

LEGACY: PORTRAITS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, 1995-2006
1995.A.1205

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Descriptive summary

Title: Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors

Dates: 1995-2006

Accession number: 1995.A.1205

Creator: Evvy Eisen

Extent: 3 records boxes, 9 oversized boxes

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
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Abstract: Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors is a project began by Evvy Eisen in 1992, which seeks to photograph Holocaust survivors and accompany their portraits with a biography of their life during the Holocaust. The portraits are taken in black and white silver gelatin prints. While most of the portraits are 11x14, some of the later years are 8x11. The biographies are generally several pages long, and tell the stories of each individual's story through the Holocaust. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum accepted Eisen's first donation in 1995, and accepted donations annually until 2006.

Languages: 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: Evvy Eisen donated the Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1995 and continued to donate portraits annually until 2006.

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

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, February 2015

Biographical note

Evvy Eisen is a photographer and teacher in the San Francisco Bay area. She specializes in environmental portraits, often involving socially relevant issues. Eisen began the Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors project in 1992. The project is meant to “create images of human courage, stamina and creativity born of the most desperate circumstances.” Eisen met with each survivor three times, in order to know them and their personal histories. During these visits, she photographed them in black and white silver gelatin prints, in their home and utilizing natural light. Accompanied with each portrait is a biography, which details the hardships that each survivor had to face during the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

The Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors collection consists of two series: biographies and portraits. The biographies series contains all the biographical histories that are meant to accompany the portraits of the survivors. Each biography is generally several pages long and written by the survivors themselves. The biographies are arranged by year, and individual survivors can be linked to their portraits in series two.

The portraits series contains mainly large, mounted 11x14 silver gelatin black and white portraits of Holocaust survivors. The 2004 portraits are not mounted, and the 2005 and 2006 portraits are 8x11. The portraits are arranged annually, with each box containing one year of photographs, with the exception of boxes 11 and 12. The portraits are arranged within each box alphabetically by last name. Each name can be found in the container list below. The accompanied biographies can be found in series one, in the folder of the matching year.

System of arrangement

Legacy: Portraits of Holocaust Survivors is arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Biographies, 1995-2006
- Series 2: Portraits, 1995-2006

Indexing terms

World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.
Holocaust survivors.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographies, 1995-2006

Box	Folder	Title
1	1	Biographies, 1995
1	2-3	Biographies, 1996
1	4	Biographies, 1997
1	5	Biographies, 1998
1	6	Biographies, 1999
1	7	Biographies, 2000
1	8	Biographies, 2002

Box	Folder	Title
2	1	Biographies, 2003
2	2	Biographies, 2004
2	3	Biographies, 2005
2	4	Biographies, 2006

Series 2: Portraits, 1995-2006

Box 3: 1995

Name
Geoffey, Ruth
Gerhart, Marianne
Heilbronn-Pinto, Erna
Heilbronn, Fred
Heilbronn-Weiss, Hella
Kimelman, Richard
Kirschner, Fred
Kirschner, Hilla
Langer, Karel
Oppenheimer, Regina
Peters, Alan
Roubicek, Frank
Roubicek, Hella
Schwarzbart, Paul Arthur
Steiner, John
Zale, Irving

Box 4: 1996

Name
Angress, Hans
Barnes, Roma
Baars, Lynn and Louis
Baars-Samuels, Leah
Boddy, Alice
Eisenhardt, Angelica
Epstein, Werner
Fielden, Evelyn
Franklin, John
Gelbart, Ida
Gerson, Lily
Grosso, Nancy
Kay, Bill
Krieger, Fanny
Kupfer, Alan
Levy, Gerda

Box 5: 1996

Name
Liepman, Marianne
Orbuch, Sonia
Pederson, Ursula
Polt, John and Elizabeth
Polt-Schmitt, Renata
Pschorr, Elizabeth
Robinson, Susi
Rosenthal, Bernard and Felix
Shand, Richard
Stachel, Luba
Staller, Luba
Stent, Gunther
Urbach, Lilly and Kent
Weinstock, Ann
Winkler, Olga
Wolf, Lydia

