

MAYER MERMELSTEIN MEMOIR, 1945-1948
2000.64

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Descriptive summary

Title: Mayer Mermelstein memoir

Dates: 1945-1948

Accession number: 2000.64

Creator: Mayer Mermelstein

Extent: 4 folders

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
Washington, DC 20024-2126.

Abstract: The Mayer Mermelstein memoir includes a personal narrative of the Jewish transit camps in Bari, Italy titled "Jewish refugees in the UNRRA camps in Italy," and four copies of photographs depicting life in a transit camp in Bari, Italy.

Language: Yiddish, 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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Acquisition information: The Mayer Mermelstein memoir was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999 by Mayer Mermelstein.

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

Processing history: Colleen Benoit, November 2015

Biographical note

Mayer Mermelstein was present at a displaced persons camp in Bari, Italy between 1945 and 1947. He eventually immigrated to the United States and settled in Long Island City, New York.

Scope and content of collection

The Mayer Mermelstein memoir contains three copies of a personal narrative titled "Jewish refugees in the UNRRA camps in Italy," and four copies of photographs depicting a transit camp in Bari, Italy. The original memoir is in hand-written Yiddish. A photocopy of the original and an English translation are also included in this collection. The narrative describes the formation of the refugee camps, how Jewish refugees arrived at the camps, the registration process, and what daily life was like. The photographs show daily life in the camps and include images of a woodworking shop, food lines, and refugees.

System of arrangement

The Mayer Mermelstein memoir is arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Mermelstein, Mayer.

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Italy--Personal narratives.

Holocaust survivors--Italy.

Jewish refugees--Italy--Bari.

Refugee camps--Italy--Bari.

Bari (Italy).

CONTAINER LIST

Series I: Mayer Mermelstein memoir, 1945-1948

Folder	Title
1	"Jewish refugees in the UNRRA camps in Italy," English translation, 1947
2	"Jewish refugees in the UNRRA camps in Italy," original, 1947
3	"Jewish refugees in the UNRRA camps in Italy," photocopy, 1947
4	Photographs, 1945-1948