

**MAJEROWICZ FAMILY PAPERS, 1911-1991**  
**1995.A.0151**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Majerowicz family papers

Dates: 1911-1991

Accession number: 1995.A.0151

Creator: Majerowicz family

Extent: 14 folders

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The Majerowicz family papers contain records relating to Arthur and Marie Majerowicz, who survived the Holocaust, and their son Kurt, who perished in Buchenwald. The papers contain many identification documents such as birth and marriage certificates, membership cards, employment and education history, and death certificates. Also included are postcards sent to family members by Kurt while he was in the concentration camps, information requests on Kurt's death, and a letter Kurt wrote signing away power of attorney to his father. Other items include affidavits and photographs.

Languages: English, German, Dutch.

**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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**Accruals:** Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](http://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

**Processing history:** Michael Folkerts, July 2015

### **Biographical note**

Arthur and Marie Majerowicz lived in Berlin, Germany and had three children: Kurt, Irma, and Ruth. Arthur worked as a draftsman by trade, but as anti-Semitism spread, he was unable to work. He was eventually put into forced labor, and for some time he worked as a bus driver. Arthur was eventually arrested and placed on a train to a concentration camp, but was able to jump from the train and escape. He spent the rest of the war in hiding. Due to her Christian background, Marie was not affected by the anti-Semitic persecution, and worked in a factory during the war. Their son, Kurt, was successful in his attempt to escape into Holland after the Kristallnacht. He was placed in a refugee camp, and was eventually sent to Westerbork. There he met and married Rita Schlachet and had a child, Marie. Kurt, his wife, and young daughter remained in Westerbork through the German invasion of Holland, after which they were deported to Theresienstadt in 1944. Soon after, Rita and her daughter Marie were sent to Auschwitz, while Kurt was sent to Buchenwald. All three were killed.

Prior to the war, Irma and Ruth were able to escape into England. Irma acquired a work visa, and was employed as a domestic, while Ruth left Germany via the Kindertransport. While living in England, Irma married an American soldier, Irving Cantor, and immigrated to the United States in 1947. Once in the United States, she was able to help her parents immigrate soon after.

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

The Majerowicz family papers contain documents primarily relating to Arthur and Marie Majerowicz, and their son Kurt. The documents pertaining to Arthur and Marie are mainly identification documents, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, Arthur's employment and education history, immigration documents and membership cards. The items relating to Kurt come from his time while interned at Westerbork, and include birthday and postcards he sent to family members, a letter giving power of attorney to his father, and information requests concerning Kurt's death at Buchenwald. Other documents include an affidavit of support, death certificates for Arthur's parents, and photographs.

### **System of arrangement**

The Majerowicz family papers are arranged as three series:

- Series 1: Arthur and Marie Majerowicz, 1911-1964
- Series 2: Kurt Majerowicz, 1939-1991
- Series 3: Various, 1939-1955

### **Indexing terms**

Majerowicz, Arthur  
Majerowicz, Marie  
Majerowicz, Kurt  
Majerowicz, Ruth

Majerowicz, Irma  
Schlachet, Rita

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)  
Westerbork (Concentration camp)  
Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

Kindertransports (Rescue operations).  
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)  
World War, 1939-1945--Prisoners and prisons.  
Jews--Germany--History--1933-1945.  
Jews--Germany--Berlin.  
Jewish refugees--United States--History--20th century.

United States--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century.  
Berlin (Germany)

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Arthur and Marie Majerowicz, 1911-1964

Folder	Title
1	Certificates, 1922-1950
2	Education, 1911-1925
3	Employment, 1940-1950
4	Immigration, 1946-1960
5	Membership cards, 1946
6	Notifications, 1946-1960
7	Record of death, 1964

### Series 2: Kurt Majerowicz, 1939-1991

Folder	Title
8	Birthday and postcards, 1939-1944
9	Death notifications, 1945
10	Information requests, 1990-1991
11	Power of attorney letter, 1940

### Series 3: Various, 1939-1955

Folder	Title
12	Affidavit for Irma Fogel, 1947
13	Photographs, 1939-1955
14	Salomon and Eva Majerowicz death certificates, 1946