

**RENA HERZOG PAPERS, circa 1892-1948**  
**1998.103**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Rena Herzog papers

Dates: circa 1892-1948

Accession number: 1998.103

Creator: Herzog, Rena, 1926-

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The papers consist of twelve photographs, three identification cards, and four documents relating to Rena Herzog's family before World War II in Poland, during the war in the Soviet Union, and after the war in Poland.

Languages: Polish, Latin, Yiddish, Russian

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### **Biographical note**

Dr. Rena Herzog was born Sara Lewit on June 11, 1926 in Warsaw. She was the only daughter of Abram Lewit, a dyer, and Chaja Fleszel Lewit, a weaver. The family lived in Warsaw, but in November 1939 they fled Poland via Janów Podlaski to Orsza in Belorussia, USSR. In 1941 they escaped to Samarqand, Uzbekistan, USSR. Rena attended medical school there starting in 1944. In June 1946 the Lewit family repatriated to Wrocław, Poland. Rena continued her medical studies and graduated in 1949. On August 12, 1952 Rena Lewit married Leon Herzog and the young couple moved to Warsaw. In 1971 they emigrated from Poland to Stockholm, Sweden.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Rena Herzog papers are arranged as a single folder.

### **Indexing terms**

#### **Personal Names**

Herzog, Rena.  
Fleszel, Sara.  
Lewit, Abram.  
Lewit, Chaja Fleszel.  
Lewit, Sima.  
Lewitz, Wiktor.  
Lewit, Helenka Kaccrelbogen.  
Mandelbaum, Stella.  
Lipszyc, Sabina.  
Lichtensztajn, Blimka.  
Gold, Helenka.  
Gobus, Natek.  
Gold, Izik.

#### **Corporate Terms**

Uniwersytet Jagielloński.

### Topical Terms

Medical Students--Poland--Wroclaw.  
Medical Student--Uzbekistan--Samarqand.  
World War, 1930-1945--Refugees--Soviet Union.  
Refugees, Jewish--Soviet Union.  
Jews--Polish--Soviet Union.  
Repatriation--Poland.

### Geographic Names

Poland.  
Belorussia.  
Uzbekistan.  
Sweden.

### Genre

Identification Cards.  
Certificates.  
Photographs.

### ITEM LIST

Item	
1	Photographic postcard; black and white image of three women, one holds baby and young boy, two young women and an older woman stand behind them (seated in the middle is Sara Fleszel, on the left is her sister; other women are Sara Fleszel's daughters, donor's aunts); verso: blue ink inscription and red ink inscription; dated: c. 1892 (?); location: Janów Podlaski, Poland; in Yiddish and Polish
2	Photographic print; black and white image of man and two women (Abram Lewit, Chaja Fleszel Lewit, donor's mother and Sima Lewit, donor's paternal aunt, who emigrated to Brazil in 1931); verso: blue ink inscription and adhesive tape; dated: c. 1925; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
3	Vintage copy print; black and white image of family portrait (seated on left is Chaja Fleszel Lewit, donor's mother and Sara Lewit, donor; Abram Majer Lewit stands behind them; other members of the family include donor's maternal aunt, her daughters, sons-in-law and grandson, Srulek – donor reports that they all perished in the Warsaw ghetto); red ink "X" on bottom; verso: blue ink inscription; dated: 1932; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
4	Photographic print; black and white image of group of Jewish actors (kneeling on right is Wiktor Lewit, donor's paternal uncle and seated first on right, wearing a light dress is his wife, Helenka Kacnelbogen Lewit and other actors); verso: blue and black ink inscriptions; (donor <i>notes that her uncle and his wife perished in 1941 in Słonim, Poland</i> ) dated: 1938; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
5	Photographic print; black and white image of group of Jewish actors (Wiktor Lewit, donor's paternal uncle, wearing glasses, sits second from left in second row and seated first on left in second row, wearing a light dress, is his wife, Helenka Kacnelbogen Lewit and other actors);

