

IDA AND MURRAY TURNER PAPERS, 1946-1949
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Descriptive summary

Title: Ida and Murray Turner papers

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Abstract: The Ida and Murray Turner papers consist of identification papers, certificates, and a photograph documenting Ida and Murray Turner's experiences at the small Jewish displaced persons camps at Bad Gastein and Ebelsberg and their immigration to the United States with the help of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) in 1949.

Languages: English, German

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Ida and Murray Turner donated the Ida and Murray Turner papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999 and 2000. The accession previously cataloged as 2000.429.1 has been incorporated into 1999.31.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds an oral history interview with Ida and Murray Turner, cataloged as 1995.A.0655. Oral history interviews with Ida and Murray Turner conducted October 18, 1995 that form part of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive can be viewed onsite at the Museum.

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Biographical note

Ida Turner was born Ida Jakubowicz in 1931 in Krakow, Poland, to Henrik and Fela Jakubowica (née Blonder). Her family spent time at the Cegielniana concentration camp, Krakow ghetto, and the Krakau-Plaszow labor camp. Ida was selected for work at Oskar Schindler's Emalia factory in Krakow until August 1944. She was returned to Plaszow and then sent to Auschwitz in October. In January 1945 she was taken on a death march to Ravensbruck then transferred to the Neustadt-Glewe sub camp, where she was liberated by the Russian army in May 1945. She returned to Krakow, was reunited with her sister, brother, and father (her mother drowned in the Baltic Sea after Stutthof was evacuated), and met her husband, Murray Turner.

Murray Turner was born Mosze Turner in 1925 in Pomorzany, Poland (now Pomoryany, Ukraine) to Nussan (Nate) Turner and Shiffra (Sophia) Turner (née Shwartz). After the German invasion in 1941, Turner was sent to a local work camp to quarry stone before being transferred in 1942 to the Pomorzany palace to take care of the cows and horses. In 1943, the Turner family fled to a nearby farming village and hid in a bunker under a stable, but Nussan Turner left and is believed to have been found and killed within the year. In spring 1944 the farm was set on fire, and the Turners fled again, hiding in a nearby potato storage hold. As the Soviets advanced into Poland, the Turners felt they could not return to their home, which was then occupied by Ukrainians, so they planned to emigrate to Palestine. They moved to Krakow, where Murray Turner met Ida Jakubowicz.

In 1945, Ida accompanied the Turners through Czechoslovakia to the displaced persons camp in Wels, Austria, where conditions were terrible. They were transferred to Bad Gastein, where Ida and Murray were married and Murray Turner obtained a diploma from the chauffeur-mechanic school. They moved to the "Star of David" camp at Ebelsberg, near Linz, in 1947 where Murray worked for the camp police. They immigrated to the United States in 1949.

Scope and content of collection

The Ida and Murray Turner papers consist of identification papers, certificates, and a photograph documenting Ida and Murray Turner's experiences at the small Jewish displaced persons camps at Bad Gastein and Ebelsberg in Austria and their immigration to the United States with the help of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) in 1949.

System of arrangement

The Ida and Murray Turner papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Ida and Murray Turner papers, 1946-1949

Indexing terms

HIAS (Agency)

Jews – Poland – History – 20th century.

Jewish refugees – Austria.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Badgastein (Austria)

Ebelsberg (Austria)

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Ida and Murray Turner papers, 1946-1949

Folder	Item	
1	1	UNRRA Chauffeur-Mechanic School diploma issued to Murray Turner, 1946
1	2	Certificate of good conduct issued for Ida Turner, 1948
1	3	Displaced Persons or Refugee Identification Card issued to Murray Turner by the Preparatory Commission International Refugee Organization of Austria, 1948
1	4	Certificate of good conduct issued for Moses Turner, 1949
1	5	Letter issued for Murray Turner by the International Refugee Organization Austria at Camp Ebelsberg stating that he was employed with the camp Police, 1949
1	6	Certificate of sponsorship issued to Ida Turner by HIAS, 1949
1	7	Certificate of sponsorship issued to Murray Turner by HIAS, 1949
1	8	Photograph of a small boy who was on the same ship to America as the Turners, 1949