF commander.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Felice Grad.

Languages: English and French
5 folders

RG-10.201 Hana and Charles Bruml Family Papers, Ca. 1885–1980

This collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, one blue pajama shirt, and a white lab coat pertaining to the Holocaust experiences of Hana and Charles Bruml in Terezín, Auschwitz, and various other camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ruth Kramer.
Languages: Czech, German, and English
2 boxes


This collection relates to women in the Polish resistance whom the Nazis subjected to medical experiments at the Ravensbrück concentration camp and the Auschwitz killing center. The Polish “kroliki” or “lapins” (rabbits), as they came to be known, underwent torture including the removal of bone mass from the lower legs and the insertion of septic materials including glass, dirt, and infected rags into muscle mass in order to test the efficacy of sulfonamide drugs. Most of the women suffered long and excruciating deaths.

Provenance: The collection was assembled by Caroline Wolsey Ferriday and donated to the National Archives and Records Administration, which transferred it to the Museum as a more appropriate repository.

Biographical/historical note: Caroline Wolsey Ferriday was an executive with L’Association Nationale des Anciennes Déportées et Internées de la Résistance (ADIR), headquartered in Paris. Many Polish survivors of the Nazi medical experiments at Ravensbrück received monetary compensation from the German government as the result of Ferriday’s efforts to obtain restitution for the so-called “lapins.” Ferriday also encouraged friends in the British medical establishment to pressure German medical authorities for the revocation of Dr. Herta Oberheuser’s license to practice. Oberheuser was a Ravensbrück physician responsible for many of the experiments on the “lapins.” Oberheuser resumed her medical practice as a pediatrician after her release from imprisonment for crimes against humanity. Her medical license was finally revoked in 1960.

Languages: Polish, English, French, and German
2 linear feet
Finding Aids: Partial box list

**RG-11.001M.25  Records of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), Paris (Fond 674), 1933–1940**

The contents of this collection include a review of activities of the Zionist organization Haavara that transferred Jewish money from Germany to Palestine; reports of the Committee of Jewish Delegations, Bucharest, about the legal situation of Jews in Rumania; Yiddish, Hebrew, French, and German press clippings about Zionism and antisemitism; memoranda from the Palestine Association of Polish Jews to the League of Nations; correspondence of the Jewish Central Informational Bureau, Amsterdam, about the situation of Jews in various countries; an appeal from the Jewish communities of Romania regarding antisemitism; reviews of persecution in various countries; a report for a trip through Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria, from July to August 1938; and samples of JTA daily information bulletins in English, French, and German.
RG-11.001M.36  Records of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, Paris (Fond 1190), 1932–1940

This collection contains diverse reports and articles on the economic and political situation of Jews in almost all the countries of Europe by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and many other organizations; a 1937 report of the American Jewish Congress to Secretary of State Cordell Hull; minutes of a 1938 meeting of the London Committee of Jewish Refugees and the HICEM about the possibility of immigration for Jews; summaries of the immigration of Jews to various countries from 1936 to 1937; WJC materials from and about the 1938 Evian conference; reports on the creation of a bank to finance Jewish exports from Poland, an initiative to create an international Jewish colonial society “Eva-Knol,” an economic boycott or blockade of Germany, Kristallnacht, the conditions of refugees at the borders of Poland and Bucovina, the defense of Jewish rights in Danzig, the situation of refugees in Spain, Jewish immigration to French colonial territories, a proposal to create a Jewish foreign legion, Jews in the French Foreign Legion, Romanian and Jewish lawyers in Romania, an appeal of Sudeten Jews about damage caused by the German occupation, ghettos set up in various Polish cities from 1938 to 1940, the situation of Jews in towns of Soviet-occupied Galicia from 1939 to 1940, and economic contributions made by Jewish emigrants in numerous countries; internal WJC correspondence; a 1936 document compilation about the deprivation of the rights of Jews in Germany; edited proofs of chapters of the book *The Economic Situation of Jews in Different Regions of the World*, published by WJC in 1937, as well as press reviews of the book; materials from other organizations including the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Amsterdam Central Jewish Information Office, the International Legal Conference of July 1937 in Paris, the Committee for the Defense of Jewish Rights in Antwerp; samples of antisemitic publications; and newspaper clippings.

Languages: English, French, German, Dutch, and others
4 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution

RG-11.001M.42  Records of the Stock Company “Saloniki-Palestine,” Saloniki (Fond 1437), 1924–1941

This collection contains correspondence with banks and firms, including the Jewish Colonial Bank in London

Languages: Greek, German, English, French, and Hebrew
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution
NOTE: See also RG-45.001M—Declaration of Finances and Property Records from the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki, and RG-45.002M—Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives

RG-11.001M.53 Records of the Zionist Palestine Bureau, Saloniki (Fond 1435), 1919–1938

This collection contains the bureau’s correspondence with Zionist organizations, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Department of Immigration and Labor, and other entities, regarding organizational matters. Also included are English-language bulletins of Zionist organizations.

Languages: Greek, English, and others
1 microfilm roll (16 mm), 1 folder
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution

RG-11.001M.93 World Association of Jewish Students (Fond 1230), 1924–1936

This collection contains office records of this international student organization. Included are protocols of general meetings and executive board meetings; policy statements, proposals, and position papers to be presented at international conferences; press clippings; copies of an English-language publication, The Monthly News Sheet; and a number of English-language records from the International Student Service.

Languages: French, German, and English
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Preliminary English-language descriptions
Restrictions: On reproduction and distribution

RG-12 Benjamin B. Ferencz Collection, 1918–1994

This record group contains materials relating to all phases of Benjamin Ferencz’s academic and professional life, including his student days through his military service as a war crimes investigator and prosecutor at the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg (1945–1946) and the American Military Government war crimes trials (particularly the Einsatzgruppen trial that Ferencz prosecuted); his involvement with B’nai B’rith lodges, the International Council Executive Committee (1937–1994), and B’nai B’rith war damages and restitution of property claims (1959–1962); his activities relating to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (1961–1980); his legal activities relating to claims against German industrial firms for slave labor restitution and compensation, e.g., I.G. Farbenindustrie, AEG, Braunkohle-Benzin Aktiengesellschaft, Daimler-Benz, Dynamit-Nobel, Rheinmetal-Borsig AG, Krupp
International, Siemans AG, Telefunken AG, and Compensation Treuhand G.m.b.H (1952–1994); and his publications relating to many of the above subjects. Also included is some information relating to the education and career of his wife, Gertrude Fried Ferencz, Ferencz’s diaries from 1943 to 1945, his letters to his wife (April 1944–August 1945), and some personal papers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Benjamin B. Ferencz.

Languages: English and German
Ca. 150 boxes
Finding Aids: Folder title list
NOTE: This record group spans from RG-12.000 to RG-12.022

RG-14.008  Ingeborg B. Weinberger Papers, 1933–1959

These papers include correspondence, posters, photographs, identification cards, passports, postcards, and various other documents relating to the Weinberger, Landsberger, and Cohn families in Leipzig, Germany, and Baltimore, Maryland. The documents contain information about the persecution, emigration, and incarceration of family members. The publication Meine Erlebnisse als Jude in Deutschland unter dem Nazi Regime written by Edgar Landsberger contains information about the Riga, Łódź, and Minsk ghettos; deportations; and the Birkenau, Sachsenhausen, and Terezin (Theresienstadt) concentration camps. Also included is information on family registers, racial hygiene, and “acceptable” German names.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ingeborg B. Weinberger, a Jewish refugee from Germany and the former executive director of HIAS of Baltimore, Maryland.

Languages: German and English
2 folders
Restrictions: Some materials protected under copyright

RG-14.009  Adolf Hitler’s Political and Private Testaments, 1945

This collection contains photographic copies of documents relating to Adolf Hitler’s final thoughts before his suicide. In the documents, Hitler denies guilt in causing World War II, ascribes the entire tragedy to international Jewry, describes removing Göring and Himmler from their offices for disloyalty, discusses choosing Admiral Dönitz and a slate of cabinet members to carry on the struggle, and describes his marriage to Eva Braun. Included is a note from Martin Bormann to Admiral Dönitz, which served as a cover letter to Hitler’s political testament.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Walter Jessel. According to Jesser, Henry Heckscher (a fellow U.S. Army interrogator at the Freising prisoner of war facility)
obtained carbon copies of the originals from “one of his sources” shortly after the close of World War II. Heckscher made photographs of the carbons and gave one set to Jessel.

Languages: German and English
1 folder
Finding Aids: English-language translations


This collection contains material from the foreign office on the international issues surrounding the 1936 Olympic Games. Included are documents on potential boycotts by the United States and Norway, policy related to the Jews, racial policy, logistical issues, certain events, and propaganda.

Provenance: The material originated in the Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amts. Source of acquisition is Sybil Milton.

Languages: German, English, French, and Norwegian
77 microfiche cards


The bulk of this collection includes documents from the years 1946 to 1949 regarding the activities of the Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps in Germany. The material includes prisoner questionnaires containing comprehensive biographical information about prisoners and prospective Association members, as well as photographs, fingerprints, and Verification Commission notes. Also included are correspondence, medical and compensation records, Maciejewski family documents, newspapers and clippings, and a book collection.

The Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps was founded in 1946 in a Polish displaced persons camp in the British Zone of Occupation of Germany. On February 24, 1947, German authorities issued an order dissolving the Association; however, after numerous appeals, in December 1947 at a convention in Göttingen, Germany, the Association continued to maintain branches in Meppen-Rose, Osnabrück-Eversburg, Braunschweig, Göttingen, and Clausthal, Germany, until its 1949 demise. Its official publication was Szlak (The Trail).

Provenance: In 1949, the administration of the Association of Polish Former Political Prisoners of Prisons and Concentration Camps in Germany authorized Stanisław Maciejewski to take all the correspondence and verification documents out of Europe. After his death, Michael Maciejewski’s family donated the collection to the USHMM Archives.
This collection contains 2,445 Polish- and English-language files of the American Joint Distribution Committee (AJDC) in Warsaw, including those of the Secretary’s Office and the Emigration, Individual Relief and Welfare, Tracing, Warehouses, Bookkeeping, Administration, and other departments or units. Contents reflect the AJDC’s main activities: rendering material assistance (e.g., food, medicine, clothing, tools) and funding organizations such as the Central Committee of Jews in Poland, the Bund, Zionist movements, youth associations, religious societies, and Hebrew schools.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland (JHI), Warsaw. The archives of Joint in Poland, transferred to the Jewish Historical Institute in 1949, are far from complete. No significant documentation of the Legal or Supply Departments survives. The present reorganization of the files was completed in 2005.

Languages: Polish, English, Czech, French, Hebrew, Dutch, German, Portuguese, Russian, Swedish, Hungarian, and Yiddish
345 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: File-level descriptions, introduction, subject and other indexes (all in Polish)
Restrictions: Publication or copying of more than several documents for a third party requires permission from the JHI.

This collection consists of a 68-page report issued in 1946 and written by Major Leo Alexander, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, European Theater of Operations, on his 1945 field investigation. The report has eight appendices that contain other reports and materials, some of which are in German. Topics include the research done by Dr. O.A. Weitz of the Institut für Luftfahrtmedizin on the ability of animals and humans to tolerate cold water; Alexander’s summary of German conferences, letters, and reports on the problem; a final report on experiments on humans, including 1943 experiments at Dachau, which included an investigation of the results of various patterns of the re-warming of chilled human subjects; the role of Dr. Racher and his wife Nini; and the role of Heinrich Himmler.

Provenance: Dr. Carlo Foa obtained this copy at the International Congress of Physiology in 1946. Source of acquisition is Piero Foa.

Languages: English and German
4 microfiche cards
NOTE: Also related is a copy of an article by Leo Alexander (New England Journal of Medicine, 14 July 1949), which is stored in the USHMM Archive’s subject files under “Medical Experiments.”

RG-18.001  Condemnation of Genocide and Antisemitism, N.d.

This collection consists of an English translation of a declaration by the Republic of Latvia’s “Highest Council” condemning genocidal acts by the Nazis. Included is an acknowledgement of the historical importance of Jews in Latvian culture and Latvia’s future intolerance of antisemitic acts and racial discrimination.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is George Schwab.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG–19.002  Helen Waren Letter, 1945

This collection consists of a copy of an undated letter by Helen Waren, an actress in Europe at the close of World War II. In her letter she describes her experiences with Allied troops in Europe, displaced persons camps, and displaced Jews suffering persecution after the war. Also included is a November 21, 1945, letter by Maj. Charles Heitzberg of the War Department, Office of the Chief of Staff, describing the origins of the letter to Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor of the U.S. Zone of Occupation.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration, record group 260 (OMGUS).

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG–19.003  Vincent La Vista Report on Illegal Immigration in and through Italy, 1947**

This collection consists of a copy of a declassified memorandum written on May 15, 1947, by Vincent La Vista to Herbert J. Cummings. The memorandum describes the illegal immigration of Jews, Hungarians, displaced persons in general, and other groups into and through Italy after World War II. La Vista also reports on the alleged illegal activities of institutions and groups including the Vatican, the International Red Cross, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in connection with illegal immigration.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is unknown.

Languages: English
0.25 linear inches
Restrictions: Legal ownership is unclear. Use materials only for background information.

**RG–19.004  Records Relating to the Committee for Refugee Education, 1940–1942, 1949**

This collection contains, in two subcollections, essays written by refugee students studying English in a program provided by the Committee for Refugee Education (CRE) after World War II. In the essays the students describe their experiences of life in the United States, the memories of persecution and imprisonment in concentration camps, and their liberation. Also included are samples of teaching materials used in the English lessons; a December 18, 1949, letter written by one of the English-language instructors; and progress reports for 1940, 1941, 1942, and 1949. These reports include information about the CRE, statistics on students participating in English-language training courses, teaching methods used by CRE instructors, and communications with other agencies that cooperated with the CRE, including the American Committee for Christian German Refugees and the Jewish Welfare Board.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rosalyn Malakoff.

Languages: English
1 folder
RG–19.005  Alice Stern Papers, 1938–1947

This collection contains the personal papers of Alice Stern, which relate to her emigration from Frankfurt-am-Main through Lisbon to the United States. Among the documents are affidavits from family members, correspondence with the American Consulate in Stuttgart, and materials concerning Alice Stern’s finances at the time of her emigration.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harold Stern, Alice’s son, who attempted to enter Canada but was rerouted to Australia, where he was interned for 20 months before being allowed to enter the United States in 1947. He acquired the papers upon his mother’s 1978 death.

Languages: English and German
1 linear inch

RG–19.006  Katz Family Papers, 1938–1942

This collection contains three folders of correspondence between Max Katz of Chicago, Illinois, and his cousin, Max Katz of Hoboken, New Jersey, and several photographs. The letters relate to the attempts of Max Katz (Hoboken) to collect funds to finance the emigration of Nathan, Selma, and Pauline Katz from Germany to the United States. In some cases, the letters contain detailed genealogical information about the Katz family. The letters in German are usually followed by an English translation. Because the correspondence in the Katz papers terminates in 1942, there is no indication as to the fate of the Katz family members in Germany.

Provenance: The papers were acquired by the daughter of Max Katz (Chicago) after his death and were later given to the donor, Robert Weiner.

Languages: German and English
3 folders

RG–19.007  M. Peter Victor Papers, 1936–1947

This collection contains letters and other documents about members of M. Peter Victor’s family and his emigration from Germany and Italy to China and the United States.

Provenance: M. Peter Victor, the donor, collected the materials during and after his emigration to Shanghai, China. A ticket to the 1936 Olympic ceremonies (item 1990.277.01) is held in the Art and Artifacts Branch of the USHMM Collections Division.

Languages: English and German
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item-level description

This collection contains correspondence between Paul and Balbina Schifter and their son, Richard. In general, the letters concern the emigration of Richard Schifter to the United States and the attempts of Paul and Balbina Schifter to emigrate from Poland during the Holocaust. Each German letter is followed by an English translation.

Provenance: The correspondence of the Schifter family was compiled and translated by Deborah Esther Schifter, the donor.

Languages: English and German
2 linear inches
Restrictions: 1989 copyright


This collection contains documents relating to William Ramkey’s involvement with displaced persons in Allied-occupied Austria. Among the papers are reports written by Ramkey while he was a member of the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division, and materials relating to the Displaced Persons Advisory Board and the UNRRA.

Provenance: William Ramkey, the donor, collected the documents during his service with the 83rd U.S. Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Languages: English
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item-level description
NOTE: For additional records relating to William Ramkey, see also RG–19.013-014.

RG–19.011  Isaac Bitton Papers, 1939–1944

This collection contains materials, in six subsections, concerning the situation of Portuguese Jews during and after the Holocaust. Among the topics covered are Jewish refugees in Lisbon, including photographs of arrivals and departures; Libyan and Tunisian Jews exchanged for German prisoners of war; emigration to Palestine; the story of Aristides de Sousa Mendes as a Righteous Among the Nations; the memorial at Nahariya on the site of the wreck of the ship Aliyah and to the Jewish refugees on board; the Jewish community in Lisbon; the ship Nyassa; and the unsuccessful attempt by a Portuguese Jewish family in Germany to immigrate to the United States.

