

RÓŻA ZYTO PAPERS, circa 1912-1949 1998.90

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Descriptive summary

Title: Róża Zyto papers

Dates: circa 1912-1949

Accession number: 1998.90

Creator: Zyto, Róża, 1922-

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The papers consist of photographs, identification cards, a diploma, and a report card relating to the Plac family in Poland before and after the Holocaust and in the Soviet Union during the Holocaust.

Languages: Polish, Russian, Yiddish

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Róża Zyto was born Róża Plac on October 10, 1922. She was the only child of Juda Idł Plac and Gitla Ganc Plac. Idł Plac was a labor activist in Warsaw. On October 15, 1939 Róża Plac with her parents escaped Poland for Lvov, which was under the Soviet administration. In June 1940, the Soviets exiled them to the Ural Mountains, in Komi USSR. In 1946 the Plac family was allowed to return to Poland. Róża married Artur Zyto and settled in Szczecin Poland.

Artur Dawid Zyto was born on October 2, 1916 in Łódź, Poland. His father, Kopel Zyto, died in 1936 and his mother, Rachela Zyto, perished in 1941 in the Łódź ghetto. Artur's siblings: Sala, Lola, Dora, Hela and Szloma all perished. His two sisters, Cesia and Edzia, who lived in France, survived. Artur Zyto was mobilized into the Polish Army in August 1939. He was wounded and hospitalized in the Military Hospital (Szpital Wojskowy) on Aleje Jazdowskie in Warsaw. The management of the hospital hid him there until March 1941 when he escaped from Poland by illegally crossing the border to USSR. He was arrested by the Soviets and sent to a labor camp in Ural. In 1946 he was allowed to return to Poland. Artur Zyto married Róża Plac in 1947 and the couple settled in Szczecin. In March 1972 they left Poland for Sweden.

Scope and content of collection

The papers consist of photographs, identification cards, a diploma, and a report card relating to the Plac family in Poland before and after the Holocaust and in the Soviet Union during the Holocaust.

System of arrangement

The Róża Zyto papers are arranged in a single folder.

Indexing terms

Personal Names

Plac, Gitla Ganc.

Plac, Juda Idł.

Pflug, Abe.

Pflug, Fira.

Pflug, Mania.

Zyto, Róża.

Galanter, Lunia.

Lichtensztajn, Josek.

Fefer, Anka.

Cygelbojm, Szmulek.

Kanlarz, Symek.

Tyrman, Jadzia.

Lebenthal, Izio.
Sienkiewicz, Hanka.
Epelbojm, Symcha.
Szwarcberg, Gecel.

Corporate Terms

Ural Mountains (Komi USSR).
Szpital Wojskowy.

Topical Terms

Jews--Poland--History--20th Century.

Geographic Names

Soviet Union.
Poland.
Sweden.

Genre

Diplomas.
Report cards.
Identification cards.
Membership cards.
Photographs.

ITEM LIST

Item	
1	Photographic postcard; black and white images of three boys and four girls seated and standing around a table outside, building with open windows behind them; recto: blue ink "x" written above girl standing in center; verso; blue ink inscription, white label with black type adhered; dated 1938, in Polish.
2	Vintage copy print; black and white image of four boys, wearing suits and ties, (first from right is Idł Plac); recto: blue ink "x" written above boy standing on the right; verso: blue ink inscription; location Zamość, Poland; dated: 1912; in Yiddish and Polish.
3	Vintage copy print; black and white image of two young women, one seated Gitla Ganc Plac and the other standing above; verso: blue ink inscription "Mother is seated, in 1920", white label with black type adhered; dated: 1920; location; Zamość, Poland; in Polish.
4	Vintage copy print; black and white image of man (Abe Pflug) and two women (from left: Sabrina and Pózia) in back row, two women (from left: Lutek, Hanks's husband and Herman, Sabrina's husband) in middle row a young women, Mania Pflug, holding a ball in front (donor mentions that only Lutek survived the war); verso: blue ink inscription "I am sorry that Estusia and Mietek are not with us-they think about you", white label with black type adhered; dated: June 30, 1934; Międzeszyn, Poland; in Polish.

5	Vintage copy print; black and white image of group of young people posing in snow (among them is Róża Plac, donor, and her friends- Lulek, Lunia Galanter, Josek Lichtensztajn, Anka Fefer, "Dziadek", Szmulek Cygelbojm, Mania Pflung, Symek Kanlarz, Jadzia Tyrman, Izio Lebenthal and others- the donor notes mentioned that all were murdered); verso: white label with black type adhered; dated: 1937; location: Międzeszyn, Poland; in Polish.
6	Vintage copy print; black and white image of group of young people posing while standing in river (donor notes that this was a Jewish summer camp); verso: black and blue inscription; white label with black type adhered; dated: 1937; location: Zakopane, Poland; in Polish.
7	Membership card; dark blue cover with gold letters imprint "Central Committee of Jews in Poland—Membership Card"; inside: white background with pre-printed black ink type; black ink inscription; black and white identification photographs affixed (membership cards issued to Idel Plac, issued by the Central Committee of Jews in Poland) dated: February 27, 1949; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish and Yiddish.
8	Identity card: black cover; inside a cardboard cover affixed with white thread; blue print "Identity Card, Republic of Poland, Polish emblem". Second page: blue ink stamp "Government Office in Warsaw"; second blue ink stamp "registered in the labor bureau"; black print: "Identity card for a citizen of the Polish Republic"; third page: a black and white image of man; lower right corner torn, oval framing (portrait of donor's father, Juda Plac, here signed as Judka Plac); owner's signature below the photographs; (Identity cards issued to Idł Plac, stating that he was born in Zamość on November 23, 1897, son of Szmul and Chaja, of Jewish religion, tailor by profession, married, registered residing on 48 Pawia Street Warsaw); page 7; blue ink inscription: "Died on July 15, 1970, buried at Jewish cemetery, on Okopowa Street in Warsaw"; dated: January 19, 1924; location Warsaw, Poland; in Polish.
9	High school certificate; black ink print, blue ink subscription, donor's photograph affixed in lower left corner; high school certificate issued to Róża Plac, stating that she graduated from a local vocational high school and received a degree in electrician; dated: February 7, 1942; location: Krasnovishersk, Cherdyn district, Molotov region (Perm), Ural Mountains, USSR; in Russian.
10	Report card; black ink print, blue ink inscriptions, blue ink inscriptions, blue ink round stamp; a high school report card issued to Róża Plac; dated: June 6, 1941; location: Krasnovishersk, Cherdyn district, Molotov region (Perm), Ural Mountains, USSR; in Russian.
11	Photographic print; black and white of four men standing behind three men; seated from left are Symcha Epelbojm, Idł Plac, and Gecel Szwarcberg; group portrait of managers of Jewish tailoring co-operative "Harmony" mounted on cardboard, date: 1948; location: Wrocław, Poland.
12	Photographic print: black and white composite of nineteen portraits of men and two portraits of women; black type imprinted above and below the images: activist group of labor union in Warsaw-1906-1948; labor union of employees of the tailoring industry; top row, middle: Władysław Kowalski, who according to the donor, helped many Jews during the war; Idł Plac, is second from the right in the second row from the top; mounted on cardboard; verso: white label with black type adhered; dated: 1948; location: Warsaw, Poland; in Polish.