

**EVA AND JACK LEWIN FAMILY PAPERS, 1934-1999 (bulk 1934-1970)  
2000.550.5**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Eva and Jack Lewin family papers

Dates: 1934-1999 (bulk 1934-1970)

Accession number: 2000.550.5

Creator: Lewin (Family: Berlin, Germany)

Extent: 1 linear foot (1 box)

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Abstract: The Eva and Jack Lewin family papers consist of biographical material, family correspondence, emigration and immigration material, and photographic material documenting Eva Lewin's Kindertransport in 1939, her life in the United Kingdom, and efforts to bring her brother to the United States, along with Jack Lewin's time hiding in France and immigration to the United States. The collection also includes documents and correspondence regarding claims for property restitution and compensation for the Lifschitz family (Eva's family) as well as documents, correspondence, a photograph, and a German passport ("Reisepass") regarding Hans Lifschitz.

Languages: German, English, 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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Preferred citation: Eva and Jack Lewin family papers (2000.550.5), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Eva and Jack Lewin donated the Lewin family papers to the United States

Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1996, 2000, and 2004. The accessions previously numbered 2000.550.1, 2004.168, and 2004.650.1 have been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival materials: Eva and Jack Lewin also donated a wallet (2000.550.2), a book jacket (2000.550.3), and a German language copy of Uncle Tom's Cabin (2000.550.4) to the United States Holocaust Memorial 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.

Processing history: Morgan Voth, August 2017

#### **Biographical note**

Eva Lewin was born in Swinemünde, Germany in 1925 to merchant Theodor Lifschitz (1888-1942) and Selma Rothstein (1898-1942). Her parents arranged for her to go to London on Kindertransport in 1939 where she attended St. Mary's Episcopalian School. After the war Eva immigrated to the United States and became a nurse. Theodor and Selma were deported in 1942 and killed in Auschwitz. Eva's brother Hans Lifschitz (1922-1958) was sent to a Kibbutz in Palestine in 1938 and later joined the Jewish Brigade. Eva attempted to bring Hans to the United States, but his papers were denied and he committed suicide in 1958. Eva's husband Jakob (later Jack) Lewin was born in Würzburg, Germany in 1925 and spent the beginning of the war in the Gurs internment camp. In 1941 Jack went into hiding in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France and later obtained false papers to enter Switzerland. Jack immigrated to the United States in 1946 where he settled in New York City and married Eva Lifschitz.

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

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Biographical materials include a certificate of identity from the Swiss Confederation and a refugee card for Jack, a certificate of identity for Eva, a passport and identification card for Hans Lifschitz, along with other material relating to his death and estate, and death declarations for Theodor and Selma Lifschitz.

Family correspondence includes wartime letters between Eva and her parents, Theodor and Selma, discussing life in Germany and England, and postwar letters between Eva and her brother Hans.

Emigration and immigration materials include education and work papers Eva and Hans collected in preparation for immigrating to the United States.

Restitution files include correspondence, lists, and invoices regarding claims for property restitution and compensation for the Lifschitz family for loss of property, education, and liberty.

Photographic materials consist of wartime photographs taken in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France showing Jewish children who were hiding in the town and photographic postcards of France.

**System of arrangement**

The Eva and Jack Lewin family papers are arranged as five series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939-1967
- Series 2: Lifschitz family correspondence, approximately 1939-1955
- Series 3: Emigration and immigration materials, 1934-1946
- Series 4: Restitution files, approximately 1953-1999
- Series 5: Photographic materials, approximately 1939-1942

**Indexing terms**

Lewin, Jack  
Lewin, Eva  
Lifschitz, Hans  
Lifschitz, Theodor  
Lifschitz, Selma

Gurs (Concentration camp)

Jews--Germany--Berlin.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945).  
Kindertransports (Rescue operations)--Great Britain.  
Jewish refugees--Great Britain.  
Jewish refugees--Switzerland.  
Hidden children (Holocaust)--France--Le Chambon-sur-Lignon.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

Berlin (Germany)  
England  
Le Chambon-sur-Lignon (France)  
Switzerland.  
New York (N.Y.)  
Germany--Emigration and immigration--History--1933-1945.

Photographic postcards.  
Correspondence.  
Photographs.  
Passports.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939-1967**

Box/Folder	Title
1.1	Lewin, Jack, 1943-1946
1.2	Lewin, Eva, 1946
1.3	Lifschitz, Hans, 1939-1967

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1.4	Lifschitz, Selma, 1963
1.5	Lifschitz, Theodor, 1963

**Series 2: Lifschitz family correspondence, approximately 1939-1955**

Box/Folder	Title
1.6	Lifschitz, Theodor and Selma, approximately 1939-1940
1.7	Lewin, Eva, 1939
1.8	Lifschitz, Hans, 1949-1955

**Series 3: Emigration and immigration materials, 1934-1946**

Box/Folder	Title
1.09-1.10	Lewin, Eva, approximately 1934-1941 (2 folders)
1.11	Lewin, Jack, 1945-1946

**Series 4: Restitution files, approximately 1953-1999**

Box/Folder	Title
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1.13	Lifschitz, Selma, 1958-1963
1.14	Lifschitz, Theodor, approximately 1953-1968
1.15	Lifschitz, Theodor and Selma, approximately 1955-1962
1.16-1.17	Lifschitz, Hans, 1953-1999 (2 folders)
1.18	United Restitution Organization, 1958-1970

**Series 5: Photographic materials, approximately 1939-1942**

Box/Folder	Title
1.19	Lewin, Jack, approximately 1941-1942
1.20	Photographic postcards, approximately 1939