Provenance: Isaac Bitton, a Portuguese Jewish refugee, collected the documents after 1945. Some of the photographs are copies from the holdings of the Diario de Noticias newspaper archives in Lisbon. Source of acquisition is Anita Kassof.
Diary of Fannie Stern Selig, November 3, 1947 through December 8, 1947

This travel log was kept by Fannie Stern, former president of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Jewish Federation, during her 1947 visit to several displaced persons camps throughout Europe and Palestine. The diary focuses on topics such as the emigration of Jews to Palestine, the care of children, the conditions at abandoned concentration camps, and the reentry of Jews into normal life after the Holocaust.

Provenance: Peggy Selig Gordon, daughter of Fannie Stern Selig, is the donor.


These collections contain additional documents relating to William Ramkey’s work with displaced persons in Austria after World War II. Among the topics addressed in the documents are the situation of Jews in Austria, rationing programs for displaced persons, the activities of the U.S. Army in the occupied areas of Austria, and information concerning the UNRRA.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is William Ramkey.

Mann and Mandelbaum Family Correspondence, 1938–1949

This collection contains letters exchanged primarily between the Jacob Mann family and the Sidney Mandelbaum family. The letters concern the attempts of Jacob Mann to emigrate, along with his wife and daughter, to the United States just prior to the beginning of World War II with sponsorship and financial assistance from the Mandelbaum family. Several letters relate to the work done by the Council for German Jewry and the German Jewish Aid Committee during the emigration process of the Mann family.
Provenance: The letters were written between the Mann family of Nuremberg, Germany, and the Mandelbaum family of Des Moines, Iowa, beginning in November 1938 and ending in March 1949. Barbara Arum, the granddaughter of Morris Mandelbaum, reproduced and provided copies of the original letters for donation to the USHMM. The originals are in the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Languages: German and English
1 folder

RG–19.018 William Perl Papers, 1944

This collection contains letters, lists, reports, and photographs concerning William Perl’s involvement in illegal emigration efforts during the Holocaust; and Nazi atrocities in the Soviet Union, including a report by the Soviet State Extraordinary Commission for Ascertaining and Investigating the Crimes Committed by the German-Fascist Invaders and Their Accomplices. The July 4, 1944, report includes information about the execution of Soviet citizens in rural areas, the execution of Soviet Jews, and Jewish population statistics for several Soviet cities as well as information about episodes of clandestine Jewish emigration by sea to Palestine. Another report, issued by the Office of Strategic Services, Research Analysis Branch, includes information about specific crimes charged to the Germans, persons accused of being war criminals, and Russian attitudes toward the legal problems involved in war crimes prosecution.

Provenance: William Perl collected these documents from various sources. Source of acquisition is Elizabeth Koenig.

Languages: English, German, and Russian
2 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
NOTE: See also RG-50.393*0041—William Perl Oral History Interview.


These records include Yiddish newspapers, booklets, and other documents relating to Joseph Levine and his involvement with displaced persons at Regensburg after World War II. Also included are materials relating to the International Military Tribunal proceedings in Nuremberg, to the UNRRA, and to Jews in Indiana.

Biographical/historical note: Source of acquisition is Joseph Levine, born in 1907 in Malodezna, Russia. He fled to the United States with his mother after the 1917 revolution. He worked with the U.S. Army and the UNRRA in Schwandorf, Bavaria, after World War II and served as the Regional Director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee from 1945 to 1946 in northern Bavaria.
Languages: English and Yiddish
1 folder

RG–19.021  **Sadja Grand Letters and Other Materials Relating to Jewish Displaced Persons in Austria, 1945–1948**

This collection contains letters, articles, and photographs concerning Sadja Grand’s work with the American Red Cross in North Africa, Italy, and Austria during and after World War II. Topics discussed include the care of refugee children, living conditions and food rationing in the displaced persons camps, and the response of Jews in America to the situation of Jews in Europe after World War II.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Belle Beck.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright


This essay contains information about the “Righteous Among the Nations,” the rescue of Jews, statistics relating to rescue, and honoring rescuers at Yad Vashem.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Knud Dyby, the essay’s author. A native of Denmark responsible for the rescue of several Jews, Dyby has been honored by various organizations including Yad Vashem.

Languages: English
1 folder


This collection contains nationally grouped name lists of displaced persons, mainly Polish, who remained in Ebensee concentration camp after liberation. Also included are records relating to the Polish Committee in Ebensee, and a map of Austria showing Mauthausen and the Mauthausen subcamp network.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sidney Harcsztark.

Languages: English and Polish
10 linear inches
RG–19.029  Harry and Clare Lerner Correspondence Relating to Their Work with Displaced Persons and UNRRA, 1945–1961

This collection contains information about Harry and Clare Lerner’s postwar experiences while working for UNRRA teams responsible for the care and welfare of Jewish displaced persons in Germany and Czechoslovakia. The Lerners were assigned at various times to several of the facilities in Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Clare Lerner.

Languages: English
1 linear inch

RG–19.031  Hedy Langfelder Letters Relating to Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, 1948

This collection contains information about Jewish refugees in Shanghai, China, in 1948. Hedy Langfelder, the letters’ author, and the late M. Peter Victor, the recipient and donor, were Jewish refugees in Shanghai.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is M. Peter Victor.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG–19.033  Records Relating to Seminary Student Committee to Save European Jewry, 1942–1986

These records contain information about the Jewish Theological Seminary of America Seminary Student Committee to Save European Jewry, and its attempts, along with other religious organizations (e.g., those of the Synagogue Council of America and the Federal Council of Churches), to help the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust.

Provenance: Noah Golinkin, a rabbi and former activist on behalf of threatened European Jewry while a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America during World War II, is the donor. He collected the material as part of his work.

Languages: English
1 folder
Source of Acquisition: Noah Golinkin

These papers include letters, reports, name lists, photographs, a map, and memoranda relating to the postwar experiences and observations of Greta (Fischerova) Fischer at the Kloster-Indersdorf displaced children’s center, a facility in the suburbs of Munich, Germany, run by United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation (UNRRA) Team 182. Other materials relate more generally to the work of the UNRRA and the plight of refugees and displaced persons.

Provenance: Greta Fischer, a refugee from Czechoslovakia who spent the years of World War II in London, collected the materials during her service as an UNRRA worker. A few items were among Ms. Fischer’s papers, which USHMM received from the donor, Lilo Plaschkes.

Languages: English and Estonian
5 linear inches
NOTE: See also RG–19.041—Shoshannah Gallowski Fine Collection, for additional records relating to Kloster-Indersdorf camp.

RG–19.036  Judah Nadich Collection, 1945

This collection contains a diary kept by Judah Nadich from August to November 1945; a yellow star patch with the word “Juif” in the center; and miscellaneous handwritten and carbon copy correspondence, reports, and statistical charts relating to Jewish displaced persons in postwar Germany and Austria.

Provenance: Rabbi Judah Nadich is the donor. He compiled the diary and collected the other materials while serving as the Senior Jewish Chaplain at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), where he reported to General Eisenhower on the conditions in the concentration camps and displaced persons camps.

Languages: English and French
0.5 linear inches (1 folder) and 1 diary (ca. 55 pages)

RG–19.038  Irving Heymont Papers Relating to Displaced Persons in Landsberg and Other Camps, 1945–1946

This collection contains letters relating to conditions for displaced persons (DPs) at the Landsberg and Leipheim DP camps. Also included is information about Irving Heymont’s work with members of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, a report concerning the liberation of Hurlach concentration camp, a booklet entitled “The Seventy-First Came . . . to Gunskirchen Lager,” and two pages of copyprints of post-liberation scenes at an unidentified camp.
Biographical/historical note: Col. Irving Heymont served as the first U.S. Army commandant of the Landsberg displaced persons camp in Germany.

Provenance: The donor is Irving Heymont, who served as the first U.S. Army commandant of the Landsberg DP camp. He exchanged the letters with his wife during his time in Germany after World War II.

Languages: English
4 folders
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG–19.040  Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection, 1933–1944

This collection includes extensive correspondence relating to the emigration of Manfred Löwin to the United States in 1939 and his unsuccessful attempts, with the help of his friends the Koenigsbergers, to save his family. Manfred Löwin changed his name to Manfred Lovin after his emigration to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dr. Lorraine Beitler.

Languages: English and German
Ca. 100 items


This collection contains registration records, photographs, letters, pamphlets, and various other documents relating to Shoshannah G. Fine’s work with orphaned Jewish children and displaced persons at Kloster-Indersdorf (Kibbutz Dror) and in Great Britain. Included are speeches given by Leonard G. Montefiore relating to Jewish orphans, a book of drawings by Moshe Barash (in Hebrew), and a book of songs.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Shoshannah G. Fine.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Yiddish
3 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
NOTE: See also RG–19.034—Greta Fisher Papers, for additional information on Kloster-Indersdorf.
RG–19.042  Association of Teheran Children and Their Instructors Collection, (1943)

This collection contains copies of various documents from an exhibition produced for the
50th anniversary reunion of the Association of Teheran Children and Their Instructors in
1993. The exhibition recounts the history of the children’s rescue from the Nazis and
their relocation to Palestine via Teheran, Iran, in 1943. Also included is information
about the lives of the Teheran Children after their arrival and the work of Henrietta Szold.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is David Laor, an agent of the Jewish Agency for
Palestine, who served as the Director of the Jewish Children’s Home in a camp for Polish
refugees in Teheran beginning in 1942.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Polish
0.25 linear inches, 2 books, and 3 videocassettes
Finding Aids: Detailed table of contents at beginning of each exhibition scrapbook

RG–19.044M  Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross
Commission for Prisoners, Internees, and Civilians. Hostages and Political
Prisoners (Otages et détenus politiques), 1939–1952

This collection contains records from the International Committee of the Red Cross
(ICRC) Commission for Prisoners, Internees, and Civilians. Topics include aid for
hostages and political prisoners in German prisons and concentration camps; hostages,
political prisoners, and resistance fighters imprisoned during and after the war by Nazi
satellite regimes or imprisoned by Germany throughout Europe; German nationals
interned or detained in Allied countries during and after the war; the repatriation of
deportees; and the civil war in Greece.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the ICRC Archives, series G44. Copies are also
available at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, English, and others
16 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in French and English
NOTE: See also the collections in RG-64—International Committee of the Red Cross;
RG-04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in
Terezin; and RG-04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy.
RG–19.045M Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross

This collection contains the office files of Hans Bachmann, personal secretary to Carl J. Burckhardt. The files contain information about assistance to Jews in various countries and to civilian detainees in concentration camps in Germany from 1939 to 1945; administrative records of the Department of Special Assistance (DAS) relating to actions in favor of Jews; records relating to material and moral assistance from the ICRC to European Jews; general records on ghettos and concentration camps for Jews; ICRC appeals to various governments requesting respect for the Geneva Convention and the rules of war; appeals from governments, NGOs, individuals, and national Red Cross organizations for intervention by the ICRC in cases of violations of laws and conventions; and ICRC correspondence with the League of Nations on the question of refugees in Europe, especially Jews fleeing persecution in Germany. Other topics include the emigration of Jews to Palestine and elsewhere; ICRC work with Jewish and other organizations; deportations of Jews from European countries, including individual cases and testimonies about Nazi atrocities; proposals and projects to improve the conditions of Jews in Europe; and an ICRC diplomatic mission to Iraq regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict from 1949 to 1950.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the ICRC Archives, Geneva. Copies of these microfilms are also available at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, and English
14 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in French and English
NOTE: See also the collections in RG–64—International Committee of the Red Cross; RG–04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin; and RG–04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy.

RG–19.046M Selected Records from the American Relief for Poland Organizations, 1939–1952

This collection contains reports, bulletins, general correspondence, name lists, “welfare messages,” financial records, newspaper clippings, photographs, and various other records relating to the work of American Relief for Poland from 1939 to 1952. The files of the Lisbon office contain the reports and general correspondence of Florian Piskorski, the American Relief for Poland delegate for Europe; name lists of Polish and Jewish refugees, Polish prisoners of war, and Roman Catholic priests in concentration camps who were receiving aid; and general records relating to American Relief for Poland’s work with various branches of the Red Cross throughout Europe.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Polish Museum Archives, Chicago, Illinois.

Languages: Polish and English
5 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description


This collection contains reports relating to Samuel B. Zisman’s service as director of displaced persons camps and centers. Included are correspondence, maps, organizational flow charts, photographs, architectural drawings, cartoons, newspaper clippings, and various other documents related to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration’s (UNRRA) District 5 in Bavaria. The papers date from 1944 to 1950 and chiefly concern the work of various UNRRA teams and the operation of various displaced persons camps and centers from 1945 to 1947.

Provenance: A statement of provenance and a biography of Zisman written by the donor, Paul D. Spreiregen, in 1996 are included in the collection.

Languages: English, French, German, and Hebrew
14 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description


This collection contains one song booklet and eight postage stamps given to students in the Kassel displaced persons camp; 66 black-and-white photographs of the Goldfarb family in the Kassel and Ziegenhain displaced persons camps; and 22 documents pertaining to the experiences of Roza, Elimelech, and William Goldfarb in those camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is William Goldfarb.

Languages: German, English, and Yiddish
6 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level description


This collection contains two copies of a songbook from the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp. The songbooks were part of the publication Zamlung fun katset un geto lider, which was issued in 1946 by the Central Jewish Committee in Bergen-Belsen. The same collection also appeared as an edition of the displaced persons periodical Undzer Sztyme. There is also a photocopy of a note to Morris Kopels’ aunt, Sonya Kusevitsky.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Morris Kopels.

Languages: Yiddish and English
2 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG–19.057   Eugenia Hochberg Lanceter Collection, 1920–1949

This collection contains postcards, letters, and various other documents relating to Eugenia (Gina) Hochberg’s experiences in the Brody ghetto and labor camps near the Brody ghetto; her life in hiding in both Brody and Lublin; and her marriage to Henryk Lanceter in July 1945. Included are 50 black-and-white photographs relating to her time in the Finkenschlag displaced persons camp in Fürth, Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eugenia Hochberg Lanceter.

Languages: English, German, and Polish
3 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG–19.059   The Greenfield Family Papers, 1945–1949

This collection contains 118 black-and-white photographs, certificates, identification documents, and camp passes relating to the experiences of Joseph Greenfield (b. Josef Grünfeld) after his liberation in 1945; and the experiences with his wife, Rachele Bunis, and his son, David S. Greenfield, in several displaced persons (DP) camps in Austria from 1945 to 1949. Among the photographs are scenes of Joseph Greenfield and his friends from the 331st and 222nd Infantry Regiments and the 42nd Tank Battalion of the United States Army working near Steyr, Austria, after liberation; the wedding of Josef and Rachele Grünfeld; the wedding of Mendush (Martin) Grünfeld, Josef Grünfeld’s brother, and Helen Grünfeld; the exhumation and reburial of Mauthausen concentration camp victims in a cemetery at Münchholtz near Linz; sporting events and childrens’ groups in the DP camps; DP meetings to discuss Aliyah (immigration) to the land of Israel; Israel Independence Day celebrations in 1948; rededication of the synagogue in Steyr during Passover in 1946; the staff of ORT Magazine; and ORT training classes in Ebelsberg DP camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph and Rachel Greenfield. Joseph Greenfield took the photographs while working with several regiments of the U.S. Army after liberation in 1945 and while in several DP camps in Austria after World War II.

Languages: English, German, Yiddish, and Hebrew
118 photoprints and 12 documents
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-19.061 --- Records of the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars

This collection contains documentation on the individuals who successfully or unsuccessfully sought aid. In all, some 6,000 displaced scholars and professional persons
from Europe appealed to the Committee. Of that number, 335 were granted assistance through the Committee. Of particular importance is series 3, which contains biographical information concerning Emergency Committee grantees, and account ledgers detailing payments to the grantees’ employers.

Provenance: The Emergency Committee, located in New York City, in the Institute of International Education, was organized in May 1933 to serve the needs of university professors who had been dismissed from German universities because of political opinions or antisemitic legislation. With the outbreak of Nazi aggression, the Committee revised its mission to include refugee professors from all countries in Western Europe overrun by the Nazi armies. Dr. Betty Drury assembled the collection while she was serving as executive secretary for the Emergency Committee during World War II. Dr. Drury’s husband, Mr. Marvin H. Clapp, donated the collection to USHMM.

Language: English 1922–1967 (bulk 1944–1945)
Original records, 21 boxes; now available in 253 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Mr. Marvin H. Clapp

RG-19.062 --- Harold Fishbein Collection

This collection contains the personal correspondence of Harold Fishbein, Director from 1945 to 1948 of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration’s (UNNRA) Schlachtensee displaced persons camp near Berlin, Germany. It also contains a draft copy for a book Mr. Fishbein was writing about the DP camp and his experiences as its director. More than 400 photographs of Mr. Fishbein, the Schlachtensee camp, and displaced persons are included in the collection.
Languages: English; also German, Hebrew, and Yiddish 1941–1949
Original records, 4 boxes; now available in 40 microfiche cards
Source of Acquisition: Rabbi Mayer Abramowitz
Finding aid: English-language finding aid available

RG-20.002 The Story of Dr. Josef Jaksy, N.d.