Box 6: 1997

Name
Angress, Dina

Batzdorff, Alfred
Batzdorff, Susanne
Calder, Alice
Calder, C. Roy
Dyby, Knud
Eden, Ilse
Fluss, Hella
Gabany, Andre
Kranzler, Ed
Laskowski, Leah
Mautner, Gabriella
Offen, Bernard
Orgonek, Bernard
Schaffer, Paul
Stein, Jutta

Box 7: 1998

Name
Friedmann, Norbert
Gottheiner, Eva
Hirsch, Bianca and Warren
Hotzner, Gertie
Hublitz, Erika
Krasnobrod, Hedy
Lakritz, Alfred and Herbert
Levy, Ernst and Erwin
Rafal, Suzy
Resseguie, Alice
Samuel, Edith
Stein, Lotte
Tanner, Ruth
Wendel, Mella

Box 8: 1999

Name
Asa, Maurice
Breger, Helen
Burac, Robert
Eichengreen, Lucille
Jabelot, Marcel
Londner, Martha
Meier, Erika

Meyers, Odette
Persitz, Helene
Selig, Vera
Stourdze, Marcel
Vidore, Hugette
Wilkowski, Marie Claire and Henri

Box 9: 2000

Name
Altmann, Jacques
Ash, Pola
Baron, Charles
Bezborodko, Boris
Borlant, Henri
Borlant, Leon
Borlant, Odette
Braunfeld, Roman
Bulawko, Henry
De Groot, Louis
Eskenazi, Renee
Esrail, Raphael and Liliane
Gelles, Michael
Godkine, Janine and Georges
Haios-Kluger, Irene
Klarsfeld, Serge
Linn, Karl
Milner, Nicole
Ryzman-Brener, Paul
Selinger, Schelomo

Box 10: 2002

Name
Benichou, Gabriel
Bluwol, Charles
Farkas, Helen and Joe
Feldman, Marc
Greenspan, Ida
Hartstein, Maurice
Hilt, Clara
Jekel, Jacques
Lantos, Tom and Annette
Londer, Regina

Reselbach, Sam
Steinacher, Anita and Gerald
Sztanke, Jenny
Tennenbaum, Stella and Elie
Vlodaver, Rosette
Waisblat, Jo
Weiss, Tauba

Box 11: 2003

Name
Benkemoun, Dora
Erlich, Johanna
Farkas, Lencie
Goldsztein, Madeleine and Israel
Grycman, Estera
Kahane, Marin
Krecmer, Masza
Lowenberg, William
Pila, Karol and Nicole
Rosner, Bernat
Ross, Steven
Samuel, Brigitte
Spencer, Ruth
Sztejnberg, Marcel
Wellisch, Edith and Eugen
Welcman, Ida

Box 11: 2004

Name
Benelbaz, Violette
Berkowicz, Jacqueline
Buchwald, Ernest
Herman, Roger and Evelyne
Jedinak, Rachel
Pachter, Jeanne
Pachter, Michel
Platt, Henri and Cesia
Wattenberg, Frida
Zigelman, Victor and Lea

Box 12: 2005

Name
Adoner, Milo
Cheigam, Rachel and Nelly
Goldberg, Laurent
Kamieniecki, Hanna
Langmuir, Nelee
Loinger, Georges
Ringold, Jeanette
Scharapan, Nelly
Soulam, Saby
Steinfeld, Vera
Sullaper, Victor
Wiener, Maurice
Wirstchafter, Yvette

Box 12: 2006

Name
Apeloig, Marcel and Ida
Bigielman, Albert
Feigelson, Raphael
Klein-Lieber, Liliane
Mattson, Phyllis
Peltin, Madeleine
Saurel, Jacques
Senior, Madeleine