

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives**  
**Finding Aid**  
**RG-10**  
**Small Collections**

**RG-10.165**  
**1990.165**

**Title:** Margit (Gita) Hammerschlag and Arthur I. Kessler papers, 1941-1942.

**Extent:** 1 folder (17 documents)  
1 microfiche.

**Provenance:** Arthur I. Kessler received the photographs and letters from his daughter, Margit (Gita) Hammerschlag in Czechoslovakia, from 1941 until 1942. Margit perished in the Holocaust. Esther Karpol, niece of Arthur I. Kessler, obtained the materials after Kessler's death in 1977. She donated them to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in June 1990. The Archives received the collection by transfer in September 1995.

**Restriction on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restriction on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Summary:** Contains photographs, letters, naturalization documents, and International Red Cross documents relating to the experiences of Margit (Gita) Hammerschlag (b. July 27, 1935, Prague, Czechoslovakia), Arthur I. Kessler (b. December 12, 1900, Szczakowa, Poland), and other Kessler family members during the Holocaust.

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement is chronological.

**Language:** Czech with some English and German.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.

**Inventory**

Translations of letters from the collection

Item #7.

My Dearest Father!

I have received from Iki a beautiful garden. Little Marta brought me a whole bunch of ..... I am describing all of it in a letter and I am hurt that you refuse to believe me, 1,543,769 kisses. Gita

Item #8

Prague, July 5, 1941. My Dearest and Sweetest Father: I have received your kindest letter in good order. How can you say that I am a little girl with a small brain, when in 4 months I will be 6 years, I bet you did not know that! The important thing is that I am your treasure. From now on I will be good and obedient for otherwise if I misbehave I will acquire a long tail like it happened to Vera who helped me but did not read the fairy tale. I am very much afraid but know that you will never be angry with me. I am sending you 195695 tender kisses. Your Gita

Item #9

Me Dearest Father: Today I have to write also on the behalf of mother because she is sick. But actually I am sick too and I long for you and you for me, I think. Many thousand kisses. Your Gita

Item #10

My Sweetest Daddy: I am longing for you ghastly. I will be probably soon travelling in your direction, certainly you will send me shipping tickets. You are asking me to write you a lot, more than just 3 words, but I am a lazy-bone. I am still too little to write so much, additionally it exhausts me. I am sending you 514368 kisses, Your Gita

Item #11

My Dear and Golden Father: I love you very, very much because I am also your secret love. I wrote this in such an ugly handwriting that mom was because of it angry. 4 thousand kisses, Your Gita