This speech by Amira Trattner entitled “The Story of Dr. Josef Jaksy” includes testimony by several of Jaksy’s acquaintances including former New York governor Mario Cuomo. The testimonies describe Jaksy’s activities as a Righteous Gentile in Czechoslovakia, where he was responsible for the rescue and successful escape of many Jews and political dissidents.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Michael Berenbaum.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Information may be cited but not quoted
RG-20.003  Oskar Schindler Papers, 1945–1987

This collection contains letters, photographs, and articles relating to the life of Oskar Schindler and his efforts to save his Jewish factory workers from deportation and death. Included in the materials is a copy of a list, dated April 18, 1945, of Jewish inmates of Brünnlitz, a subcamp of Gross-Rosen in Czechoslovakia, that was associated with Oskar Schindler’s munitions factory. Using an early list the previous year, Schindler had moved workers from his factory in Poland, as well as other Jews, to relative safety in the Brünnlitz camp.

Biographical/historical note: Oskar Schindler was a Catholic native of Czechoslovakia, who operated a factory near Kraków, Poland, where he managed to save some 1,200 Jews from death during the Holocaust. After World War II, Schindler went to Argentina with the aid of Jews he saved. He returned to Germany after several years and worked for the German Friends of Hebrew University. He was named a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem and was buried in Jerusalem after his death on October 9, 1974.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Murray Pantirer.

Languages: English and German
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item list
Restrictions: Published articles protected under copyright

RG-20.004  Records Relating to the Investigation of Giorgio Perlasca by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, 1945–1990

This collection contains four folders of letters, newspaper and magazine articles, testimonies, and interviews concerning Giorgio Perlasca’s. During World War II, Perlasca worked for an Italian livestock firm and was stationed in Hungary. Connections with the Spanish embassy in Budapest gave him an opportunity to pose as an embassy official and to rescue thousands of Hungarian Jews from deportation.

Provenance: The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council collected the materials during an evaluation of Giorgio Perlasca’s assistance to Hungarian Jews prior to awarding him the USHMC Medal of Remembrance in September 1990. The information was received from Yad Vashem and various sources in Hungary and Italy. A file concerning the controversy of Lazlo Szamosi was added to the collection.

Languages: English, Hungarian, Hebrew, German, and Italian
2.5 linear inches
RG-20.005  William and Mies Oudegeest Interview, N.d.

This collection contains transcripts of an audiotaped interview of William and Mies Oudegeest concerning their participation in underground resistance and their hiding of Dutch Jews. The audiotapes of the Oudegeest interview are also included.

Provenance: Joseph L. Rosenzweig, the donor, interviewed William and Mies Oudegeest.

Languages: Dutch and English
1 linear inch


This collection contains copies of the proceedings of a 1984 lawsuit filed by Guy von Dardel and Sven Hagstromer against the Soviet Union for the unlawful seizure and imprisonment of Raoul Wallenberg.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Agnes Adachi via Linda Kuzmack. Adachi assisted Wallenberg at the Swedish Embassy in 1943 by distributing passports, and is responsible for saving several Jews from death during an escape effort on the Danube River.

Languages: Russian and English
0.5 linear inches
NOTE: For additional material relating to Wallenberg, see also RG-66—Accession 1999.A.0237—Selected Records from the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

RG-20.007  Ella Barrey Identification Document, 1944

This collection contains an original document that served as identification for Ella Barrey, an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Budapest, Hungary. Also included is a letter from the donor, George Lorinczi, providing biographical information on Ella Barrey and her heroic efforts to save Hungarian Jews and prisoners of war.

Languages: Hungarian and English
1 folder

RG-20.008  Presentation to Daniel Eric Burt on the Occasion of His Bar Mitzvah, June 20, 1987

This collection contains information about the Bar Mitzvah celebration of Davis Eric Burt; the journey of his father, Jeffrey Burt, to Auschwitz-Birkenau; and Bernard Conrad Swieczynski, a Righteous Gentile from Warsaw, Poland.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jeffrey Burt.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.010  “True Friends,” by Klaus Driessen, 1991**

This collection consists of a copy of “True Friends” by Klaus Driessen. The manuscript describes how the writer’s mother, Mati Driessen, a German costume designer, rescued her Jewish friend and business partner, Lilli Wolff, from Nazi persecution.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Klaus Driessen via Harvey Sarner.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.011  Testimonies and Evocations Presented to the Leadership of the Yad Vashem Memorial, 1940–1942**

This collection contains information about Romanian Mircea Petru G. Sion’s efforts to assist Jews.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harvey Sarner.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.012  Pessel Piri Gans Memoir, 1944–1945**

This memoir contains information about Pessel (Piri) Gantz (Gans), a Slovakian Jew, and her family’s struggle to survive the Holocaust, with assistance from gentile friends.

Provenance: Harvey Sarner, the donor, translated the original memoir by Ms. Gans.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.013  Records and Photographs Relating to the Bata Shoe Company in Zlin, Czechoslovakia, 1972**

This collection contains information about the history of the Bata shoe company and its successful program to send Jewish employees and their families abroad to protect them from the Nazis. Also included is information about Zlin, Czechoslovakia, where Bata had its main factory.
Provenance: In 1972 Otto Heilig sent the article and related materials to the *Jewish Monthly*, a magazine published by B’nai B’rith. The magazine never published the article, but donated it to the USHMM later that year.

Languages: English, Czech, and German
1 folder
Restrictions: For background information only

**RG-20.014 Miklos Szalay Papers, 1957–1986**

This collection contains information about Miklos Szalay and his family’s efforts to hide and protect a downed Jewish-American airman and a Jewish escapee from a labor camp in Hungary.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Miklos Szalay.
Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.015 Peter O. Vlcko Papers, 1991**

This collection contains a memoir relating to Peter Vlcko’s experiences in Slovakia, including his marriage to a Jewish woman and his assistance to her and other Jews facing persecution. Included are letters to Harvey Sarner and to the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith about the postwar Arab-Israeli conflict and antisemitism.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Harvey Sarner.

Languages: English
1 folder

**RG-20.016 Soldiers Without Weapons (Excerpt), 1967**

This collection consists of an excerpt from Sophia Binkiene’s book containing testimony by Dr. F. Gurviciene concerning her daughter’s rescue by Dr. Ona Landsbergiene, the mother of the future democratically elected president of Lithuania, Vytautas Landsbergis.


Languages: English
9 pages
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright
RG-20.017  *Fight for Thirteen, 1983*

This memoir contains information about Stefania Burzminski Podgorska of Przemysl, Poland, who hid and aided 13 Jews in the attic of her Catholic parents’ home. After the war, she married Josef Podgorska, one of the Jews whom she hid in her attic, and immigrated to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Stefania Podgorska-Burzminski.

Languages: English
7 pages
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright

RG-20.018  *“Heroic Action in the Holocaust is Recognized” by Erica Foldes, 1991*

This essay describes how John Fulop helped hide and care for six Jews in Nazi-occupied Budapest, Hungary. This act led to his recognition as a Righteous Among the Nations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Erica Foldes.

Languages: English
6 pages
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright. Fair use only.

RG-20.019  *Testimony of Sister Marie-Aurelie, Mother Superior of the Convent of the Sisters of the Very Holy Savior, 1945*

This collection contains a translation of a memoir by Sister Marie-Aurelie, Mother Superior of the Convent of the Sisters of the Very Holy Savior, in Brussels, Belgium. She describes how her convent cared for Jewish girls and hid them from the Gestapo during the German occupation in World War II.

Provenance: The memoir is from the Archives of the Commune of Anderlecht, Belgium, and the donor is Rachelle Baske. Lorraine Lasko donated a copy of the English translation of Sr. Marie-Aurelie’s memoir.

Languages: English
1 microfiche card

RG-20.020  *Documents of Recognition for Dr. Jozsef Antall, 1990–1991*

This collection contains documents related to the deeds of Dr. Jozsef Antall, a Righteous Among the Nations who rescued Hungarian Jews.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jozsef Antall.

This manuscript contains information about citizens of Prélenfrey-du-Gua, France, who hid Jews during World War II. Specifically mentioned are the actions of the Guidi family, proprietors of the Les Tilleuls preventorium for tuberculosis patients. Also included are several articles relating to the Jews saved at Prélenfrey-du-Gua, and recent photographs of the Les Tilleuls preventorium. Serge Klarsfeld provided a preface to the manuscript.

Provenance: In 1994 Editions C. Lacour published the original French manuscript by the donor, David Klugman, who also translated the work.

Languages: English and French
2 folders
Restrictions: Materials protected under copyright. Fair use only.

RG-20.022  Mania Birnberg Collection about Mary Barys, 1982–1991

This collection contains photocopies of clippings and other documents relating to the actions of Mary Barys Szul (b. 1928), who was recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in 1982 (Case Number 3233).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Mania Birnberg, a survivor of the Zborow ghetto who escaped to a nearby village, where Mary Barys hid and protected her.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-21  Joseph and Sheila Tenenbaum Collection, 1927–1986

This record group contains various materials relating to the life and activities of Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum (1887–1961). Tenenbaum was active in the organization of the Anti-Nazi Joint Boycott Council of the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee in 1933, as well as several anti-Nazi and Jewish relief and rescue organizations. He also wrote books (e.g., Race and Reich), pamphlets (e.g., “Can Hitler Be Stopped” [1938] and “The Einsatzgruppen” [1955]), and magazine and newspaper articles. Subjects in the collection include American reaction to the persecution of the Jews in Europe before and during World War II; the activities of several Jewish organizations involved with relief and rescue (e.g., American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, YIVO, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, American
Zionist Federation, Federation of Polish Jews in America, Zionist Organization of America, World Jewish Congress, Workman’s Circle, and World Federation of Polish Jews); Holocaust commemorations; and Jewish and Holocaust studies in schools.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sheila Tenenbaum.

Languages: English, Polish, Yiddish, and Hebrew
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Sub-collection level description
NOTE: This collection spans from RG-21.001 to RG-21.001*06.

**RG-22.004  Soviet War News, 1944**

This collection contains photocopies of the Soviet War News from 1944. Included is information about the German invasion of the USSR, the “sacking” of Kiev, the Babi Yar massacre, killings in Rovno (Rowne) and Odessa, Soviet prisoners of war, the Majdanek concentration camp, the German invasion of Estonia, and the deportation and killing of citizens of L’viv (Lvov).

Provenance: Soviet War News was published by the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy in London during World War II. Source of acquisition is Sybil Milton.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Published material protected by copyright.

**RG-22.009M  Selected Records from the Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, 1941–1944**

This collection contains records from the Molotov Secretariat showing early Soviet knowledge of the Holocaust and interactions with the Allies about a joint policy declaration; miscellaneous reports of the SovInformBuro, including articles prepared for the Soviet press; materials relating to the creation of the Extraordinary State Commission to Investigate German-Fascist Crimes Committed on Soviet Territory; and materials about Rudolf Höss and other Nazi leaders, Polish forces in the USSR, the situation of Soviet prisoners of war in Poland, and war crimes in Hungary.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Archives, Moscow, Fond 06 1942 (Molotov Secretariat) and Fond 013 (SovInformBuro).

Languages: Russian, English, Hungarian, German, and others
3 linear inches of photocopies
Finding Aids: Item-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction
RG-23.006  Wenceslas J. Wagner Papers, 1945–1989

This collection contains photocopies of personal notes, essays, and newspaper articles written by Wenceslas J. Wagner concerning his experiences as a resistance fighter in underground movements in Poland and as a political prisoner in several Nazi concentration camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Wenceslas J. Wagner.

Languages: English and Polish
1 folder
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright


This collection contains a copy of Buchenwald, Near Weimar, a music score by Patricia King. The lyrics, by Joseph Langland, contain his reflections on his participation in the liberation of Buchenwald. The cassette recording features the piece performed by John Lemly, bass, and Sheila Jillson, soprano, accompanied by Joseph Rogers on cello and Patricia King on piano.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Patricia King.

Languages: English
1 folder and 1 audio cassette
Restrictions: Published material protected under copyright

RG-24.008  Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue, by Jacob Weinberger Hashisha, 1989

This collection contains two copies of Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue by Jacob Weinberger Hashisha. In the form of a drama, Hashisha describes the final judgment of the Nazi leaders in the presence of God, the prophets, and the matriarchs. The piece is intended for recitation or performance.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jacob Weinberger Hashisha.

Languages: English and Hebrew
1 folder
Restrictions: Protected under 1989 copyright

This collection contains information about Thomas Ballinger’s involvement in arranging, with the State Jewish Museum in Prague, an exhibition of children’s art from Terezin. These exhibitions took place at the University of Oregon and at various other U.S. institutions.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Thomas O. Ballinger.

Languages: English
1 folder

RG-24.016  We Will Never Die, by Ben Hecht, Ca. 1943

This collection contains We Will Never Die, a play relating to the persecution of European Jewry in Nazi-dominated Europe. It was written during World War II by Ben Hecht, a well-known screenwriter and Zionist who advocated the creation of a Jewish army in Europe, and was performed various times in the United States.

Provenance: The original play is located at the Billy Rose Theatre Collection in the New York Public Library. Source of acquisition is Bret Werb.

Languages: English
1 folder

Restrictions: Research use only. Refer all questions relating to the use of quotations, performance rights, etc., to the Billy Rose Theatre Collection, New York Public Library.


This scrapbook, compiled by Avraham Tory, contains captioned caricature sketches of the defendants before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg. According to Tory, a Lithuanian Jew and former manager of “Hamosad” (Office of the Illegal Jewish Emigration to Palestine from Italy), the sketches were drawn by “a famous Russian cartoonist.”

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Avraham Tory via Jeshajahu Weinberg.

Languages: English and Russian
1 folder

This thesis was written for the McIntire Department of Art, Art History Distinguished Majors Program, of the University of Virginia. It describes the purpose and aesthetics of the Holocaust memorial at Treblinka, Poland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lauren Brownstein.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: Fair use only

RG-24.020  Carolyn Councell’s Drawings of Concentration Camp Inmates to Accompany Poems by Robert Doherty, N.d.

This collection contains drawings by Carolyn Councell intended to complement Robert Doherty’s collection of poetry When Grandpa Flew in World War II (1992). There are six drawings, three of each of the following images: a group of female inmates stretching their hands out beyond a barbed wire fence, and a male inmate grasping a barbed wire fence.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Carolyn Councell.

Languages: English
6 drawings and 4 plaques

RG-25.001  American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Case Files of Romanian Orphans, 1947

This collection contains 15 case histories relating to Romanian orphan children. Compiled by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee office in Bucharest, Romania, the histories contain information on deportations to Transnistria, the treatment of Jewish children in ghettos, and the care of orphans after the war. Also included are photographs of the children.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Archives, New York City.

Languages: English
1 folder
Restrictions: On use
RG-25.020  Selected Records from Romanian Diplomatic Missions

This collection contains reports, correspondence, and reportage sent before and during World War II to Bucharest, Romania, from the Romanian diplomatic missions in Rome, Moscow, Washington, Berlin, Brussels, Istanbul, Prague, Belgrade, Madrid, Warsaw, Budapest, Sofia, The Hague, Bern, the Vatican, Cairo, Lisbon, London, and Paris. The Washington records show the concern of American Jews about the treatment of Jews in Romania in the 1920s and 1930s, as well as documents from 1938 when Romania denaturalized more than 100,000 Jews.

Language: Romanian, French, English, and German  1920–1950 (bulk 1935–1945)
95 boxes (85,600 pages)
Source of Acquisition: Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest
Finding aid: Preliminary Romanian-language folder-level descriptions

RG-26.001  Sender Wajsman Papers, 1936–1991

This collection contains a copyprint of a photograph of a wedding in Vilna, Lithuania; a brief testimony by Sender Wajsman describing the massacre of Jews in Ponary at the hands of non-Jewish Lithuanians under the direction of the Gestapo; and a photocopy of a photograph depicting the memorial to the dead in Ponary.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Sender Wajsman via Jeshajahu Weinberg.

Languages: English
1 folder containing 3 items
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-26.009  Jewish Pamphlets and Periodicals from the Library of Vilnius University, Lithuania, 1919–1938

This collection contains pamphlets and rare periodicals related to the culture, political life, and educational systems of Lithuanian Jewish communities before World War II.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Collections of the Library of Vilnius University, Lithuania.

Languages: Yiddish, Hebrew, Lithuanian, and English
1500 photocopied pages and 2 small segments of microfilm (35 mm)
Finding Aids: English-language content list

RG-27  Julius Kühl Collection

Dr. Julius Kühl was born in Galicia but moved to Switzerland in 1929 to pursue his studies, which he completed at the University of Bern. At the outbreak of World War II he received
a Polish legation position giving him responsibility for refugees, Polish soldiers in Swiss internment camps, and Jews. He saved hundreds of his fellow Jews by helping to provide them with passports and visas, aiding their attempts to enter Switzerland, and cooperating with charitable Jewish organizations and prominent rescuers, such as Recha and Isaak Sternbuch. After the war, Kühl received letters of praise from Jewish organizations, the British embassy, and the American military. Dr. Kühl retired to the Miami area. This collection of photocopies of his correspondence and papers was received from an unknown donor shortly after the United States Holocaust Memorial Council opened its offices in 1980. Council staff transferred the collection to Robert Wolfe at the National Archives and Records Administration for safekeeping until the Council was able to properly store the papers. Mr. Wolfe returned the collection to the Council shortly before the Museum opened in 1993. The location of the original papers is unknown.

