

**BERISH AND PAULA GURTMAN PHOTOGRAPHS, circa 1946-1947**  
**1999.287.1**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Berish and Paula Gurtman photographs

Dates: circa 1946-1947

Accession number: 1999.287.1

Creator: Gurtman, Berish, 1905-1983

Additional creator: Gurtman, Paula, 1918-2012

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The collection consists of six photographs depicting Berish and Paula Gurtman and other refugees in Kibbutz Hatikvah in Hofgeismar, Germany, and in a displaced persons camp in Badgastein, Austria, after World War II.

Languages: Hebrew, 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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### **Biographical note**

Bernard (Berish) Gurtman (1905-1983) was born in Chorostków, Poland (now Khorostkiv, Ukraine) to Aharon and Miriam Gurman. Paula Gurtman (1918-2012) was born in Stryj, Poland (now Stryi, Ukraine) to Chaim and Taube Hammer. Paula survived the Holocaust in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. She met and married Berish at Kibbutz Hatikvah at the Hofgeismar displaced persons camp in Germany in 1946. They moved to Badgastein in November 1946 to rejoin Berish's brother, and in November 1947 they were transferred to an empty military camp somewhere between Badgastein and Salzburg. They later immigrated to the United States.

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

The collection consists of six photographs depicting Berish and Paula Gurtman and other refugees in Kibbutz Hatikvah in Hofgeismar, Germany, and in a displaced persons camp in Badgastein, Austria, after World War II.

### **System of arrangement**

The Berish and Paula Gurtman photographs are arranged as a single folder.

### **Indexing terms**

#### **Personal Names**

Gurtman, Berish, 1905-1983.

Gurtman, Paula, 1918-2012.

#### **Corporate Terms**

Hofgeismar Displace Person Camp.

#### **Topical Terms**

Jews--Ukraine--Khorostkiv.

Jews--Ukraine-- Stryi.

Holocaust survivors--Germany--Hofgeismar.

Holocaust survivors--Austria--Badgastein.

#### **Geographic Names**

Hofgeismar (Germany)

Badgastein (Austria)

**Genre**  
Photographs.

### ITEM LIST

Item	
1	Black and white image of two men and four women standing together outside, metal structure behind them, snow on ground; verso: black ink inscription "Badgastein/Austria/1947"; dated 1947; Badgastein, Austria; <i>donor notes: This was taken while my father was recuperating in Badgastein. My mother was in [an empty] military camp [somewhere between Badgastein and Salzburg]"</i>
2	Black and white image of three men and two women seated around table, bottles and glass mugs on table; Badgastein, Austria; <i>donor notes: "A group went out to eat one night while in Badgastein." pictured from left to right: unknown, Paula Hammer, Berish Gurtman, unknown, unknown</i>
3	Black and white image of two men and two women standing together outside, fountain behind them; dated 1947; Badgastein, Austria; <i>donor notes: "Badgastein – a resort; the Jews were put in various hotels around the town. My parents arrived in Badgastein in November 1946. They left in November 1947 and were sent to an empty military camp somewhere between Badgastein and Salzburg"</i>
4	Black and white image of group of men and women outdoors, women sitting on ground in front holding flag with star of David in center and Hebrew lettering reading "Kibbutz Hatikvah/..." on top, inscription above image in margin; verso: graphite inscriptions, including address for "Irving Auerbach/119 street Marks place/New-York/U.S.A.", "Germany 46" handwritten in black ink; dated 1946; Hofgeismar, Germany; in English and Hebrew; <i>donor notes: "My mother came here from Russia in August 1946. Life in the [DP] camp was organized as though on a Kibbutz – called Kibbutz Hatikvah. My parents had not yet met when this photo was taken. They met in the camp and married in November 1946. The left in November 1946 to go to Badgastein, Austria to find my father's brother who was found there. Pictured first on left in second row from top: Paula Hamer Gurtman. Pictured seated seventh from left in third row from top is Berish Gurtman.</i>
5	Black and white image of three rows of men and women seated and standing, four women in center are wearing veils, Israeli flag and portrait of Theodore Herzl hanging on wall behind them; black ink inscription on verso in Hebrew characters "This picture is to remember friends Gurtman from Kibbutz Hatikvah"; dated February 2, 1947; in Hebrew; <i>donor notes: This photo and [.6] were mailed to my parents from Hofgeismar, to where they were relocated in Badgastein, Austria. The 4 women in the center had all gotten married on this day – my mother thinks that their husbands are in front of them." pictured third from right in front row is Mr. Tauber, who was head of the Kibbutz</i>
6	Black and white image of group of men and women gathered around table; black ink inscription on verso in Hebrew characters "To forever remember our friends Gurtman"; dated April 2, 1947; Hofgeismar, Germany in Hebrew