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Title: Herman Seligman and Alfred Mayer papers, 1940-1941.

Extent: 1 folder.

Provenance: A donor who wished to remain anonymous gave the collection to the USHMMA.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on Use: No restrictions on use.

Summary: The material pertaining to Hermann Seligman consists of: orders and instructions to the Jewish community in Germany which were distributed by the Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland; a letter from the American consulate in Hamburg; and information regarding their settlement of Jews in Terezin (Theresienstadt). Additional material in this collection consists of: a letter from the American consulate in Hamburg to the American Senator James M. Mead, dated 20 Feb 1940, describing the status of one Heinz Langstaedter's attempt to emigrate to the United States from Germany; and a letter from Alfred Mayer to the American Consul in Marseilles, France, dated 13 Oct. 1941, detailing his attempts to free his cousin, Heinz Langstaedter, from German captivity. Langstaedter had been taken from Stuttgart, Germany, to the Nazi concentration camp at Gurs, France, and then to the Nazi camp in Rivesaltes, also in France. Mayer has tried many different ways to get Langstaedter out of Europe, and now he would like the advice of the American Consul in Marseilles, France.

Organization and Arrangement: Thematic.

Language: English and German.

Preferred Citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.

Inventory:

1. 1 page handbill in German dated December 1941, detailing restrictions on Jewish ownership of property.
2. 1 page, typewritten letter in German from the *Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland* dated 31 March 1941, requesting an accounting of a Jews who left Germany since 1933.

3. 1 page, typewritten letter in German, dated 16 May 1941, ordering all Jewish organizations under 1000 persons to dissolve their bank accounts and deposit them into a named account.
4. 1 page, typewritten letter in German, dated 15 May 1939, from the American Consulate in Hamburg informing Herman Seligman that quotas have been reached and his number is not likely to come up for many years.
5. 1 page, typewritten form-letter in German (n.d.), from the American Consulate in Hamburg informing Seligman concerning the procedures of his immigration.
6. 1 page, typewritten form-letter in German, dated 19 November 1938, from the American Consulate in Hamburg informing Seligman of the procedures for assigning a lottery number to his immigration request and his application for a visa.
7. 1 page, typewritten letter in German, dated 12 August 1942, informing Seligman that all Jews aged 65 or older are to be rounded up and shipped to Theresienstadt.
8. 1 page, typewritten letter in German, dated 24 August 1942, informing Seligman of the baggage restrictions for the trip to Theresienstadt.
9. 2 page typewritten letter in English, on U.S. Department of State Stationery, dated 20 February 1940, to Senator James M. Mead, informing the senator of Heinz Langstaedter's immigration request.