**RG-27.001  Julius Kühl Collection**

*Folders: General Correspondence, 1937–1982*

This correspondence relates principally to Julius Kühl’s wartime service at the Polish embassy in Bern, and his efforts in cooperation with Jewish and other refugee organizations on behalf of refugees and internees in wartime Europe. A small amount of correspondence is from the postwar era. The material includes, but is not limited to, information about efforts to rescue Jews from Poland, Hungary, and Romania; attempts to send medical equipment and clothing to occupied Poland; work aimed at locating the whereabouts of refugee relatives in occupied France; and assistance to Jewish internees in Switzerland. The collection also contains correspondence with or about prominent rescuers such as Saly Mayer, the Sternbuch family, and Raoul Wallenberg.

Languages: German, French, English, Dutch, and Polish
11 folders
Finding Aids: English-language description

*Folders: Telegrams, 1941–1962*

This collection contains telegrams from Kühl’s work at the Polish embassy in Bern and relates to his role in assisting refugees and internees. The wartime cables document his work with Jewish and other organizations concerned with refugee affairs. The subjects of the cables include, but are not limited to, urgent pleas for immigration permits and passports, decisions of governments on entry permits for Jews, information about the deportation of notable citizens, attempts to finance the education of refugee children, and the hiding of children in gentile homes. Most of the postwar cables concern the whereabouts of Jews released from liberated camps.

Languages: German, French, English, and Spanish
12 folders
Finding Aids: English-language description
**Folders: Articles and Clippings, 1933–1982**

This collection contains Swiss, Jewish, and international newspaper and magazine articles relating to Jewish affairs in Europe and Palestine (later Israel). The topics of the articles include, but are not limited to, living conditions of Jewry before and during World War II, the history of the Jews in France, the treatment of Jews in Germany and Poland, wartime antisemitism in Switzerland, the Nuremberg trials, and Kühl’s embassy work in Bern.

Languages: German, French, English, Polish, and Hebrew
24 folders
Finding Aids: English-language description

**Box: Reports and Pamphlets, 1931–1979**

This collection contains printed and typed reports and pamphlets collected by Kühl about refugee organizations, Jewish issues, the Holocaust, and emigration to Palestine. The prewar material pertains to the persecution of Jews in the USSR, Jewish emigration to Palestine, and a legal case concerning the forgery of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion in Bern, Switzerland. Reports and pamphlets from the war include detailed descriptions of Jewish life in Poland, Romania, and Hungary; the Jewish resistance in France; the life of internees in camps; the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; Auschwitz; and Jewish rescue efforts. The postwar documents contain information about refugee aid and displaced persons.

Languages: German, French, English, and Hebrew
1 box
Finding Aids: English-language description

**Boxes: Miscellaneous Records, 1929–1946**

This collection contains miscellaneous material that primarily relate to the fate of Polish Jews. The collection includes information about the judgment on the regulation of private and/or Jewish property in Poland, the General Government, diplomatic passports, Nazi arrest-warrants, visitor permits for the camps, relief organizations, Jewish transports, child refugees, Hungarian Jews in Auschwitz, the fate of Dutch and French Jews, Jewish publications from Palestine, restitution, and the Swiss-Israelite Association.

Languages: German, English, Polish, French, Yiddish, Italian, Dutch, and Danish
2 boxes
Finding Aids: Partial item-level, English-language description

**Folder: Interview of Dr. Reuben Hecht by Professor Penkower, 1982**
This interview by Prof. Monty Penkower relates to Reuben Hecht’s work for the New Zionist Organization, Vaad Hatzalah, and Irgun Berit Zion to rescue Jews and assist them with emigration to Palestine. The interview provides details on talks with Vaad Halzalah, the Catholic Church, and U.S. intelligence agent Sam Woodson.

Languages: English
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item-level description

Folder: Treblinka Report, N.d.

This is a report by Jankiel Wiernitz, a former prisoner who worked as a craftsman in Treblinka. In the report, Wiernitz describes living conditions and the murder of Jews and Roma and Sinti (Gypsies), the treatment of inmates by Germans and Ukrainians, everyday life, John Demjanjuk, the rape of Jewish women, and the preparations of the camp uprising that led to Wiernitz’s escape.

Languages: German
1 folder
Finding Aids: English-language description

Folder: Dr. Kühl’s Autobiographical Report, N.d.

This report contains Julius Kühl’s description of his life, including details about his birth, his family in Galicia, his years of studies in Switzerland, his service with the Polish legation in Bern, his mother’s deportation to and rescue from Siberia, the rescue efforts of prominent individuals including the Sternbuchs and Papal Nuncio Berndini, and his postwar emigration to Canada.

Languages: English
1 folder
Finding Aids: Item-level description


This file contains information about Eva Marbach’s attempts to gain restitution for the property of her parents.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eva Marbach via Dr. Roland Klemig.
Languages: English
1.5 linear inches

This collection contains photocopies of documents from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) relating to the restitution of looted property, gold, and foreign currencies in Austria from 1945 to 1950. Also included are files on the so-called Hungarian gold train (a.k.a. the Werfen train).

Provenance: In the early 1980s a researcher made copies of the documents in the records of the NARA in Washington and donated them to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Researchers should keep in mind that these records are fragments and are no longer in their original archival context.

Languages: English and German
10 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder title list


This collection contains inactive case files of Jewish Holocaust survivors who claimed restitution for suffering and damage resulting from Nazi persecution. The cases contain information on life in Nazi-occupied areas, conditions in concentration camps, and the experiences of displaced persons and survivors. Among the documents are sworn affidavits of witnesses, testimonies of the survivors (claimants), and indemnity claims against the German government.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the United Restitution Organization (URO), an American organization functioning as a liaison between Holocaust survivors and German reparations agencies, where the files originated.

Languages: English
58.5 cubic feet
Finding Aids: Partial alphabetical name list
Restrictions: On access and use


This collection consists of more than 100 boxes containing inactive case files of Jewish Holocaust survivors who claimed restitution for suffering and damage resulting from Nazi persecution. Among the documents are sworn testimonies of witnesses, indemnity claims, correspondence with doctors and lawyers, medical reports, and memoirs. The records are divided into six major groups: “BEG” (Bundesentschädigungsgesetz or Federal Compensation/Restitution Law) files containing one-time-only claims; “URO” (United
Restitution Organization) files containing general restitution claims; files concerning claims related to stolen jewelry; cases dealing solely with Hungarian-born Jews; and cases dealing solely with Austrian-born Jews. The sixth series contains restitution case files, arranged alphabetically by the surname of the claimant, which were received as an accretion to the original accession in 1999.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Toronto office of the United Restitution Organization, an American organization functioning as a liaison between Holocaust survivors and German reparations agencies.

Languages: English and German
275.8 cubic feet
Restrictions: On access and use


This collection contains claims forms filed by the government of the Netherlands on behalf of Dutch citizens whose property was seized by the Germans from 1940 to 1942.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives and Records Administration.

Languages: English
17 cubic feet


These documents relate to the restitution efforts of Manfred Lovin (Loewin), who served in the German cavalry during World War I and later became a successful manufacturer of radio components. In 1938 he was arrested and sent to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, from which he escaped and fled to the United States. Included are decisions in the case, which he filed on behalf of his family members, as well as statements for monetary awards and documents relating to the transfer of funds.

Provenance: The case file became the property of the donor, Rabbi Eugene Lipman, and his wife, Esther, as personal representatives of Lovin’s estate.

Languages: English
0.25 linear inches
NOTE: See also RG–19.040—The Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection, and Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1992.45.

These papers relate to the fate of Ilse Stern Salinger, who was incarcerated in Westerbork and later perished at Auschwitz with her husband and child. Also included is information about the cooperative efforts of Mrs. Salinger’s father, Robert Stern, and her mother-in-law, Clara Alice Steinhaus, to obtain restitution from the West German government for damages (e.g. loss of freedom, loss of property) to Ilse Salinger.

Provenance: The papers in this collection were received or created by Robert Stern and were apparently passed down through the family to the donor, Eric Stern, the son of Robert Stern’s brother.

Languages: English
1 folder


This collection contains correspondence concerning Richard Straus’ assistance to relatives attempting to receive restitution from the German government for property lost before their emigration to the United States. Also included are term papers written by Straus while enrolled at Georgetown University and several income tax forms. Born in Germany, Straus entered the United States in June 1940 and became a naturalized citizen in October 1944. He joined the United States Army in July 1944 and served in the Signal Corps of the 87th Infantry Division. He began work with the U.S. State Department in November 1948, serving in the office of German Public Affairs. From 1961 to 1963, he served as president of the board of the American International School in Vienna, Austria.

Provenance: Alan G. Straus, Richard Straus’ son, obtained the papers after his father’s death in 1986. He donated the collection to USHMM in October 1989.

Languages: German and English
10 linear inches


This collection contains copies of United Restitution Organization (URO) Rundschreiben from the Frankfurt am Main office; miscellaneous printed and mimeograph memoranda and statistical reports, some of which originated in the URO Berlin office; and a Baltimore Emergency Committee file entitled “Witnesses—War Criminals.”

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Baltimore Office.

Languages: German, English, and Hebrew
3 linear feet

NOTE: For additional materials from the Baltimore Emergency Committee, see RG-28.12 below.


This collection contains portions of a diary and correspondence between Erwin Marx and various reparation agencies in Germany. Also included are newspaper clippings relating to reparations after World War II. Marx was a prisoner in Dachau concentration camp from November to December 1938. He later lived as a political refugee in Shanghai, China, from 1939 to 1946, when he immigrated to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ruth Kraemer.
Languages: German and English
2 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder title list


This collection contains information about the Baltimore Emergency Committee, specifically the postwar claims of Baltimore-area former European Jews who sought restitution from the West German government and from some of its courts for losses suffered during Nazi rule. The claimants served as court witnesses to Nazi atrocities, especially in Poland. Also included is information about war crimes, war criminals, concentration camps, survivors, the expropriation of Jewish property, the persecution of Jews, and Auschwitz.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) of Baltimore, via Ingeborg B. Weinberger. The Baltimore Emergency Committee (set up under HIAS of Baltimore) collected the originals and copies from the collections of the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, some West German courts, and Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

Languages: German and English
2 folders


This collection contains restitution case files for Sidney Stecher’s clients. The case files contain personal information about Holocaust survivors, and include place of birth, occupation, ghetto and concentration camp experiences, place of liberation, medical information, and attempts to receive restitution from the West German government. The files also contain various 1930s and 1940s documents used as evidence in the claims process.
Provenance: Upon Sidney Stecher’s death, the case files became the property of his stepmother, Sara Stecher. Upon the death of Mrs. Stecher, the files became the property of Sara Jacobson, Sidney Stecher’s sister. Upon the death of Sara Jacobson, the files became the property of her son, Allan Jacobson, who donated them to USHMM.

Languages: English
55 linear inches
Finding Aids: List of claims files arranged alphabetically by claimant name filed in Box 1; file-level control
Restrictions: Due to the private nature of the claims files, access is restricted for 75 years from the date of their donation; access before the year 2071 will be granted to researchers presenting a death certificate for a claimant.


This collection contains the prosecution files, trial transcripts, and other materials related to the U.S. government case against Karl Brandt, et alia, also known as the Medical Trial.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is NARA, RG-238.

Languages: English and German
46 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: NARA pamphlet M887


This collection contains the prosecution files, trial transcripts, and other materials related to the U.S. government case against Josef Altstoetter, et alia.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is NARA, RG-238.

Languages: English and German
53 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: NARA pamphlet M889

RG-31.007  David Ulyanitsky Papers, 1985–1987

This memoir by David Ulyanitsky relates to anti-Jewish pogroms during first half of the twentieth century. Some photographs are included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is David Ulyanitsky.

Languages: Ukrainian, English, and Hebrew
0.25 linear inches of photocopies

This collection contains letters, questionnaires, testimonies, and supporting documents on Jewish Holocaust survivors and non-Jewish witnesses and rescuers in the former USSR. The documents are addressed to the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers and its representatives in Ukraine, the Israeli Embassy in Kyiv, and the Department of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the Judaica Institute, Kyiv.

Languages: Russian and English
Ca. 440 photocopied pages
Restrictions: On publication

RG-31.066M  Regional Palestine Bureau, Lwow Branch, 1924–1939

This collection contains records of the Regional Palestine Bureau, established in 1924 and active in Eastern Galicia until Soviet annexation in 1939. The organization prepared documents enabling Jews to emigrate to Palestine and acted as an agent for the purchase of land there. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence with potential emigrants and is organized alphabetically and chronologically. The collection also contains correspondence with the Central Palestine Bureau in Warsaw and various Jewish and Zionist organizations in other countries regarding visas, immigration law, and the political situation in Europe and Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Central Historical Archives of Ukraine in Lviv, Fond 332, Opis 1.

Languages: Polish, Hebrew, English, and German
27 microform rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in Ukrainian
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

RG-31.070M  Association for the Assistance to Jewish Students in Poland (Auxilium Academicum Judaicum), Lwow Regional Branch, 1931–1939

This collection contains documents about financial aid to Polish-Jewish students studying abroad. The Association maintained reading rooms and offered a wide range of informational services; the bulk of these documents consists of applications for financial aid, organized alphabetically by name.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv (Tsentralny Derzhavny Istorychny Archiv u Lvovi), Fond 499, Opis 1, folders 1–5.
RG-32.012 Printed Matter Relating to the Jehovah’s Witnesses during the Third Reich, 1942–1990

This collection contains copies of articles from The Golden Age, the Yearbook of the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and other publications concerning the persecution of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Protestants, and Jews from the beginning of Nazi rule through the years of the Holocaust. Some of the articles focus on the cooperation of the Catholic Church in the persecution of other Christian groups in Europe. Also included is a copy of a letter from a young Jehovah’s Witness to his parents shortly before his execution.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Robert Buckley.

Languages: English and German
1 folder
Restrictions: Published materials protected under copyright

RG-32.014 “Bible Students in the Third Reich” by S. J. Green, N. d.

This essay discusses why and how the Nazi party persecuted Jehovah’s Witnesses, the activities and fates of other Christian denominations (i.e., Roman Catholics, Mormons, Seventh-Day Adventists), and how individual Witnesses managed to survive. The essay also contains a summary of an interview between Green and H. Dickmann, a Witness survivor.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Steven J. Green.

Languages: English
47 pages

RG-32.015 Walter Hamann Collection, 1938–1945

This collection contains photocopies of documents, copyprint photographs, and a memoir documenting the Nazi persecution of members of the Walter Hamann family who were Jehovah’s Witnesses. Hamann’s memoir, “Extract of Memories,” describes the conditions of his seven years of imprisonment in Moor-Straflager Neu-Susstrum, in a Düsseldorf police prison, and in Sachsenhausen, where one of his brothers-in-law died from mistreatment. Information about their imprisonment accompanies a photograph of Hamann and some of his male relatives. The collection also contains a description of Hamann’s education and employment history before 1933, and a photocopy of a letter...
from Sachsenhausen with a censor’s stamp describing the confiscation of the letter because the writer was an “obstinate” Jehovah’s Witness.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Walter Hamann.

Languages: English and German
1 folder

RG-32.016  Anton Wohlfahrt and Ernst Reiter Photograph, June 1945

This collection consists of a black-and-white copyprint of a photograph of Anton Wohlfahrt (d. 1974) and Ernst Reiter (b. 1915), both of whom are Jehovah’s Witnesses. The photograph was taken in June 1945 shortly after their time in Flossenbürg concentration camp and their liberation from a death march by American troops. Reiter, on the right, wears his prisoner number badge (1935) on the pocket of his jacket.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ernst Reiter.

Languages: Caption information in English
1 b&w photoprint

RG-34.001  Records Relating to the Life and Career of Gaynor I. Jacobson, 1941–1980

This collection contains various materials relating to the life and career of Gaynor I. Jacobson. Among the materials are letters concerning Jacobson’s work in Hungary after World War II, magazine articles concerning refugees and emigration to Palestine, photographs documenting Jacobson’s career with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), and a biographical sketch of Jacobson. During his professional career, Jacobson held positions with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and was the director of the European and North African operations for HIAS after the Holocaust.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gaynor I. Jacobson.

Languages: English, some Italian, and some Spanish
5 linear inches (26 folders)
Finding Aids: Folder title list

RG-34.002  Tad Szulc Research Papers, 1950–1989

This collection contains sound recordings and transcripts of oral history interviews, correspondence, reports, and photographs compiled by Tad Szulc while conducting research on the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the history of the rescue of Jews from various dangerous places. Among the materials is information concerning Jewish emigration, displaced persons, Holocaust survivors, and Jews in predominantly Arab countries from the 1960s through the 1990s. Also included are research notes written by
Tad Szulc while he was writing the book *The Secret Alliance* (1991), in which Gaynor Jacobson plays a major role.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Tad Szulc.

