

ELISE SCHAPIRA PAPERS, 1939-1991
1991.157.5

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Descriptive summary

Title: Elise Schapira papers

Dates: 1939-1991

Accession number: 1991.157.5

Creator: Schapira, Elise, 1920-1998

Extent: 0.3 linear foot (3 folders)

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Abstract: The Elise Schapira papers include correspondence to Elise in New York from her parents in Frankfurt, photographs of her parents and brother before the Holocaust and of her family in the United States, and two versions of her brief testimony recounting her family life in Germany, her escape to England, her immigration to the United States, and the loss of her brother and parents in the Holocaust.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Related materials: Eve Mannes also donated a drawing (1991.157.4) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Biographical note

Elise Schapira (1920-1998) was born in Bad Brückenau, Germany to Max Goldschmidt (1892-?) and Sibylla Goldschmidt (nee Klein, 1891-?). When Jews were forced to go to segregated schools, her family sent her to Würzburg. In 1939 they sent her to London where she worked as a maid. In 1940 she received her United States immigration quota number and arrived in New York in April. Meanwhile her parents and her brother were deported to Riga and perished.

Scope and content of collection

The Elise Schapira papers include correspondence to Elise in New York from her parents in Frankfurt, photographs of her parents and brother before the Holocaust and of her family in the United States, and two versions of her brief testimony recounting her family life in Germany, her escape to England, her immigration to the United States, and the loss of her brother and parents in the Holocaust.

System of arrangement

The Elise Schapira papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Elise Schapira papers, 1939-1991

Indexing terms

Jews--Germany--Staatsbad Brückenau.

Jewish refugees--England--London.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.

Staatsbad Brückenau (Germany)

Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Elise Schapira papers, 1939-1991

Folder	
1	Correspondence, 1941
2	Photographs, 1939-1990
3	Testimony, 1991