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Title: Magda Lapedus papers, 1915-1946.

Extent: 9 photoprints: b&w. 1 identification card.

Provenance: This collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Magda Lapedus in 1990.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

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Scope and content note: The papers consist of photographs of Magda Lapedus' family members before World War II as well as photographs of the grave of her brother, James Mezei in Linz, Austria, and an identification card issued to Berta Mezei [donor's mother] at the Bindermichl displaced persons camp in Linz, Austria, in 1946.

Inventory

1. 1 photoprint: b&w. Henrik Mezei, Magda Lapedus' father, born in Ungvar, Hungary on October 25, 1892, with his son, Janos Mezei, born in Budapest, Hungary on March 14, 1922. Taken on Janos Mezei's second birthday, 1924.
2. 1 photoprint: b&w. Henrik Mezei, taken in Budapest, 1939.
3. 1 photoprint: b&w. Henrik Mezei and three other people sitting around a table taken at the hospital where Henrik Mezei was recuperating. Henrik Mezei served in the Hungarian Army for four years during World War I and was wounded twice, 1915 July 12.
4. 1 photoprint: b&w. Henrik Mezei and three other people sitting around a table, at the hospital where Henrik Mezei was recuperating. Henrik Mezei served in the Hungarian army for four years during World War I and was wounded twice, 1915 July 12.

5. 2 photoprints: b&w. Janos Mezei's grave in the Jewish cemetery in Linz and a photograph of Magda Lapedus' late mother in front of the grave, 1946. Janos Mezei was liberated in Mauthausen-Gunzkirchen, Austria, by the American Armed Forces on May 5, 1945 and was hospitalized by the American Armed Forces in Wells, Austria. From there he was transferred to a DP Lazarett No. 9 in Linz (also an American hospital) but did not survive the disaster. He died in Linz on September 2, 1945.
6. 1 photoprint: b&w. Photograph of grave markers with Janos Mezei's first grave (marked with a dot), in Wegscheid, Austria, n.d. He was buried by the American Armed Forces in a military cemetery and when the family escaped from Hungary in 1946 and registered in Linz at the DP Camp Bindermichl, his body was exhumed and his final resting place became the Jewish cemetery in Linz, Austria.
7. ID card issued to Berta Mezei, mother of Magda Lapedus, at the DP camp Bindermichl, Austria, 1946.
8. 1 photoprint: b&w. Miklos Neuman, donor's grandfather's brother who perished in Auschwitz, n.d.
9. 1 photoprint: b&w. Johanna Wurmser, donor's grandfather's sister, who perished in Auschwitz with her two sons Sandor and Laszlo and their children, wives, and families, n.d.