Languages: English, French, Hebrew, and Polish
38 linear inches and 71 sound cassette tapes
Finding Aids: Folder and cassette tape title list

**RG-36.001M  Selected Records from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1936-1946**

This collection contains correspondence, reports, notices, diplomatic memoranda, personal indexes, and other documents relating to the situation of the Jewish population in Europe and pertaining to the activities of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Holocaust and after World War II. The collection has information about Jewish emigration matters; the political and economic situation of Jewish war refugees; and International Red Cross, World Jewish Congress, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration activities regarding Jewish refugees from Spain and other countries. Some documents relate to the transportation of Sephardic Jews from their countries of origin to concentration camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid.

Languages: Spanish, English, French, and German
3 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Restrictions: On publication

**RG-39.001  Israel Fischer and Lajos Spitz Letters, 1938–1940**

This collection contains photocopies of six letters from Israel Fischer and Lajos Spitz to Magda Spitz Bergstein in the United States. The letters relate to their attempt to find refuge in America.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Madeline M. Deutsch. Paper originals are in the USHMM Photo Archives.

Languages: Hungarian with some summaries in English
1 folder


This collection contains records related to restitution for personal property confiscated during the war. The records concern the Jewish Community of Trieste and their
processing of claims through the Allied Military Government, Property and Claims Division of the Office of the Comptroller.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the State Archive in Trieste (Archivio di Stato di Trieste).

Languages: English, Italian, and French
3 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Brief collection-level and/or reel-level descriptions in Italian or sometimes in English

**RG-41.002 --- “Isabel: A Short Novel,” by Suzanne de Palma**

This work draws on the experiences of the author, and describes the protagonist Isabel’s involvement in the Dutch resistance to Nazi occupation, her imprisonment, her romance with a man named Alfred who died in Nazi hands, and the liberation of the Netherlands.

Language: English 1981
Photocopy of a manuscript, 137 pages
Source of Acquisition: Suzanne de Palma
Restrictions: Under copyright


This collection contains a copy of “An Unpublished Chapter in the History of the Deportation of Foreign Jews from France in 1942,” written by Roswell McClelland in 1942. “An Unpublished Chapter . . .” is McClelland’s personal account of the roundup of foreign Jews in France during 1941 and 1942 under the direction of the Germans. Included in the piece are descriptions of various French concentration camps, the treatment of Jewish children, the division of age groups for deportation to the East, and rescue efforts by the American Friends Service Committee.

Provenance: “An Unpublished Chapter . . .” was written in 1942 by Roswell McClelland, a delegate for the American Friends Service Committee in France during 1941 and 1942. An unknown source at the Washington Post gave the original to Hyman Bookbinder, who donated this copy to USHMM.

Languages: English
1 folder
**RG-43.019M Seconde Guerre Mondiale (Second World War), 1939–1950**

This collection contains documents extracted from official records found in Buchenwald, Auschwitz, Sachsenhausen, and Dachau. The records include lists of political prisoners and of prisoners used in medical experiments, correspondence, requests, statistics, medical statements, discipline statements, and administrative documents. Interrogations of ex-concentration camp guards, liberation photographs, published testimonies, essays, and clippings related to antisemitism and Vichy politics are also included.

**Provenance:** Source of acquisition is the National Archives of France (Archives Nationales), Paris, Fond 72 AJ.

**Languages:** English, French, and Polish

15 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

**Restrictions:** On reproduction

**RG-43.093M Fonds David Diamant/Union des Juifs pour la Résistance et l’entraide (Jewish Union for Resistance and Mutual Aid), 1918–1996**

This collection contains information about David Diamant (David Erlich), a Communist who remained in Paris during World War II, took part in the Resistance, and after the war worked with the UJRE helping Jewish refugees from Poland. It includes documents concerning Jewish immigrants in the Communist Party; documents of Jewish volunteers in the Spanish Civil War; the final letters of Jewish resistance fighters before their execution; postwar personal files on Polish Jews requesting aid; files on children in Communist-sponsored orphanages (Comité central de l’enfance); books from lending libraries at internment camps for Jews; minutes of the UJRE; collections of the periodical *Naïe Presse* and its French-language successor, *La Presse Nouvelle*; and typed manuscripts of various versions of Diamant’s books in Yiddish and French.

**Provenance:** Source of acquisition is the National Resistance Museum at Champigny (Musée de la Résistance Nationale à Champigny).

**Languages:** English, French, German, Polish, Spanish, and Yiddish

13 microfilm rolls (16 mm)

**Finding Aids:** Folder-level descriptions in French

**Restrictions:** On reproduction

**RG-43.101M Selected Records of the National Resistance Museum, Including the Leibovici Collection, 1887–1983**

This collection contains the personal archive of Raymond Leibovici, a French doctor of Romanian descent, who was instrumental in creating the wartime resistance network Comite Medical de la Resistance (CMR) in the highly conservative medical milieu. Included are biographical information; publications from the Comite national des
medecins (1944–1948); the *Editions de minuit*; clandestine publications produced by the national front from 1941 to 1944; and documents concerning the Services de Sante des FFI and the FTPF, the Military government of Paris and Military Region of Limoge. A set of records concerning antisemitism are also included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Musée de la Résistance Nationale à Champigny (Musée de la Résistance Nationale à Champigny).

Languages: French and English

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Inventory in French; English-language notes on antisemitic documents

**RG-44.001 --- Politiken, November 12, 1938**

This collection consists of two pages of a Danish newspaper, Politiken, with articles published about the events surrounding Kristalnacht.

Language: Danish 1938
Newspaper, pages 1 and 2
Source of Acquisition: Mr. Albert Katz
Finding aid: Translation of articles into English
Restrictions: Under copyright

**RG-45.003M New Archives of the History of Jews in Greece Records, 1940–1951**


Provenance: These records were selected from uncatalogued collections in the archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens.

Languages: Greek, French, and Romanian
Ca. 1,000 photocopied pages
Finding Aids: Document-level description in English
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication
RG-46.001  Bulgarian Orthodox Church Newspaper Articles Relating to Antisemitism, 1940–1943

This collection contains copies of articles from a Bulgarian newspaper concerning Bulgarian government and Bulgarian Orthodox Church policy on antisemitism, as well as English-language translations of each.

Provenance: The articles were photocopied from newspaper collections at the St. Clement of Ohrid Academy of Theology Library in Sofia, Bulgaria, by the Very Rev. Professor Archpriest Nikolay Shivarov.

Languages: Bulgarian and English
1 folder

RG-46.004M  Selected Records of the Council of Ministers, 1939–1944

This collection contains the protocols of meetings of the Council of Ministers, arranged in chronological order.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Central State Archives of Bulgaria, Sofia, Fond 284, Opis 1.

Languages: Bulgarian
65 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: General description
Restrictions: Source archive retains copyright for publication.

RG-52.002  Records Relating to the Bela Berend (Albert Bruce Belton) Cases Against Randolph L. Braham and Others, 1945–1987

These materials relate to the trial of Rabbi Bela Berend in Budapest from 1945 to 1946, and the subsequent lawsuits for libel filed by Berend against Randolph L. Braham and others in the 1970s and 1980s. Included are investigation reports and trial transcripts from 1945 to 1946, witness statements, affidavits, hearing transcripts, appeals, and correspondence between lawyers and clients.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the files in the course of the litigation against him.

Languages: English and Hungarian
57 folders
Finding Aids: Folder title list
RG-52.005  Records of the Imre Finta Case, 1945–1994

This collection contains documents relating to naturalized Canadian citizen Imre Finta, who served in the Hungarian gendarmerie in 1944 and was the subject of an investigation and trial as a suspected war criminal. A Canadian court acquitted him in the early 1990s.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material while serving as a prosecution expert historian in the 1980s during the Crown v Finta trial in Ottawa, Canada.

Languages: English and Hungarian
6 boxes
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-52.006  Records Related to the Destruction of Jews in Szeged and in Csongrád County I, 1944–1949

This collection contains photocopies of archival documents, decrees, notes, correspondence, reports, testimony, newspaper clippings, and other publications from various archives and libraries in Hungary. The subjects include ghettos, exemptions, the “Jewish Question,” the Jewish councils, war criminals, Christian priests, and university professors.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material from various Hungarian archives and libraries in pursuit of his scholarly work.

Languages: Hungarian (with English translations)
398 documents
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-52.007  Records Related to the Destruction of Jews in Szeged and in Csongrád County II, 1944

This collection includes statistics, decisions regarding ghettoization, requests for exempted status, instructions about the disposal of Jewish property, restrictive decrees, conversions, and the like.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the records in the Csongrád County Archives, Szeged, Hungary.

Languages: Hungarian (with some English translations)
6 folders
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-52.009  Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1939–1944

This collection relates to various aspects of the Holocaust in Hungary. It includes correspondence and documents regarding ghettoization; minutes of meetings about deportations; the letters of Jusztinián Cardinal Serédi and Prime Minister Döme Sztógay; reports to the Ministry of Interior Affairs; and the papers of German Ambassador Dietrich von Jagow.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material from a variety of Hungarian sources, including the Esztergom Archives of Jusztinián Cardinal Serédi, Archives of Bács-Kiskun County, and the Archives of War History.

Languages: Hungarian (with many English translations)
8 folders
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-52.010  Official Publications Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1938–1944

This collection includes the texts of anti-Jewish laws and decrees, papers of the gendarmerie, the appointments of individuals who were to become war criminals, and other materials.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material in various libraries in Hungary.

Languages: Hungarian (with some English translations)
11 folders
Finding Aids: Item-level description

RG-52.011  Records Related to Alleged Hungarian War Criminals Living Abroad, 1946–1947

This collection contains correspondence, name lists, and card files of suspected war criminals who left Hungary during and after the war. Hungarian authorities prepared these materials in formulating requests for extradition of those suspects. Included are verdicts and sentences, as well as correspondence between the prosecutor and the minister of justice.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material in a branch of the National Archives of Hungary.

Languages: Hungarian (with some English translations)
33 folders
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-52.012  German Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1920–1944

This collection contains documents about the Jewish question in Hungary and the implementation of the “Final Solution” there. It includes cables, correspondence, and reports exchanged between the German Foreign Ministry and the German embassy.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the material in various German archives, including those in Bonn, Koblenz, and Freiburg.

Languages: German, English, and Hungarian
24 folders
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-52.013  British Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1944–1945

This collection contains, but is not limited to, the documents of the Joel Brand mission, in which the Germans offered the British and United States governments Jews in exchange for 10,000 trucks and other materials. Also included are notes by Anthony Eden, G.H. Hall, Winston Churchill, and others; the minutes of the War Cabinet’s Refugee Committee meeting on May 4 and August 4, 1944; Raoul Wallenberg’s report about the July 1944 coup attempt by László Baky; the June 26, 1944, cable from the World Jewish Congress to Pope Pius XII; and a letter exchanged between Vyacheslav Molotov and Eden.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the documents in the Public Record Office, Kew, England.

Languages: English and French
2 folders containing 355 pages
Finding Aids: Folder-level description


This collection contains correspondence between Randolph Braham, Frederic (Frigyes) Görög, Henry Sachs, J. Kermisz, J. Robinson, and Danial Schiller; court depositions by Imre Reiner in Frankfurt; research material about the war crimes of Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche; and typewritten quotes from various books published between 1945 and 1956.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the materials in pursuit of his scholarly work.

Languages: English, German, and Hungarian
1 folder

RG-52.017 Newspaper Clippings Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1958–1962

These newspaper clippings relate to Adolf Eichmann’s trial in Jerusalem, as well as to the trials of Hermann Krumey and Otto Hunsche in Frankfurt.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the clippings in the pursuit of his scholarly work.

Languages: English and German

1 folder

RG-52.020 Miscellaneous Records Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1941–1947

This collection contains miscellaneous English- and German-language documents that were collected from printed sources and that pertain to the Holocaust in Hungary and to the Nuremberg trials. The collection can be considered the English-language, abridged version of Randolph L. Braham’s 1963 publication, *The Destruction of Hungarian Jewry*.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Randolph L. Braham.

Languages: English and German

1 folder

RG-52.023 Selected Records from the Office of Chief of Counsel for War Crimes Related to the Holocaust in Hungary, 1944–1948

This collection includes summaries and translations of documents created in 1944 by Hungarian and German agencies involved in the deportation of Jews from Hungary. Also included are testimonies and affidavits from Nuremberg war crimes trials.

Provenance: Randolph L. Braham, the donor, collected the records in the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD.

Languages: English and German

5 folders

Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-58.002M Comite International de la Croix-Rouge (International Committee of the Red Cross): Division d’assistance Speciale (Special Relief Division), 1940–1963

This collection contains records relating to the institutional and administrative history of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). It concerns relief provided to civilians of all nationalities imprisoned or deported by the Nazi regime during World War
II, and includes general files, accounting and administrative records, receipt acknowledgements from civilians who received packages from the ICRC, as well as files relating to the sending of individual and collective relief to civilians of all the nationalities detained in Germany and territories occupied by German forces.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archives of the ICRC, series B SEC DAS.

Languages: French, German, and English
91 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in French for all rolls, on roll no. 91
Restrictions: See reference archivist.

**RG-59.001M Selected Records from the Colonial Office Files on Cyprus, Original Correspondence, 1939**

This correspondence relates to the settlement of Jewish immigrants and other refugees in Cyprus.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), CO 67.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.002M Selected Records from the Colonial Office: Confidential General and Confidential Original Correspondence Files on Palestine, 1944–1947**

These confidential records relate to the distribution of immigration certificates to Jews in displaced persons camps in Germany, the rate of immigration, illegal immigration, and the formation of a Jewish fighting force in Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), CO 537.

Languages: English
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.003M Selected Records from the Colonial Office: Original Correspondence on Palestine, 1930–1948**

This correspondence relates to British policy in Palestine, including discussions with the Jewish Agency, other Jewish organizations, and individuals. It also deals with world reaction to policy; petitions; Arab opposition and disturbances; Jewish immigration
issues, including granting visas, settlements, and illegal immigration; logistical and administrative concerns relating to public works, police, railways, and financial issues in Palestine; and the Royal Commission on Palestine, the Partition Commission, and the implementation of the United Nations Organizations Decision.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), CO 733.

Languages: English
200 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.004M Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence Before 1906 Relating to the Russian Empire, 1847-1883

This correspondence relates to the case of Mr. L. Lewisohn.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 65.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.005M Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence Before 1906 Relating to the Ottoman Empire, 1867–1905

This collection contains general correspondence relating to the protection of Jews in Syria, the condition and treatment of Jews in Serbia and Romania, and the immigration of Jews to Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 78.

Languages: English
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.006M Selected Records from the Foreign Office: General Correspondence After 1906, 1938–1949

This correspondence relates to the persecution of and atrocities against Jews; refugees from Germany and Austria; disturbances in Palestine; the formation of a Jewish fighting force; immigration issues; German war criminals; and the conditions for Jews in occupied Europe, including Germany, Slovakia, Italy, Hungary, Iraq, and Poland.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 371.

Languages: English
98 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.007M  Selected Records from the Foreign Office, Consular (War) Department, Later Prisoners of War Department: Registered Files (KW & RD Series), 1942–1944**

These records relate to the treatment of Jews in France. The collection also includes reports on Bergen-Belsen.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 916.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.008M  Selected Records from the Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office, German Section: General Department Public Records, 1945–1947**

This collection contains records and statistics relating to Jewish displaced persons, as well as information on conditions in the Höhne camp in Germany and on the joint British-American committee designated to consider the problem.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 945.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-59.009M Selected Records from Foreign Office, Control Commission for Germany (British Element), T Force and Field Information Agency Technical: Papers and from the Economic and Planning Staff and Control Office for Germany and Austria and Successors: Control Commission for Germany (British Element) Military Sections and Headquarters Secretariat: Registered Files, 1941–1948

This collection contains Field Information Agency Technical (FIAT) files of captured enemy documents relating to Montan-Anlage Auschwitz and Montan-Auschwitz Vertragsfragen. Also included are files relating to Jewish affairs and the treatment of Jewish displaced persons (Operation “Oasis”).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 1031 and FO 1032.

Languages: English
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.010M Selected Records from the Control Office for Germany and Austria and Foreign Office: Control Commission for Germany (British Element), Prisoners of War/Displaced Persons Division: Registered Files (PWDP and other series), 1944–1949

These documents relate to postwar policy toward Jews, including files on the treatment of German Jews, the Neustadt training school, World ORT Union training schools, and the emigration of Jewish displaced persons to Palestine (Operation “Journeys End”).

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 1052.

Languages: English
4 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.011M Internees Index from the Home Office Aliens Department, 1939–1947

This collection contains an alphabetical list of records of German, Austrian, and Italian nationals and their spouses who were interned or considered for internment in the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia during World War II. Each record contains personal details of the individual and some information about his or her case.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), HO 396.
Languages: English
245 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.012M Selected Records from the Prime Minister’s Office: Confidential Correspondence and Papers, 1939–1945**

This collection contains records relating to immigration to Palestine, policy on Palestine, the situation of Hungarian Jews, and the Anglo-American conference on refugees.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), PREM 4.

