

RUDY APPEL PAPERS, 1939-1944
1991.209.7

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Descriptive summary

Title: Rudy Appel papers

Dates: 1939-1944

Accession number: 1991.209.7

Creator: Appel, Rudy, 1925-

Extent: 0.2 linear foot (2 folders)

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Abstract: The Rudy Appel papers include Red Cross form correspondence among Rudy Appel, his mother in Gurs, and his father in Philadelphia as well as photographs of the La Guespy children's home run by Secours Suisse aux enfants where Appel was sheltered during the war, the home's director Juliette Usach, and other children who stayed at the home.

Languages: French, 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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Acquisition information: Rudy Appel donated the Rudy Appel papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1991 and 1992. The accessions formerly cataloged as 1992.70 and 1992.72 have been incorporated into this collection.

Related materials: Rudy Appel also donated Anti-Semitic propaganda flyer (1991.209.6) and a Yad Vashem medal and certificate (1992.72.1 and 1992.72.2) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, July 2015

Biographical note

Rudy Appel was born in Mannheim in 1925 to Julius and Rose Appel. Julius was arrested and sent to Dachau following Kristallnacht. Upon his release he immigrated to the United States to join his other son, Martin, who had immigrated a few years earlier. Rudy Appel was sent to the Netherlands for his safety, and Rose fled to Belgium. After the German invasion of the Netherlands, Rudy joined his mother in Belgium. They crossed into France en route to Marseilles, where they planned to take a ship to Cuba, but they were arrested near Angouleme and sent to Rivesaltes. Rudy was transferred to Les Milles around July 1942 but returned to Rivesaltes within two months. Two weeks later, in September 1942, he was transferred to Le Chambon sur Lignon where he was sheltered at the children's homes operated by Secours Suisse aux enfants at L'Abri and La Guespy to save him from deportation. He was reunited with his mother after the war, and they immigrated to the United States in 1946.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Rudy Appel papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Rudy Appel papers, 1939-1944

Indexing terms

Jews--Germany--Mannheim.

Jews, German--France.

Jewish refugees--France.

Jewish children in the Holocaust--France--Le Chambon-sur-Lignon.

Hidden children (Holocaust)--France--Le Chambon-sur-Lignon.

World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--France.

Concentration camp inmates--France--Gurs--Correspondence.

Mannheim (Germany)

Le Chambon-sur-Lignon (France)

France--History--German occupation, 1940-1945.

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Rudy Appel papers, 1939-1944

Folder	
1	Correspondence, 1942-1944
2	Photographs, 1939-1943