

**DAVID EILENBERG PAPERS, approximately 1928-1949 (bulk 1945-1946)
1999.36**

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Descriptive summary

Title: David Eilenberg papers

Dates: approximately 1928-1949 (bulk 1945-1946)

Accession number: 1999.36

Creator: Eilenberg, David

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (7 folders)

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Abstract: The David Eilenberg papers consist of biographical materials and photographs documenting David Eilenberg's time at the Landsberg DP Camp, his marriage to Hala Kowalska, their family members in Łódź and Malmö, and their political activities in support of the creation of the State of Israel and in assisting the emigration of European Jews to Palestine.

Languages: Polish, Yiddish, German, Hebrew

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: David Eilenberg and Rezső Rűlf donated the David Eilenberg papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999. The collection previously cataloged as accession 1999.227.1 has been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival materials: In 2002 David Eilenberg also donated Yontev Rül'f's siddur, which has been assigned accession number 2002.256.1.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, March 2013

Biographical note

David Eilenberg was born Dawid Eilenberg in 1922 in Łódź, Poland to stockings manufacturer Izak Gerszon Eilenberg and Fajga Lajzerowicz. He had two older brothers, Pinchas (Pinek) and Jakub. In 1940 the Eilenberg family was forced into the Łódź ghetto, where Eilenberg's father died. In 1942 his mother was deported to Chelmno, where she was killed. He and his brothers were deported to Auschwitz in 1944, transferred to Lieberose (a subcamp of Sachsenhausen) three days later, then to Mauthausen in February 1945, and finally to the Gunskirchen assembly camp for Jewish prisoners in April 1945 where they were liberated in May 1945. Eilenberg lived at the Landsberg Displaced Persons (DP) camp for two years and married Hala Kowalska (daughter of Nuchem Kowalski and Blima Kowalska). The couple emigrated to Malmö, Sweden in 1947.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include travel passes and a Landsberg residence card for David Eilenberg, the Eilenbergs' ketubah and marriage certificate, and a newspaper clipping containing congratulations to the couple on their marriage.

Photographs depict the the Eilenbergs' wedding celebration, their families, their participation in the Betar movement, Jewish Brigade, and demonstrations in support of Jewish emigration to Palestine and the creation of the State of Israel; Eilenberg and his classmates during a course in automotive instruction at Landsberg; and Holocaust memorials in Landsberg and Malmö.

System of arrangement

The David Eilenberg papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1945-1947
- Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1928-1949 (bulk 1945-1946)

Indexing terms

Landsberg am Lech (Displaced persons camp)
Betar

Holocaust survivors.

Jewish refugees – Poland – Łódź.

Jewish refugees – Germany – Landsberg am Lech.

Weddings – Refugees – Germany – Landsberg am Lech.

Jews – Refugees – Political activity – Germany – Landsberg am Lech.

Zionism – Germany – 20th century.

Automobiles – Maintenance and repair – Training – Refugees – Germany – Landsberg am Lech.

Landsberg am Lech (Germany)

Malmö (Sweden)

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1945-1947

Box	Folder	
1	1	Biographical materials, 1945-1947

Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1928-1949 (bulk 1945-1946)

Box	Folder	
1	2	Eilenberg family photographs, 1945
1	3	Eilenberg with friends, 1946
1	4	Eilenbergs' wedding, 1946
1	5	Holocaust memorials in Landsberg and Malmö, approximately 1946-1949
1	6	Kowalski family photographs, approximately 1928-1941
1	7	Political activities, 1945-1946