Languages: English
7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.013M Selected Records from the Prime Minister’s Office: Correspondence and Papers, 1945–1951**

This collection contains records relating to Palestine policy, including correspondence with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President Harry S Truman, the President of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and the Prime Minister of Transjordan.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), PREM 8.

Languages: English
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.014M Selected Records from the War Office: Registered Files (General Series), 1936–1944**

These records relate to operations in Palestine, disturbances, and the formation of the Jewish Brigade.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 32.

Languages: English
6 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description
RG-59.015M  Selected Records from the War Office: Middle East Forces; Military Headquarters Papers, Second World War, 1944

This collection contains worldwide intelligence summaries, as well as intelligence records relating to Jewish political activities in Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 201.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.016M  Selected Records from the Judge Advocate General’s Office: War Crimes Case Files, Second World War, 1945–1951

These case files relate to individuals tried in British military courts for war crimes committed in Europe during World War II. Included are cases about crimes in Bergen-Belsen, Auschwitz, Neuengamme, Hadamar, and Ravensbrück. The files contain daily transcripts of court proceedings, court exhibits, and prosecution and defense summations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 235.

Languages: English
20 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.017M  Selected Records from the War Office: Sixth Airborne Division, Palestine: Papers and Reports, 1945–1948

This collection includes daily logs of events pertaining to miscellaneous intelligence reviews, division intelligence summaries, illegal immigration, and trans-shipment reports.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 275.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

RG-59.018M  Selected Records from the Judge Advocate General’s Office, Military Deputy’s Department and War Office, Directorates of Army Legal Services and Personal Services, War Crimes Files, 1947–1948
This collection contains war crimes files relating to the Children’s Hostel in Lefitz, Germany, and the death of Allied children.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 311.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.019M War Cabinet and Cabinet. The Situation in Palestine, 1938–1945**

This collection contains correspondence and other documents relating to the War Cabinet and regarding Arab-Jewish unrest in Palestine arising out of the influx of new Jewish immigrants, and to Jewish Agency requests for increases in immigration limits. It also contains policy-oriented documents relating to the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), CAB 27 and CAB 95.

Languages: English
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions

**RG-59.020M War Office Directories of Military Operations and Intelligence & Directorate of Military Intelligence, Ministry of Defence, 1945–1946**

This collection contains military intelligence documents from the War Office relating to the final days and death of Adolf Hitler, together with documents relating to allegations that Hitler was still alive. It also contains documents from the War Office relating to war crimes committed by German officers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), WO 208.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.021M Control Office for Germany and Austria, and Foreign Office: Legal Division. Trial of Fritz Erich Lewinski von Manstein, 1949**
This collection contains court files and case registers for the war crimes trial of Wehrmacht World War II general Fritz Erich Lewinski genannt von Manstein, accused of crimes against humanity. Von Manstein was charged specifically with crimes committed against Jews, including his and the army’s role in their extermination. Documents include shorthand notes of trial proceedings, witness accounts of atrocities, references to supporting documentation, and the sentence of the court.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 1060/1291–1345.

Languages: English
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions

**RG-59.022M  Foreign Office; Confidential Correspondence, 1933–1945**

This collection contains correspondence and reports of the British Foreign Office concerning the situation of Jews in the Balkans. Fond 421, “southeast Europe,” contains documents on antisemitic activities in Romania and of the Iron Guard. Fond 425 includes reports on the emigration of Jews from Romania to Palestine and the relief of Polish refugees. Fond 434, “south Europe,” includes brief confidential reports on antisemitism in Hungary, Romania, Austria, and Italy, and on the activities and position of Jews in these countries. Fond 438 contains reports on illegal Jewish immigration into Palestine. Fond 937 includes correspondence relating to Nazi medical experiments on human beings and on the investigation of five doctors at the clinic in Oranienburg.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK (formerly the Public Record Office, Kew), FO 421 (files 324–325), FO 425 (file 416), FO 434 (file 5), FO 438 (files 13–14), and FO 937 (file 165).

Languages: English
4 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

**RG-59.023M  Records from the Board of Deputies of British Jews, 1925–1964**

This collection contains documents relating to the response of the British Jewish community before, during, and after World War II. The documents address aid for refugees, immigration, and Palestine issues. Reports of the persecution and conditions of Jews in Europe are mentioned, as is correspondence with Jewish communities and organizations in Europe and worldwide. Records include Foreign Affairs Committee minutes, papers, and correspondence; President’s and Secretaries’ papers; and Aliens Committee minutes and papers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the London Metropolitan Archives, UK.
Languages: English
95 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: See reference archivist.

RG-59.024M Selected Records from the India Office, 1938–1949

This collection contains records relating to immigration and internment policy, individual case files of Jewish refugees to India, and name lists of internees.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the British Library, London. For a history of these records, please see the web site of the British Library, http://www.bl.uk/collections/iorgenrl.html.

Languages: English
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Reel list and preliminary finding aid with folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On reproduction. See reference archivist.

RG-59.025M The National Archives, UK: Reconciliation, Displaced Persons, and Emigration, 1937–1951

This collection contains records from the War Office, Foreign Office, and Home Office relating to Jewish immigration to Palestine, displaced persons, the postwar situation in Europe, and restitution matters.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the National Archives, UK.

Languages: English
58 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On reproduction

This collection contains meeting minutes of the Germany Emergency Committee, which was later renamed the Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens (FCRA). Other documents discuss the situation of Jews in Germany, support for refugees, internment, political prisoners, and visits to concentration camps. The collection also includes the pamphlet “An Account of the Work of the Friends Committee for Refugees and Aliens, first known as the Germany Emergency Committee of the Society of Friends 1933–1950,” by Lawrence Dalton, issued in 1954, as well as various other pamphlets relating to the work of the Committee.


Languages: English
3 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-67.001M  Jewish Labor Committee Records, 1934–1947

This collection contains correspondence, office files, press releases, meeting minutes, convention reports, and printed material relating to the efforts of the Jewish Labor Committee to mobilize opposition to Nazism and to offer relief and assistance to its victims. Included are 18 volumes of clippings that document the work of the committee from 1936 to 1947. Among the persons represented are Baruch C. Vladeck, founder and first chairman of the committee; Adolph Held, chairman after Vladek’s death in 1938; Jacob Pat, executive secretary; and David Dubinski, treasurer. Among the prominent correspondents mentioned are many U.S. government officials and legislators, American and foreign labor leaders and intellectuals, and officers of Jewish political and philanthropic organizations.

Provenance: The four series of records selected for microfilming represent only the earliest portion of the Jewish Labor Committee collection at the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library. The full collection, totaling some 800 linear feet, covers the activities of the committee from its founding to the late 1970s. It includes, in addition to the Holocaust-period material, records of the campaigns for trade union rights in America and abroad, and campaigns against antisemitism and other forms of racial and religious discrimination.

Languages: English and Yiddish
166 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description of microfilm rolls 1–102
Restrictions: On reproduction and use

This collection contains 13 linear feet of child adoption case files arranged alphabetically by name. The size and contents of individual files vary greatly, and contain brief biographies and photos of the children, as well as correspondence, memos, and other documentation relating to the support of each child. Some of the children lived in the Jewish Labor Committee-supported children’s homes in France, Belgium, Palestine/Israel, and Poland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library.

Languages: English and Yiddish
24 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Alphabetical name list by roll
Restrictions: On reproduction and use


This collection contains displaced persons and refugee card files. The thousands of cards provide biographical information on refugees, most of whom lived in displaced persons camps in Germany. The files are divided into several series, each of which is arranged alphabetically.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, New York University Library.

Languages: English, Yiddish, and German
7 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Roll-level description
Restrictions: On reproduction and use


This collection contains materials on the history of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), especially prior to 1940. With the outbreak of war in September 1939, the WJC office in Paris was moved to Geneva to facilitate communications with Jewish communities in Europe. Then, in the summer of 1940, with most of Europe overrun by the Nazis, the main WJC headquarters was moved to New York. The bulk of the collection consists of the correspondence of important leaders of the WJC or the New York office, including Stephen S. Wise, Nahum Goldman, Israel Goldstein, and other administrative/executive
directors. There are also files on plenary assemblies, conferences, and committee meetings.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Jewish Archives (AJA), Cincinnati.

Languages: English, Spanish, Yiddish, German, and 22 others
103 microfilm rolls (16 mm) or 10 CDs
Finding Aids: 500 pp. folder-level descriptions in English covering series A-J, also available in word-searchable form on the AJA website; names authority list; abbreviations authority list; geographical cross-references list
NOTE: See also Accession 1997.A.0325 at the end of the RG-67 section.

RG-67.005M The World Jewish Congress New York Office Records. Series C
(Institute of Jewish Affairs)

This collection is organized into the following four sub-series:
1. Executive Files and Correspondence: files of the first three directors of the Institute: J. Robinson, N. Robinson, and O. Karbach;
2. Research Materials, Reports and Publications. The focus is mainly on Germany, World War II, the Holocaust, and postwar issues such as DPs, restitution, and refugees;
3. War Crimes and Retribution. Which includes files on searches for Holocaust witnesses, war crimes trial correspondence, crimes in individual Polish communities, and the Nuremberg proceedings;
4. Indemnification, which relates to restitution legislation and claims, including property claims. This subseries is organized by country, and also by restitution organizations, including the Claims Conference.

Provenance: The World Jewish Congress collection was donated to the American Jewish Archives by the World Jewish Congress in 1982. All materials donated prior to 2002 have been arranged and described in the American Jewish Archives inventory.

333 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati
Finding aid: English-language, folder-level descriptions


This collection contains records of Series B, the Political Department of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), which dealt with governments and international organizations. The records relate primarily to emigration issues. The collection also contains papers of
WJC leaders Maurice Perlzweig, Robert Marcus, and Oscar Karbach. Materials include correspondence, reports, memos, publications, press releases, and various mimeographed items.

Provenance: In 1982 the WJC records were donated to the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: English and others
141 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On duplication and publication


The bulk of the collection consists of the correspondence between American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) representatives in North Africa, Europe, and America (primarily of the AFSC Refugee Service and Displaced Persons Service) and other organizations. The collection includes reports on the Quakers’ projects in detention, labor, and refugee camps in French North Africa, and financial and administrative documents.

Provenance: The records were created by the AFSC in Southern France from 1933 to 1950. After World War II, they were transferred to the committee’s headquarters in Philadelphia, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: English and French
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On publication and duplication

RG-67.009M Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Records Foreign Address and Occupation Index, 1957–1968

This collection contains index cards (Form G-153) completed by immigrants to the United States. The cards indicate dates and addresses of foreign residence between January 1940 and January 1968, including any time spent in ghettos or camps.

Provenance: Form G-153 was designed to provide INS users with information about previous addresses of aliens. The originals are held by the source of acquisition, the History Office and Library of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Languages: English
540 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: Access restricted to USHMM Survivors Resource Center staff


This collection contains records relating to relief and rescue activities, the location of survivors, immigration, refugees, displaced persons, and relations with international relief organizations, including the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the Red Cross. Series D contains executive files and documents of the Immigration Division, the Location Service, the Child Care Division, the Committee for Overseas Relief Supplies, the Advisory Council on European Jewish Affairs, and the Rescue Department.

Provenance: The records originated at the New York Office of the World Jewish Congress, which donated the material to the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, in 1982.

Languages: Predominately English
131 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: On publication and duplication


This collection contains records of the World Jewish Congress’ (WJC) Organization Department, whose activities included fundraising (until May 1946), producing reports on WJC activities and the situation of Jewish communities, hosting commemorations and celebrations, preparing assemblies and conferences, and maintaining relations with other Jewish organizations. Documents include mimeographed reports, form letters, and memoranda of the Organization Department and the Executive Committee, as well as correspondence of and reports for Issac Schwartzbart, Robert S. Serebrenick, and Saul Sokal.

Provenance: Originally established in Paris around 1936, the Organization Department moved to New York with the rest of the WJC headquarters. When rescue activities diminished in the late 1940s, the department inherited responsibility for the European Advisory Council. In 1960 the department moved to Geneva under Gerhart M. Riegner; some files, especially correspondence from 1958 to 1960, were sent to Switzerland and are not included in this collection. Source of acquisition is the American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati.

Languages: Primarily English
34 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English


This collection contains records of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), divided into four sub-series. Sub-series 1, Alphabetical Files 1919–1981, comprises the bulk, primarily records from 1940–1960; sub-series 2, Monty Jacobs’ International Files 1949–1973, consists of files of the Press Director and Executive Director in the 1950s and 1960s; sub-series 3, Publications 1930–1974, consists of two boxes of publications by the WJC and other organizations; and sub-series 4, International Alphabetical Files—Correspondence and Clippings 1949–1981, contains 18 boxes on countries and regions.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Jewish Archives, Cincinatti.

Languages: Primarily English
181 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English; “locator” listing files at beginning of each roll


This collection contains records of the World Jewish Congress’ (WJC) Culture Department in New York, established in March 1945 to assist with reconstructing the spiritual and cultural life of Holocaust survivors, recovering cultural treasures and communal archives, and strengthening the intellectual vitality of Jewish life in the Western hemisphere and of Sephardic life in the Mediterranean region. Document types include correspondence, reports, publications, and materials on topics such as the “school adoption” plan, cultural delegations to Europe and South America, essay contests, relations with UNESCO, and conferences on Yiddish- and Hebrew-language culture.

Note: Variations of the name appear including Education Department, Cultural Department, and Department of Culture and Education.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the American Jewish Archives, Cincinatti.

Languages: English and Yiddish
13 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

**RG-68.045M --- Geneva Office of World Jewish Congress**

This collection contains correspondence and other records of the Geneva office of the WJC, including correspondence and papers of the head of the Geneva Office,
Gerhart Riegner. Record categories include: wartime reports; correspondence with organizations in Switzerland and various other countries, and with the International Red Cross and the U.N.; chronological files; accounts; restitution and rehabilitation; WJC meetings and documents; non-governmental organizations; students organizations; history of the WJC office in Geneva; speeches by Riegner; and printed materials (periodicals and multicopied materials).

Languages: English, French, Swedish, Hebrew, and others  
1936–1986 
249 microfilm rolls (35 mm) 
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem 
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, plus directories of personal names, and of abbreviations. These aids are also in electronic form on 3 diskettes.

RG-68.049M --- Card Index of the AJJDC (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee)

This collection contains registration cards of the AJJDC emigration departments in Munich (in English) and Vienna (in English), and individual cards of refugees who reached Spain during World War II (in French).

Language: English, French  
1943–1959 
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm) 
Source of Acquisition: AJJDC Archives, Jerusalem 
Finding aid: English-language reel list with name of office and alphabetical range of individuals’ last names. 
Restrictions: On reproduction of microfilm for third parties. Researchers must credit the AJJDC in citations.

RG-68.059M --- London Office of the World Jewish Congress

This collection contains correspondence and other records of the London office of the WJC, including correspondence with organizations in over 130 countries and with international organizations including agencies of the UN, NGOs, and Jewish organizations including the Claims Conference. Also included are legal materials; press clipping and reports of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, arranged by country; anti-Jewish legislation; materials of WJC Plenary Assemblies; minutes of executive meetings; documentation relating to neo-Nazis; the Aryeh Kubowitzki papers, the Alex Easterman papers, and the Elan Steinberg papers.

Languages: English and other languages  
1939–1975 
571 microfilm rolls (35 mm) 
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem 
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, over
1000 pages
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist

**RG-68.065M --- Paris Office of the World Jewish Congress**

This collection consists of correspondence, reports, and other records of the Paris office of the WJC. It includes general correspondence with organizations in many countries, international organizations, NGOs, and Jewish organizations. Report topics include missing Jews, liberated Jews, restitution and compensation claims, documentation from other WJC offices, the situation of Jews during the war, and Jewish affairs in France and North Africa.

Languages: English and other languages 1934–1954 (bulk 1946–1952)
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Source of Acquisition: Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem
Finding aid: Draft preliminary English-language folder-level finding aid, ca. 60 pages
Restrictions: See Reference Archivist


This collection contains records of the Geneva, Stockholm, and Istanbul offices of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC) and some files of the AJJDC offices in Lisbon, Brussels, and Barcelona. Most of the records consist of correspondence between various JDC offices, with other international Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, and with local Jewish communities and organizations on postwar rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors, emigration from Europe, restitution, and heirless property. The collection also includes a large number of name lists of Holocaust survivors and emigrants.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the AJJDC Archives, Jerusalem.

Languages: English and others
135 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English
Restrictions: USHMM may “provide copies of individual documents to researchers.” Researchers must credit the AJJDC Archives in Jerusalem. No duplication of microfilms for any third party.

**RG-68.067M Illegal Immigration to Palestine, 1938–1946**

This collection contains orders for the deportation of illegal immigrants, arranged by ship, 1938–1946. Records include “Memoranda of Personal Data (Political)” and questionnaires of the Palestine Police Force with photographs and biographical data.
Provenance: The records are from the British Mandatory Government, Office of the Prime Minister of Israel. Source of acquisition is the Israel State Archives.