	verso: blue and black ink inscriptions; ( <i>donor notes that her uncle and his wife perished in 1941 in Słonim, Poland</i> ) dated: 1938; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
6	Photographic print; black and white image of group of Jewish actors during performance; verso: blue and black ink inscriptions; dated: 1938; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
7	Photographic print; black and white image of man walking in street, wearing hat and holding hand of little girl (Stella Mandelbaum and her father, a Jewish actor); verso: blue ink inscription: "To my dear friend, on the day of her departure. Stella Mandelbaum, September 8, 1939"; dated: September 8, 1939; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
8	Photographic print; black and white image of man standing behind two women and two girls sitting in front (standing is Abram Majer Lewit, donor's father; Rywka and Szajndla are in middle row and seated on left, in flowery dress is Sara Lewit and Chajale); photographer's name and address pre printed in black ink on left side; verso: faded blue graphite inscription and blue ink inscription; dated: summer 1939; location: Międzeshzyn, Poland
9	Photographic print; black and white image of child in hospital bed (Chajale), man standing behind, woman (Chajale's mother) sitting on left and man (Abram Lewit, donor's father) sitting on right; verso: graphite scribble; blue ink inscription; dated: 1939; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish
10	Photographic print; black and white image of group of young people (Jewish youth vacationing in Łądek Zdrój); verso: black and blue ink inscriptions; dated: summer 1948; location: Łądek Zdrój, Poland; in Polish
11	Photographic print; black and white image of three young women (Sabina Lipszyc, Sara Lewit, donor and Blimka Lichtensztajn) seated at table and looking at book; man (S. Kornblad) standing on left, holds hand on shoulder of seated woman and woman (Helenka Gold) standing on right; ( <i>donor notes that this was dormitory for Jewish students "bursa"</i> ); verso: black and blue ink inscriptions; dated: November 30, 1946; Wrocław, Poland, in Polish
12	Photographic print; black and white image of three young women standing (from left: Sara Lewit, donor; Helenka Gold, donor's friend and unknown) behind seated two men (Natek Globus on left and Izik Gold on right) and woman (Sabina Lipson); ( <i>donor notes that this was dormitory for Jewish students "bursa"</i> ); verso: blue ink inscriptions; dated: February 25, 1947; Wrocław, Poland, in Polish
13	Student book; "Indeks" issued to Sara Lewit, donor on September 1, 1944, stating that she is enrolled in medical school; gray clothbound cover with black type; dated: September 1, 1944; location: Samarqand, Uzbekistan, USSR; in Russian and Uzbek
14	Student book; "Książeczka Legitymacyjna" issued to Sara Rena Lewit, donor, on October 20, 1946, stating that she is enrolled in medical school; dated: October 20, 1946; location: Wrocław, Poland in Latin and Polish
15	Medical Insurance booklet; issued to Abram and Chaja Lewit on December 20, 1948; dated: December 20, 1948; location: Wałbrzych, Poland; in Polish
16	Birth Certificate; legal document replacing lost birth certificate of Abram Lewit; dated: February 25, 1947; location: Dzierżoniów, Poland, in Polish
17	Birth Certificate; legal document replacing lost birth certificate of Chaja Lewit; dated: February 25, 1947; location: Dzierżoniów, Poland, in Polish
18	Repatriation permit; issued by "Polsko-Radziecka Komisja Mieszana do Spraw Ewakuacji" to Abram, son of Dawid Lewit stating that he is allowed to repatriate to Poland; dated: March 24, 1946; location: Tashkent, USSR

19	Repatriation permit; issued by "Polsko-Radziecka Komisja Mieszana do Spraw Ewakuacji" to Chaja Lewit (donor's father) stating that she and her family are allowed to repatriate to Poland; dated: April 30, 1946; location: Samarqand, USSR
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