

RUTH TAUB FELDMAN PAPERS, 1929-1995
1995.A.0736

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Descriptive summary

Title: Ruth Taub Feldman papers

Dates: 1929-1995

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Creator: Feldman, Ruth Taub, 1928-

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Abstract: The Ruth Taub Feldman papers consists of photographs of the Taub family, biographical materials documenting the Taub family, Ruth's brief memoir, letters to Ruth from her father and Gilbert Kraus, an autograph book inscribed by Ruth's parents and friends, clippings, and a newsletter. The papers document Ruth Taub's immigration as one of the "50 children" in the spring of 1939, and the immigration of her parents, Markus and Jeanette, from Vienna to the United States in March 1940. The papers also include a copy of Brith Sholom's July 1939 newsletter, *The Royal Recorder*, featuring an article entitled, "The Romance of the Refugee Children," and clippings depicting the 50 children arriving in America.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Biographical notes

Ruth Taub (now Ruth Feldman) was born on November 30, 1928, in Vienna, Austria as the only child of Markus and Jeanette Taub, who had both been born in Poland. Markus ran a grocery in Vienna and helped support members of his extended family, who had joined him in Austria. In 1938, the grocery was forcibly confiscated by the Nazis and Ruth was forced to leave public school for a Jewish school. In the spring of 1939, the Taubs sent Ruth to the United States as part of the "50 children" who immigrated with the assistance of Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus of Philadelphia, PA. At the same time, Markus and Jeanette sought relatives in the United States who could write an affidavit for their support. Through distant cousins, they were connected with Leah and Harry Grubstein, who were not relatives but willing and able to sign an affidavit for Markus and Jeanette. Ruth arrived in the United States on the *President Harding* in early June 1939. After a summer at the Brith Sholom camp, she went to live with Leah and Harry Grubstein in New Jersey. Markus and Jeanette waited in Vienna for their quota numbers; in 1940, Markus was imprisoned in Buchenwald. Markus was released when their immigration paperwork was in order, and the couple arrived in the United States in March 1940. The Taubs moved with their distant cousins, the Schneidermans, and Markus began selling fruits and vegetables from a pushcart. He eventually opened a store. Most of their extended family perished in the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Ruth Taub Feldman papers are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Feldman, Ruth Taub.

Taub, Markus.

Taub, Jeanette.

Kraus, Gilbert.

Jews--Austria--Vienna.
Jewish children--Austria.
Refugee children--United States.
World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--Austria.

Vienna (Austria)
Austria--Emigration and immigration--History.
United States--Emigration and immigration--History.

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Ruth Taub Feldman papers, 1929-1995

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Folder 4	Family trees, approximately 1983
Folder 5	Memoir, approximately 1995
Folder 6	Photographs, approximately 1930-1950
Folder 7	Printed materials, 1939
BE 1	Autograph book, 1938-1940