Languages: English and Hebrew
33 microfilm rolls (35 mm) and 2 DVDs
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English and Hebrew
Restrictions: On publication and reproduction


This collection contains records pertaining to Jewish aid and rescue activities during World War II. Nathan Schwalb-Dror (1908–2004) was a Labor Zionist and leader of the Hechalutz in wartime Geneva. Records feature correspondence with Hechalutz members in the Nazi-occupied territories and with the Joint Distribution Committee; reports about the situation of Jews in various countries; reports about Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, and Westerbork; and miscellaneous internal records of Hechalutz headquarters. Also included are correspondence with individuals and aid organizations in the displaced persons (DP) camps after the Holocaust, such as the “Lloyd Auswanderungsbuero” in Poland, the Hashomer Hazair in Switzerland, the “Gordonia group” in Bucharest, the Kibbutz movement in Romania in 1940, and a spectrum of Jewish agencies in Switzerland. There are also photographs of Hechalutz members and their families in DP camps, and instructions on encoding correspondence from occupied Europe.

Provenance: Nathan Schwalb kept these records for many years in his private apartment in Tel Aviv. Under court order, they were transferred to the Lavon Institute for Labour Research, from which USHMM acquired them.

Languages: German, Hebrew, and English
37 microfilm rolls (35 mm) or 15 CDs containing the same information
Finding Aids: Hebrew-language index and inventory
Restrictions: On publication and duplication for third parties

**RG-68.088M The Nazi Party in Palestine, 1932–1939**

This collection includes records from the Nationalist Socialist Party Palestine Headquarters, 1932–1939; files and registers of the Temple Society, 1878–1948; and documentation on German-owned businesses.

Provenance: The records were obtained from the Spanish Consulate and the Office of the Prime Minister of Israel. Source of acquisition is the Israel State Archives (Ginzakh HaMedinah), Collection RG 90.

Languages: German, English, and Hebrew
29 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: 11 pp. Hebrew-language list of holdings
Restrictions: On publication, duplication for third parties, and commercial use. See reference archivist.

**RG-68.092M Personal Archive of Sigfried Jagendorf (Director of Turnatoria Plants in Mogilev Podolski), Transnistria, 1922–1967**

In 1941 Jewish engineer Siegfried Jagendorf was deported to Moghilev (Mogilev), where he oversaw deportees repairing city infrastructure and later worked on other projects. This collection includes his English-language autobiography entitled “Jagendorf: My Story of World War II. The True Story of How 100,000 of My People Were Saved.” It also includes wartime documents of the Mogilev Jewish Committee, prewar documents, and postwar correspondence.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Collection P-9.

Languages: English, German, and Romanian
2 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Preliminary descriptions in English
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

**RG-68.098M Survey of Children, 1945–1948**

This collection contains information gathered by the Central Historical Commission of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. Zone, Munich, about the children among Holocaust survivors in displaced persons camps. There are approximately 325 questionnaires, some with photos, along with other materials such as biographies of wards of the Children’s Home at Ulm.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Yad Vashem, Collection M.1.PC. The microfilming took place in 1955.

Languages: English
2 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Restrictions: On publication and duplication for third parties

**RG-69.002M Boaz Bischopswerder Music and Manuscripts, 1933–1949**

The late Boaz Bischopswerder was chief cantor at the Brunenstrasse synagogue in Berlin. He left Germany in 1933 for London but was interned by the British and sent to Australia, where he was held at the Hay and Tatura internment camps. His papers include his musical composition, *Phantasia Judaica*, which he composed on the way to Australia on board the *Dunev*; manuscripts of traditional Jewish liturgical music created in the
camps in Australia (arrangements of the music of Levandowsky); a diary in Yiddish; and a 200-page collection of short stories called “Amol in Ger” (Once upon a Time in Ger) in Yiddish.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archive of Australian Judaica.

Languages: English and Yiddish
5 microfiche
Finding Aids: Preliminary English-language descriptions

RG-69.003M Max Joseph Collection, ca. 1935–1960s

This collection includes the personal papers of Max Joseph, who kept detailed records relating to his pre-World War II experiences in Berlin from 1935 to 1938. The papers also document his immigration to Australia in 1939, his internment in the Tatura internment camp from 1940 to 1941, and his work with Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors through the 1960s.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archive of Australian Judaica, Fisher Library, University of Sydney.

Languages: English
15 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: English-language finding aid

RG-69.004M Jewish Care, Inc. Archival Files from the Australian Jewish Welfare and Relief Society, 1946–1954

This collection includes approximately 12,000 personal case files containing information on Jews trying to immigrate to Australia as well as family search files from the Archives of the Australian Jewish Welfare and Relief Society (now Jewish Care) between 1946 and 1954. Also included is correspondence with Jewish organizations, such as HIAS (the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and the Joint (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), as well as with the Federal Immigration Department.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Jewish Care, Inc., Victoria, Australia.

Languages: English
18 microfilm rolls (35 mm) and 4 CDs
Finding Aids: Index on CD

RG-69.005M Selected Pamphlets from the Australian Jewish Historical Society, 1938–1947

This collection contains pamphlets and files of the United Jewish Overseas Relief Fund from 1943 to 1952, information from Jews in China, and information from the Bermuda
Conference on Refugees. Other pamphlets are by the New South Wales Board of Deputies.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Australian Jewish Historical Society.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

RG-71 --- Robert M.W. Kempner Collection

This record group consists of the personal archive of Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, who was Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Subsequent Tribunals and Chief Prosecutor of the Ministries Case (Case No. XI); was a consultant to the United States Government on German Police organization; had a private legal practice in Germany and in the United States, specializing in restitution claims and adoption cases; and wrote and lectured extensively on War Crimes Trials, the Third Reich, and on German politics. It contains correspondence, memoranda, research materials, interrogation and other reports, sound recordings, photographs, and other materials relating to the career and life of Robert M. W. Kempner and to his preparation and research in connection with the Ministries Case. As of the publication of this edition of the Guide, processing of the collection has not been completed.

Provenance: Consists of the written estate of Robert M. W. Kempner, for the most part, from his Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, home and office, but also from his German law office.

Languages: German, English, French  ca. 1913–1995
Ca. 250 linear ft.
Source of Acquisition: Estate of Robert M. W. Kempner
Finding aid: Folder-level inventory in progress
Restrictions: Restrictions on use of restitution client case files: Access for statistical or summary purposes only. No identification of individuals is permitted

RG-78.001M  Records of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, 1900–1986

This collection contains records of efforts to restrict immigration, lists of the Jewish Immigration Officer at Cape Town, naturalization applications, photographs of Jewish immigrants arriving in South Africa, and photographs of the South African Jewish community assisting refugees. Topics also include anti-Jewish agitation in South Africa, and postwar Holocaust commemoration.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, the central representative institution of the Jewish community in South Africa.
Languages: English
29 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level descriptions in English

Accession 1988.20  The Margaret Shachter Collection, 1944–1945

These diaries were kept by Frank J. Morris, a GI who served in England, France, and Germany during World War II.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Margaret Shachter.

Languages: English
3 items

Accession 1988.89  The Abraham Sosnowik Collection, 1945

This memoir, both in the original Yiddish and in English translation, describes Abraham Sosnowik’s experiences during the Holocaust in Novy Pohost and Szarkowszczyana, Poland.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Abraham Sosnowik.

Languages: Yiddish and English
3 items

Accession 1989.6  The Lili Reisz Collection, 1938–1949

This collection features the wartime correspondence of Franz Reisz in Paris and his wife, Lili, who had immigrated to New York. Also included are Franz Reisz’s political sketches and drawings of concentration camp scenes.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lili Reisz.

Languages: German and English
145 items
NOTE: See also RG-10 Accession 1995.A.0307—The Franz and Lili Reisz and Family Collection.

Accession 1989.115  The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, 1939

This collection contains hundreds of passenger cards prepared for each family on board the MS St. Louis, including their final destinations in Europe after being refused safe haven in Cuba and the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.
Languages: English
Ca. 900 items

Accession 1989.203  The Paul Weiner Collection, 1944–1945

This collection contains Paul Weiner’s diaries, which he kept as a child in Terezin. Included are English translations that Weiner made as an adult.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Paul Weiner.

Languages: Czech and English
8 items


This collection features correspondence to Sol Meyer in New York City concerning Julius Hermanns’ preparation for departure on the MS St. Louis and his internment in St. Cyprien, Gurs, and Les Milles.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Werner and Inge Katzenstein.

Languages: French, German, and English
101 items and 7 photographs


These papers include depositions, interrogations, and judgments of the U.S.-administered Nuremberg trials and various other war crimes trials. The documents relate to alleged war criminals; information on atrocities and crimes; and the persecution of Poles, Jews, and foreign nationals by the Nazis.

Provenance: World War II veteran Henry Einstein worked as a clerk, investigator, and interpreter at the war crimes trials in Nuremberg. Michael Klopfer, executor of the Henry Einstein estate, donated the papers to the Museum.

Languages: English and German
36 linear inches
Finding Aids: Folder-level description

Accession 1990.107  The Eleanor Vendig Collection, 1944–1945

This collection features the war diaries, daily reports, and photographs of Malcolm Vendig, the camp commandant of Dachau from liberation in April until August 1945.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eleanor Vendig.

Languages: English
86 items and 57 photographs
NOTE: See also RG-09.014—Malcolm Vendig Papers.

**Accession 1990.244 The Julius Goldstein Collection, 1942–1945**

This collection contains correspondence, maps, and a scrapbook documenting Julius Goldstein’s experiences as an American GI in Dachau.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Col. and Mrs. Julius Goldstein.

Languages: English and German
28 items, 2 pictures, and 1 scrapbook
NOTE: See also RG-10.032—The Julius Goldstein Papers.

**Accession 1991.158 and 1991.242 The International Rescue Committee Collection, 1940–1945**

These documents relate to the International Rescue Committee’s efforts to rescue refugees during World War II. The collection includes files concerning Max Ernst’s departure from France as well as the dossiers of Wilhelm Herzog and Elena Frank.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the International Rescue Committee, New York.

Languages: French, German, and English
333 items

This collection includes photographs, postcards, correspondence, official papers, and artifacts relating to Manfred Lovin (born Manfred Loewin); his life in Germany; his family in Germany and their deportation, incarceration, and murder; his arrest and jailing for “racial pollution”; his divorce from his first wife; and his immigration to and subsequent life in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Rabbi and Mrs. Eugene Lipman.

Languages: German and English

NOTE: See also RG–19.040—The Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger Collection, and RG-28.007—Manfred Lovin United Restitution Organization Case File.


This handwritten volume includes entries relating Bernard Rechnitz’s life in Poland before September 1939, his memories of the invasion, the confiscation of Jewish property, his family’s move from Katowice to Kraków to Wieliczka, and their incarceration in the Plaszów labor camp.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Moses Rechnitz.

Languages: Polish with English translation


This collection contains a reference work created by the 7707th War Crimes Group, Judge Advocate General, European Theater of Operations, to locate the geographic area and disposition of war crimes case files compiled by the units of the Judge Advocate General.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is NARA, RG 338.

Languages: English

1 microfilm roll (16 mm)


This collection contains files from a variety of record groups relating to individual victims of the Holocaust and World War II.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Genealogical Center of Utah, Salt Lake City. The records comprise various NARA record
groups filmed by the American Red Cross Holocaust Victims Tracing Service in Baltimore for the International Tracing Service in Arolsen, Germany.

Languages: English, German, and others
49 microfilm roll (16 mm)

Accession 1995.49 The Lillian Weiss Collection, 1938–1939

This collection contains the diaries of Peter Weiss. Weiss began writing the diaries in Vienna in 1938 and he continued to write while he was on his way to the United States via Brussels, England, and Canada. Also included are records of his efforts to emigrate.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lillian Weiss.

Languages: English and German
8 items

Accession 1995.A.0169 Robert Goss Collection, 1944–1945

This collection contains materials relating to the activities of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division, including photographs of the Dora-Mittelbau camp, battle scenes, and a Task Force Lovelady battle map.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Robert Goss.

Languages: English
2 folders

Accession 1995.A.0601 Eleanor Oppenheimer Morris Memoir, 1944

This typescript memoir by Eleanor Oppenheimer Morris discusses her life in prewar Frankfurt, Germany; Kristallnacht and her father’s and uncle’s resultant incarceration in Buchenwald; her and her family’s emigration to the United States; and their subsequent lives in New York and Baltimore. The format of the memoir is actually a response to an unknown questionnaire.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eleanor O. Morris.

Languages: English
5 pages
Restrictions: Fair use only. Donor retains copyright.

This is a typed 1982 English translation by Peter (Pierre) Feigl of his handwritten diary, as well as photostatic reproductions of the original diary. The main subjects of the diary are his escape to Marseilles, his life in hiding at Le Chambon, and his escape to Switzerland in 1945. Also included is a (PAL) videotape copy of the film *Cité de la Muette*.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Peter Feigl.

Languages: English, French, and German

NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accessions 1992.59 and 1992.175—Peter Feigl Collections

Accession 1996.23  The Hannah Kastan Weiss Collection, 1939–1950

This collection features letters to Kastan’s family written by Günther Kastan, a Jewish prisoner in the Monowitz sub-camp of Auschwitz. The letters are addressed to his daughter, Hannah, who was hidden by her non-Jewish maternal grandparents during the Holocaust. A Polish woman smuggled the letters to Kastan’s family. Also included are identification cards, documents regarding registration of employment, and other papers concerning the resettlement of the family in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Hannah Kastan Weiss.

Languages: German and English

109 items


This is an unpublished manuscript on the subject of the text’s title. Some photographs are included.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Agathe Szarvas.

Languages: English

1 folder


This collection includes reports, evidence documents, investigation results, and other materials relating to the committee’s investigation.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is NARA, Center for Legislative Archives, Washington D.C., RG 233.

Languages: English and Polish
11 microfilm rolls (35 mm) and 44 microfiche cards
Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level description


These records relate to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) research into allegations concerning Nazi infiltration of the ICRC. The collection includes lists of people suspected of espionage, reports about Giuseppe Berretta, and reports about the actions of ICRC delegates based in North Africa, Naples, and Marseille. Significant attention is devoted to the actions of Jean-Robert (Jean-Roger) Pagan in North Africa.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the International Committee of the Red Cross (Comite International de la Croix-Rouge), Geneva.

Languages: English, French, and German
1 folder


This collection includes a three-part memoir, Part I of which is a history of Janet Rogowsky’s birthplace, Ostrog (Ukraine) and of its Jewish community. Part II is a description of her family’s experiences during the Soviet occupation of Ostrog in 1939; her family’s flight to Lvov, Poland (now L’viv, Ukraine), while she remained in Ostrog with her married sister so she could continue her education; her reunion with her family in Lvov in 1941; the pogroms against Lvov Jews following the Nazi capture of the city in 1941 when her father and brother, Grisha, were killed; her mother’s temporary success at obtaining working papers for herself, Janet, and Janet’s sister, Anya, thus avoiding deportation to the ghetto; her mother’s arrest and transport to Treblinka early in 1942; her and Anya’s decision to go to Germany, where they separated and each of them posed as Christians working as domestics on various farms and estates; her return to Lvov after the defeat of Germany, where she attended school under her assumed Christian name; and her move to Warsaw, where she worked with war orphans and met her future husband, Feliks Puterman, a Polish painter and fellow survivor. Part III concerns Rogowsky’s postwar experiences in Warsaw, where she contacted the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which put her in touch with relatives in New York City; her reunion with Anya in a displaced persons camp near Frankfurt; her move, with Feliks, to Paris, where Feliks painted and exhibited his work; her trip to New York City in 1947 to visit her relatives; Feliks’ move to New York; their marriage and move to Montreal shortly thereafter; and their return to the United States a few years later. Also included
are a one-page biographical sketch of her late husband and photocopies of photographs of him, his parents, and his two sisters.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Janet Rogowsky.

Languages: English
.25 linear inches
NOTE: See also Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1992.213—The Janet Rogowsky [Feliks Puterman] Collection

Accession 1997.101   The Charles Lavering Collection, 1944–1945

This collection consists of a scrapbook with 485 pictures, documents, maps, and publications that were compiled by Charles Lavering during his service in the U.S. 305th and 309th Ordnance Battalions in the European Theater.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dan Lavering.

Languages: English
1 item


This collection contains certificates, letters, and other records tracing the history of the Landecker family in Berlin from World War I through the emigration of Drs. Hildegard and Norbert Landecker to the United States in 1939.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Manfred Landecker.

Languages: German and English
57 items


This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings from various publications, including North China Daily News and China Press, relating to the Jewish Community in Shanghai, China.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eric Goldstaub.

Languages: English and German
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Max B. (a.k.a. Amichai) Heppner’s memoir describes his family’s experiences in the Netherlands during the Holocaust. His parents fled Germany in 1933 and went to Amsterdam, where Max was born shortly thereafter. In 1942 he and his parents fled to the Dutch countryside. A plan to smuggle them to Free France in exchange for a fee of 5,000 guilders went awry when they learned their would-be rescuers planned to murder them and keep the money. Members of the Dutch resistance found shelter for them on a farm in the southern part of the country, where they were liberated by Allied forces. Max’s father died shortly after liberation. Max and his mother emigrated to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Max Amichai Heppner.

