

**GERDA BUCHHEIM HAAS PHOTOGRAPH AND MEMOIR, 1941, 1996**  
**1999.A.0209**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir

Dates: 1941, 1996

Accession number: 1999.A.0209

Creator: Haas, Gerda Buchheim

Extent: 0.2 linear foot (2 folders)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,  
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Abstract: The Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir include a black and white photograph of Gerda Buchheim Haas with her son Henry in Shanghai in 1941 and a 1996 memoir describing her experiences growing up in Berlin, fleeing to Czechoslovakia in 1938 and eventually to Shanghai via Italy and France in 1939, living in the Jewish ghetto under the Japanese occupation, and immigrating to the United States in 1947.

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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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC

Acquisition information: Catherine May Haas donated the Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir in 1999.

Related materials: An oral history interview with Gerda Haas dated October 6, 1996, which forms part of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute Visual History Archive, can be accessed onsite at the Museum.

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

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### **Biographical note**

Gerda Buchheim Haas (1914-2012) was born in Berlin to Meier (Max) Buchheim and Paula Rosenthal Buchheim. She married John (Hans) Ivan Haas(z) in 1935 and their son, Henry, was born in 1938. They left Germany that same year for Czechoslovakia and eventually traveled to Shanghai in 1939 to join her sister's and her husband's families. They immigrated to the United States in 1947 and traveled first from San Francisco to Portland before settling in Tacoma, Washington. Her parent did not survive a March 1943 transport to Auschwitz.

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

The Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir include a black and white photograph of Gerda Buchheim Haas with her son Henry in Shanghai in 1941 and a 1996 memoir describing her experiences growing up in Berlin, fleeing to Czechoslovakia in 1938 and eventually to Shanghai via Italy and France in 1939, living in the Jewish ghetto under the Japanese occupation, and immigrating to the United States in 1947.

### **System of arrangement**

The Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir, 1941, 1996

### **Indexing terms**

Jews – Germany – History – 1933-1945.

Jewish refugees – Germany.

Jewish refugees – China – Shanghai.

Germany – Emigration and immigration – Government policy – 1933-1945.

Berlin (Germany)

Shanghai (China)

Prague (Czechoslovakia)

Alassio (Italy)

Photographs.

### CONTAINER LIST

#### Series 1: Gerda Buchheim Haas photograph and memoir, 1941, 1996

Folder	
1	Photograph, 1941
2	Memoir, 1996