

Salomon Family Papers, 1938-1945 1998.A.0222

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Descriptive summary

Title: Salomon family papers

Dates: 1938-1945

Accession number: 1998.A.0222

Creator: Salomon (Family : Berlin, Germany)

Extent: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: The Salomon family papers consists of correspondence related to the family of Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte Salomon and their attempts to emigrate from Berlin, Germany, to the United States. Correspondence from the family to Herman and Edith's daughter Marianne Salomon (later Adler) who emigrated before the war to Los Angeles, as well as correspondence to Hermann's sister Else Stern, also in Los Angeles, is included. The family managed to survive the war on false papers and the collection includes wartime correspondence sent to and through relatives and friends in Switzerland, and post-war correspondence acknowledging their survival.

Languages: German, 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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Related archival materials: Geoffrey and Barbara Fritzler also donated their personal papers (1998.104) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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

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Biographical note

Hermann Salomon (b. 1881) was born in Posen, Poland to Adolf S. He went to school in Berlin to become a notary and married Edith Machnitzki in 1917. They have two daughters, Marianne and Brigitte. The Salomon family attempted to obtain visas from the United States and Cuba, and considered going through Chile, Portugal, and Spain to reach America. They successfully obtained visas and passed medical examination, but were eventually denied because of changes to immigration laws.

Edith Salomon (b. 1897) was born in Stolp, Germany. Edith, along with Hermann and Brigitte, survived the war by going into hiding and concealing their Jewish identity.

Brigitte Salmon (b. 1922) was born in Berlin, Germany to Herman and Edith Salomon. She went into hiding with parents during the war.

Marianne Adler was born in Germany to Hermann and Edith Salomon. She obtained a visa in 1938 and immigrated to the United States where she settled in Los Angeles. Her parents and sister were denied visas and Marianne continuously tried to bring her family to America. Marianne married U.S. Army Lieutenant Kurt Alder.

Elsbeth (Else) Stern is Hermann Salomon's sister and lived in Los Angeles during the war. Along with Marianne, she attempted to bring Hermann and his family to America before and during the war, but was unsuccessful.

Scope and content of collection

The Salomon family papers consists of correspondence and emigration and immigration files documenting Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte Salomon's unsuccessful efforts to immigrate to the United States from Berlin. The collection also includes correspondence from Marianne Adler, Hermann and Edith's daughter, and Elsbeth Stern, Hermann's sister, documenting their efforts to bring their family to the United States.

Salomon family correspondence includes wartime letters among Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte Salomon to Marianne Adler and Elsbeth Stern about Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte's efforts to immigrate to the United States, discussions on other options for leaving Berlin, and news of family members and friends. Wartime correspondence also includes letters between Marianne Adler and Elsbeth Stern about their daily lives and their efforts to help Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte immigrate to the United States.

Emigration and immigration files include requests for affidavits, visa approvals, transportation arrangements, and correspondence with government agencies and aid organizations documenting the unsuccessful efforts to bring Hermann, Edith and Brigitte to the United States. This series also includes confirmation of Hermann, Edith, and Brigitte's safety after the war.

System of arrangement

The Salomon family papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Salomon family correspondence, 1938-1943
- Series 2: Emigration and immigration materials, 1939-1942

Indexing terms

Salomon, Hermann

Salomon, Edith

Salomon, Brigitte

Adler, Marianne

Stern, Elsbeth

Meyer, Herbert

Salinger, Harry

Jews--Germany--Berlin.

Jewish refugees--California--Los Angeles.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Berlin (Germany)

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Los Angeles (United States of America)

Switzerland

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CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Salomon family correspondence, 1938-1943

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Series 2: Emigration and immigration material, 1939-1942

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