

## **HILDEGARD LEWIS PAPERS, 1938-approximately 2000 2000.89**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Hildegard Lewis papers

Dates: 1938-approximately 2000

Accession number: 2000.89

Creator: Lewis, Hildegard

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (8 folders)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Abstract: The Hildegard Lewis papers measure 0.5 linear feet, date from 1938 to approximately 2000. The papers include letters and postcards to Hildegard Lewis in New York and New Jersey from her parents, Lion and Selma Jordan, in Koblenz as well as photocopies of photographs of Lewis, her parents, and her brother and sister. The letters provide news about friends and family, describe the Jordans' increasingly difficult situation in Koblenz, and ask for Lewis' help with their emigration efforts.

Languages: German

### **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: Hildegard Lewis donated the Hildegard Lewis papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2000.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds the Meta Sternberg-Adler papers, which Hildegard Lewis donated to the museum in 2003 and which document the life of Lewis' cousin.

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**

Hildegard Lewis (1915-2010) was born Hildegard Jordan in Koblenz to Lion Jordan and Selma Loeb Jordan. She moved to New York in 1938 at the encouragement of her father's cousin Bessie Lederer. Her sister Karoline and her brother Fritz both emigrated to Palestine in 1938. Her parents were transported to Theresienstadt in July 1942, and her father died there in December. Her mother was transported to Auschwitz in January 1943 and did not survive.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Hildegard Lewis papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1938-1941
- Series 2: Photographic materials, approximately 2000

### **Indexing terms**

Jewish refugees – United States – New York.

Jewish families – Germany – Koblenz.

Holocaust victims' families.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Holocaust survivors.

Jews – Germany – History – 1933-1945.

Germany – Emigration and immigration – Government policy – 20th century.

Koblenz (Germany)

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Correspondence, 1938-1941

Box	Folder	
1	1	Correspondence, 1938
1	2-3	Correspondence, 1939 (2 folders)
1	4-5	Correspondence, 1940 (2 folders)
1	6-7	Correspondence, 1941 (2 folders)

### Series 2: Photographic materials, approximately 20000

Box	Folder	
1	8	Photographic materials [Photocopies], 1938