

**JACK DYGOLA PHOTOGRAPHS, circa 1945-1950**  
**1999.272.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Jack Dygola photographs

Dates: circa 1945-1950

Accession number: 1999.272.1

Creator: Dygola, Jack, 1930-2011

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The collection consists of seven loose photographs of Jack Dygola with other children at the Landsberg displaced person camp in Germany.

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: Jack Dygola donated the Jack Dygola photographs to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999.

Related materials: The museum also holds an oral history interview with Jack Dygola dated September 25, 1995.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed. See archives catalog at [collections.ushmm.org](https://collections.ushmm.org) for further information.

Processing history: Rebekah Valentine and Julie Schweitzer, March 2019.

### **Biographical note**

Jack (Yitzchak) Dygola (1930-2011) was born in Dobrzyń, Poland. His father died of a heart attack in 1937. Following the German invasion of Poland in 1939, he was forced into the Strzegowo ghetto with his mother Eva (Chava) and his brother. In the fall of 1941, they escaped the ghetto through a loose slat in the wall. They split up, promising to meet again in Dobrzyń after the war. Jack changed his name to Wacław Dulczewski, bleached his hair, acquired a bible and a cross, and began to memorize Polish prayers. In early spring 1943 and suffering from illness, he asked a Polish woman for help, and she nurtured him for nearly six weeks. She sent him to live with a widow nearby who needed help on her farm, but he needed identification papers first. He sought papers at the local Nazi headquarters claiming to be an orphan, and recited Catholic prayers when the Nazi officer tested him. In the fall of 1944, a group of local partisans recruited him, and he stayed with them until the end of the war. After the war, he learned that his brother had been murdered by firing squad and was told that his mother had also been murdered. He joined the Zionist kibbutz "Dror" in Łódź, which moved to Landsberg, Germany, in 1946. In 1947 he met Jewish American soldiers from Brooklyn who offered to contact his aunt who lived there. She urged him to immigrate to the United States, but he was only able to find a route to Canada with the help of the Jewish Congress of Canada. He was welcomed by the Fogelbaum family of Montreal and learned the furrier trade and how to speak and write English. In 1949, he learned that a woman named Eva Chava Dygola living in Milwaukee was looking for any family survivors. Philanthropist Harry Bragarnick sponsored his immigration to the United States, and Jack was reunited with his mother in September 1950. Jack married Renee Dygola and had two children Jeffery Dygola and Shawn Dygola.

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

The collection consists of seven photographs of Jack Dygola with other children at the Landsberg displaced person camp in Germany.

### **System of arrangement**

The Jack Dygola photographs are arranged in a single series.

### **Indexing terms**

#### **Personal Names**

Dygola, Jake, 1930-2011.

#### **Corporate Terms**

Landsberg am Lech (Displaced persons camp)

## Topical Terms

Holocaust survivors--Germany--Landsberg am Lech.

## Geographic Names

Landsberg am Lech (Germany)

## Genre

Photographs.

## ITEM LIST

Item	
1	Black and white image of group of kids in Landsberg D.P. camp; three boys kneeling behind boy and two girls seated on ground, one boy laying on ground in front; adhesive tapes verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany
2	Black and white image of three boys in Landsberg D.P. camp, two laying on ground, one seated in between them; remnants of adhesive tape and purple ink stamp in Hebrew verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany
3	Black and white image of group of children standing on stage, two Israeli flags and picture of Hertzl behind them; adhesive tape and graphite mark verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany
4	Black and white image of group of boys posing together outdoors in Landsberg D.P. camp; remnants of adhesive tape verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany
5	Black and white image of large group of people in Landsberg D.P. camp posing outdoors; adhesive tape and graphite "112" verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany
6	Black and white image of boys and girls marching, some wearing neckerchiefs or armbands, boy holding flag in front, in Landsberg D.P. camp; adhesive tape, red pencil and purple Hebrew stamps verso; dated May 1, 1952, Landsberg, Germany
7	Black and white image of large group of boys and girls posing outdoors, Israeli flag and second flag with Hebrew in front, two boys laying on ground in front holding sports ball between them, in Landsberg D.P. camp; adhesive tape and purple ink stamp in Hebrew verso; not dated, Landsberg, Germany