

**MORRIS AND LALA FISHMAN PAPERS, approximately 1944-1948
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Descriptive summary

Title: Morris and Lala Fishman papers

Dates: approximately 1944-1948

Accession number: 1999.51

Creator: Fishman, Morris, 1915-2006.

Additional creator: Fishman, Lala, 1922-2011.

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Morris and Lala Fishman papers consist of identification papers, photographs, and printed materials documenting Lala Fishman's displaced persons status after the Holocaust, her life in the Hasenhecke and Möncheberg displaced persons camps, Morris Fishman's work as JDC director of the displaced persons camps in the Kassel, Passau, and Regensburg regions, and their marriage.

Languages: English, Hebrew, Polish, French

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

Related materials: An oral history interview conducted with Lala Fishman on May 25, 1995 that forms part of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive can be viewed onsite at the Museum.

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Biographical note

Lala Fishman (1922-2011) was born Clara Weintraub in Kam'ianets'-Podil's'kyi (Ukraine) in 1922 to Ilya and Olga Weintraub. Her family fled to Lvov shortly after her birth. After the German invasion, she concealed her Jewish identity, refused to enter the Lvov ghetto, was taken to the Janowska concentration camp and escaped. Using false papers in the name of Urszula Krzyzanowska, she tried to flee Lvov with her mother, sister, and a family friend, but they were arrested in Sambor. She escaped Sambor, fled to Krakow, was briefly detained again, and fled to Radom and then Katowice. Her uncle found her after the war and brought her to Kassel, where she lived in the Hasenhecke displaced person camp. Her efforts to immigrate to the United States led her to meet Morris Fishman. Morris Fishman (1915-2006) was a rabbi from Albany who joined the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in 1946 and spent two years as director of the displaced persons camps near Kassel, Passau, and Regensburg. Morris and Lala were married in Passau in 1947, moved to Brooklyn in 1948, and settled in Missouri soon after. Lala's brother Fima survived the war, but her parents and sister Rysia perished.

Scope and content of collection

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Identification papers consist of Lala Fishman's D.P. Identification Card, War Department dependant wife identification card, temporary travel document in lieu of passport, and Israel Bureau of Immigration card, as well as an affidavit prepared by Morris Fishman attesting to his wife's identity.

Photographs depict Morris and Lala Fishman and displaced persons, camps, and personnel in the areas of Kassel and Regensburg.

Printed materials include two Hebrew primers published by the JDC on paper acquired from the Kassel staff of *Stars and Stripes* and a copy of the Fishmans' wedding dinner menu.

System of arrangement

The Morris and Lala Fishman papers are arranged as three series:

- Series 1: Identification papers, 1946-1948

- Series 2: Photographic materials, approximately 1944-1948
- Series 3: Printed materials, 1947

Indexing terms

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

Jews--Ukraine--Kam'ianets'-Podil's'kyi.

Holocaust survivors--Germany--Kassel.

Jewish refugees--Germany--Kassel.

Refugee camps--Germany--Kassel.

Kassel (Germany)

Passau (Germany)

Regensburg (Germany)

Photographs

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Series 2: Photographic materials, approximately 1944-1948

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