

**RENEE FODOR SCHWARZ WRITINGS, 1984-1994**  
**1991.A.0095**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Renée Fodor Schwarz writings

Dates: 1984-1994

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Creator: Schwarz, Renée Fodor, 1918-2000

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Abstract: The Renée Fodor Schwarz writings consist of essays and poems by Schwarz in which she remembers and reflects on her childhood in Poland, her confinement in the Krakow ghetto and at Auschwitz, and her new life in Israel and the United States. Most of this material has been published in her books *Renée*, *Covenant of the Rainbow*, and *Symphony of the Heart*.

Languages: English

**Administrative Information**

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1992.A.0002, 1992.A.0047, 1992.A.0061, and 1993.A.0045 have been incorporated into this collection.

Related materials: The Museum's Library holds copies of Renée Fodor Schwarz's books *Renée*, *Symphony of the Heart*, and *Covenant of the Rainbow*. An oral history interview conducted with Renée Fodor Schwarz on April 5, 1995 that forms part of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual History Archive can be viewed onsite at the Museum.

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### **Biographical note**

Renée Fodor Schwarz (1918-2000) was born Ryfka Issler in Zasów, Poland, not far from Krakow. She was the second youngest of ten children and lost both of her parents before her fifth birthday. She attended Hebrew Gymnasium and Jagiellonian University in Krakow but was not accepted into medical school because she was Jewish. She survived the Krakow ghetto, Plaszow labor camp, Auschwitz concentration camp, and a death march during the Holocaust, moved to Israel following her liberation, and immigrated to the United States with her husband and son in 1948. She became Chief Psychologist at the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry in New York and at the Westchester Institute for Training in Psychotherapy and Counseling.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The Renée Fodor Schwarz writings are arranged in publication order. The contents of folder 1 appeared as an independent report. The contents of folder 2 were published in *Renée*. The contents of folders 3 through 52 were published in *Symphony of the Heart*. The contents of folders 53 and 54 were published in *Covenant of the Rainbow*. The contents of folder 55 do not appear in Schwarz's books.

### **Indexing terms**

Auschwitz (Concentration camp)

Jews--Poland.

Jewish ghettos--Poland--Kraków.

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

Holocaust survivors--Israel--Haifa.

Holocaust survivors--New York (State)--New York.

Holocaust survivors' writings.

Kraków (Poland)  
Haifa (Israel)  
New York (N.Y.)

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