

CHARLES WEINGARTEN PAPERS, approximately 1898-2009
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Descriptive summary

Title: Charles Weingarten papers

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Abstract: The Charles Weingarten papers include biographical materials, correspondence (some illustrated), photographs, printed materials, and restitution files documenting Weingarten's extended family, hiding with his mother under a false identity in Nice, France, during World War II, their postwar lives, and Weingarten's unsuccessful efforts to obtain compensation for Holocaust-era claims. The collection also includes records documenting the family of Weingarten's stepfather, Karl Delius.

Languages: French, English, German, Hebrew

Administrative Information

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Related materials: Charles Weingarten also donated two cross pendants, two childhood sketchbooks, numerous childhood drawings, and a 1946 book, *Theater: Sieben Jahre Freie Deutsche Buehne in Buenos Aires*, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Biographical note

Charles Albert Weingarten was born in 1941 in Nice, France, to actress Margarethe Weingarten (1904-1969) and Rudolf Gelb. Margarethe Weingarten had been born in Leipzig to a family of Belarusian and Polish furriers. She and her first husband, activist Karl Albert Foerste, left Germany in January 1933 and spent some time in South America before settling in Paris. Shortly after the assassination of diplomat Ernst vom Rath in 1938, Karl was deported to Germany and killed at Buchenwald in 1939. When Germany invaded France, Margarethe fled to Nice with her mother, Glika Chaya Weingarten, and met Charles' biological father, Rudolf Gelb, a married Austrian Jew who had escaped from Dachau. She spent a short time at the concentration camp in Gurs before returning to Nice, where she gave birth to Charles. After the Germans occupied southern France, Charles and his mother obtained false papers and moved to the grounds of a villa owned by the Matteudi family. They maintained a low profile and wore cross pendants to pass as Christians. Charles suffered from chronic bronchitis and recuperated in children's homes in Switzerland after the war. His grandmother survived the war hidden in the convent of the Sisters of the Poor in Nice, and his biological father survived the war in Switzerland. His uncle Rudolf Weingarten was killed at Auschwitz in March 1944. In 1947 his mother met and married Karl Ferdinand Delius, a photographer and journalist from Berlin, who became a father to Charles. Charles immigrated to the United States in the late 1960s but returned to France in the 1990s.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include real and falsified identification papers for Charles and Margarethe Weingarten, Charles Weingarten's medical records and membership cards, a certificate documenting Margarethe Weingarten's liberation from Gurs in 1940, and records documenting her artistic career and her health. This series also includes electronic files containing extensive genealogical research and family trees compiled by Charles Weingarten.

The correspondence series consists of extensive postwar correspondence from Margaret Weingarten and her mother and sisters, Paula and Charlotte, as well as postwar correspondence among Weingarten

family members and friends. Additional correspondence documents aid that Margarethe and Charles Weingarten received after the war from individuals and relief organizations, Rudolf Gelb's experiences as a volunteer foreign worker in France in 1940, and Charles' experiences recuperating in children's homes in Switzerland after the war and with Jewish youth groups in France in the 1960s. This series also includes illustrated holiday cards created by Charles Weingarten after the war for his mother. These cards include pencil, ink, and crayon drawings and watercolors by Weingarten, and some include photographs of Weingarten and his mother.

Delius family papers consist of correspondence, photographs, and business records documenting the family of Charles Weingarten's stepfather, Karl Ferdinand Delius, and their photography studio.

Photographs include pictures of Weingarten, his mother, his biological father, his kindergarten class, and locations in Nice including the home where they hid during the last few years of the war. Three photograph albums include pictures of Charles Weingarten's extended family in Germany, France, Switzerland, and Paraguay.

Printed materials include a 1944 pamphlet describing Nazi persecution of Jews in Nice, reproductions of a letter written to Maréchal Pétain by a French woman describing her horror at the roundup of Jews in the Nice area for deportation, clippings about wartime and postwar France, the antifascist poetry pamphlet *Deutschland muss leben...!*, a postwar publication about Jewish organizations in France, a booklet of cartoon drawings by Simon Haimovici, publications by survivor groups, and programs from postwar cultural events in France.

Restitution files document Weingarten's unsuccessful efforts in the 1990s and 2000s to obtain compensation for Holocaust-era claims related to issues such as bank accounts, mortgages, forced labor, and insurance policies. This series also includes wartime and postwar records documenting his mother's and grandmother's efforts to pursue restitution claims in the 1950s and 1960s.

System of arrangement

The Charles Weingarten papers are arranged as six series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1930-2014
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- Series 5: Printed materials, 1943-1992
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Indexing terms

Gurs (Concentration camp)

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Holocaust survivors.

Jewish refugees--Germany.

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Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

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Nice (France)

Switzerland.

Correspondence.

Photographs.

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