Languages: English

1 item (2 pages)
NOTE: See also RG-50.030*0094—Oral History Interview with Max Amichai Heppner and Art and Artifact Branch Accession 1991.226—The Max (Amichai) Heppner Collection


These records relate to the German foreign office and the Shanghai settlement, with specific attention given to the actions of the Japanese. Also included are documents on a weapons embargo during the Spanish Civil War and a large folder on the immigration policies of other countries vis-à-vis Jewish refugees. The latter contains significant material on George Rublee, the Evian Committee, and the aftermath of the Evian conference.

Provenance: These records are possibly from the German consulate in Shanghai. They were filmed by Foreign Office/State Department German War Documents Project in 1952. Source of acquisition is Sybil Milton.

Languages: German, English, and French

1 microfilm roll (35 mm)
Finding Aids: German-language table of contents

This collection contains location lists of refugees and displaced persons.


Languages: English and German
6 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: On roll 1
Note: See also RG-67.004M


Joseph Shadur’s memoir describes his childhood in prewar Berlin and Antwerp, Belgium; his family’s escape from Nazi-occupied Europe in their 1938 Oldsmobile, first to Bruges (near Bordeaux), France, in May 1940 and then to Spain and Portugal in December 1940; their voyage to the United States aboard the American Export Lines “S.S. Exeter”; their life in St. Paul, Minnesota; Shadur’s trip to France in March 1995 to revisit his former home in Bruges as well as several boyhood friends; and his trip in March 1996 to the Hendaye bridge on the French-Spanish border, where he and his family crossed into Spain in 1940.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joseph Shadur.

Languages: English
1 item (79 pp.)

Accession 1998.81  The Shari and George Fine Collection, 1905–1949

The items in this collection document Georg Fingerhut’s internment in Dachau, Sari Marmor’s time in the Feldafing displaced persons camp, the return of Fingerhut and his father to Munich after the war, and the emigration of Marmor and Fingerhut to Canada. Also included are pictures of Jewish life in prewar Lithuania.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Shari and George Fine.

Languages: German and English
36 items and 11 photographs
Finding Aids: Item-level list
NOTE: See also RG-02.210—The Family of Aryeh-Leyb Fingerhut (Leo Gerut).

This collection contains information about relations between the United States and the Polish government in exile in London. Subjects include underground activities in Poland, relations between Poland and the Soviet Union, and relations between the London and Moscow Polish leadership.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is NARA, RG 84.

Languages: English
20 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Finding Aids: Preliminary folder-level description

Accesion 1998.A.0303  Selected Records on Slovakian Jewish Labor Camps from the Slovak National Archives, N.d.

This collection contains photocopies of documents and photographs relating to the establishment of the Sered, Novaky, and Vyhne labor camps in Slovakia, the incorporation of Jews into the camps, and the function and structure of the camps. Also included is an English-language essay on the camps.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Richard Lankford (Embassy of the United States of America, Bratislava).

Languages: Slovak, German, and English
1 folder

SEE ALSO:
RG-48.003—Selected Records from the Slovak National Archives

Accesion 1999.9  The Werner and Trudy Coppel Collection, 1946–1949

This collection contains identity cards and other documents relating to the years Werner and Trudy Coppel spent in Berlin as displaced persons and their attempts to immigrate to the United States. Also included is correspondence regarding the Berlin blockade’s impact on their efforts to leave Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Werner and Trudy Coppel.

Languages: English, German, and French
17 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list
NOTE: See also RG-50.231*0019—Oral history interview with Werner Coppel.
Accession 1999.46  The Bella Zucker Collection, 1943–1962

The items in this collection concern the internment of Hermann and Bella Zucker in the Warsaw and Lublin ghettos during the war, their experiences as displaced persons in Berlin and Vienna thereafter, and their subsequent move to Stuttgart, as well as their application for reparations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Bella Zucker.

Languages: German, English, Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish
53 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

Accession 1999.69  The Hans Cahnmann Collection, 1939–1967

These letters, postcards, telegrams, and other documents relate to the efforts of Sigwart and Hedwig Cahnmann’s children to get their parents and aunt, Clementine Kraemer, out of Germany in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the estate of Hans Cahnmann.

Languages: German and English
6 items

Accession 1999.79  The Phyllis Prosaw Collection, 1947

This scrapbook was created by Peter Proszowski during his tenure as director of the children’s home of the Central Committee of the Liberated Jews in Berlin.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Phyllis Prosaw.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Yiddish
1 item

Accession 1999.107  The Irene Borevitz Collection, 1940–1941

This collection contains papers of the Jewish community of Kobe, Japan, including financial records, reports on the status of refugees, photographs, and correspondence with Rabbi Poneweski in New York and various American-Jewish organizations.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Irene Borevitz.

Languages: English and Yiddish
99 items and 54 photographs
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 1999.119  The Alfred Buechler Collection, 1937–1942**

This collection documents the wartime fate of the Buechler family from Gleiwitz, Germany. In addition to birth and death certificates, the collection includes an acquisitions report, which contains a biographical sketch of the family.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Alfred Buechler.

Languages: German, English, and Hebrew
8 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 1999.141  The Simona G. Frajndlich Collection, 1945–1947**

These papers document the experiences of Simona Witorz in the Landsberg displaced persons camp and at Heidelberg University after her liberation from Terezin. Also included is a plan of the courtroom of the facilities of the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, the proceedings of which Witorz attended as a member of the press.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Simona G. Frajndlich.

Languages: English, Czech, Russian, and German
13 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 1999.211  The Irene Kane Collection, 1945–1948**

This collection includes documentation of Maximilian Landau’s work as the manager of the sports department of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the U.S. Zone of Occupation. Also included are more than 200 photographs of life in the Föhrenwald displaced persons camp in Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Irene Kane.

Languages: English, French, and Yiddish
249 items and 232 photos
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 1999.A.0027  UNRRA List of Concentration Camp Victims, 1947**

This collection consists of an alphabetical list of camp victims who were missing or deported. It includes all inquires of this type processed by the United Nations Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) Tracing Bureau for Austria, up to March 31, 1947.

Provenance: The list was created by the UNRRA Tracing Bureau for Austria. Source of acquisition is the Jewish Museum in Sydney.

Languages: English
1 microfilm roll (35 mm)

Accession 1999.A.0154 American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, 1939–1941

This collection contains information about the committee’s administration, budgets and finance, and activities in Romania; as well as about problems in Warsaw, emigration, and Polish Jews with relatives in the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Jewish Historical Institute of Poland, Fond 210.

Languages: Polish and English
21 microfilm rolls (35 mm)
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication

Accession 1999.A.0167 Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross. Division Assistance Spéciale, 1940–1963

This collection contains documentation relating to the ICRC efforts to supply concentration and other camps with medications, food, clothing, and other necessaries. Subjects include negotiations with governments in whose countries the camps existed, relations with Jewish and other relief organizations, and the logistics of transporting the material to the camps.

Provenance: The records were created by ICRC Department of Special Assistance in the course of its operations as noted above. The files are currently in the ICRC Archives in Geneva, from which USHMM acquired them. Copies of the microfilms are available also at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.

Languages: French, German, and English
90 microfilm rolls (16 mm)
Finding Aids: Folder-level description in French

SEE ALSO:

RG-04.014—Selected Records Relating to the Activities of the International Red Cross in Terezin

RG-04.077M—Fichiers de Drancy
RG–19.044M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Hostages and Political Prisoners (Otages et détenus politiques)

RG–19.045M—Selected Records from the International Committee of the Red Cross Commission for Prisoners, Internees and Civilians. Jews (Israélites)

Accession 1999.A.0251 Selected Records from the Legation of the Dominican Republic in Washington, 1940

This collection contains Dominican Republic legation documents relating to Jewish refugees in various European countries requesting permission to immigrate to the Dominican Republic.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is the Archivo General de la Nacion, Santo Domingo.

Languages: English and Spanish
1 microfilm roll (16 mm)


This collection contains photocopies of telegrams, maps (the Polish Children’s Camp in India, Jamuagar-Balachadi, and the evacuation map from the Soviet Union to India), notes, clippings, and British Library records relating to Polish refugees in India. The collection illustrates that there were at least some Jews among the Polish camps at Valivade in Kohlapur state and Balachadi in Nawanagar state.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Kenneth X. Robbins.

Languages: English and Polish
1 folder (photocopies)

Accession 1999.A.0267 Ludwig Charatan Collection, 1940–1999

This collection contains letters and clippings illustrating how a Polish Catholic woman saved Ludwig Charatan and three members of his family.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ludwig Charatan.

Languages: English and German
8 items

Accession 1999.A.0273 Correspondence Pertaining to Herbert David, 1939–1947
This collection contains letters relating to Samuel Tichnor’s attempts to help Herbert David emigrate from Germany to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is A.E. Wolf.

Languages: English
1 box


This collection contains a memoir describing Frankel’s Holocaust experiences. Also included are two booklets.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is David Frankel.

Languages: English
2 folders


This collection contains correspondence, newspaper articles, curriculum vitae, and an oral history emphasizing Edmund Schechter’s post-World War II work as a radio correspondent broadcasting to displaced persons.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gerda Schechter.

Languages: German, English, and Polish
5 boxes

Accession 2000.6          Edmund F. Franz Papers, 1945

This collection contains copies of statements and interrogation interviews with German war criminals. Also included are 52 black-and-white official U.S. Army photographs taken by the rehabilitation officers of the U.S. Army’s Chief Surgeon’s Office or Third U.S. Army photographers. The photographs depict scenes of atrocities at Buchenwald and Nordhausen concentration camps, and at Gardelegen, Penig, and Gotha in Germany.

Provenance: Edmund F. Franz acquired the materials while serving as the chief administrator of the U.S. Army’s War Crimes Branch in Wiesbaden, Germany, after World War II. Before his death, Franz instructed that the collection be given to David M. Berke, who donated the materials to the Jewish Studies Program at Kent State University.

Languages: English
1 box containing 49 folders and 52 photo prints
Accession 2000.8  Isaiah Trunk Papers, 1953–1984

This collection contains photocopies of materials written by or about Isaiah Trunk. Included are manuscripts, minor publications, bibliographies, correspondence, newspaper articles, book reviews, supplements, and various unpublished material by Trunk.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Gabriel Trunk via Benton Arnovitz.

Languages: Yiddish and English
3 boxes

Accession 2000.24  The Eric Bergtraun Collection, 1945–1953

This collection contains papers, photographs, and artifacts relating to the Shanghai branch of the British Boy Scouts Association, as well as diaries and logs of the group’s activities compiled by a Jewish refugee in Shanghai.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Eric Bergtraun.

Languages: English
36 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

Accession 2000.26  Muller Family Papers, 1938–1941

This collection contains a memoir by Marianne Muller Vitez about her wartime experiences; two identification cards issued to Vitez’s parents, Hans Muller and Alice Leven, in Morocco; Alice Muller’s German passport; John Muller’s German passport; Carte d’identité d’étranger de la Republique Francaise au Maroc for Marianne Muller; a list of clothes and household goods Alice Muller submitted to the Nazis before leaving occupied Belgium with the items on the list; and a Certificat d’identité des refugies provenant d’allemande for Hans Muller issued by the Belgian government.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Marianne Muller Vietz.

Languages: English and French
2 Folders

Accession 2000.32  Harriet Postman Letters, 1939–1941

These letters to and from Harriet Postman discuss obtaining an affidavit for a Jewish woman named Dr. Flora Hochsinger so she could leave German-incorporated Austria for the United States.
Provenance: Evelyn P. Crane, Harriet Postman’s daughter, donated the letters to the Museum.

Languages: English
2 folders


This collection contains documents and letters for claims of property restitution and compensation, as well as newspaper clippings collected by Annie Olak, Elizabeth Richards, and Eva Lewin. Also included are letters and replies from international banks, German trustees, and other related organizations with regard to the Lewin family claims for restitution.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ann Hermann-Richards.

Languages: English and German
3 folders

Accession 2000.51  **Lieselotte Feinschil Family Papers, 1923–1969**

This collection contains documents, letters, and passenger lists pertaining to Lieselotte Feinschil’s emigration to the United States and events in Hamburg, Germany, from the mid–1930s into the early 1940s.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Genya Markon.

Languages: German and English
5 folders

Accession 2000.63  **Arnold Hartmann Correspondence, 1936–1947**

This correspondence relates to Arnold Hartmann’s attempts to support his family’s emigration from Nazi Germany and incorporated Austria to the United States.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Joan Rosenfeldt.

Languages: English and German
6 folders

Accession 2000.103  **Liebermann Family Collection, 1927–1997**

This collection contains documents pertaining to the Liebermann family’s pursuit of restitution (1957–1997). The donor’s father, Hans Liebermann, escaped with his family to the United States in 1938 and corresponded extensively with lawyers, the German
authorities, the URO, U.S. consulates, surviving members of the family living in Israel, friends, possible witnesses, and a former bookkeeper of the family firm. He also obtained statements; bank documents; affidavits regarding members of the family who were killed in the Holocaust; and affidavits regarding real estate, jewelry, silverware, and the expenses of the family’s emigration. Among the pre–1945 documents supporting the claims is significant material on the persecution and emigration of many family members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Frank Liebermann.

Languages: German, English, Polish, and Hebrew
1 box

**Accession 2000.119 Henri Wermus Memoir, 1992**

This memoir describes Henri Wermus’s childhood in Poland, his experiences with antisemitism in the Polish army, and the fate of his family members.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Henri Wermus.

Languages: English
4 folders

**Accession 2000.176 Aenne Hertz Papers, Ca. 1910–1959**

This collection contains legal documents and correspondence pertaining to Aenne Hertz, a social worker in Germany from 1933 to 1941. After being fired from her public job in 1933 by the Nazis she became a social worker for Jewish organizations and helped Jews escape Nazi Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ilse Berg.

Languages: German and English
2 folders

**Accession 2000.215 Dr. Abraham Blumowitsch-Atsmon Papers, 1907–1948**

This collection contains photographs, legal documents, and booklets pertaining to Dr. Abraham Blumowitsch-Atsmon’s family life in Poland and his work for the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the American occupied zone.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Dina Cohen.

Languages: Hebrew and English
1 box
Accession 2000.244 Nancy Ruhl Collection, Ca. 1945

This collection contains reports about typhus outbreaks in occupied Germany, specifically in Bergen-Belsen, as well as information about refugee transit centers.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Nancy Ruhl.

Languages: English
3 folders


This collection contains originals and photocopies of Alter family documents; correspondence; photo prints; newspaper clippings; Austro-Hungarian, German, and Austrian bank notes; personal files of Henry C. Alter and Martin F. Herz; reports of the Film, Theatre, and Music Section of the U.S. Military Government in Berlin; and material about the United States Forces in Austria, Information Service Branch, 1945–1946, in which Mr. Alter served.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Andrew C. Alter.

Languages: English, German, and Italian
1 box
Restrictions: On reproduction and publication


This collection contains photocopies of correspondence relating to Abraham Slowes’ efforts to save his parents, Moshe Dow and Malka Slowes, as well as other members of his family, by bringing them out of Nazi-occupied Vilna. Also included is a photocopy of the Slowes and Weil family history, which was created by Mrs. Simone Weil Slowes.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Abraham Slowes. The originals are housed at the Ghetto Fighters’ House (Beit Lohamei HaGhetaot), Israel.

Languages: English, Hebrew, and Yiddish
80 items and 29 photographs
Finding Aids: Item-level list

Accession 2000.403 The Lisa Williams Collection, 1939–1946

This collection includes records of Hedwig Goldmann’s internment in Theresienstadt (Terezin) and the Deggendorf displaced persons camp, as well as a letter from the Austrian Red Cross regarding her postwar search for family members.
Provenance: Source of acquisition is Lisa Williams.

Languages: English and German
41 items and 25 pieces of monetary scrip
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 2000.404  The Ian Feldman Collection, 1945–1959**

This collection contains documents detailing the forced labor of Abraham Feldman in the Kaufering concentration camp, his activity with the Jewish community in postwar Augsburg, his eventual repatriation to Poland, and his application for restitution.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Ian Feldman.

Languages: Polish, German, and English
30 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 2000.407  The Barbara Cohen Collection, 1942–1947**

This collection contains correspondence, newspaper articles, and official documents concerning the wartime and immediate postwar experiences of Hedwig and Filip Schechter in Kraków, Stuttgart, and Pulsnitz, Germany.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Barbara Cohen.

Languages: Yiddish, Polish, and English
11 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list

**Accession 2000.408  The Esther Liebersohn Collection, 1944–1945**

This collection contains correspondence between Myer Liebersohn, an American soldier stationed in Europe, and his wife in Baltimore.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Esther Liebersohn.

Languages: English
9 items

**Accession 2000.417  The Elisabeth Orsten Collection, 1938–1944**

This collection contains a diary, correspondence, and other documents concerning the wartime experiences of Elisabeth Orsten and her brother, George, both of whom left
Vienna for England in January 1939. The correspondence also reflects the efforts of their mother, Hildegard Ornsten, to emigrate.

Provenance: Source of acquisition is Professor Elisabeth Orsten.

Languages: German and English
113 items
Finding Aids: Item-level list